Council discusses office growth

Recommends making plan more flexible for government agencies

By Jason Foster

Facing the prospect of having a large amount of state and county government agencies leave the city of San Luis Obispo, the City Council met Monday to discuss how to balance the growth of government offices in the city and the city's "tri-polar" system of consolidating these offices.

In the end, the council by a 3-2 vote decided to tentatively approve two recommendations of a City Administrative Office (CAO) report that would make the city's plan more flexible.

In the late 1970s, the city established a "tri-polar" plan — three zones designated by the "Land Use Element" set up for convenience and to ease accessibility of various government agencies.

They are: the civic center area between Monterey, Chorro and Santa Rosa streets for administration; Johnson Avenue for health; and the South Higuera Street area for social services.

Recently, several expanding state and county agencies, who legally don't have to comply with city zoning laws because of their superiority, have decided either to ignore the tri-polar plan or the city.

The most notable example is the departure of the California Highway Patrol from California Street to a site outside of the city.

"To hide to see them (county and state agencies) leave," said Councilmember Bill Roalman. "Those agencies, especially the state ones, are a good resource to have in the community."

The first recommendation would set up a policy allowing government offices not requiring "significant public contact" and not related to civic, social services or health functions to locate outside the tri-polar areas where convenient and consistent with the city's general plan. The council asked that the term "significant public contact" be clarified before the policy is put into action.

"I don't see any reason a government agency without much contact can't be in an obscure part of town," said Roalman, adding that the city needs to carefully determine which agencies fit this category.

The second would initiate a zoning change, allowing government offices and meeting rooms in commercial-service and manufacturing zones, provided they have an administrative use permit.

A third recommendation that would allow government agencies with high public contact — including civic, social service or health agencies — to temporarily establish offices outside the tri-polar area was dropped.

Councilmember Penny Rappa and Peg Pinard opposed the recommendations, stating they would defeat the purpose of the tri-polar system.

"Government serves best where it's accessible, and that's the point of tri-polar," Rappa said. "We need to utilize tri-polar in its best ability, and maybe we need to expand them."

Pinard said, "If government offices start appearing all over town, so we're going to know where to go. After 20 years of work at consolidation, I see this as a step backward."

Councilmember Jerry Reiss, however, thought that this was a good way to work with the expanding agencies and keep them in the city.

"The need for government office space is not being met now, and we don't want to be inflexible," he said. "This is the responsible way to go and will support the tri-polar plan in the long run."

Several developers at the session said the need for a change in the city's policy.

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Rioting disrupts lives of Cal Poly students who witnessed scene

By Mary Frederisy

Whether on or off campus weekend riots disrupted the lives of Cal Poly students throughout the city.

For some, being in the wrong place at the wrong time was the problem, while others went looking for the excitement.

Dave Whitaker, an aeronautical engineering junior, was trying to walk back to his room on campus from a party Saturday night, but had to wait about an hour because of the tear gas.

"We originally tried to walk across the tracks, but they were blocked off," Whitaker said. "We could feel the tear gas. When we were down the street, we could see the police and the fire truck shooting with the water canon."

The police, Whitaker said, were there to protect the property and people in the area.

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Bottle-throwing delericts' run into student resistance

By Sabrina L. Garcia

Although media from throughout the nation reported on this weekend's drunk and destructive mob, riot eyewitnesses say that the scene before them was worse than has yet to be described.

"It was crazy," said a freshman construction management major who asked not to be identified. "The cops were ruthless, I was trying to help a police officer push people out of the way when he clubbed me in the head."

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Campus Bottle owner assesses damage to store

By Mike McMillan

As a mob of alcohol-craved rioters bombarded Campus Bottle Shoppe with rocks and bottles during last weekend's mayhem, store owner John Martin fought back to save his business.

With a troop of six employees at his side, Martin hurled champagne bottles back at rioters, even as he tried to unlock the front door and overrun the store.

Although scheduled to close at 2 a.m. Saturday morning, Martin locked up shop at about 10 p.m. Friday as the angry crowd grew more violent.

"There were far too many people in the store," he said, adding that he and his employees couldn't monitor shoppinglist.

As chants of "free beer!" grew louder, Martin called the police.

But they were alerted anyway as the first beer bottle crashed through one window and activated a silent alarm.

Police were tied up at another disturbance up the street and were unable to respond for more than four hours.

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In INSIGHT...

