Bomb threats clear Fisher, Home Ec buildings

Poly professors more disgruntled than frightened

Cal Poly faculty said they weren't very happy.

Phil Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Math, said many classes were relocated and the five tests in the buildings were all administered. Bailey added his office had already printed the signs instructing students to converge at another location to place on threatened buildings.

"My whole focus is on the labs and the students," said Bailey, who teaches in addition to his duties as dean. "It just pangs the hell out of me that this happened."

Bailey said he offers a $1,000 reward to anyone who provides information leading to the conviction of a bomb threat caller.

Frederick Andoli, a biology professor at Cal Poly since 1969, said the present trend of threats is like a "phaze" he hasn't seen in the past. Andoli had an office hour during the threat.

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**Investigation urged in Packwood sex case**

Washington, D.C.

Women's groups urged the Senate on Monday to investigate sexual harassment allegations by 10 women that they targeted of unwel­come sexual advances from Sen. Bob Packwood. Several activists on women's issues said Packwood should resign, but an aide said he would not.

"There's no way he can regain our trust," said Mary Nolan, an abortion rights activist in Oregon who called for his resignation.

Two Oregon members of Congress, both Democrats, said the Senate Ethics Committee should review the allegations. So did leaders of women's groups, several of whom said the allegations caught them by surprise given Packwood's reputation as an advocate of women's rights.

"Obviously they ought to look at this. Otherwise it is a farce to have such a committee," said Harriett Woods, head of the National Women's Political Caucus.

Packwood remained on vacation Monday, his whereabouts kept secret. AIDS issued a statement in his name Saturday night saying he was sorry if any women felt pressured by his conduct, but they said Monday he would not respond to the specific allegations, which first appeared in The Washington Post.

"There are some partisan Democrats.Congress who would love him to resign, but he is not considering that," said Josie Martin, his top aide on the Senate Finance Committee.

Indeed, Oregon Democrats were speculating that Rep. Les AuCoin might have unseated Packwood had the story broken before the election.

Packwood outspent AuCoin $8 million to $2 million and won 52 percent of the vote.

Rep. Peter DeFazio and Rep.-elect Elizabeth Forre of Oregon said a Senate ethics investigation was needed.

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Last July, Koger brought 25 kids from South Central Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo to give them a look at some possible options for their future. Beginning Wednesday, Koger will bring those kids back to join him in a five-day special Thanksgiving celebration.

"This year we will be celebrating our differences," Koger said. "It goes back to the original spirit of Thanksgiving when the Pilgrims sat down and shared a meal with the Native Americans.

"They didn't have a lot in common over their differences," he added. "They came from two completely different worlds, but still ate together in peace."

Koger said the camp received a lot of support from San Luis Obispo businessmen and residents. He said hundreds of people wrote letters or called asking how they could help.

"At first I didn't think I'd get this much support from the community," he said. "But from the mayor on down, everyone was willing to help. It really means a lot to the kids. When we show love and support, they remember it and take it back with them."

Koger said, although the first camp focused on both educational and career opportunities, this camp will mainly focus on social interaction.

Koger said he has a lot of activities planned for the group's five-day stay in San Luis Obispo.

"We can't skate, we can't play baseball, we can go to the ocean or horseback riding or bowling," he said.

"I want these kids to be able to experience it all," he said. "We can have a barbecue and just sit around and talk. I just want everybody to be able to put their differences aside and get to know each other.

"I don't know how to express from my heart what it's all about is people getting together and overcoming different cultures," Koger said. "That's where it has to start. That's the only way these differences can end. Being able to sit down and talk to each other in the first step in solving the problem. I want to give everybody the opportunity to do that."

Koger said the United States is more racist now than it was 20 years ago. He remembered crying when he heard the Rodney King verdict and witnessed the violence that erupted in its wake. Koger said he felt discouraged, frustrated and angry, as though his struggles to end racism had been for nothing.

Koger said he is tired of the inequalities in the inner cities and hopes his camp will help stop the prejudices in our society.

"My generation is racist," he said. "My kids' generation is racist and if we don't do something to stop it, it may never end.

"I can't just sit here and talk about it," Koger added. "I can't admit that I see inequality in our society and then walk away and allow it to continue. It's just not right."

"What happened to Rodney King could have happened to me, and that's a scary thought," he said. "Racism is out there everywhere you look. It's there and it won't go away unless we do something about it."

Koger said he has dealt with racism for 38 years. Koger Kamp, he said, is one way to make it stop.

"I became successful and now I'm able to do something for other people," he said. "It gives me a good feeling to be able to do this."

"If I can help people, I'll do whatever it takes," he said. "If I did nothing else during the last camp, I know in my heart that I've changed about 25 lives. It has changed my life forever, too. You have no idea how that feels."

