City Council says Orcutt homeless shelter can stay

By Dan Shargel
Staff Writer

Loitering, trespassing and public defecation, disgruntled neighbors pleaded with the City Council to end the shelter’s existence.

Doris Dixon-Ahrens and several other speakers said the shelter should have been built near the county Sheriff’s facility off of Highway 1 and not within city limits. Dixon-Ahrens said the city had originally proposed that idea, but the Sheriff’s Department opposed it.

“If one of our law enforcement bodies is opposed to having the shelter near its operations...how are we, as private citizens, to cope with those that are turned away from the shelter and enter our private property and camp there?” she said. And it is those that are turned away from the shelter, either because of overcrowding or intoxication, which are the problem, most speakers said.

Ken Jones, who owns property on Orcutt Road, said the problems don’t come from the shelter’s occupants. “It’s the ones they won’t let in because they’re full of wine or drugs (who cause problems),” he said.

Both Sam Trett and Bob Baker, who each own and operate a business near the area, said it is the homeless overflowing from the shelter and into the neighborhood who are the troublemakers.

Mariam Eaton, who lives near shelter, said she is concerned about safety. “I go into my house and have my lunch and when I come out, I find people in my garage,” Eaton said. “I find people in my car, smoking cigarettes waiting for me to give them a ride — waiting for me to give them money.”

Project Focus set to fight drug, alcohol problems

$140,000 grant to finance program

By Katherine Gill
Staff Writer

Thanks to a grant from the United States Department of Education, Cal Poly’s Project Focus, an education/prevention program dealing with alcohol and other drug use, is up and running.

The $140,000 grant, to be distributed over two years, came from the Parcel for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education Program.

Project Focus is the brainchild of Donna Darmody, a former health educator at Cal Poly, and Assistant Director of Housing Polly Harrigan.

Harrigan, who is also the associate project director of Project Focus, said they felt there was a great need for a comprehensive alcohol and drug program at the university.

“There are programs going on in different campus groups,” she said. “Sororities have one, the fraternities have another. We wanted to create a program that would tie everything together.”

Project Coordinator Susan Ford said the program is made up of three committees.

The first committee is the President’s Substance Abuse Advisory Council, which reports to President Baker on drug- and alcohol-related issues involving faculty, staff and students.

The second team, which is made up of two faculty members, is working to find ways of incorporating drug education into classrooms.

Harrigan said the idea is to involve it with General Education course so students will learn about “addictions in art” and “economics of alcoholism.”

The third committee is a student action team, which is working to create and produce events and activities, such as Friday Night Live programs, that will

Minority enrollment increases within CSU

By Allison Gatlin
Staff Writer

Enrollment of underrepresented groups has steadily increased in the California State University system, according to a report by the Educational Equity Advisory Council.

The report, presented to the Board of Trustees at its Jan. 14 meeting, covers enrollment from 1985 to 1990.

At Cal Poly, the number of nonwhite applicants for Fall 1991 increased to 33.6 percent of all undergraduate applicants, said James Maravilla, director of admissions. This is up from 31 percent in Fall 1990.

The largest gain by an underrepresented group in this category was by American Indians, whose applicants increased by 21 percent from Fall 1990, Maravilla said. African Americans increased by 4.4 percent, while Latinos increased by 2.6 percent, he said.

The increase in minority enrollment across the CSU system has been attributed in part to university outreach programs aimed at recruiting and retaining minority students, the report said.

Aside from greater enrollment, the percentage of underrepresented community college transfer students that continue as undergraduates has also increased.

Systemwide, American Indians have shown the greatest increase, up to 55.7 percent from 47 percent, the report said.

Latinos — the largest underrepresented group — increased from to 55.1 percent from 52.6 percent.

The number of degrees awarded to nonwhites has also increased 76 percent in the past 10 years, the report said.
Honda Motor Company recalls 25,055 vehicles

TOKYO (AP) — Honda Motor Co. is recalling 25,055 cars in Japan to check for a defective part that could cause oil leaks, company officials said today.