Reporter Stephanie Penner attended a school in Guatemala, and she gives us her impressions of the country.
 MUSTANG DAILY

Editorial

Finger-pointing isn't helping

Mustang Daily would like to commend President Baker on making a tough decision that needed to be made. Poly Royal was an important part of the Cal Poly tradition, but it was circumstances, not Warren Bass, that caused the demise of this once respectable event. Unless San Luis Obispo was aware that Poly Royal and everything that goes along with it was not destined to continue.

But the angry backlash from many longtime San Luis Obispo residents, including members of the media, to the campus community and others willing to help the presidency get us thinking about the possibility of going to heightened tensions between the community and campus because the majority of students were not in any way involved in the riots, and we resent being continuously berated.

We also received a barrage of letters at Mustang Daily about Poly Royal and, not surprisingly, the vast majority were extremely critical of Poly students. They were from both city residents and students themselves.

Here are a couple of excerpts from the letters from the non-students:

"As I am a member of the San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly communities, I have listened to you students say, 'we want to be heard; we want to be treated like other citizens; we want to have rights and privileges; and this community would be nothing without us.'" — BJ Holmes

"I was at Poly Royal Friday and Saturday nights you were heard, and I saw what you did with your rights and privileges." — BL Holmes

These are pretty strong words. The one incorrect assumption in this argument is that all students showing up were part of the problem. It can be strongly argued that the blame for the melee is not only on the part of rioting to hurt, but also on Cal Poly students who invited trouble-makers into town or those who were harming the problem around areas got ugly. But even when you include these people, you're still only talking about a small percentage of the student population.

The Mustang Daily has received 17 letters from students who are infuriated and ashamed by the behavior of their fellow students. The vast majority of us around helplessly hoped that nothing was happening that was something we could possibly have done to stop the madness. But there wasn't. Even of many of those students present at the scene tried to stop what was happening, and many were beaten by the rage-filled rioters who would not listen.

What happened was a terrible tragedy, but trying to hang the blame on any particular group will not help. Getting past this will require all groups concerned pull together to ensure that this sort of insanity never takes hold of our community again.

Gay stereotypes are unbelievable

In response to the letter writer Darryl, "(No Homosexuals in the U.S. Army) believing that most homosexuals are carriers of disease, lacking in courage and discipline, mentally unstable, lacking in strength and aggression due to promiscuous behavior, and prone to sodomy makes about as much sense as believing that most men named Darryl are unbelievably ignorant, immoral, and bigoted as you are, Mr. Phillips.

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Reader questions admissions policy

What is the reason for the new admissions policy at Poly? Is it an attempt to promote more racial harmony? From the nature of the letters printed in the Mustang Daily, it certainly isn't succeeding. Is it retribution against the white males, because they are all so evil to other races all of the time? Is it a way of paying back other races who have suffered racial discrimination? If it is, all of those who suffered are not getting the same treatment.

For example, Asians, although they have certainly suffered blatant discrimination in the past, are not getting the same treatment. Take UC Berkeley, for example.

Blacks and Hispanics get a automatic admission if they meet UC eligibility requirements. Asians, on the other hand, in addition to white males, have to score at least in the 95th percentile in some of the more important majors. Come on, you call that fair? It's no wonder they are crying foul.

Blacks have been fighting discrimination to become equal participants and benefactors in a society that would give one respect based on his or her personal integration of skin color. It seems these new policies fall under the retribution against white males is a solution to racial problems. I'm still convinced that seeing the same seeds of discrimination will not produce racial harmony. And before people start saying that anger runs all our institutions, excluding everyone else, and are essentially the same evil racist mutation walking the face of the earth, please take any consideration that no other country in the world even approaches the U.S. for an equal opportunity for all males and females of all races.

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By Nadya Williams
Staff Writer

By the year 2,000, the majority of Californians will consist of minorities — mainly Hispanics, Asians and Blacks. Economic and social success for all of the state’s citizens may well depend on new lifestyles and attitudes that are adaptable to these coming social realities.

Sociology professor Norma Chinchilla from Cal State Long Beach will speak on this subject at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 3, in Room 220 of the University Union. In reality, California can be seen as a microcosm of the real world and a chance to address minorities and other and be well-prepared for opportunity to learn from each other. The state is a kind of mini-global economy, and as such, residents have a special attitude the students had against immigrants, she said. Immigration, rather than a threat, is something positive and enriching, and as a social or economic threat. For the first time, whites will be in the minority in 10 years as the number of Asians, Hispanics and blacks in the state edges over the 50 percent mark, she said. Immigration, rather than a high birth rate, fuels this increase, and, contrary to some commonly-held perceptions, today’s immigrants have been very beneficial to the state’s economy.

