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Poly's sexual assault policy elicits frustration

By Anne McMahon
Staff Writer

The writing is not on the wall. Not literally, not yet.

But the frustration many feel about Cal Poly's handling of sexual assault cases parallels the concerns of activists who have resettled to writing the names of alleged rapists and harassers on bathroom walls in the libraries at Brown University in Providence, R.I. and Carleton College in Northfield, Minn.

Similar to reports from both Brown and Carleton, part of the frustration here is aimed specifically at the Cal Poly disciplinary policy that many feel is ill-equipped to handle sexual assault cases.

Unlike courts of law, many universities, including Cal Poly, do not make a distinction or have specific penalties for sexual assault in their disciplinary codes.

While the criminal justice system does guarantee the rights of the accused, in cases of sexual assault it also employs protocols designed to address the sensitive needs and concerns of the victim.

Currently, any investigations or actions taken at Cal Poly against those who are charged with rape are handled under guidelines many feel are inappropriate, inadequate and lacking any such protocols.

Cal Poly does have a new sexual assault policy, dated December 1990, which was mailed to all students, faculty and staff as mandated by last year's Assembly Bill 3098.

While the new policy provides definitions and legal and procedural guidelines, if a report is not made to the administration, the disciplinary action taken is still bound by a 19-year-old CSU Chancellor's Office document, Executive Order 148.

Executive Order 148

Based on the due process principle, it entitles any student accused of certain crimes, including rape or sexual assault, to a disciplinary hearing. The document's section 9c insures the right of the accused to question any witnesses at such a hearing.

What that means is that a student who is raped by another student and decides to file a formal complaint can be questioned by the person she has accused at trial.

Meet the candidates

Academic Senate members Mike Hanson (left) and John Rogers look over last Tuesday's agenda.

Senate receives demands for diversity

By Jeff Krum
Staff Writer

The chairman of Cal Poly's Ethnic Diversity Coalition last week presented a list of demands to the university's Academic Senate.

Francisco Consolación said he was presented the demands to the Academic Senate because the senators are Cal Poly's principal policy makers.

Consolación asked the Senate to address the following issues:

- The low graduation rate of ethnic minorities.
- The need to increase the number of underrepresented students at Cal Poly.
- The need to create ways to retain underrepresented students.
- A need for more underrepresented faculty members.
- The need for curriculum change.
- Cultural sensitivity training for faculty.
- Student diversity.

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Chancellor's Office: CSU system growing more culturally varied

By Shirley Menzler
Staff Writer

The California State University system is becoming more culturally diverse, reports the Chancellor's Office of Analytic Studies.

Results from the report, released last month, indicate the number of nonwhite students in the undergraduate population of the CSU has more than doubled since 1980.

The report, titled "Statistical Report, Enrollment by Ethnic Group, Fall Term 1990," found Asian-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Filipinos and Pacific Islanders accounted for 7 percent of the CSU's student body.

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Wednesday's weather:

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EDITORIAL

SURPRISE! YOU NO LONGER GO TO "CAL POLY", IT'S NOW TOTALLY DIFFERENT. GET USED TO IT.

Budget-cut proposals should be questioned, not blindly accepted.

While the need for academic cuts exists, the process the administration used to determine which programs will fall to the ax is questionable.

The fact that cuts have been coming is not a surprise. The fact that entire programs, departments and one school may be dismantled, however, is not only a surprise but an outrage.

We are incensed by the administration's decision and by the lack of student and faculty input and consideration that was sought by the Presidential Task Force.

There are a number of questions that we want answered:

• Why were certain departments being cut or "phased out" and their students given no prior warning?

President Baker's address last Thursday was a shock to many students, staff and faculty members. Students and faculty should have been included in the specifics of most recent decision-making processes. The departments which are being cut never received any written notice explaining why they were being cut and what the cuts entailed. Departments had to hear this information through the doors of each individual school.

• Why aren't members of the Presidential Task Force accessible as President Baker said they would be?

After repeated phone calls from Mustang Daily, staff and other concerned students, we found that phone calls were being routed to Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob's office who is in Washington until Wednesday.

• Why isn't the administration cutting straight across the board as other CSU schools are doing?

San Diego State officials said that their university is being affected by budget cuts but are making across-the-board cuts in all university departments.

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• Why were students given only one week to respond to the latest budget-cut proposal?

President Baker will be making his final announcement on Friday regarding the budget-cut decisions. But students will be busy preparing for finals and may not be as well informed as they were not have been at a different time in the quarter to respond to such arbitrary decisions.

Incidentally, Mustang Daily is not published during finals, adding to the lack of information available to the student body.

• Why aren't the minutes to the Faculty Advisory Committee and Dean's Council meetings available to the public?

Again, after many phone calls, Mustang Daily was told that the only way to obtain these three minutes would be with Koob's authorization. (Remember: Koob is out of town.) The fact that these minutes were not available makes it impossible for the public to scrutinize, criticize and rebut the proposals and the process upon which they were decided.