In addition, Honda has sent letters to 45,344 owners in other countries. Local dealers will check the part on those cars free of charge, said Hideo Sato, a Honda spokesman.

The recall involves Accord, Ascot, Prelude, Legend, Civic, Civic Ferio and Integra models built between Nov. 5 and Dec. 12 last year, Sato said.

The defective oil pressure switches came from just one of the two Japanese companies that supplied these parts, but Honda does not know which cars contain defective parts, Sato said.

Court: men who flee war do not get asylum

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Wednesday ruled that young men who fled war-torn countries where rebel forces tried to coerce them into military service are not entitled to political asylum.

The court's 6-3 decision could deprive thousands of men from Central America of the chance to remain in this country.

Specifically, the justices ruled that Jairo Jonathan Elias Zacarias, who fled his native Guatemala in 1987 after two masked guerrillas armed with machine guns tried to recruit him, is not eligible for asylum under the Refugee Act of 1980.

Elias Zacarias said he fled the country because he feared the guerrillas would return and "take me or kill me."

Second tape of beating shows new evidence

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A second videotape of police beating black motorist Rodney King has emerged, and defense attorneys for four officers charged with assault plan to use it during trial, it was reported Wednesday.

The new videotape reveals that racial slurs alleged by King were made by citizen onlookers and not the officers charged in the case, news radio station KFWB said in an exclusive report.

The tape was unavailable to the media, however.

Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for District Attorney Ira Reiner, confirmed today there was a second videotape, but she wouldn't comment on its contents. She said See STATE, page 11

CLUB news

Enjoy Chinese New Year with campus events

To celebrate Chinese New Year, the Chinese Cultural Club will be hosting a series of activities from Jan. 29 to Jan. 31 in the U.U. Plaza.

Activities will include a Lion Dance performance, a Chinese brush demonstration, a handmade craft sale, a
Peace Corps volunteers aid former USSR

By Glenn Policare
Staff Writer

Responding to the recent dismantling of the Soviet Union, the Peace Corps will send more than 500 volunteers to Russia within the next two years.

Business graduates with five years of experience are specifically being sought along with graduates who have experience teaching Cal Poly's ESL (English as a Second Language) program. These volunteers will serve the required two years abroad in an effort to help Russia improve its economically disabled condition.

Susan Ackerman, a Los Angeles Peace Corps recruiter, said that while those two fields are in demand for those areas, "Cal Poly fields a good selection of qualified students in the agriculture, forestry, health and nutrition fields," Ackerman said. "There is always a strong demand for those areas."

Last year, Cal Poly had 27 students volunteer. This number was the highest among the five schools with on-campus recruiting programs.

Among those schools are Cal Poly Pomona and the University of Arizona. "Cal Poly is a good producer," Ackerman said. "It's hard to qualify for certain positions, but the students here really come through."

The application and interviewing processes take six to nine months to complete. Students interested are encouraged to apply one year before their availability date.

Aside from the need for volunteers, student interest in the Peace Corps has risen.

Troy Flanagan, graduate coordinator for Cal Poly's Peace Corps office, said there has been a steady rise in student inquiries.

"I get 10 to 15 students inquiring every month," Flanagan said. "Overall, there has been an incredible expansion in the last five years."

The Peace Corps presently has 6,000 volunteers abroad and hopes to grow to 10,000 by 1995, Flanagan said.

"The spaces could be tough to fill, but we feel like we're up to the challenge," Ackerman said.

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Administration did not give students chance for a fair referendum decision

By James Malloy

Cal Poly has become an example of what Joseph Brenner referred to as the "democracy of a peninsula." With the recent vote on the IRA athletic referendum, we have been witness to the use of biased information and outright lies. This is supposed to be a free-thinking intellectual community.