“According to Rand Corporation studies, undocumented immigrants in particular are contributing much more to the state in the form of taxes than they take out in social services, such as unemployment benefits, medical, etc.,” Chinchilla said. “The greater Los Angeles metro area, for example, has had a period of tremendous economic growth over the last 10 years which can be attributed, at least in part, to immigrant labor.”

Norma Chinchilla

Chinchilla’s area of expertise is Hispanic immigrants, and her presentation will focus those Hispanics who come to this country for economic and/or political reasons. “In reality, there are no walls at the border, no laws that can effectively keep people out,” she said. “The new wave of immigration can be viewed with horror, or it can be seen as an opportunity to welcome people who, like the European immigrants of the past, are fueling U.S. economic growth and who are very hard working and entrepreneurial.”

The purpose of her presentation will be to dispel some of the negative perceptions commonly held toward immigrants, she said, so that white residents in particular will see the demographic changes as something positive and enriching, and not as a social or economic threat.

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"If anything, the police under reacted," he said. "It’s the attitude the students had against the police that started everything.

Other students caught in the crossfire were even more involved in the confrontation. Jim Wilber, an electrical engineering junior, left a party on Saturday night to walk home to his Mustang Village apartment. "The whole time we were walking home we had to avoid the police because they were on duty," he said. "I looked it.”

He was physically tired, and he looked it.”

By Glenn Hom
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly men’s tennis squad traveled to the 91st Ojai Invitational last weekend to show off their talents and had a doubles team reach the finals and a singles player get to the semis.

In the largest and oldest tournament in the nation, the Cal Poly team of Neil Berryman and Alex Havrilenko fell in the final match to UC Berkeley’s Barry Hancock and David Maldurt 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.

They played well but missed some big shots on key points, coach Kevin Platt said. The top singels performance for Cal Poly was turned in by Eric Sasao, who won his first three matches in straight sets against players from Cal Baptist, Stanford and the University of Washington.

In his semifinal match, Sasao ran into UCLA’s No. 1 player Jason Sher in a match that lasted three sets and three hours. After dropping the first set 0-6, Sasao won a second set tie-breaker to even the contest. The third set also went to a tie-breaker, but this time Sher came out ahead 10-8. Sher went on to win the tournament. "They (Sasao and Sher) were unbelievable," Platt said. "Everybody was watching the match.

"We did well considering it was a long and tiring weekend,” he said. "Our batteries need to be recharged.”

Neil Berryman, also entered in singles play, reached the quarterfinals only to lose to UC Riverside’s Darren Pleasant 6-3, 6-0.

"He (Berrymann) beat him earlier in the year,” Platt said. "He was physically tired, and he looked it.”

The doubles team of Jim Freemin and Peter Killian also advanced to the quarterfinals See TENNIS, page 8

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Men’s tennis player Sasao reaches semifinals in Ojai tournament; loses in 3 sets

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"edge," he said. "If you even got near them they started pushing you."

After walking a few blocks out of the way to cross Foothill, they were confronted by two police officers.

"They were definitely aggressive," he said, "but I don’t know what they had already been through that night."

Wilber ended up walking through the bushes and across the creek to get home.

"If we had walked on the streets, who knows what would have happened," he said. "I just wanted to get home, and I kept waiting for a bottle to land on my head. I felt paranoid the whole time I was out on the street."

Mike Cho, a business administration sophomore, went with some friends to see what was going on both Friday and Saturday nights.

"Friday night we saw the cops waiting, next to the Alpha Phi house (on the campus side of Foothill) in riot gear," Cho said. "They had blocked the street off, and people were being rowdy, waiting for a confrontation."

Cho said that the initial clash came after police threw the first tear gas canister, and someone in the crowd threw it back.

"Then more tear gas came," he said. "Everyone was dazed for a minute. We ran, and then watched as the cops beat up on people who were trying to help other people who were already hurt."

Cho said he had never seen anything like it.

"It was like watching a movie," he said. "Battens were flying, and boots were kicking."

