Poly Royal cancelled ‘indefinitely’

President’s decision cites obligation to students and community in riots’ wake

By Mary Frederisy

In response to weekend riots, the annual Poly Royal festivities are cancelled indefinitely, Cal Poly President Warren Baker announced Monday. The morning press conference included Baker, Dean of Student Affairs Hazel Scott, ASI President Ricardo Echeverria and Poly Royal Board Superintendent Scott Hublou.

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By Tara Murphy

In a prepared statement responding to the indefinite cancellation of Poly Royal, Gardiner said he could not know what subject members of his department, other public safety agencies, and the citizens of this city to the inherent dangers presented by the last two years of Poly Royal.”

Gardiner said he was concerned at the number of people who came from outside the area to disrupt Poly Royal.

“They came to party,” said Gardiner, “and when that wasn’t enough they disrupted the community.”

“When it was seen as theater and fun the locals joined in.” He cited students on the balconies of apartments on California Boulevard cheering the crowd on as residents who conditioned and supported the rioters. Spray-painted signs reading “Hard hate for sale” were another example of residents supporting the rioters.

“I realize a majority of the students did not want to see this (the cancellation) happen,” Gardiner said. “That students were involved bothers me.”

He said the police department would not support any event that creates the environment we saw at this year’s Poly Royal.”

Gardiner praised the actions of the SLO Police and other law enforcement agencies that responded to weekend calls. In response to criticism that the police response was “too little, too late,” he said the department deployed the maximum number of officers to deal with the events.

Altogether, 125 officers from San Luis Obispo and surrounding areas were called in. “Almost every employee of the police department was working,” said Gardiner.

One supervisor and four officers were left to handle complaints in the rest of the city Saturday night.

Gardiner said that most units in the riot area sustained damages. He said every officer in that area was struck at one time by the bricks, rocks and bottles that were thrown.

“It was like grabbing jello,” said Gardiner of efforts to control the crowds. “Push in one area and it moves to another area.”

Injuries to police officers included a broken arm, a broken hand and an injured knee. Gardiner also displayed cracked face shields at the press conference. He said four or five shields were destroyed over the weekend.

The department has also taken “many, many reports of damages,” Gardiner said. He put rough estimates of damages, including costs for manpower, at $50,000. He called that estimate conservative.

When asked if there were any plans to make Cal Poly pay for some of the damages, he said it was not his intention to bill the CSU system. Of the 30 arrests Friday night Gardiner said half were from outside the campus.

By Rob Brockmeyer

In an incident apparently related to the Poly riot weekend, Doug Overman, lead groundsworker, reported Monday.

“Anyone can draw their own conclusions on how it happened,” Overman said, “but it probably was another casualty from the riots.”

Dr. Edward Narbrough, director of Plant Operations, said the downed trees appeared to be the only damage on campus from the riots.

“It’s the only major damage, but we’re still looking into that,” he said. “I haven’t received the full report.”

Narbrough said one tree was two years old and worth $400; the others were about five years old and valued at $200 each. The site of the downed tree was located near 900 Chapel and the intersection of Pacheco Hill and California, where Friday’s and Saturday’s riots seemed to be centered.

Overman said he discovered three downed trees Saturday morning and two more Sunday morning.

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Opinion

Students voice anger over riot

"I don't get it. I thought last year a group of individuals boldly provided a basic lesson to all of us. They were young people in San Luis Obispo; a lesson that says: If you drink too much, get drunk and carry on without regard to anyone else but "me". You will accomplish nothing more but prove that you obviously don't give a damn about anyone else, and you'll probably end up in jail. We've witnessed every lesson learned last year, and an even larger group decided to prove this same again this year. In order to have caused an embarrassment to Cal Poly, Cal Poly will continue to provide one of the top ranking educational bases in the nation and will continue to churn out some of the most sought after graduates in the future. You have sent a brief message out to the rest of the world that young people today are out of control, and they don't really have a clue what life is really all about. Maybe you were trying to send a message out to the youth. If this was the case, I think you should go out and try to get your own history books. Although never a good solution to a problem, I think we will find that the riots of the sixties were generally associated with a cause of some sort. What was the cause this weekend anyhow? Oh, that's right, free beer!

