New search for graduation speaker begins as ASI and Administration join forces

By Jason Foster

The hunt is on again for a commencement speaker.

Cal Poly administration officials, acting through Vice President of Student Affairs Hazel Scott, have decided to let the Associated Students, Inc. form a joint committee with the administration to select a commencement speaker for the graduation ceremony.

Named the ASI/Administration Commencement Speaker Selection Committee, it was announced Wednesday night at the weekly meeting of ASI's Board of Directors.

Appointed by ASI President Ricardo Echeverria to represent ASI on the committee are Terry Alberstein, ASI Greek Relations Representative; Armand Kiljian, chairman of ASI Public Relations; and John Sakamoto, an ASI director from the School of Engineering. The administration part of the committee consists of Scott and Director of Housing Bob Bostrum.

“We decided if the students feel strongly enough about getting someone to speak at graduation, which they do, that we should try to get a speaker,” said Scott after Wednesday's meeting.

Although the administration took some heavy criticism from ASI and the student body last week after announcing President Warren Baker would speak at graduation, the student members of the committee praised the administration for this action.

“We are extremely pleased and thankful to the administration for allowing ASI the opportunity to participate in securing a commencement speaker,” said Kiljian. “The administration deserves a lot of credit for being so creative and flexible.”

Alberstein was quick to point out that the committee was not formed out of a grudge against Baker.

“We definitely respect Dr. Baker, and by no means consider him unqualified. We just want to pursue an outside speaker to present a unique and inspirational message, perhaps someone from industry or a prestigious alumni,” he said.

Scott admitted that the three-month time period the committee has to select and secure a speaker “is not a long time.” Nevertheless, she said the other committee members are optimistic.

“The chances are pretty good if we target our activities in the right way,” said Scott. “If we try to get a good speaker with some connection to Poly, like a distinguished alumnus, retired professor or state legislator, rather than someone with national or international distinction, we could end up with someone who wouldn’t mind speaking on short notice.”

Sakamoto agreed. “Some have said it will be impossible, but there have been bigger feats accomplished in less time. We sure want to give it concerted effort,” he said. “Remember that.”

By Scott after Wednesday’s meeting.

Cal Poly student defied odds but ultimately falls to genetic disease

Cystic fibrosis shortens length of life not quality

By Kathy Kennedy

Ending a life-long fight against cystic fibrosis, Cal Poly senior Karen Dew, 23, died from respiratory failure at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital early Monday morning.

“Karen outlived all the odds,” said Myron Liebhaber, Dew's doctor at the Santa Barbara Medical Foundation. Most victims of CF, a genetic disease that effects the lung and respiratory system, do not live past the age of 20.

Dew is remembered by her friends, family and faculty as a caring and determined person who never let her disease make her an invalid.

“She was a real giver of herself,” said Joann McKay, a physical education major who had known Dew since they lived together in the dorms. She said her friend always found a way around her disease rather than let it stop her. Part of Dew's daily routine included getting up an hour early each morning for therapy and medicine.

After lung failure last summer, Dew needed a constant supply of supplemental oxygen to survive. In order to continue her pursuit of a degree in human development, Dew was able to return to school in January by carrying a portable breather.

“She said over and over that life was very important to her,” said Liebhaber, adding Dew fought up to the last days to keep up her usual pace. Over the last two weeks, however, her doctor said her breathing problem became gradually worse.

Dew was an inspiration to everyone that knew her, he said, because she proved that if your are not passive about life you will get a lot more out it.

Liebhaber described Dew as goal-oriented and “a real fighter,” two qualities that he felt helped her to live longer.

Dew wanted to prove that people who have a disease like CF do not have to just die, said Elaine Holder, a human development professor. Dew’s life was short, she said, but probably had more quality to it than the lives of a lot of older people.

“Everyone thought they were her best friend because that is the way she related to people,” said Liebhaber who felt Dew was exceptionally oriented towards other people despite her own difficulties. Dew used her vacations to work camps for disabled children. She also worked with youth at her church.

