Poly to formulate bomb threat plan

By Matthew Hov
Staff Writer

Public Safety and administration officials are working on formulating a university-wide bomb threat policy, university officials said Monday.

Public Safety Sgt. Stephen Schroeder said the policy will contain "a number of different items to coordinate our response to these threats."

The policy will create guidelines, including the establishment of alternate class sites, reward money, and the dangers of bomb threats, Schroeder said. The final draft of the policy will be approved later this month, Schroeder said.

Philip Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, said he is glad to see the university taking action.

"It's dangerous to evacuate the Science building, because you have lab experiments going on," Bailey said.

There were a total of 18 bomb threats reported at Cal Poly in 1992. There have been three bomb threats thus far in 1993. The last bomb threats took place on Monday, Jan. 25, and resulted in the evacuation of both the Computer Science and Dexter buildings.

Public Safety has never found any explosive devices in the buildings threatened.

The College of Science and Mathematics, the school most commonly affected by the bomb threats, is offering a $1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the bomb threats.

Although the college has never paid the reward money, doing so would deplete their discretionary fund consisting of alumni and parent donations.

"Some of the people think it's cute (to call in a bomb threat)," Bailey said. "We're thinking between the immaturity of the act and the reward money, someone will report them."

Bailey said classes in the threatened buildings use the Faculty Offices East as their alternate meeting site.

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 Clubs vie for office space

Vacancy of Rec Sports office leads to demand for space by five clubs

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While Rec Sports prepares to move on, five other campus organizations have decided they need their space.

Once the new recreation center is completed, Rec Sports will be moving their offices there. The office space they are vacating in the University Union has become a wanted commodity.

According to John Stipicevich, assistant director of operations for the U.U., five campus clubs have submitted applications for the space.

Disabled Student Services, the Multi-Cultural Center, Student Community Services and the Rose Float and Welcome Week organizations have all turned in proposals explaining why they need the space, according to Stipicevich.

The proposals, which state what each organization does for students and how many members are involved, will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Union Executive Committee.

The committee, composed of four students and overseen by Stipicevich, should reach a decision by Wednesday of this week.

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Powerhouse's days numbered

Poly students trying to save gallery from wrecking ball

By Anita Kreile
Staff Writer

The old powerhouse at the west end of the Air Conditioning building stands abandoned. Awaiting an uncertain fate, decay ravages its aging frame.

At one time, the powerhouse generated all the electricity used by the campus and was to be the best equipped power plant on any campus in California.

Though the powerhouse no longer generates energy, a trio of architecture students has spent the last year trying to gain the building a spot in the National Registry of Historic Places.

Graduating seniors Rob Strom, Monty Boyd and Kristi Cordova, also known as the "Powerhouse Group," took on the powerhouse for their required fifth-year design project.

Designed by William H. Weeks, the powerhouse is the only remaining original campus building, and dates back to 1909. It generated electricity and steam heat continuously from 1910 to 1940.

As the school and its needs expanded, reliance on the plant for electricity diminished. Power became primarily supplied by the city, though the plant continued to produce steam heat. With the completion of a new power facility in 1955, the powerhouse was abandoned.

It lay dormant until 1967 when George Hasslein, then dean of architecture, requested use of the building by the newly-created School of Architecture and Environmental Design.

According to members of the Powerhouse Group, Hasslein thought it was a perfect place for students to gain hands-on experience.

The building was cleaned up and rehabilitated, becoming a studio as well as a subject for architect students' projects.

Over time the building housed a cafe, wood and metal shops, a pottery studio with a kiln, an art gallery and a lecture hall for distance learning.

It also continued to be the most sought-after design lab space even after the multimillion dollar architecture building was built.

In 1990 the powerhouse was deemed unsafe and once again abandoned. It is now slated for demolition, but due to lack of funds it still stands.

Members of the Powerhouse Group said they feel the loss of the building signifies the end of "learning by doing" for the architecture department, since it was the only remaining original campus building where students could get hands-on experience.

"It was a different era then," Strom said. "The powerhouse was built and manned largely by students. There were two full-time employees and students worked to subsidize their schooling."

The campus has been beset with the demands of contractors' concerns over liability insurance.

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The powerhouse has been a cafe, an art gallery and a lecture hall.
The main thing setting the federal case apart from last year's state assault trial is the question of intent, experts say.

The pope's visit to Nsambya Hospital, where about half the patients have AIDS or an AIDS-related illness, was the most emotional moment so far of his eight-day trip in Africa, which began Wednesday in Benin and ends this week in Sudan.

Pope John Paul II visited a lawn crowded with hospital patients Sunday, blessing AIDS sufferers in the African country worst hit by the disease.

As he made his way through the wheelchairs and wooden seats, patients and hospital staff collapsed to their knees, many crying and ululating.

In a message to the sick to mark the visit, the pope appealed to "those who are working to find an effective scientific cure, to attack this illness not to delay, and above all not to allow commercial considerations to detract from their committed efforts.

In a speech to young people Saturday, the pope said chastity is the "only safe and virtuous way to put an end to the other great social epidemic, which bans artificial birth control, opposes the use of condoms to try to block black women's ability to choose."
WASHINGTON (AP) — Gay rights groups toiled for years to overturn the military's ban on homosexuals, but when President Clinton took the first step toward lifting it they found themselves unprepared to respond.

It took days for gay activists to counter the massive flood of telephone calls and letters to Congress and the White House launched by conservative religious groups within minutes of Clinton's action.