People once united through要么 through friendship,decode became separated because of divergent views. Those known or supposed to be holding the "wrong" views were subject to criticism too soon becoming from educated people. Feeding this cliquish bias was internalized and outward propaganda from the "enlightened" group included individuals who, as a matter of record, supported the move on their own or represented groups that shared the same conclusion. This led to the preposterous need to balance opposing viewpoints in order to get an "unbiased" report out to students. Their report also accepted as fact the "nightmare scenario" (espoused by the Athletic Department) should the referendum fail. Unfortunately, the IRA report served as the ballot summary, and was accepted by many students as a non-biased, objective evaluation. No other informational material was allowed at the polling places.

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Cuesta writing conference to attract aspiring authors

12 writers to give advice, training at annual event

Patricia Egan Staff Writer

It's that time of year again for writers of all levels to join Cuesta College Community Education for a day of writing workshops.

The eighth annual Writers' Conference will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1, and is open to the public.

"The conference is a chance for local writers to take some workshops," said Connie Wamboldt, community education assistant at Cuesta College.

Cal Poly alumni and author Lee Wardlaw will begin the conference with the keynote address.

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"Juice"

From page 5, someone try to solve a Rubik's Cube, only a little less exciting. Then there is a climactic scene where he has a "mix-off" with a bunch of other guys in a sweaty, underground room that is probably breaking about 6,000 fire codes.

This mix-off has a lot of cameo appearances by everyone who has ever been on "Yo — MTV Raps". What a treat!

For the second half of the movie, this psycho friend of Q blows away a lot of people for no particular reason. That's it. Then you go home. Do not pass go. Do not collect a $7 refund.

"Juice" plays like a bad after school special. It's kind of like watching Canadian football — sure there is some suspense, but it is impossible to care much about the outcome.

Part of the problem with "Juice" is trying to understand what the people are saying and doing. It's not that I can't understand the culture. I'm a progressive guy. I listen to Ice-T. The problem is the dialogue is too fast, mumbled instead of spoken and seems to be in a different language.

Example: someone says "Hey, I'm livin' to be givin', and I'm gonna heat you up like a pop tart, Booooooy!" What does this mean? Who is living to be giving what? Why are they talking about breakfast food? These are questions that pop up as you watch "Juice."

If you are fortunate enough to have the extensive cultural experience to understand this movie, you can't get past the unrealistic dialogue and bad acting. Most of the cast members are either rap stars or actors with limited dramatic experience. Music videos do not expand your acting horizons. A guest spot on "Amen" does not a thespian make.

While some of the performances are not bad, the overall level of ineptitude shows. Whether it is plot switches, bad acting or just a lack of real purpose, "Juice" is not a good movie.

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If you can find a way to sneak in to "Juice", or maybe find a date to pay for it, this might possibly be a positive experience for you. Just don't spend money on this movie. You may not be able to live with yourself.

Instead, check out KSBY news anchor Rick Martel's lounge act at the Madonna Inn (he plays piano and sings). God knows even Rick could summon up a more entertaining evening than could be found at a screening of this pointless movie.
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New courts draw mixed reviews
Slopes, lighting causing problems

By Edwin Bill
Staff Writer

Although recreational users of the new basketball courts do not need a hopscotched playing field, serious players find themselves grogging for something better.

In its first full day of availability since the three-day weekend, the controversial courts saw little action during the day.

A few players did venture out Tuesday afternoon to shoot some baskets, and most of them seemed pleased with the new facility.

"You can definitely see the sloping of the courts," said electronic engineering senior Angelo Fortes. "It tends to make you think the courts weren't built well. But after shooting around, it really doesn't have an effect on the level of play."

Holding a ball still on the ground, Fortes demonstrated the courts' sloping trait; after he released the ball, it quickly rolled off the court, curving around, it really doesn't have an effect on the level of play.

"I'm really disappointed," said Mustang guard Jeff Oliver, who scored 14 points. "We didn't shoot the ball well last night (against Cal State San Bernardino) but tonight we played real solid."