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Reporter's Notebook

No free rides here

What has happened to America? We were once a proud country, a strong economy. We wanted a car in every garage and a chicken in every pot, and they worked toward that goal. And we don't want all that, but can't get it. Why? It would be easy to blame our government, an unfortunate situation has become easy to just that. People who have less money than the government need more, more money, and more food. But who is responsible for these people. I'll tell you it's not the government's responsibility. People expect life to be too easy and it's not. Life is hard. Television has brought 'easy' into our lives. We expect laundry soap to remove stains now. We expect meals to be ready instantly and easily. We see music and actors personalities making millions in one year, but instant gratification is not reality. The "I want it now with as little work possible" attitude is ruining our nation. We want everything for nothing and we want it now. Well the system does not work like that. No system does. Many people thought the end of the Los Angeles' centenary age to a land that provided much opportunity for success. Immigrants didn't expect handouts. They just wanted to be in a land where they were only limited by their own goals. A land where anyone can be President if that's what they want. These people were proud to be here and they were willing to work to achieve. If America is the big melting pot then our society has gotten clumpy, because to all who refuse to melt in. They rather remain hard. After all, why should they work when the government provides handouts (and this should change perhaps). Today's lower class see acts and actresses getting instant gratification. Soap opera actors have beautiful women, and they can take them to grand balls, and expensive restaurants. And if these actors do work, they get great jobs with huge salaries in large spacious offices.

Television neglects to show all the hard work necessary to be a success. It's not entirely television's fault. After all, people are responsible for the shows we see. So why do blame it on the media? The "me, me, me," and, "What can I do to help." is what we see in the news. Society is a standard to which we are held, and the "me, me, me," is what we expect. If this is the case, I think you should go out and try to get your own history books. Although never a good solution to a problem, I think we will find that the riots of the sixties were generally associated with a cause of some sort. What was the cause this weekend anyhow? Oh, that's right, free beer!

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Math placement test expanded
Testing now required for enrollment in certain math classes

By Moorea Warren

Three courses in mathematics now require students to take the math placement test, which specifies that they can enroll in the classes.

The new prerequisite applies to Math 116 (Precalculus Algebra), Math 117 (Precalculus Algebra and Trigonometry), and Math 118 (Intermediate Algebra and Trigonometry).

Before the test was given only to advise students on their math skills, said Art DeKleine, professor of math and ELM (Entry Level Math test) coordinator. "The new test is required for all students who need help students," said DeKleine.

Depending on which class a student wishes to take, which test should be taken. For example, a student who wishes to take a calculus class is required to take the corresponding calculus placement test. If a student is unhappy with their score they can re-take the test.

There are far too many students getting into classes without prerequisite work finished," DeKleine said.

The 45-question exams were created by faculty at the University of California, State University and community college committees.

At Cal Poly, students who receive a 20 on the test for Math 116, or below 20 for Math 118, have a 90 percent chance of failing the classes, said DeKleine. Cal Poly Pomona students must score a 30 or better in order to take the equivalent classes.

In winter quarter, 56 percent of students who took Math 116 did not need calculus. Of those students who had taken the test prior to the class had a 77 percent success rate compared to the class overall of 65 percent, DeKleine said.

The math department as a whole has 70 percent success rate.

Even though students pass the placement test doesn't mean they will pass the course. It will give a "false hope" that the student should work at it, DeKleine said.

"We honestly believe that students will have a higher rate of success if they take the test," he said.

Students may be exempt from the tests if they have passed a comparable course, for example, a student can take Math 116 or 118 system equivalent class at another school.

"What we are trying to do is encourage students to pass the test," DeKleine said.

Before now, the test was given during the first week of classes. The computer generated exams are 45 questions, according to DeKleine.

"It is not surprising that we have finally instituted a test," he said. "We felt threatened after the civil unrest."

"It is an inherent fallacy. To say that any factory that goes beyond X has to pay a tax is subjective. How can you use logic is the notion that the person with the most social stigma. Advocating that reverse discrimination is an "inherent fallacy."

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LOS ANGELES (AP) - A rookie highway patrolman accidentally fired his revolver and grazed a boy in the head as he approached two teenagers sitting in a car reported as stolen, authorities said Tuesday.

The 14-year-old boy was taken to Martin Luther King Jr.-Drew Medical Center. The hospital would only say his life was not in danger, said California Highway Patrol Officer Ernie Garcia.