Cho went back on Saturday night and saw crowds waiting for the police to show up.

"People were provoking so they could be a part of the riot," he said. "They were there because maybe they had missed Friday. It was pretty crazy, people were just waiting for the cops to act."

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Guatemala: Land of Contrasts

To acquire new languages, learning by leaving the United States has become a trend as we venture through the world. Studying in a foreign country is, perhaps more importantly, a way to experience other cultures. Learning a new language is difficult enough but even more so when it's not used by the people with whom one communicates on a regular basis. At Cal Poly, studying in Spain or Mexico is highly recommended for the student of Spanish. I decided that I needed to travel to a foreign country to achieve fluency in Spanish. But since I had such limited time to spend somewhere else, I took the initiative and found a school that wasn't affiliated with Cal Poly. I decided on a school in Guatemala to receive an educational experience unobtainable in the Cal Poly classroom, a totally different way of life.

For 32 days, five days a week, five hours a day, I attended a school that is part travel agency, part Spanish school. Set up for foreign students, the school in Quetzaltenango maintains a student/teacher ratio of one-to-one. Not only did the school provide the skills to improve Spanish language skills, but it also takes its students on field trips that lend an overall cultural experience. And with this experience in school and on my own, I gained an insight on the social structure, family, education, work attitudes and values in a developing nation.

In Guatemala, as in the United States, there are three social classes: the upper, middle and lower. The upper class, which is extremely small, generally consists of lawyers, bankers, doctors, politicians and other professionals whose wealth is usually inherited. The middle class includes teachers, bakers, policemen, merchants. The lower class generally consists of indigenous Indians and peasants, who work very long days for subsistence wages, don't have individual dwellings and are very traditional in dress and custom. Of all the classes, the upper-class people are the only ones who initiate conversation with a foreigner. These people in the collar professions are the most extended family alive. I was amazed how active they were at such a young age. The middle class spoke with me — but only when I took the initiative. They dress more casually in European/American style clothing.

It was the people of the lower class in their beautiful traditional clothing that I found the most fascinating. It depended on the region in which I was present. It was most likely because I was a gringa and considered upper class. Even sitting amongst them in the small seats of the overcrowded buses, they would just stare pretending not to speak with me.

I would try to talk to the indigenous people with their distinctively high cheek bones whenever the opportunity presented itself while riding in the infamous "chicken buses," a title students in my school gave the buses. "Chicken buses" is a title to California driving the country becomes more industrialised, but is still a very innovative part of life for all classes. The lower class seems to have the tightest family unit simply because their children are raised in constant contact with their parents. The babies swathed in cloth rest on the mother's back as she works throughout the day. As the children grow older, they help their parents work. I rarely ever heard these babies cry on the buses and was amazed how active they were at such a young age. The grandparents generally work nearby also, keeping the extended family alive.

In the upper class, maids generally live within the household and help care for the children. These children have an opportunity to attend public school if their parents can afford it and frequently participate in extracurricular activities. Thus, they spend less time with the family as they grow.

The middle class in relation to the family unit and the extended family falls between the higher and lower classes. Because a lot of these people live with more than one generation, these families seem to have tighter family relationships.

In Guatemala, everyone is allowed to attend the public schools provided they have the money to pay for the textbooks and other classroom materials. Due to this requirement, however, the children of the lower class are rarely able to afford any education. The majority of the children from the middle class drop out by the junior high level due to lack of money or to work. The Guatemalan government does very little to aid the landowners. These people work from sunrise to sunset, usually six days a week. For these people, working is a means to a meager subsistence; work means survival. But it is also a time spent with family.

Of the many people in Guatemala, the lower class people are those I admire most. Their love and joy of being together even while working so hard made some of the things I hold valuable as an American seem nothing more than useless. After being away from the United States in a developing country, it was apparent to me how I was drawn into the psychological game of letting our capitalistic system dictate my values. During my stay in Guatemala, I began stripping unnecessary values such as materialism, the same concept the upper class Guatemalans seem to hold.

After such a wonderful experience, I'm right back in the system, but I still fight the desire to escape the materialism and the rat race. The problem is that to function efficiently within our society, at least sociably, it is necessary to live within the realm of acceptability — or alism, the attitude of "what you have is who you are," is prevalent in the upper classes. This was very apparent in the household where I stayed. They wanted everything American. They think President Bush and Vice President Quayle are great. Cable television, music video channels, movie channels and 28 other channels were a daily fixture in my Guatemalan household (although occasionally the country's cable companies sabotage each other to ruin each other's business).

