Resident adviser experience: From math to medical care

Hall reps try to balance counseling with enforcement of residence rules

By Kim Jarrard

It is easy to tell that Rudy Obispo loves his job as a resident adviser for Trinity Hall.

"I like the challenge of working with people," said the 22-year-old business senior.

Although advisers are responsible for enforcing rules in the residence halls, this is only a small part of the job. Interaction with other students seems to be the main reason Cal Poly students choose to be advisers.

"The friends I made on my floor are my good friends now," said Manny Lugos, a Fremont Hall resident adviser last year.

"I was their resident adviser, yet because we developed such a bond, I was also their friend.

Shannon Turner, an adviser for Yosemite Hall, was one of Lugos' friends with students in her hall.

"Turner has also made close friends with students in her hall and other advisers.

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Being a resident adviser also does not leave a lot of extra time for other things.

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Second Opinion

Teach U.S. history with caution

The idea of America and its traditions and historical realities has undergone radical changes over the past 25 years. Social history and the history curriculum that is included in American culture has made deep and important scholarly inroads — influencing the way educated Americans think about U.S. triumphs and tragedies.

Nor has pressure on campus to teach more about the pluralistic nature of America abated. Heated debates in recent years at schools like Stanford University and the University of California at Berkeley have caused further change. Latinos, African-Americans, Asian and other ethnic studies, long available in the curriculum, are now required there.

There is, however, hardly an academic consensus on how and to what degree to emphasize race, class and gender. Should American ethnicities be taught as the history of oppression? Or should it focus on the ideal of pluralism?

First, educators seeking to affirm the diversity of America must teach students to see the United States in primarily hostile terms. Students already lack an understanding of the basic democratic principles that have allowed civil rights to flourish.

Second, U.S. institutions do have European roots — the Reformation and the Enlightenment. Honesty about that fact is needed, as well as dealing with bias.

— Excerpted from The Christian Science Monitor, Feb. 23.

CORRECTION

Supreme Court Justice Scalia's first name is Antonin. He was mentioned in a Feb. 26 letter to the editor.

Letters to the Editor

Parent speaks out on Poly day care

Your Insight article Feb. 14 on married students fell short when addressing the problem of adequate care on campus. The problem is that the administration has failed miserably in providing any meaningful funding for a facility that can provide badly-needed day care for students. A waiting list of two years or more is inexcusable.

My son has been attending day care on campus for two years and loves it. Also, it has helped my wife and me in our self-supporting efforts. The day care staff has put together an outstanding program.

Unfortunately, getting in is now next to impossible and most students badly in need of this care will never be able to take advantage of it if the administration's present course of action is not changed.

The present facilities are inadequate. The staff is forced to provide care and education to infants and toddlers in a dilapidated building. Last Christmas, my wife was able to get five gallons of paint donated. Parents, teachers and students donated their time scraping and painting the old, flaking paint. While people's efforts were heartwarming, they do little to meet the increasing demand from students.

The administration needs to do more. Students need to do more. If you're a parent or expecting to be one, get out on the streets and march. Everyone should let the administration know its passive attitude is not longer acceptable.

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Opinion

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Politicians love that phrase and that philosophy. For them, it's the perfect solution to the problem of crime.

Stories of horrible acts saturate the media and seep into the hearts of the constituents. They ask politicians, "What are you going to do?" Most simply: "Tell them you'll lock criminals up and throw away the key.

Tougher laws, longer sentences and more prisons are the way to deal with crime. After all, how can a society in which violence is the norm avoid causing minority students to see the United States in primarily hostile terms.

There's only one small drawback. It doesn't do anything to solve the problem of crime.

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Still the calls ring out for more prisons. They're needed to solve the current problem of overcrowding. Proponents say that may be true, but it's only a short-term solution. If we didn't have to send so many people to prison, we wouldn't have to worry about overcrowding.

We all want the multi-racial complex problem of crime solved. It's clearly evident, however, that the simple idea of tougher laws and more prisons that can keep regurgitating and we keep swallowing hasn't helped the situation at all. It has done is drain billions of dollars from the state's general fund, and it threatens to suck up more money every year.

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We've inherited the Reagan legacy, a society mired between upper and lower incomes, and the creation of an accepting middle-class and the middle class that is shockingly impervious to reality. Reaganism is a white, yuppy thug politicians are laughing at us.