In the future, Koger said he hopes to build a Koger Kamp Institute in San Luis Obispo to help inner-city kids on a larger scale. He is already saving for the estimated $11 million project.

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In Your Opinion...

The Topic: This week, students were asked if they thought San Luis Obispo, and Cal Poly in particular, had a very high margin of personal safety.

I'm from San Francisco -- I think (San Luis) is a pretty safe, small-town atmosphere. I've never felt unsafe. I think it's as safe as we could hope it to be.

- Mariel Douglas
Political Science

I'm from down south, and there's a lot more people down there. Yeah, I think it's pretty safe - I don't see that much crime going on.

- Carlos Foster
Graphic Communications

I think it's safe here. I'm from a relatively safe part of Los Angeles. I think the campus could use a better lighting system. I know some of the motion-sensors go off when people walk by, that's kind of weird.

I have had to walk some people home because of the threat of violence. But I think on the whole it's a pretty safe town. People can walk down the street without too much fear.

- Rob Dixon
Environmental Engineering

It's one step safer than the area I'm from. I transferred from Cal State L.A., and over there, it's not unusual to have rapes going on around the campus area.

For me, in my opinion, it's pretty safe.

- Franc Alvarez
Industrial Technology

I'm from San Luis and I don't think it's safe at all. I have a lot of night classes and every time I walk home there's no lights, especially by the business building. A lot of times me and my friends park our cars way off campus because we don't have parking permits -- they could put a lot of lights in (out there).

- June Lin
Nutrition

I think to an extent you think you're safe because it's a small community, but we still have our fair share of weirdos and crime.

It's way safer than San Jose -- that's where I'm from.

I think people are still wary of walking around at night, but it's still safer than where I'm from.

- Greta Viele
Home Economics

Photos by Sherry Gurtler / Mustang Daily.
The clock on my dashboard read 5:23 in the afternoon. In the last 30 minutes, I had moved a total of eight miles along the Ventura Freeway.

The radio crackled some insane drivel about the freeway conditions resembling a nightmare. In front of me lay a never ending stretch of road. I needed a break.

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I finally got a good look at her. The lady behind me decided to pass me. I seemed to be the only one that lay between her and home.

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So, I focused on the cars to the left of me. The guy in the lane next to me had passed me. The lady in the Mercedes in front of me had finally finished her call. She signaled, hoping that the car in front of me would move. And that the car in front of me would move. It wasn't the fact that we had passed each other. It was her call. She signaled, hoping that the car in front of me would move. And that the car in front of me would move.

Now is not the time or place for me to partake on defending the policy of denying homosexuals into the military. It is not to simply publicize the incidents, but to make students and residents aware that a problem exists.

I exited via the next off-ramp. It was ironical that suddenly when the voters of this country have succumbed to the plight of a liberal democratic candidate who hides behind the mask of a moderate, that anyone with a cause they deem worthy are now heard wheezing through their nostrils. These fanatics are now seen running from sea to shining sea in the hope of a newfound spotlight.

But in response to Mark Swain's letter (Mustang Daily, Nov. 19) on the discrimination actions of Cal Poly military science, your attempt at gaining the Hollywood spotlight won't work. Your ploy of trying to divert the issue from a national one to a local one is pathetic and self-defeating. Everyone knows what is going on, and even more so, those that are not in the know. And everyone is aware of the facts of this current tragic situation.

The only thing I am sure of is that we were impulsive and young. The next few days sped by; they remained just a blur to me still. I was in love. I do remember walking through what I thought was a bed of roses, the thorns piercing my face. I begged her to never leave. She said nothing, she simply smiled. I began to contemplate how long this fantasy could last. It wasn't the age difference; it wasn't that much older than me. It wasn't the fact that we had only just met, for I knew that love at first sight is reality, not simply a myth. It was the fact that the clock on my dashboard now read 6:24 and that the car in front of me had begun to move.

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There she was again. Blonde. Maybe 32. Still no ring on the hand.

Nah! No one would ever believe it.

It had to be a coincidence; she can't be following me. I'm just flustering myself.

Next thing I know, we're parked in my driveway. Her name was Carole. It was all moving way too quickly. Within what seemed like seconds, I found myself aboard an airplane. Our destination was somewhere east.

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What ever was accomplished in those three days, it must have been fun. The last image of her I have in her smile. It was her smile that I will always remember. I do remember walking through what I thought was a bed of roses, the thorns piercing my face. The self-inflicted pinch marks seemed to validate what I was feeling.

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Bomb threat letter puts KCPR staffers behind closed doors

By Marla R. Van Schuyver
Staff Writer

The staff of KCPR, Cal Poly's radio station, have found themselves the recipients of yet another campus bomb threat. Station officials said Monday they received the threat by mail last week. The letter allegedly links the KCPR threat to another car bombing in downtown San Luis Obispo on Nov. 14 that damaged two vehicles.