"It's very difficult to compete with people who begin political organizing on Sunday, rev up the masses on 1,000 radio stations and own television stations coast to coast," said Tanya Domi, military affairs lobbyist for the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force.

"And then on Monday, they're beating your brains out on the telephones," she said.

Clinton announced Jan. 29 he had ordered the Pentagon to immediately stop asking recruits about their sexual orientation and to draft an executive order within six months formally lifting the 50-year-old ban on homosexuals in the military.

Inspired by televangelists linking homosexuality to Nazism, satanism and hiring quotas, evangelical Christians immediately jammed telephone lines at the Capitol and the White House.

Gay rights activists, it meant the initial message reaching the nation's elected leaders was largely against Clinton's plan to lift the ban in six months.

Eventually, gay rights groups mobilized their own members to wage a counteroffensive by fax machine and phone.

By the middle of last week, the offices of several key senators said they were getting more calls in favor of Clinton's plan to lift the ban than a week earlier but that calls opposing his action still were running ahead.

Domi said the delay was caused by two factors:

- Gay leaders allowed themselves to be mesmerized by Clinton's campaign promise to lift the ban "with the stroke of a pen."
- Activists were caught unaware when Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Georgia, announced he would not run for another term in early February and the office said they were getting more calls in favor of Clinton's stand than a week earlier but that calls opposing his action still were running ahead.

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St. Valentine's Day can wreak havoc on the most sane people. What does one do? Should I send my lover a card, or ... out on my credit card, even though I can't afford it? Answers to these and other related questions can't be found in any textbook. Don't try to find them here, either.

Traditional gifts from men to women include items like candy, flowers, cards and love poems. For more financially secure couples, or individuals that just want to be perceived as financially secure, gifts like diamond bracelets, full-length stole coats, or trips for two to Gstaad or Bimini are in order. Traditional gifts from women to men include gold Rolex watches, gold Dunhill lighters and kinky ménage a trois.

Romantic gifts for less-than-wealthy givers include cards with sensitive poetry inside (extra points if you write the poem yourself), flowers (especially long-stemmed roses; red for love, yellow for friendship (no sex expected), white for friends you really want to see). If the male should forget to send a valentine, or in any way neglects to include his lover in a romantic tryst, his reaction seemed to be disappointment. I consulted another female, and she gave me a look that screamed "bonehead!" and said, "you're supposed to give a romantic present on Valentine's Day."

Oh, silly me. Back to the drawing board.

A romantic interlude is also a fine gift to the one your heart really wants or needs. I've thought about it, and I think I'll get my love a dozen roses and a new boyfriend.

If you're a man, here are some ideas.

Buy her a book of poetry, have it tastefully wrapped, and present it to her along with a single rose and a gentle kiss.

A romantic present on Valentine's Day.

Take her to a secluded spot, either indoors or out, and read a previously-chosen poem of your choice. The smart gentleman will choose a poem rich in romantic overtones, and will have read it several times before to avoid slips, mispronunciations, etc. Read the poem to her, become passionate lovemaking in a variety of positions (hopefully).

No matter what you give your friend, lover, spouse, etc., you'll never go wrong on this special day if you just spend a little time before you do or buy anything. ... your love really wants or needs. I've thought about it, and I think I'll get my love a dozen roses and a new boyfriend.

David Polk is a journalism senior and a true lover of holidays.
For the past two years, I've noticed that the lead-up to the direct budget cuts by Cal Poly students never reaches its potential — in part, I theorize, because nobody is aware of acceptable channels to properly air their frustrations.

Unfortunately, this is sometimes misinterpreted because the administrator is the rabbit of the budget food chain. When things get bad, many of them tend to hide in their offices. This timid instinct makes people automatically think they are guilty.

This is where 95 percent of your energy should be going. In our case, as San Luis Obispo residents, we should be writing letters to Assemblywoman Andrea Seastrand and State Senator Gary Hart. They are the ones responsible for voting on proposals concerning the size of the state education budget.

There are the people who must act as your voice, constantly battling the evil of... the will of... The governor: I suppose this next part could be considered very pessimistic, but the chances are good that the only one reading it will be some intern from UC Davis. Unfortunately, when writing a busy legislator, content is often less important than volume. Write briefly and often to make your voice heard best.

If you get stuck on the budget..." Dear governor Wilson."

"Be polite to receptionists: No matter what power chain you're going to deal with in your life, the receptionist will always be at the top. Yell at an administrator and you will probably get ignored. Yell at a receptionist and you will probably get in deep shit fast."

"The Right Way: Dear governor Wilson."

"Next Tuesday I'm going to come to your office dressed as a Pizza Hut delivery man. If you cut education more than 6 percent there will be three pounds of Drano into the thousands of cuts on your bleeding flesh. Just thought you should know."

Peter Hartlaub"

...in deep shit fast. Because, unlike most administrators, the average receptionist has an incredibly solid backbone and fears nothing. Luckily, they're usually friendly and will respond accordingly.

I'm not sure if they have some networking system or just a "secretary sense," but if you go ballistic on one receptionist, inevitably, all of them will know it, and you will get nowhere in life. Be persistent.

Volume is important and so is method. Be persistent. If you don't get a response you want by letter, get on the phone. Let your representative know what cuts will mean to you."

Peter Hartlaub is Editor-in-Chief of Mustang Daily. Craig stout contributed to this article.
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