“One of the special things about Karen was that she came to terms with death,” said Holder. That acceptance seemed to

City Council approves $500 fine for more than one party complaint in 24-hour period

By Leslie Morris

For those throwing a party in the near future, plan on some possible extra expenses — up to $500 for police fees.

The San Luis Obispo City Council unanimously voted Tuesday to approve an ordinance aimed at irresponsible party hosts.

The ordinance was passed to print at the City Council meeting and is up for a 30-day review before it goes back to the Council for final consideration.

The ordinance, called “Second Response Recovery Program” was created by the San Luis Obispo Police Department to recover the costs of the police department when officers are called more than once to a party within a 24-hour time period.

When the police receive complaints about a party, they arrive at the scene and determine whether the hosts deserve a citation. If the police are called back to that same party within 24 hours, the costs can be fined up to $500 for the the costs of the police department to send out officers.

Officers will use discretion on individual circumstances and cooperation, said Captain Bar Topham of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

Fines will cover the costs of police officers, support personal, vehicles and equipment. Topham

Education for a mere few?

Columnist Christine Kohn discusses a state commission's finding that California need not plan for college minority enrollment, and why she thinks that's bad.

Upward bound...

Rents in SLO may go up due to the water shortage and building moratorium in the city.

Crowning glory...

The Cal Poly Rodeo Queen was crowned Wednesday night. Find out who won.
Ceremony unlikely to attract speaker

Letter to the Editor — Why would any person of any significance want to speak at a Cal Poly commencement ceremony?

Maybe instead of a speaker, the university could prepare a schedule of judges who could decide which graduate did the best job of defacing his or her cap and gown. Or maybe even a bubble blowing contest. I attended the commencement ceremonies last June and do not feel like "events" of that kind could attract an outside speaker of any merit. The atmosphere seemed more appropriate for someone such as Wally George or Morton Downey Jr.

Baker has chance to speak all year

Editor — It seems the commencement committee is satisfied with President Warren J. Baker being the graduation speaker once again. Why do I, a graduating senior, have to wait four years to hear the president of our university, and only if I am satisfied with the commencement schedule, which is in April," he said, and added it wouldn't be considered to require a response from himself.

He said they are still trying to organize an outside speaker. But it sounds as if the effort is lacking on the committee's side.

With spring ceremonies more than three months away, I hope the effort is made to get a speaker and not the lackadaisical approach of: The president can speak again, which will make ceremonies shorter.

Death of sea life deserves comment

Editor — I'm glad people are realizing there is a sad tragedy occurring in our beautiful oceans ("Stop commercial Gillnet fishing," March 7). I commend Cathy Lung, Kevin Gomes and Mike Morisoli for writing about this. I wholeheartedly agree. I would like to call attention to: the death of numerous defenseless forms of sea life, whether it be whales, sea lions, dolphins, sea otters or the tuna themselves.

The ocean is a beautiful entity and I'm glad we have people such as this column's authors as places like the Monterey Bay Aquarium; and societies like the Cousteau Society and Friends of the Sea Otter caring and doing enough to speak out and put the first foot forward in the effort to save it.

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Children’s Center toddlers help recognize Arbor Day

Goal was to make kids aware of the dwindling forests

By Kim Jarrard

Dirt flew Thursday afternoon as about 25 pre-schoolers from Cal Poly’s ASI Children’s Center celebrated Arbor Day and conservation week at the ornamental horticulture arboretum.

The children, whose ages ranged from two to four years, helped students and teachers plant four two-year-old bare root dwarf peach trees.

The goal was to help make the children aware of dwindling tree-forests, and “how it (a tree) cleans the air, produces oxygen that we breathe and helps cut down noise pollution,” said Rob Rosson, chairman of the Arbor Day activities.

Students in the ornamental horticulture club also helped Rosson with the activities. Two teachers, Mike Zohns and Dan Lassanske, were the advisers for the program.

During their time at the arboretum, the children learned what Arbor Day was, then helped to mix soil, plant and water the small trees.