Shake up historians will marvel at how late 20th century media, particularly the mainstream, decided that the underclass was really just a glorified welfare program that justified unmitigated economic destruction contracts that our policy-makers felt so patriotic about it. Our flag is being waved so much, it's getting transparently false.

Mark Wingate

Civil Engineering

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DANCE

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The Chinese Student Association performed a ribbon dance, symbolizing the beauty and grace of the performers. An Argentinian version of the tango was performed by three couples of non-related races.

To close the show, the German Club — which consists of 15 members — got the crowd involved in its routine. Only two members could perform that night, so they got most of the audience out of their seats to dance.

“Next year we’d like to do something bigger and better,” said Annemarie Wylie, president and founder of the German Club. This is the first time the German Club performed in this attraction.

According to Paul Cruel, the chairman of the Cultural Advisory Committee (CAC), the purpose of the show is “to provide not only the exposure but the education to the Cal Poly community to say that we have a diversity on campus and we (CAC) want to celebrate it as well as make you aware of it.”

“We have a strong career push, but if folks don’t understand people from other cultures or ethnicities, they’re not going to make it in the business world,” said Barbara Andre, the coordinator of International Students Programs.

“The reality of the business world is it’s multi-diverse and multi-ethnic, and here you never see that at all,” she said.

This show was intended to give people a sense of some other cultures.

“Culture is really important when it comes to promoting it here on campus,” Cruel said.

Cal Poly’s choirs end state tour with noteworthy concert in SLO

By Natalie Guerrero

Cal Poly’s Choirs sung to an enthusiastic audience and ended the 1990 winter tour on an upbeat note last Saturday night at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church in San Luis Obispo.

“I was very pleased with our performance and with the positive reaction of the home crowd,” said Thomas Davies, Cal Poly choir conductor for the past 17 years.

The two-hour performance included a variety of sections from traditional barbershop music to songs sung in French. Two songs by the Men’s Chorus captured the attention of the lively audience. The choir acted out the swaying motions and life of a sailor depicted in the lyrics they sang.

“Everyone’s favorite is the Men’s Chorus because there is a lot of good humor involved,” said Karen Denyer, president of Women’s Chorus.

This program included the Men’s and Women’s chorus, the Barbershop quartets — A Token Effort and Here Comes Treble and the Madrigal/Jazz Ensemble. About 76 students studying vocal majors are involved in the choir.

San Luis Obispo was the last stop on a four-city tour that began in Cupertino, then moved to Mount Shasta and Concord. Each location was a unique experience for the choir, Denyer said, but Mount Shasta was the adventure trip.

The choir drove to Mount Shasta on Saturday during the holiday weekend, and the night before it had snowed heavily. The traffic slowed down within five miles of Mount Shasta on Interstate 5. Three miles later the traffic stopped altogether, said Denyer.

After all the members on the bus stretched their legs and engaged in some snowball fights, the choir conductor noticed the time and decided to have everyone walk to the concert.

“It was pretty funny seeing so many college students walking along the highway,” said Denyer, “but soon the traffic started and the bus picked us up right in front of the exit we were going to turn.”

The walking adventure, fortunately, delayed the start of the choir concert only a half-hour later than scheduled.

The choir has been practicing for the tour for the past six weeks, including a weekend retreat in Arroyo Grande. The retreat helped members memorize the songs and it also was a time for members to get to know each other.

“The best times to get to know people involved in choir are the tour and retreat. It’s a great group,” said Monica Ulrich, a liberal studies junior involved with the Women’s Chorus.

The 1990 winter tour was the final concert for many graduating seniors because next quarter the choir will be performing in England in conjunction with the London study program. Each senior was honored with a red carnation.

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Women split 2 games
Poly seeded 3rd in CCAA tourney
By Adrian Hodgson

Many teams have problems playing opponents with not-so-good records, especially after winning a close, emotional game a few nights earlier.

That’s what happened to the Cal Poly women’s basketball team this weekend.

The Mustangs lost to CSU Los Angeles Saturday night, 81-77; the Golden Eagles were 7-18 overall, and 1-10 in league play before Saturday. Two nights before, Cal Poly had beaten CSU Northridge 74-68 in double overtime.

After Thursday’s win, the Mustangs needed to beat the Golden Eagles to secure a second-place finish in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. But the loss put Cal Poly in a tie for second with Northridge. The Matadors, however, enter the CCAA tournament as the second seed because of their better head-to-head record against fourth-place Chapman College.

Head Coach Jill Orrock said she thinks the Mustangs may have assumed they would beat CSU Los Angeles with the ease they did the first time. Cal Poly pounded the Golden Eagles Jan. 13, 73-52.

