TKE may face eviction for operating without use permit

By Cyndi Smith

Another city vs. fraternity battle is being fought in San Luis Obispo, this time over the use of a fraternity house. Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity lost its use permit for its house at 1681 Phillips Lane last year, but police say residents are still using the house for fraternity purposes.

The house, formerly the Alpha Sigma house until the two fraternities merged in 1988, has long been the subject of problems with the city. A lawsuit filed by the city after a 500-person party in 1986 was settled early last year, resulting in an agreement between TKE and the city. The fraternity agreed to move out of the house and not have more than eight active members, pledges or recent alumni living there at a given time.

The agreement stated that the property would cease to be used as a location for a social fraternity and that any fraternity activities including meetings, rush, social activities or similar functions would not be held there. It also stated that no fraternity-related signs or displays of Greek letters could be on the property. If any provisions of the agreement are broken, it stated, the owner must immediately take legal action to evict the tenants, or the city may file an eviction complaint if the owner does not take action.

And the city is ready to take action, said City Attorney Jeff Jorgensen. He explained that the city has been receiving complaints from neighbors about activities that occurred at the house last fall quarter.

"It seems that all they did was take the letters off the front of the house, but they're still operating as a fraternity," he said. "The police have investigated in response to noise complaints, and have found rush posters listing events at the house, and other fraternity paraphernalia."

Neighbors of the Phillips Lane house said problems with the fraternity arose long before the ill-fated 1986 party. They say frequent parties and other incidents had plagued the neighborhood during the time when Alpha Sigma fraternity resided in the house, and continued when TKE took over.

One neighbor, who did not wish to be identified, said that even before 1986, the fraternity had received many complaints. Members said they would notify neighbors when parties were planned, but that was never done, he said.

"They continued to be troublesome," he said, "and the city received enough complaints that they drafted the agreement (banning fraternity activities in the house)."

Following the 1986 party, the city invited neighbors to attend a public hearing on the issue. Few showed up, he said, because many were elderly and were afraid of retaliation from the fraternity members.

He said he and other neighborhood residents are bothered by the attitudes of the individuals and are not differentiating between fraternities and any other group of students.

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Second Opinion
State's colleges must all grow

Both public and private colleges and universities in California must grow substantially — and soon. The state is gaining population at a rate of at least 300,000 residents a year, and college enrollment is expected to rise by 37 percent in the next 15 years. There is no call for destructive rivalry.

The two sides should not be opposing each other — and UC officials recognize the important role private institutions must play. The UC expansion plans take into account the number of California students expected to attend independent colleges and universities.

The independent colleges are picking on the wrong target. They have a legitimate complaint that the state's Cal-Grant program no longer provides enough help to enable many low- and moderate-income students to take advantage of space available in some existing colleges and universities.

This is a foolish economy on the part of the state. It is far cheaper to spend their scholarships in private schools than to spend an inadequate 47 percent. The result is that at least 6,000 students who could attend private colleges are instead being educated at public expense.

The state needs an educated citizenry in the 21st century. The goal requires the cooperation of the private sector, the University of California and the California State University System. There is no call for destructive rivalry.

—From the San Francisco Chronicle, Jan. 15.
Showcase in U.U. spotlights more than 50 ag businesses

Students look for potential job, internship

By Kim Jarrard

The University Union Plaza was transformed into a land of agricultural opportunity Wednesday during an Agricultural Showcase. Representatives from more than 50 agriculture-related businesses, trade associations and governmental agencies sat at tables in the plaza, speaking with students and giving out pamphlets containing information about their companies. “We wanted to expose the students to the companies and what’s really out there, and expose the companies to our agbusiness department,” said Tom Orvis, a chairperson of the showcase.

Although the showcase was designed to expose students to various companies, many of the companies had internships, co-ops and jobs available. “It’s a good chance for students to set up things down the road for those programs or possibly set up some interviews,” Orvis said.

Most students who attended the showcase found it beneficial. “The people are informative, very nice, and willing to provide as much information as possible,” said Pat Givvin, an agricultural management student.

Expensive McMartin case ends in acquittals, mistrial

Los Angeles (AP) — Preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother were acquitted Thursday of 52 child molestation charges in the nation’s longest and costliest criminal trial, inciting outrage among parents of youngsters in the case.

Jurors deadlocked on 12 sex abuse counts against Buckey and a single conspiracy count against him and his 63-year-old mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey. Superior Court Judge William Pounders declared a mistrial on those charges.

The investigation of alleged mass molestation at the suburban McMartin Pre-School ignited a nationwide wave of worry about child abuse when it came to light in 1983. It produced widespread fear among working parents that their children might be at risk at school.

The trial lasted nearly three years and cost $15 million, making it the longest and most expensive criminal proceeding in U.S. history.

Buckey, 31, spent nearly five years in jail because of the charges, and his mother was jailed for almost two years.