Most of them gleefully scooped up dirt with small shovels and threw it into the hole dug for the tree.

One toddler, Andrew Hangan, sat in the center of a dirt-pile busy with his shovel and did not move until the activities were over. Three other children helped to hold the hose when it came time to water the tree.

“It’s a practical way of living,” said Marie Lopez-Stewart, a teacher at the Children’s center.

“Our goal as a group is to make more people aware of trees and plants as a whole and what they do for our environment,” Rosson said.

But the Arbor Day activity had a special function. “Little people and little trees is what it’s about,” said Lassanske.

ASI votes to remove class standing from registration

By Jason Foster

The ASI Board of Directors passed a resolution Wednesday night recommending that “class standing not be a factor” in what level of class a student can register for.

ASI's resolution states that Cal Poly is already impacted as an undergraduate institution and the senate’s resolution, if approved by President Baker, would “cause further impacting at each class division.”

Instead of class level being the basis for registration, 90-06 states that emphasis should be placed “on specific prerequisites or consent of the instructor.”

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Rents may increase due to water shortage, building moratorium

By Karen Kendzor

With the coming of spring, San Luis Obispo landlords are looking at a possible increase in rent due to water surcharges, capital improvements and the building moratorium.

According to Valencia Apartments Manager Mark Kennedy, rents in his complex may rise from five to ten percent per year.

He attributes this to the lack of planning for new, large student housing complexes that the building moratorium has discouraged.

"Because of that notion and all the owners knowing there's not going to be any building going on, they feel pretty comfortable raising their rates," he said. "They don't feel like they've got any competition coming on line."

Cal Poly provides more housing to students on campus than any other school in the California State University system. "So when you start playing the political game with the state, they don't feel there is a real need," said Kennedy.

The demand for housing in San Luis Obispo is rising, said Kennedy. Students hoping to get into Cal Poly are going to Cuesta College in increasing numbers, which puts additional strain on housing traditionally occupied by Cal Poly students.

All of the larger housing complexes predominantly filled with students on a 10-month lease are raising their rents this year in some cases, according to the market, said Kennedy. The moratorium is going to push students out of houses and into apartments because no one is going to build anymore, said Tim Blair, manager of Mustang Village.

Building permit coordinator Hal Hannula said the moratorium was enacted to prevent excessive partying.

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estimated the fee for one car responding to an incidence at $50. Because two police cars are sent to every incidence, the minimum charge would be about $100 for a minor situation, Topham said.

"But we could be looking at $500," he said, for an out-of-hand party with six or seven officers having to go back several times.

At a private residence, renters and owners are legally liable, possibly even if they are not present at the time of the party, Topham said.

Hosts generally act responsibly when throwing parties, said Crime Prevention Coordinator Steven Seybold, but there are exceptions. In those cases, either the party is so large that the hosts can't control the guests, or the hosts refuse to cooperate with police.

Even responsible party hosts suffer, Seybold said, because ordinances increase to resolve the extreme problems. The same principle for irresponsible hosts is enacted for all kinds of party givers.

"We are not trying to target something negative against students," Topham said. "We are looking at issues, not personalities." The majority of noise complaints involve students because San Luis Obispo is a university community.

"Somebody didn't dream this up against students," Topham said. Noise complaints are drain­ing the police department's time and resources, he said. "This is a way to get people to take more responsibility and to fend up more resources for other problems and crime.

Topham said he understands why some students will disagree with the ordinance. "If I were a student, I'd think 'Here we go again,'" he said.

History senior Brenda Walsh disagrees with the ordinance.

"It's terrible," he said. "The way they judge if you're loud is up to them.

"I don't like the idea of having a specific group (students) having to pay for a government responsibility," he said.

Parties are usually shut down after the first citation anyway, he said. The ordinance will be enacted in cases, for example, where loud noise resumes and partiers return after police leave.

At a house where parties are frequent, Seybold said, students often promise to clean up their act. "But it usually lasts only until the school year is over."

Chief of Police James Gardiner said the ordinance has been discussed with the Cal Poly Student Liaison Committee and In­tra­fraternity Council.