• How will these cuts affect the students?

It seems only logical that a decrease in faculty would mean a decrease in available classes and an increase in the time it takes students to graduate. It's an insult to the students of Cal Poly that after up to five years (or more) of paying fees, taking classes and working hard to graduate, the overall effect of such cuts on every student is not a priority in the decision-making process.

• What can be done?

Students need to speak out. The Presidential Task Force meets in order to formulate final recommendations for the president on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Administration, rm. 409. Students must go to this meeting in order for their voices to be heard. In addition, students need to write letters to members of the Presidential Task Force and encourage their parents and concerned Cal Poly alumni to do the same. Nothing can be accomplished without making a concerted effort.

It's our turn.
Beijing relatively quiet 2 years after massacre

BELING (AP) — Beijing University stu­dents jeered police and smashed bottles late Monday, but heavy security discouraged any larger protests on the second anniversary of the crackdown on the 1989 democracy move­ment.

Rifle-toting police, some with bayonets, patrolled all day outside Beijing's most politically active university to prevent rallies linked to the 1989 pro-democracy uprisings. Police briefly detained two Canadian jour­nalists following one small protest.

Unborn fawn survives crash that killed mom

THORNDYKE BAY, Wash. (AP) — A baby deer is doing well in human foster care after it was expelled from the womb when its mother was struck by a car and killed.

"I've never seen anything like that in 20 years," said Jim Gillespie, enforcement of­ficer with the state Department of Wildlife. "I've never seen anything like that in 20 years," said Jim Gillespie, enforcement of­ficer with the state Department of Wildlife. Veterinary surgeon Tony Bogaert, who is help­ing care for the fawn, said the animal probably was no more than a day away from birth when her mother was killed on May 27.

The fawn was taken to a veterinarian who called in Billie Sizemore. Sizemore, who has cared for injured wild animals for 10 years, said she keeps the fawn in her living room and gives it goat's milk and lots of "tender loving care."

Report: TV promotes junk food among kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Children who spend Saturday morning in front of the television are getting a weekly cram course in unhealthy eating, according to a study that counted 208 junk-food ads during four hours of cartoons shows.

Sugared cereals, candy, cookies, chips, fruit-flavored drinks, chocolate syrup, fast-food meals and pizza dominated the commercials.

The only spot that outwardly discussed good nutrition was a single public service an­nouncement by a cereal company advocating healthy breakfasts, the report said. It was released Monday by the private Center for Science in the Public Interest, a 20-year-old consumer health advocacy group.

Med school admits to having sexist problem

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Stanford Medical School officials admitted Monday that some male surgeons have sexist at­itudes as charged by a prominent female surgeon who abruptly quit, claiming sexual harassment over demeaning comments and unwelcome advances.

But Medical School Dean David Korn said the school is working to eradicate attitudes that have long been part of the male-dominated profession in which females historically played subservient roles as nurses.

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By Cindy Lee

Traveling solo? Here are some tips, precautions

You may be considering taking a vacation by yourself this summer but are a little wary of how to go about it. You might have reservations about being out in a strange place all by yourself, or maybe you are unsure of what to do with yourself once you get there.

If you have ever wondered what it might be like to travel alone, you may want to take a couple of traveling tips along with you.

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in celebration of commencement, El Corral Bookstore will deduct 20% from the price of selected merchandise during the Annual Graduation Sale.

Discounted 20% for the sale will be Gifts, Books, School Supplies, Stationery, Art, Craft and Technical Supplies, Film and Photo Supplies, Gift Wrap, Greeting Cards, Cal Poly Clothing, Jewelry, Food and many more items from our regular stock. Also save an additional 20% from the already discounted price of books in the General Book Department.

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On Monday, Alan Yang, assistant dean of Student Affairs said, "As it currently stands, 148 is our governing document. There are other CSU campus policies that have requested that the Chancellor's Office look at it. My personal opinion is that it needs to be revisited. And we are hoping that it will be." Pomona's policies Robert Naples is the associate vice president of Student Affairs at Cal Poly Pomona and is the acting hearing officer at any disciplinary hearings there. "I concur with the view of many that Executive Order 148 is an anticipated document. Basically we have amended it ourselves," Naples said in a telephone interview in late May.

Naples, who also chairs the Rape Crisis Task Force at Cal Poly Pomona, said they have made two changes in the procedures that they use. First, they allow any sexual assault survivor to remain throughout the entire hearing if she or he chooses. Second, the survivor may have an advocate present if she or he chooses.

Naples said, "I recognize we have a problem with knowledge (Executive Order) 148 does not make allowances for the changes." When asked if he has concerns about these changes compromising the rights of the accused, he said, "No, we don't have very many problems with the accused. In most cases it was very obvious that they are guilty." Naples said most men have a limited degree of understanding about sexual assault. "It is not until you're really bad enough education and experience and read enough that you cross that threshold — that you realize that women aren't making it up and that they didn't get to this point (reporting the incident) unless something really happened," Naples said.