It was a real important game because now we're only one game out of first place instead of two.

Starting center Shawn Kirkby, who led the Mustangs with 15 points, went down with an ankle injury with six minutes left in a bad game.

His replacement, junior forward Ruben Barrage, helped lead the Mustangs to victory.

After the Highlanders took a brief lead, Barrage scored six of the Mustangs' next eight points to give Poly the lead for good.

Barrage said he wasn't too nervous replacing Kirkby.

"It was a little anxious more or less," Barrage said. "I just wanted to play well." Barrage scored eight points overall and grabbed a key rebound late in the game despite playing with four personal fouls in the last five minutes.

"The crowd really helped us a lot, really good support," Barrage said. "It probably helped our defense a lot."

The Mustangs, 14-3 overall and 8-1 in conference, had to hold off the Highlanders' charge at the end of the game.

The Mustangs pulled to a 76-65 lead with two minutes left on two free throws by guard Matt Clawson.

The Mustangs led 71-68 with 13 seconds left, but guard Bill Archer was called for a blocking foul, which gave the Highlanders two free throws.

With the score 71-70, six of the Mustangs' next eight points came on two free throws to make it 75-70.

By Geoff Seratti
Staff Writer

Cal Poly shocks No. 11 Riverside
Mustangs end Highlanders' winning streak

The men's basketball game Saturday night came down to one shot, and UC Riverside's Marcellous Smith bounced a game-tying three-point attempt off the rim at the buzzer, giving the Cal Poly Mustangs a thrilling 75-70 win over the 11th-ranked Highlanders.

More than 1,250 fans filled Mott Gym to see the Mustangs end Riverside's 12-game winning streak.

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Mustangs shut down Highlanders

By Bryan Bailey
Staff Writer

Defense proved the key in the Mustangs' 67-54 win over the UC Riverside Highlanders at Mott Gym Saturday, said Head Coach Jill Orrock.

"This is the best team defense I've seen them play, there's no doubt," Orrock said.

The win raises Poly's California College Athletic Association league record to 2-1, its only loss occurring at the hands of the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos on Friday.

Poly led the entire game and was only seriously threatened once -- during an 11-0 run by the Highlanders to open the second half.

The effort cut the Mustangs' 34-21 halftime lead to just two points.

"In the second half we were able to get the ball inside a lot more," Highlanders Head Coach Dali Woelke said.

Defensively, the Mustangs were able to work the ball inside, especially to junior forward Carrie Schmidt, who came off the bench to score a game-high 20 points and grab 11 rebounds.

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David Taylor, a physical education graduate student, was "perturbed" about the unsightly court lighting, but had another concern -- the lighting.

Taylor, a former Cal Poly basketball team member, said, "The lighting system isn't good. It's not light enough and the lights go out."

The new lights are set up on one-hour timer mechanisms. For now, they stay on for about 40 minutes, then shut off.

"Perturbed" about the undulating court surface, but had another concern -- the lighting.

He said steps are being taken to replace the one-hour timers with five-hour units, which should solve the problem.

Until then, nighttime players will subject to delays as the lights reset themselves.

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give students alternatives to drinking. There are student support and referral system for any student who has questions or concerns about alcohol or other drug use.

Harrigan said the project's goal is to create a group of students who want to change the campus climate to one that is alcohol and drug free.

Similar to the way anti-cigarette programs run, Harrigan said Project Focus will work to change the students' attitudes toward alcohol and drugs.

In addition, you can try on costumes from different dynasties and have your picture taken. Special ancient Chinese art also will be displayed from Jan. 20 to Feb. 15 in the Kennedy Library on the first floor across from the main circulation desk.

Come and join the festival spirit of Chinese New Year and get a taste of Chinese culture through the many forms of Chinese arts.

If you have any questions regarding the activities or would like to help out, please contact Katie Hou at 543-9546.

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