"Basically it says something along the lines of 'How would you like it to be you next or your car next?," said one KCPR staffer. "We feel that it wasn't really a threat to the station, but to the staff."

The KCPR official spoke on the condition his name or title not be used.

In response to the threat, station management has ordered the station's door remain closed at all times, and that the station's staff address and phone lists be removed from the eyesight of the public.

"The management, staff and KCPR adviser declined comment on the threat until late Monday. "It's not a matter of real fear as much as it is a chance to watch out for the staff," the staffer said. "The reason the door is closed is just to protect the staff. (We) have to look at: Do we disregard it, do we go to the police, or do we just close the door to help add to the safety of the staff?"

Campus police confirmed they were notified of the threat Friday.

"On Nov. 20th, we received a call here ... that they had gotten threats (at) the radio station," said University Police Sgt. Steve Schroeder. "Apparently, someone made same sort of written threat. That's all we got."

Station management say they turned the threat letter over to San Luis Obispo Police. But police officials questioned Monday said they had no knowledge of the threat and said there was no Cal Poly connection in the Nov. 14 bombing.

"I haven't heard that Cal Poly students are involved at all," said San Luis Obispo Police Lt. Bob Carrasco. "There has been no mention of Cal Poly at all during this investigation."

Turkey.

Relatives.

Football.

Peace of mind.

Mustang Daily wishes its readers a safe and happy academic holiday. May you all eat heartily, see friendly faces, cheer for your favorite teams and forget about everything bad about this school.

After all, we'll be back to remind you of it first thing Monday morning.

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"I would always eat alone in my car, in my room, wherever. It didn't matter as long as I was alone," she said.

Svoboda said she used several methods to purge her food after an episode of bulimia.

"I did a combination of everything. There was a time when I was taking 50 laxatives a day. Sometimes I would drink a syrup to make me throw up, other times I would work out six hours a day. Then there were the days I couldn't even eat.

Svoboda said bulimia constantly disrupted her life and kept her from overcoming her obsession with being thin. She said her high school years were extremely painful.

"I couldn't concentrate. Times I would work out six hours a day thinking about how unattractive I was," she said. "I had to tell my mom because she was diagnosed with diabetes. Only then did she decide to go.

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"I listened to talk shows, listened to people and tried to do the right thing," she added. "But it's hard to do alone. I've never met somebody who has been able to come out of it completely on their own."

Svoboda said, although her experiences with bulimia were difficult, recovery was even worse.

"Recovery was by far the hardest thing I've ever done in my life. I had to find out so much about myself and what I was going on inside me. I had to dig deep," she said.

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"I listened to talk shows, listened to people and tried to do the right thing," she added. "But it's hard to do alone. I've never met somebody who has been able to come out of it completely on their own."

Svoboda said, although her experiences with bulimia were difficult, recovery was even worse.

"Recovery was by far the hardest thing I've ever done in my life. I had to find out so much about myself and what I was going on inside me. I had to dig deep," she said.

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"We can do something to make a difference, that's what it all comes down to," he said. "If you and I want to make a difference, we can. I truly believe that.

Koger said he doesn't want the atrocities of the Los Angeles riots to be forgotten in time.

"We can't allow these problems to be forgotten. Never forget the riots. Never forget what they did to all of us," he said. "We can't allow what happens in the inner cities to go on the back burner. If we put racism on the back burner, it will burn."

THREAT

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Andoli said it's gotten worse during the last three years. "Someone just thinks it's funny, I guess," he said.

Alvin De Jong, who has taught biology at Cal Poly for 19 years, had a lab canceled by the threat.

"In this particular case we had a lab exam coming up on the Wednesday after vacation," De Jong said. "The students had a limited amount of time to study, and this just cut down on the time."

De Jong added that, while other classes were diverted to Science North, some labs - like his - can't be diverted because they involve immobile equipment.

Dirk Walters, a fellow biology professor, concurred with his colleagues' frustrations.

"This is a colossal pain in the ass," he said.

According to University Police Sgt. Steve Schroeder, this is bomb threat number 15 in 1992. The threats are particularly aggravating with budget shortages, he said. In fact, Schroeder said that Dean of Library Services David Walsh estimated a loss in excess of $2,500 in time and services during last week's Kennedy Library bomb threat.

Schroeder added that stopping the threats may involve help from everyone.

"One way to help would be with student assistance," he said. "If we could get cooperation, we'd have a lot better chance of catching (someone)."

According to Schroeder, one suspect was caught on May 1 with the help of city police. The alleged caller was seen walking away from a phone booth where other threats had been made.

Schroeder said information was sufficient to support a criminal complaint and the alleged caller will come to trial in early December.