Rec Center: A work of art or neon nightmare?

By Dawn Sievers
Staff Writer

Students watched the Cal Poly Rec Center take shape as steel girders went up, walls formed around them and finally a roof was put on last fall. Then, in December, some watched in horror as sections of the building were painted bright aqua and yellow.

Danna Logan, of Elbasani and Logan architects in Berkeley, said he had the final say in the color choice. He is the principal architect of the new center.

Many students do not like the unusual color scheme. "I think the architect was color-blind," said Jennifer West, a liberal studies sophomore.

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But changing those guidelines into policy is the responsibility of the Center Use Committee.

"The mission is to develop a policy document for the center, so that it addresses the issues of priorities, usage (and) hours," said Morgan Ray, ASI executive vice-president and the committee's chair.

The management guidelines split the majority of facility time between recreation and physical education classes. But

The new Rec Center's color scheme has been called "loud" and "tacky" by students.

Poly’s enrollment diversifies

By Linda Aha
Staff Writer

Cal Poly has historically been stereotyped as a predominantly-white school.

Statistics, however, are beginning to reinforce the notion that those days are over and the campus may be beginning to better reflect the multicultural population of California.

In fact, according to a report from Institutional Studies, the proportion of non-white students at Cal Poly has doubled over the past 10 years.

In fall 1985, 14.3 percent of enrolled students were non-white. Today, that percentage has risen to 31.9.

In the campus dormitories this year, 49 percent of residents listed a multicultural background.

Although the numbers seem to reflect an increase in minority students on campus, one official was skeptical as to whether these figures mean a significant change in the school's composition.

"The numbers do not represent any indication for the future," said Walter Harris, coordinator of Cal Poly's University Outreach Services.

According to Harris, the 49 percent number simply reflects that about half of the people living in the residence halls are of some multicultural background — nothing more, nothing less.

The figures may lead to the belief that the Cal Poly student body is more diverse.

...on the front page of Mustang Daily for the second Wednesday this quarter.

Mustang Daily's photo staff and University Graphic Systems are responsible for the production of color, which should run weekly until the end of the quarter. UGS produces Mustang Daily, from technical production of the envelope, the most technically challenging thing we can do," said Sherry Gurtler, Mustang Daily's photo editor.

UGS uses Photoshop, a Macintosh computer program, to scan and edit photos, and scans slides through a Barney Scan, converting the colors into cyan, magenta, yellow and black.

Yes, that's color in the on-campus Goss Community Press prints the news.

UGS General Manager Paul Mantey said he has been very satisfied with progress so far.

"We’re really glad to see it," he said. "All full color paper is the most technically challenging thing we can do."

Steve Murray, UGS's electronic prepress manager, said this is the first color Mustang Daily and UGS have printed since 1989. "I think it is quite exciting to realize that it is happening again," he said.

NATION

Changes in health care policy are likely to affect the county's poor

President Clinton wants Congress to pass a number of bills that would help people with health care needs; however, many of the proposals are likely to run into opposition from state and local governments. Congress page two

Nation

Twice as many Americans trust President Clinton over Bush

Yes, that’s color...
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton’s plan to help the states reform their Medicaid programs could mean fewer poor Americans are treated in emergency rooms and more are seen by doctors who emphasize prevention and prenatal care.

Clinton announced Monday that he had ordered the Health and Human Services Department to give states more flexibility in testing innovations and reforms in their Medicaid programs.

An estimated 31 million low-income people, more than one in 10 of all Americans, are expected to receive basic health care coverage this year under Medicaid. States, which administer the program, will spend an estimated $62.5 billion on Medicaid this year, while the federal government will provide matching funds totaling $82.5 billion.

The states long have complained that the federal government takes too long to approve waivers and that the rules are too severe.

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"managed care programs" that favor primary, preventive care.

Under traditional Medicaid policy, recipients are allowed to be treated wherever their cards are accepted. But for many, that has meant emergency room visits for non-emergency illnesses or waiting until a cold has turned into pneumonia.

Managed care programs allow Medicaid patients to choose a primary physician from a list of doctors. The patient must then see that physician for all primary care, and in some programs, the physician must be notified any time the patient seeks treatment at an emergency room.

Medicaid officials say three dozen states now have managed care programs, either on a statewide, city or county-by-county basis. Those programs reach an estimated 12 percent of the Medicaid population.

Clinton said Monday that HHS would streamline the process by which states seek waivers to launch such programs.

"This will be one big step on the long road to giving this country the health care system it needs," Clinton said. "States very often believe that they can provide more services at lower costs if we didn't impose our rules and regulations on them."

Jane Horvath, director of the health policy unit at the American Public Welfare Association, said states seek Medicaid waivers to stretch health care dollars, improve treatment and emphasize prevention.

Some waivers, she said, have shown a decrease in the use of emergency rooms by Medicaid patients. Medicaid officials also acknowledge that there is a problem with inappropriate emergency room use by recipients.

The officials say states may use waivers to expand the number of people eligible for assistance, to cover services not eligible for federal matching funds, or to deliver services in innovative ways or to use alternative health care providers.

The Health Care Financing Administration, which administers the Medicaid program, said it is now reviewing a plan from South Carolina to extend coverage to women for two years after the birth of a baby, but only for family planning purposes. Many pregnant women, due to their income, lose their coverage after delivery.

South Carolina, Washington, Massachusetts, New York and Maryland also are preparing to provide special services to pregnant drug abusers who live in residential care facilities.