"We lost it in the first half," Orrock said. "This was their (CSU Los Angeles') last game. They were loose. They played probably the best they have this season."

Los Angeles jumped out to an early lead and were ahead by 16 points at halftime. Orrock said the Golden Eagles’ full-court press disrupted the flow of the game, and they got some easy shots from turnovers. The Mustangs were out-rebounded 21-7 in the first half, and the Golden Eagles shot 56 percent from the field in the half.

In the second half, the Mustangs turned things around thanks to the play of Vanessa Hornbuckle, who scored a career-high 25 points. Poly closed Los Angeles’ lead and went ahead by two points with about 1:30 to play. But the Golden Eagles forged ahead again and stayed in front to post its second CCAA win this season.

Orrock called Thursday’s battle with the Matadors, “a fight tooth and nail to the end.”

“We knew we had to beat Northridge,” she said. “It was a real confidence-builder” because the Mustangs will need the confidence this Thursday when they meet the Matadors in the first game of the CCAA tournament in Pomona.

Cal Poly led by as many as 16 points but relinquished its lead. The Matadors pulled level and forced two overtime periods, but the Mustangs got the edge in the second five-minute period and squeaked out the victory.

Seniors Deborah Vettel, Jody Hasselfield and Russia Madden guided the Mustangs to the win. Vettel scored 16 points, Hasselfield contributed 18 and Madden had 13 and 12 rebounds.

Orrock said she will be looking to those three and senior forward Gina Cardinet to lead the team in the playoffs. But she also listed Hornbuckle as one who could have an impact on how the Mustangs do in post-season play.
Women's Track

Poly continues to shine in early meets

By Rob Lorenz

Freshman Jamie Park continued to shine in early-season track competition as the Mustangs performed impressively against a non-scoring meet held in Berkeley.

Park led a Cal Poly 1-3-4 finish in the 5,000 meters, posting a time of 16:31.7, which is the best time posted thus far in Division II this season. She also is the season leader in the 3,000 meters.

"What's impressive is her 5,000 mark would have won the 1989 NCAA nationals and it's still only February," said Head Coach Lance Harter.

"Jamie is showing repeatedly that she is going to be a great one."

Placing third and fourth respectively for the Mustangs in the 5,000 meters were Amanda Marks and Tracy Lencioni.

Cal Poly also performed impressively in the weight events. Melissa White won the javelin with a throw of 147 feet 1 inch, which is less than three feet away from a national qualifying toss. Buxby Sexton placed second behind her teammate with a toss that Harter said is well ahead of her progressive improvement of last year. Sexton placed third at nationals in 1989.

Jill Hoffman destroyed the 3,000 field with another personal-best time of 9:56.8, and Sharon Pooley claimed her first collegiate win with a time of 14:7.1 in 110-meter hurdles.

The 1,600-meter relay team also turned in a tremendous team performance without two of the top Mustangs even running. The team of Laurie Durette, Kristina Hand, Melanie Hiatt and Stephanie Barrett won the race by 11 seconds.

"They breezed through the victory," said Harter. "It returns our depth factor to the competition as we ran without Aeron Arlin and Teena Colebrook. If we are to compete with the likes of (Division I powerhouse) Villanova this season we must develop three consistent competitors to support Teena as an anchor leg."

"I like what I see so far. We will be very potent in the long term."

The track and field team will split its squad next weekend, with 14 to 16 athletes traveling to San Diego.

The women have won seven meets and lost six against competitors from Stanford, UC Berkeley, CSU Sacramento and various club teams.

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Men's Track

Mustangs impressive at Berkeley

By Adrian Hodgson

The Cal Poly men's track team got a taste of a different kind at a meet at UC Berkeley last weekend.

Many of the individual events were phased out in favor of ways Head Coach Tom Henderson called "a relay-format meet." The non-scoring meet had no winners or losers, but Henderson got a chance to see some of his athletes in their secondary events, against competitors from Stanford, UC Berkeley, CSU Sacramento and various club teams.

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Softball

Lady Mustangs win 7th consecutive game

The Cal Poly women's softball team extended its winning streak to seven games on Saturday with a doubleheader sweep of UC San Diego.

The women have won seven straight after opening the season with five consecutive losses to Division I opponents.

"What's impressive is, her first four starts were very potent."

The final outcome of the regatta was four victories for USD to Cal Poly's two wins.