"They would like discretion," he said. "This would be applied."

One fraternity member disagrees with the ordinance.

"I understand the city's need to keep the non-student population happy, but I don't feel this is the best possible solution," said Jamie Luckman of Phi Delta Theta.

Luckman said student objection will probably have little ef­fect on the final outcome of the ordinance. "It's like the dressing ordinance. There was tremendous support from the student populace but the city council still passed the ordinance."

"I don't feel that the noise ordi­nance is a greek issue," Luckman said, "It's not singing anyone out."

The City Council will give final approval of the ordinance, said Topham, unless new information is introduced to change the Council's mind.
Softball team loses 2 to Matadors

By Kim Jarraad
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly women’s softball team lost two games to CSU Northridge Wednesday afternoon, ending its seven game winning streak. The Mustangs lost 2-1 in both games.

"Northridge is always a very good team traditionally," said coach Lisa Boyer, who added that games between the two schools are always close. She said the team was not mentally there, which has been a problem for it all year.

In the first game, Cal Poly held a brief lead in the bottom of the fifth inning. But Northridge rallied to take the lead in the sixth inning when it put bases loaded, but Mustang pitcher Lisa Johnson came through in the tough spots and caused her to miss the catch.

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Cal Poly Rodeo Queen crowned

Appearance and personality help determine winner

By Tara Murphy

With a trophy in one hand and a saddle in the other, a new Miss Cal Poly Rodeo was crowned Wednesday night at the Madonna Inn.

Patty Pollard, a 20-year-old animal science sophomore from Santa Maria, galloped away with the title after two days of tests and competitions.

Pollard is a two-year tech student who wants to be an assistant to a vet working with large animals. Her other goals include wanting to compete in the national rodeo finals in barrel racing.

Pollard's only competition in the contest came from Tracy Maurer, a 22-year-old animal science senior. Both Pollard and Maurer competed in the contest last year.

During the competition that took place Tuesday and Wednesday, both were judged based on appearance, horsemanship and personality. Five local judges watched the contestants Wednesday night as they modelled western wear, answered questions, and made speeches about rodeo. The two were also tested earlier on rulebooks, horsemanship and a 20-minute personal interview.

As Miss Cal Poly Rodeo, Pollard will ride at college rodeos throughout the western region as a representative of Cal Poly, do publicity for the Poly Royal and Fall Rodeos, and organize the Miss Cal Poly Rodeo pageant for the following year. She will also appear at the College National Final Rodeo Competition in Bozeman, Mont., in June.

Pollard said before the results were announced that she was "kind of nervous," but that she felt really good about the contest. "I'm going to be a great queen, I hope," she told a small but enthusiastic audience when she won.

Lynneste Woolery, Miss California Rodeo, said that representing Cal Poly as Miss Cal Poly Rodeo is a great honor because Cal Poly is one of the top rodeo schools in the nation.

"It was a close contest," said Woolery, "but there can only be one winner. Both the girls are well-qualified."

Katie Murphy, an animal science instructor who judged the contest, agreed. "It's hard when there are only two. It's first place — and last."

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Author reminisces on the battle for civil rights

By Monica Ortiz

"Even an invisible man has a socially responsible role to play," wrote Ralph Ellison in his novel, The Invisible Man.

Black Power, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, the end of black silence — the civil rights movement of the late 1950s and 1960s continues to be an inspiration for people both within the United States and in places such as China, Poland and South Africa.

Dr. Quinward Taylor, an award-winning and prolific author of many Afro-American articles, retold the story of the people and events of the civil rights movement Thursday at the University Union.

"The 1960s were, for Black Americans, the most historically important decade in this century and perhaps in the history of this nation," said Taylor. "It was a decade of monumental triumphs and unbelievable tragedy."

"Taylor described not only the successes of the movement but its costs in terms of assassinations of leaders such as Malcolm X, Martin Luther King and the deaths of more than 263 blacks and whites in 500 plus race riots. The movement began in the 1960s with four black students from the North Carolina A&T College waiting to be served in a white restaurant. In the next three months, students organized over 100 sit-ins in the south and eventually organized the Student Non-Violent Coordination Committee.