Garcia said the bullet came from Officer Kermit Tracy's gun. Another 14-year-old boy who was sitting in the car escaped injury. Identities of the two, who were arrested, were withheld because of their ages.

Authorities said the shooting occurred shortly before 4 p.m. Monday as Tracy, 21, was approaching a 1986 BMW that had been reported pulled over by Officer Donna Martinez.

Garcia said Martinez, 25, called for help after a computer check showed the car, pulled over for an expired registration, had been reported stolen. The car was stopped in the Athens district, a heavily populated area south of downtown Los Angeles.

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Sports

Beason responds to charges

By Glenn Hom

The Cal Poly basketball players receive scholarships for following a program, and if they don't want to commit to it then that's their choice, said head coach Steve Beason Monday about the departure of three players.

Coby News, Shawn Reed and Pete D'Alvaglio left the team last Tuesday after the returning squad "boycott"d a Monday study hall. The team has openly expressed disapproval of Beason and his ability to coach in a report given to athletic director Ken Walker.

Beason was unavailable for comment until a Monday morning interview when he responded to charges by the dismissed players that he singled out Reed.

"I wasn't going out to get Shawn Reed," Beason said. "Shawn could have returned for his senior year. Shawn chose to not attend study halls and told me flat out he wasn't sure he could play for me."

"Beaz could've said, 'I want to stay, I'm committed to the program,' but he didn't want to," Beason said.

"Coby (and D'Alvaglio) decided to leave," he said. "I didn't kick them off. They weren't fully committed. The other guys decided not to follow their lead."

Much of the problem began two weeks ago after Beason required all returning players to attend study hall four times a week because of a 1.93 team grade-point average during winter quarter.

"Our season ended back on March 3rd," Beason said. "If there's three huge problems, why is it that it doesn't surface until study hall begins?"

"They had grievances and they didn't come to me," Beason said. "They're not bad guys, (but) I don't think they handled this well."

Beason said he also feels that with the departure of the three players, the "constant dissent" that seemed to plague the team will cease.

"The loss of the players will affect the team, Beason said, "but we're going forward and we can't look back."

Baseball

Mustangs lose series with Broncos to fall further back in conference

By Rob Brockmeyer

Cal Poly Pomona knew the Mustangs' weaknesses and jumped all over it last weekend. The Broncos took advantage of Cal Poly's pitching and went home with two victories 9-5, 5-4, 1-0.

It was not that easy, said Bronco head coach John Scollins in a post-game conversation Monday, because most of Pomona's players were at Friday night's riot.

"Nearly 10 players didn't return to their rooms until almost 2 a.m. " Scollins said. "By the time the game started on Saturday, half the team was exhausted."

"They were not actively involved in the riot. They just couldn't escape the scene because of the mass of people."

No matter how many players were tired from the night before, Cal Poly Pomona did not show it on the field. In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, the Broncos scored four runs in the sixth inning to squeak out a 5-4 victory. Cal Poly pitcher Scott Mullanoll was tagged with all five runs and suffered his fifth loss in seven tries.

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Captive en route to Damascus, then to West Germany

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"We've got confirmation that he's been released and is in Syrian hands in Lebanon," said Kim Hoggard, a State Department spokeswoman. The Syrian officials, who refused to be identified further, said Reed, 57, was freed in Beirut at 8:30 a.m. and was en route to the Syrian capital by car. They said they expected the hostage, a native of Malden, Mass., to be in Damascus within two hours.

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Bush, in his first meeting with President Guillermo Endara since the U.S. invasion of Panama last December, also voiced support for Endara’s proposal to speed up a 13-year-old effort to widen the 86-year-old waterway.

“By extending the ‘struggle is not over’ in Panama,” Bush chastised Congress, “by not moving quicker on his $800 million aid package for Panama and Nicaragua. The measures are snarled in the Senate in side deals for abortions.

“I’ve asked and asked again that our aid package to the newly liberated people of Panama be passed and passed fast. And they still wait as if this were the future of the fledgling democracy,” said Bush, Endara at his side, after the two leaders met for 2½ hours.

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strengths Manuel Antonio Noriega. Endara said his people had suffered “under 21 long years” but that “tyrannies of any kind, of any sort, must be rejected outright.”

Then, addressing Panama directly in English, Endara thanked him for filling “our spirits with enthusiasm and optimist.” He invited Bush to visit Panama as soon as possible.

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