The women's varsity and women's novice clubs accounted for both.

The crew club's next regatta is against UC San Diego on March 4 in San Diego.

Crew

Rowers defeated by USD in first regatta

By Darrell Hallenbrook

In the first regatta of its season, the Cal Poly crew club lost to the University of San Diego Saturday morning in Morro Bay.

Despite the club's loss, Head Coach Jaime Bea was not disappointed.

"All the race were very competitive, but I was especially impressed with the varsity women's six-second victory."

The Cal Poly and USD crew teams began the day early, beginning their physical and mental preparations at 7:15 a.m. in anticipation of the 8 a.m. races.

The morning featured unfavorable racing conditions, with high winds, choppy water and strong currents, but improved as the morning progressed.

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Chamorro defeats Ortega in Nicaraguan election

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Opposition leader Violeta Barrios de Chamorro defeated President Daniel Ortega in a stunning rebuke to 10 years of leftist Sandinista rule in this war-torn nation, election returns showed today.

Sunday's peaceful balloting — the first elections in Nicaraguan history was closely watched by thousands of international observers and, with more than three-fourths of the vote in, Chamorro was winning nearly 55 percent.

Earlier, with more than half the vote reported, Chamorro stopped short of formally conceding but said: "These numbers and these percentages form a tendency that cannot be ignored." He said the precincts that had not yet reported held 50 percent of the vote, but a defeated Santiago victory would "be mathematical rules."

"I want to tell all Nicaraguans and all the nations of the world, that the president of Nicaragua, she won," Ortega said. "We will respect the popular mandate," Ortega added.

The Sandinistas remain far larger than the United Nationalist Opposition Chamorro leads in a fractious alliance of 14 parties ranging from far right to far left — and it was unclear how power would be transferred.

Defense Minister Humberto Ortega, the president's brother, has said that if Chamorro won, "she should not come empty-handed." "The army willipay her," and that the military might disobey orders it considered unsound.

UNO has said it would eliminate the draft and greatly reduce the size of the army.

Another question is how UNO, whose members only common interest was getting rid of the Sandinistas, could form a government strong enough to stand up to the Sandinistas.

Ortega, 44, had branded Chamorro, the 60-year-old publisher of opposition newspaper La Prensa, an instrument of U.S. policy. But the victory signals an end to the Sandinista party, which led to economic decline that the Sandinistas blamed on the U.S.-supported Contra guerrillas and a U.S. trade embargo.

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Oil washes into Huntington Beach Wetlands

HUNTINGTON BEACH (AP) — The Coast Guard on Monday took over oil spill protection of the mouth of the Santa Ana River after a weekend high tide broke through a barrier.

An estimated five gallons of oil washed into the 25-acre Huntington Beach Wetlands, a mud flat and pickleweed habitat for federally listed endangered birds. Three birds, none of them on the list, were coated with oil.

The fouled water also seeped past a series of 12 booms set out to protect the marsh.

Gary Gorman, director of the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy, said all the birds were taken to a treatment center for cleaning.

"There is a minor threat there," Gorman said of the surge of oil.

A new berm built Sunday held through high tide at approximately 9 a.m. on Monday, said Huntington Beach Fire Department spokeswoman Birgit Davis. She described the damage as "a bathtub ring effect."

The mouth of the Santa Ana River marks the border between Huntington Beach and Newport Beach on the Orange County coastline south of Los Angeles.

After a morning meeting between agencies it was decided the protection of the river mouth "will be strictly overseen by the Coast Guard."

The area was subject to a series of overlapping jurisdictions, including Huntington Beach on the north bank of the river, Newport Beach on the south and the Orange County Flood Control District.

Davis said private contractors also were involved in previous efforts to protect the river mouth.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Elizabeth Neely said authorities were not certain whether the oil came from the Feb. 7 spill of 400,000 gallons of crude from the ruptured tanker American Trader off the Huntington Beach coastline.

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he said, needs to promote more open discussion.

Because of lack of discussion in the media, the government can do almost nothing. "The president can do anything he wants," said Sanders, "because Dan Rather will be there telling us why it is a good thing to do."

Less developed countries are an example of this. "As we speak, one billion people in the Third World are suffering as a result of their extreme poverty," he said. "It's not discussed in the media because the United States has done nothing to stop that."

Sanders spoke as part of the 1989-90 Arts and Humanities Lecture Series, sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts. The next speaker for the series will be Antonia Hernandez, president of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, on March 1.

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