Oregon is awaiting approval for a controversial waiver that would extend coverage to thousands of additional working poor people by covering fewer medical services.

Coverage would continue for such conditions as pneumonia, flu, appendicitis and some cancers.

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People are putting their faith in the president

Poll: Twice as many trust in Clinton over Congress

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans are twice as inclined to express trust and confidence in President Clinton as in Congress, according to an Associated Press poll.

Clinton was considered trustworthy most or all of the time by 52 percent of Americans, compared with 25 percent who put more faith in Congress.

The poll found relatively little change within a few months. But last year, it was back in force with two-thirds of both Clinton and Bush voters saying in exit polls that it's better for the country to have both the president and Congress of the same political party.

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The new poll may partly reflect that it's easier to feel confidence in a person — especially one given the attention and adulation accorded to a new president — than in an institution as conflict-riven and unwieldy as Congress.

Polls have found that people who dislike and distrust Congress often give a much higher rating to their own representative.

The country has not had a new president of the same party that controlled Congress since Jimmy Carter's inauguration in 1977. Polls then found widespread optimism about the prospect of government working better.

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That conflict helps explain why 42 percent said Clinton won't be able to keep his promise to end gridlock, compared with 41 percent who think he will. An additional 4 percent expect mixed success and the rest aren't sure.

Women, lower-income people and Democrats are more optimistic, while men, rural people and Republicans are more pessimistic.

Since Clinton ran a campaign that emphasized changing the way business is done in Washington, any loss of hope in his ability to bring change threatens his overall standing.

According to polls that have measured presidential approval since the 1950s, Clinton had significantly higher disapproval last week than previous new presidents.

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My name is Kevin...........and I am a Republican journalist. Yes, I know what you're thinking— that's impossible!

But I am not alone. There must be at least five other people watching "Candid Camera" with a conservative viewpoint. It seems that this genre, being both a liberal and a journalist, is linked as closely as Siamese twins joined at the skull.

The amount of media liberal bias has reached an all-time high in every city and being seen in every talk show. This comes without on the television airwaves, Limbaugh is ignoring the many deficiencies of one who, for the next four years, will counter the gushing media praise for our president by pointing out the many deficiencies of him.

His name is Rush Limbaugh. Limbaugh only represents a spotlight figure by both broadcasting and print journalists, right? Guess again. The figures being posted would normally generate a scrutiny to profile the man and find out the reason for his tremendous success.

But, the fact that his television show is becoming a legitimate challenge to Leno and "Nightline" is ignored, leaving Americans across the country in the dark about who Limbaugh is and what he stands for.

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The rights of the people who liberals are so often fighting for aren't some rights that Limbaugh expresses his opinion on.

All of a sudden, the left-wingers want both sides of the issue, just like their savior "Slick Willie"—known to some as bill clinton. (As my esteemed editor-in-chief does with Pete Wilson, I cannot put clinton's name in capital letters because that name should be bestowed on leaders. hill is not going to lead this country—Hillary hill.)

The bottom line is the fact that the media is being exposed for something it generally is (liberal) and the fact that the exposure is coming from someone they don't like (conservative), is leading to a feud that will no doubt last at least four years.

But that is good—at least something pertinent will be put in the open, not just what the media wants you to know.

So to all Rush fans: Ditto.

To all of you closet Republican journalists don't succumb to the norm of being a left wing mediaوصاد. Come out of the closet!

Finally, to all of you bleeding hearts who seem to make your life a crusade to break the First Amendment, trying to silence Limbaugh: Lighten up—you need to get a life.

After all, the pursuit is only to gain equal time.

Kevin Bolinger is a journalism student in his first quarter reporting for Mustang Daily.
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**COLORS**

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Services all approved Logan's color choice.

"Their goal is to present something that's fun and new and bright," Johnson said. "The building is like art."

Johnson said students should be more concerned about whether the building will serve their needs than about the colors.

The $14 million Rec Center was approved by students in 1986 when they voted to assess themselves a $25 quarterly fee to fund the building. Based on square footage, students are given at least $28,500 for the building and the university is funding about 42 percent.

Free use of the center will be available to students when it opens in April.

**CHARTER**

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small step in a long process. Baker is scheduled to report back to Senate in either the last week in February of the first week in March.

"I don't want to hold out great hope that this is something that's in the bag or in fact that it's something that we even want to do," Baker said. "I think it's something we've been invited to do and is worthy of being looked into."

The idea of the charter university was made possible by Governor Pete Wilson's 1993-94 budget. The budget urged the Legislature to provide the CSU with the autonomy and flexibility so it "can explore new ways to manage its resources, better serve students, faculty, and staff," according to Baker.

Baker said the spirit of those words that caused the announcement by the chancellor.

While Baker said the charter idea is intriguing one, he could not speak on the subject of the budget itself.

The university will use a 7.5 percent budget cut as its projected target.

"My sense is that if we have to exceed (7.5 percent) at all, it will dramatically affect the university," Baker said. "7.5 percent is difficult enough, but anything higher will clearly cripple the university. I'd prefer that we not plan for levels that would be higher."

Whether student fees increase or decrease is also unknown at this time, according to Baker.

It depends on a combination of the local enrollment along with the level of fee that is approved by the Board of Trustees.

Baker said he hopes reduce next year's total enrollment to 15,635. This is in progression to the university's target goal of 15,500 students by 1995, according to Koo.

"Higher education is that very small part of the budget that is discretionary to the governor and to the Legislature," Baker said.

"And, as a result, we are receiving less and less each year."