Cars, although extremely expensive and rarely bought new, are also an essential part of life. For the women, clothing is an obsession. Blanca, the woman of the house where I lived always wanted to know about the latest fashions in America. What she calls her "work" is importing clothing from Italy to sell to her friends.

The father of the family, Rolando, is a lawyer. An average day for him is to go to work in the morning at 10, come home for lunch from noon to 2 p.m. and return to work until 6 p.m., differing substantially from the work day of the lower class.

On weekends Rolando travels to his farm on the coast. Not surprisingly, the family with whom I lived owns a substantial amount of land, as do most of the upper class.

People from the lower class often work on farms, ranches and on the lush green land. Many are sharecroppers, and those who rent the land they till give the lion's share of their harvest to the landowners. These people work from sunrise to sunset, usually six days a week. For these people, working is a means to a meager subsistence; work means survival. But it is also a time spent with family.

For the few who graduate from high school, even fewer make it to the college level. College for most Guatemalans means attending the University of Guatemala in Guatemala City. Those students who graduate from high school have the opportunity to be teachers, secretaries, clerical workers and other similar careers. College graduates make up the high portion of the upper class such as engineers and bankers. In Guatemala, as in the United States, professions such as doctors and lawyers have at least four more years of education.

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A freshman speech communications major, also did not wish to be identified, claimed she was harassed by police officers Friday afternoon when she left her friend's apartment with a drink in her hand.

"I didn't even think about being caught," she said. "I left with a friend of mine to go walk back to the dorms. When I saw the police car, I threw my drink in the bushes. The cop yelled at me and told me to get my cup. When I couldn't find my specific cup, he became really rude and demented. He told me just to get any cup. He was pointing his finger at me and yelling. I was really nervous and I felt like the cop enjoyed making me shake. Finally, he took my friend and I to the station without telling us what the charges were. At the station he gave me a citation for 'what' and 'I can't hear you' while cupping his ear. He got arrested for defiance of an officer or some B.S. like that."

Other students who weren't in the middle of the riot were surrounding it trying to protect their friends and houses. Dick Bartlett, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, said that he and his brothers formed a wall in front of their house on the corner of Hathway and California to protect it from the "battle throwing derelicts."

Bartlett said that police were just trying to do their job. "On Saturday night when the helicopters came, people ran towards them (the police)," he said. "I don't even know who these people were. Not a single person in front of our house was recognizable."

Jeff Sears, a Cuesta criminal justice student, tried to restore order to the streets Saturday night when "all hell was breaking loose."

"I was really mad," he said. "A bunch of out-of-towners trying to ruin our town. I'm usually not like that but my adrenalin was going and I just took it upon myself to stop everybody."

Sears ran around putting out fires in garbage cans and moving people out of the way. "Someone lit a motorcycle on fire that was propped up against a tree. That was the last straw," he said. "I started yelling at the crowd to go back to Bakersfield and Chico. I wasn't scared then but when I look back at it, I'm really thankful for my friends that were helping me out."
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During that time a stop sign was thrown through the two glass front doors as the storefront was continually pelted with rocks and bottles.

At one point tear-gas from upper Hathaway Street began to seep through the broken windows. Martin considered leaving through the back door, but feared the store would subsequently be destroyed.

"I know if we retreated, we would've lost a ton of money in merchandise and damage," he said.

But a group of neighbors and locals, many of whom belonged to nearby fraternities, came to the aid of Martin and his store.

The mob’s fervor turned to chants of "Save Campus Bot-tle!" as about thirty people formed a defensive line in front of the store.

"It was sort of cool how it became locals versus people who didn’t give a damn," said Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity member Greg Beals.

Martin said at first he did not know who was for or against him, but as the rock throwing subsided it became clear he had a troop of sympathetic locals on his side.

Twelve-year-old Koeni Chillingworth lives nearby, and he was working his butt off to aid in the cleanup," said Martin, who added that some neighbors tore down fences to supply wood to cover the broken windows.

"Others ran to get hammers, nails, and skill saws."

Martin expressed his gratitude to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Sigma Phi, and Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternities and all who helped.

"Without them I never would’ve opened Saturday, and the store damage would be worse," said Martin, adding the total damages costs will easily exceed $5,000.

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