Announcement of the innocent verdicts brought gasps and sobs in the packed courtroom.
Science and Math interim dean selected; looks to expand programs begun by Bailey

By Tara Murphy

An associate dean for the School of Science and Mathematics has been named interim dean for the school.

Harry Fierstine will fill the position vacated by Philip Bailey, who has been acting as interim vice president of Academic Affairs since Malcolm Wilson retired in November because of poor health.

Fierstine was appointed by President Warren Baker at the recommendation of Bailey and the school's department and faculty representatives.

Filling Fierstine's position and acting as interim associate dean is Leonard Wall, a physics department faculty member since 1969.

Fierstine said he plans to continue and expand on Bailey's projects. These include a proposal for a new faculty office building complex, renovation of outdated science labs and the SMART program. SMART (Science and Math Are Really Terrific) was developed last year to stimulate interest in college and technology careers and is geared toward local schools at the eighth grade level.

Fierstine said he also has new ideas he would like to implement.

He said he wants departments to plan for the year 2000 in terms of space, budgets and additions to faculty. "It's going to be a challenge to find people to hire," said Fierstine. "There are fewer and fewer Ph.D.s being produced."

Fierstine is interested in science education, teaching students to teach science effectively at high school and college levels. The tendency is for science and math professors to promote research, he said. "Education is kind of a dirty word." Fierstine has been at Cal Poly since 1966 in the biological sciences department. He continues to teach while acting as interim dean.

After graduating from Long Beach State with a bachelor's degree in biology, he earned a master's degree in ichthyology and a doctorate in zoology from UCLA in 1965.

Leonard Wall, interim associate dean, served as chairman for the physics department from 1985 to 1989. Wall earned his bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from Louisiana Tech University and a doctorate in theoretical physics at Iowa State in 1969.

Wall also will continue to teach while filling his interim position.

Fierstine said he is glad to be working as interim dean and expects to hold the position until a new vice president of Academic Affairs is chosen, which probably will be in fall.

He said he expects to receive help from department leaders and is proud to hold his temporary position.

"We have an excellent faculty in our five departments," said Fierstine. "My role is to obtain things they need. My attitude is 'How can I help you?'"
Pulitzer nominee speaks against inhumane treatment of animals

Heir to Baskin-Robbins chain rejects company's priorities

By Jen a Thompson

"What have we done?" is the question marking the beginning of the end of war against animals, the environment and ourselves, said a best-selling author.

John Robbins, nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his best seller "Diet for a New America," spoke in the Cal Poly Theatre Tuesday night about the world dependence on animals for food and the inhumane and unhealthy conditions under which the dependence makes itself apparent.

Robbins said his father and uncle, founders of Baskin-Robbins, the world's largest ice cream company, expected that he would work every day to take over and run the company.

But Robbins, confused about how to live in a rapidly deteriorating environment impact by our actions, pulled in a decidedly different direction.

"I did not inventing a 32nd flavor as an adequate response," said Robbins.

Robbins was profoundly affected by a native American Indian chief who asked white men to treat animals as family.

"These people found the sacredness of life in the universal spirit of sunrises and sunsets, the active prayer of breathing, the charm of wind, and animals as part of Earth's community," said Robbins. "You don't need to be a vegetarian to appall and realize the situation is way beyond what we can condone."

Where do we draw the line on the ethical treatment of animals? he asked.

Since male cows cannot provide milk, he said, they get chained at the neck and stuffed in crates at birth where they live their lives until butchering time.

"Newborns like to frolic, play and express themselves," Robbins said. "These babies grow into tender, real meat with our people paying extra for them. They are susceptible to disease without iron in their diets and receive antibiotics as feed element."

"Our power grows not in avoidance and denial but in joining together and feeling a common good will, squarely facing the realities that face us," said Robbins.

"Something comes through us to live to meet the perils and problems concerning our deepest instinct for survival."

People don't need meat and dairy products, Robbins said. People can expect heart attacks because of the high content of animal fat in their diets. After millions of coronary arteries undergo examination, doctors find the same culprits over and over again: saturated fat and cholesterol.

"Not once have they blamed broccoli and brown rice as the culprit," said Robbins.

But people continue to run cholesterol and animal fat through their systems, he said, ignoring the risks involved.

Schools teach about the basic four food groups — a product of extensive lobbying processes paid for by the meat and dairy industry, said Robbins. The largest suppliers of nutritional education is the National Dairy Council.

"Ronald McDonald tells kids that hamburgers grow in hamburger patches," he said. "This deliberately covers the bloody reality that hamburgers are really ground-up cows' corpses."

Robbins also pointed to the environmental impact of today's meat producing system.

"Something afoot today, something deeply profound, awakens a dormant request for global consciousness and unity," Robbins said. "I listen for it. I want it."