There are immediately apparent differences in the approaches the two Cal Polys take to dealing with sexual assault, both involving the simple choice of words.

Cal Poly Pomona refers to "the survivor" throughout its policy, while in the policy here the word "victim" is used. The important distinction is explained in a footnote from Pomona's 41-page document. "The term survivor is used in this document to connote a sense of empowerment for the woman who has been raped and has taken the first steps in the healing process. This is in contrast to the use of the term victim which further perpetuates a feeling of helplessness and loss of control. This is consistent with the current terminology being used within the rape crisis field."

The other difference is Pomona's use of the word "advocate" in its policy. Naples is one of the nearly dozen trained advocates at Cal Poly Pomona who received their training from Project Sister, the rape crisis center in Pomona.

There are no counterparts to those trained advocates at Cal Poly's campus. Neither the sexual assault nor the sexual harassment policies here assign the word "advocate" to anyone involved with the process.

According to the policy here, after a "campus member" is contacted by a victim, that person — with the victim's consent — should contact Public Safety, who will follow the County of San Luis Obispo Sexual Assault Protocol.

The policy then calls for Public Safety to notify the vice president of Student Affairs, who assigns a staff member to provide on-campus assistance and who will arrange — again with the victim's consent — a meeting with a designated counselor from the Counseling Center.

The counselor's role is to "assess the victim's immediate needs and provide support as appropriate." Later, the policy specifies that "The Vice President for Student Affairs will assign a staff member to any student identified as a victim of sexual assault. The staff member(s) will serve as the official University liaison to the victim."

Wallace said the liaison is not an advocate. The policy states that Cal Poly is prohibited from "describe the sexual assault or sexual harassment policies to the victim, and make appropriate referrals to campus and community resources."
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Bikers might ride in Poly Canyon again

By Aaron Nix Staff Writer

Mountain bikers may be able to hit the trails in Poly Canyon again much sooner than they ex­pected thanks to the efforts of a special task force investigating possible solutions to the cyclist problem.

"I'm optimistic the canyon will be open to public access before the end of this quarter," said Jim McGrew, a member of the task force and the author of the proposal for reopening the canyon. The task force was ap­proved by (Executive Dean for Facilities Administration) Doug Gerard, so now it's just a matter of implementing the measures it called for."

McGrew said Gerard's main concern was that all the needs of Larry Ruthman, associate dean of the school of agriculture, were met prior to allowing public ac­cess to Poly Canyon.

"I wrote the proposal based on the notes I took during my meet­ing with Ruthman," McGrew said.

The proposal approved by Gerard includes three steps for removing the problems bikers pose to the agricultural areas. These steps include placing stair-like stiles at gated areas, which cyclists could use to carry their likeover fences, thereby

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David Outwater, chair of the ASI administrative commission, Response from all over campus has been overwhelming. Outwater said, and people have offered to donate time to patrol trails and inform riders. Bec Sports volunteers to be involved in the program. Outwater said. "They want to be a source of information to riders, telling them about approved trails, current conditions, and things to look out for while riding the neck of the canyon."

McGrew said that a list of people willing to volunteer time patrolling riding trails is one of the conditions that must be met before public access to the canyon is granted.

"I already have a partial list of people interested in helping, Outwater said, and people have been donating the fees, the money needed to purchase the necessary permits."

"If anyone else would like to donate," Outwater said, "I'll make sure they're included in the list."
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Wallace said, “We don’t have any kind of advocacy person for anyone, for any sort of crimes on campus.”

When asked if having trained advocates would be helpful in cases of sexual assault, Wallace said, “I think a good solid support system would be helpful. Advocacy? I would say no.”

Naples took a different approach at Pomona. He said, “We’re doing our best to become advocates and trying to make everyone in the pipeline become an advocate. ‘Officially, I am not an advocate, I just do it,”’ Naples said.

While Wallace said that section 9c is the only area with something that would be helpful, Naples noted that the problem goes beyond the policy.

Beyond policy

Some critics believe that Cal Poly has not demonstrated a real commitment to dealing effective-ly with the problem of sexual assault. They would like to see a change in attitudes and an in-creased awareness accompanying any change in policy. Many staff members from Public Safety, the Health Center and Counseling Services believe Cal Poly’s handling of cases in the past has sometimes been insensitive and actually done more to discourage than encourage vic-tims from reporting on campus.

Public Safety Investigator Ray Berrett is openly critical of the policy and the administra-tion’s insistence that section 9c guarantees the accused due process and “the right to be con-fronted.” “We don’t try to involve them (victims) with the Dean’s office. We try to avoid that,” said Berrett. “We’ve had bad experiences. I’ve had horrible experiences.”

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