"By 1961, over 40 civil rights activists were working in Mississippi," said Taylor. "The mood of the movement changed more from the 1960s to the 1970s than from the 1900s to the 1960s."

HOUSING

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Spring is a good time to assure that water service would not be jeopardized by new land development. This is not to say, however, that no new buildings will go up. The effect on rent could be small. "It may be zero," said Hannula. Michelle Budd, manager of Professional Property Management, disagrees. Rents will skyrocket because of the moratorium, she said. "They're already hard," said Budd. "We're getting up to I.A. prices real quick."

Housing prices skyrocketed in Santa Barbara three years ago, and the rent soon followed suit, said Kennedy. "That's how economics works," he said.

Still, relative prices in San Luis Obispo for housing in comparison to other schools is still low, said Kennedy. Students desiring their own room may pay $400 to $500 in Santa Barbara, whereas in San Luis Obispo rent may only be $300.

Water, however, is the real unknown out there, said Woodside Apartments manager Ron Lent. "It has the potential to cost as a great deal of money over the next two to three years," he said. Water may account for a two to three percent increase in rent, he said.

Student apartment complexes are being asked by the city to reduce their 1987 base year water usage by about 10 percent. This could cost up to 35 percent, said Lent. For usage in excess of the base year, owners are slapped with an excess use surcharge of 100 percent.

"Percentage-wise everybody's going to be hit the same," said Blain. "Because Mustang Village has 432 units, "it looks a lot worse" for the larger housing complexes," he said.

Some smaller places, however, may not be able to make it, said Blair. The advantage of some of the bigger complexes is that they can spread the cost over a lot more residents.

Peter Kardel, properties administrator of Kris Kar Apartments, speculates a greater impact at the larger complexes.

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"There have owners of property from duplexes to the 76-units Cedar Creek Condominiums, said water allocations are affecting everyone in San Luis Obispo. She said even Village Home and Trailer Park has been hit. The park was not up to full capacity in the base year, said Budd. That isn't true anymore and "we're getting into trouble (with surcharges)," she said.

Managers have, therefore, resorted to planting drought-tolerant plants, installing low-flow toilets and lowering rates on car washes. One of the more drastic solutions, said Budd, may be to pass on the surcharges to students in addition to rent. She said 50 percent of her three to seven percent expected increase in rent is due to water.

Aside from water, Lent said capital improvements play an important role. Woodside has had very little done to it from 1975 to 1988, he said. Since then, Woodside has been making capital improvements, such as buying new mattresses and re-roofing.

"Blair's advice to students is to sign leases early before prices skyrocket in September. "The people that sign up now for a lease in September are going to be pretty much locked into that price," he said.

Kennedy says one better shop around.

"As these rent increases happen, there's going to be a lot of Mom and Pop places that own four or five units not in tune with the bigger complexes. They're not going to realize the base year, said Kennedy. "It has the potential to cost a lot more, says Kennedy. "We're going to be hit the same, said Kennedy. "The advantage of some of the bigger complexes is that they can spread the cost over a lot more residents."

Karen Maurer will go in her place.

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Kellee McParland, Miss Cal Poly Rodeo 1989, said that if for some reason Pollard cannot attend an event, runner-up Maurer will go in her place. When signing up for the contest contestants must sign a contract saying they will attend five of the ten rodeos that take place on the West Coast.

McParland said her year was something she would always remember, and that she felt mostly relieved that the contest was over. McParland organized the events, sponsors, awards and judges for the pageant, one of whom was her own mother.

SOFTBALL

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Pitcher Michelle Socii walked one batter and allowed two hits. Altogether, Cal Poly had three hits and five errors in the seven-inning game.

"They (Northridge) never give up," said Co-Head Coach Laura Fawcett. "They come out here knowing they can win," she said. Fawcett also said Cal Poly was playing well, but having trouble getting in the holes.