John Robbins

Another problem associated with the meat industry is the greenhouse effect, or the build-up of greenhouse gases polluting the world in a global warming phenomenon. Part of the reason for the global warming is the build-up of carbon dioxide emitted by the burning of fossil fuels and the elimination of rain forests for use as grazing land.

The destabilizing environment threatening life on Earth would experience a 30 percent recovery if the entire world shifted to vegetarian diets.

Robbins said that an area equivalent a football field of rain forest is destroyed every second, 24 hours a day. An acre of trees per year is saved when a person shifts to a vegetarian diet.

"If the ozone layer continues to dissipate, so will all oxygen-based life on Earth," Robbins said. "It is imperative that we feed more people and grow more sensitive to our global environmental connection and get over our toxic, debilitating denial. The amount of damage measures the amount gainable."

The realities of the situation should make people do whatever is necessary for survival, he said.

"If the world can grow today, something deeply profound, awaken a dormant request for global consciousness and unity," Robbins said. "I listen for it. I want it."

Mustang Daily: Make your daily habit
TEACHER

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director for Teacher Diversity at Cal Poly.

On Jan. 6, 193 students from the Compton-Inglewood area made a one-day field trip to Cal Poly to see the campus and meet with faculty members.

"The (visiting) students enjoyed a great deal," said Prin­
cie Scott, admissions coordinator for Teacher Diversity at Cal Po­ly. "It was a great turnout when you consider that they had to get up at 4:30 on a Saturday morn­ning (to make the trip)."

Those students must be in­
terested in Cal Poly to make a trip to come here so early on a Saturday morning," said Cheek.

"I think we showed something's wrong with the way we reach out — or don't reach out — and communicate the desire for more ethnic students."

Check said in the spring Teacher Diversity hopes to send more education department faculty, especially members of Cal Poly's affirmative action committee, to the schools in Compton and Inglewood to con­
tinue to stir interest in teaching and in Cal Poly.

SHOWCASE

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technology student, was hoping to find a software program for record keeping of herds. Al­
though unsuccessful, Caldwell said many opportunities existed at the showcase for people to find out about jobs.

Showcase representatives were also happy with student response of the showcase.

"It's an excellent opportunity to come face to face with the people we are going to be inter­
viewing in February," said Dar­ren Masingale, a representative from John Deere Industrial.

Scott Turner, a representative of Altamont Computers, Inc., was impressed with the many students seemed to be prepared for future opportunities with the companies.

Some companies had picture displays such as Calanco Cold Storage, and Simplot, which featured Micro Magic Pizza and French Fries.

Other companies in the showcase were Peseomed Com­pany, Inc., whose program pro­vides graduates with an oppor­
tunity to learn about the seed indus­try, and Dole Fresh Vegetables Company, offering internships for students to study vegetable diseases and work on a capital project.

Teacher Diversity has also allocated $9,000 of its budget this year to provide scholarships for incoming stu­dients and financial aid to minority student teachers already attending Cal Poly.

Meanwhile, the numbers of minority students in college and interested in teaching are drastically low. A recent report revealed that only 15 percent of both CSU teacher education ap­plicants and incoming teachers recommended by CSU to the Commission on Teacher Creden­tialing that teach credentials are black, Hispanic, or Asian.

Scott said ratios are even lower at Cal Poly, noting that the liberal studies program has only three black students, and the post-graduate education program has only two.

"I hope this is just a demonstration on what can be done when planning, a combina­tion of campus resources being mobilized and a true commit­ment to bring underrepresented students onto campus is made," he said.

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Sports Calendar
Friday, January 19

Men's Basketball vs. UC Riverside — The Mustangs split their first two CCAA games last weekend, and have an 11-4 overall record. The Highlanders are 11-3 overall and hold a 2-0 conference record. Game time is 7:00 at Mott Gym.

Gymnastics — The gymnastics team will travel to Davis this weekend to participate in a meet with San Jose State and UC Davis. The meet begins at 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Cal Poly Pomona — The Mustangs will face a tough task in this game. The Lady Broncos are 13-3 overall, and hold a 2-0 CCAA mark. The Mustangs are 7-9 overall, and 1-1 in conference play. Game time is 5:45 p.m. in Mott Gym.

Women's Basketball vs. Cal Poly Pomona — The men will follow the women's game and play a team that holds a 7-8 overall mark, with a 1-1 CCAA record. The game is scheduled for an 8:00 tip-off in Mott Gym.

Wrestling — The wrestling squad will be in Ashland, Ohio, on Friday to take on Ashland College, and then Toledo University.

Saturday, January 20

Women's Basketball vs. Cal Poly Pomona — The women's basketball team will be in Ashland, Ohio, on Saturday to compete against three teams: Indiana University, Muskingum and Ohio State.

Wrestling — The wrestling squad will be in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday to compete against three teams: Indiana University, Muskingum and Ohio State.

Rugby — The rugby squad will play two matches against UC San Diego. The matches are scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. at the old San Luis Junior High School.

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