The fabric of memories
Quilt humanizing AIDS due at Poly in fall

By Jennifer Morehouse

Although it is an epitaph for those who have died of AIDS, the AIDS quilt is a symbol of love.

This is the message Susan Ford of Cal Poly's Student Health Network hopes to convey to students by bringing the Names Project's AIDS quilt to campus.

The Names Project was started in 1986 by Cleve Jones to help him remember his friend Marvin Feldman, who died of AIDS. Today, the AIDS quilt has more than 20,000 panels and travels internationally.

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The quilt is made of panels made by friends and families of those who have died of AIDS. Each square is made by the friends and families of people who have died of AIDS. Fritz calls the AIDS quilt, "a living memorial that goes beyond the Veteran's Wall." She feels it goes much deeper because it is not just a name but a personality presented in each panel.

The quilt was first shown in Washington, D.C. in 1992, more than 20,000 panels were displayed. A portion of the quilt will come to Cal Poly in October.

Overheated plant dryer leads to Fisher fire call

By Silas Lyons

An overheated plant dryer filled Cal Poly's Fisher Science building with smoke Monday evening, but caused little damage, fire officials said.

The Cal Poly Fire Department arrived first, after receiving a call from within the building at 8:27 p.m.

"Someone was in the building called and reported the smell of smoke," said Joe Rissler, director of Public Safety services. "He said it was probably a student who was studying there."

A ventilation system in the third floor room connects to vents circulating through Fisher Science, which caused smoke to be pumped throughout the building.

Additional support from the California Department of Forestry and the San Luis Obispo City Fire Department was on the scene within minutes.

Firefighters quickly determined the location of the fire, which was confined to smoldering plant presses inside an aluminum "botanical specimen drying box" in room 352.

"You can have all the fire departments in the world, but the prevention stuff has to happen at the individual level. That's what saved (this) situation," Rissler said.
Sacramento, Calif.

An independent state commission said Tuesday that military base closures may cost cash-starved California as many as 125,000 jobs over four years, far more than first predicted.

The study by the Commission on State Finance—a panel made up of the state controller, treasurer, key lawmakers and the head of Gov. Pete Wilson's Finance Department—reflected the depth of the lingering recession in California and put added pressure on lawmakers to resolve the state's budget woes.

The commission said about 44,000 jobs—more than 36,000 of them members of the military—are expected to be lost in the first two rounds of cuts by the Clinton administration. A third round of cuts would result in the loss of more than 50,000 jobs in California, more than half the total number lost throughout the nation.

Altogether, between 90,000 and 125,000 defense-related jobs would be lost. Last fall, the commission estimated the loss at 85,000.

California has lost more than 850,000 jobs since May 1990, when the recession began.

The nationwide military reductions stem from the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. California, which has traditionally received more than 20 cents of every defense dollar, is one of the hardest-hit states. Although federal funds do not directly flow into state coffers, they provide salaries for state taxpayers and finance services offered by state companies. In Monterey County, Port Ord and the Presidio, which are both scheduled to close, account for one-fifth of the county's economic activity, the commission said.

"Although base closures will not have as large of an impact on California's overall economy as losses in procurement spending, they can have significant impacts on individual economic regions, and dramatic impacts on local communities," the report said.

Earlier Tuesday, the Assembly's top budget writer proposed extending California's half-cent sales tax increase for up to a decade to retire the deficit, provide money to strapped schools and offer aid to counties.

Lumber company fined millions

Washington, D.C.

One of the nation's largest lumber companies, Louisiana-Pacific Corp., was fined $11.1 million Monday for violating clean-air laws and ordered to install $70 million in anti-pollution equipment.

Clinton administration officials said the company, based in Portland, Ore., exceeded federal emission levels, gave false information to the government and violated other regulations.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner and Attorney General Janet Reno held a joint news conference to announce the settlement.

Browner said the case "sends a loud and clear message that the Clinton administration will vigorously enforce our environmental laws."

"A criminal act took the life of a good, clean and generous man," said the president, who sent a message of condolence to Pope John Paul II.

"The Catholic people, the people of Mexico, are in mourning," Salinas said.

He promised officials "will act with the firmness that these events demand."

The details and motives of the shootout that killed the cardinal, his driver and five other people remained unclear Tuesday, according to Jalisco state spokesman Armando Monquindo.

Health plan seeks more for less

Washington, D.C.

In its demands and delicacy, President Clinton's health care reform is akin to a simultaneous heart and lung transplant on the ailing body of the $900 billion U.S. health system.

Clinton wants to achieve universal coverage for all Americans, tame medical inflation, reform malpractice laws, scrap a raft of restrictive insurance rules and eliminate families' fear that sickness could wipe them out financially.

He promises to preserve Americans' freedom to choose their own doctors, but his plan hinges on the idea of shifting most people into prepaid plans that will focus on unnecessary tests and procedures and curb the use of specialists.

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Officials fear abuse of nighttime service if 'able-bodied' men use it

By Len Arends

Campus escort service leaves men at the curb

WASHINGTON (AP) — If manufacturers can work out all the bugs, Americans may see the next Summer Olympics like they've never seen them before — on wide-screen, super-sharp television sets.

Three industry groups that have been competing for government approval of their high-definition TV systems announced Monday that henceforth they will work together to establish a new standard for the next generation of television.

This "grand alliance" should speed the advent of HDTV and avoid what were likely to be lengthy court battles had the Federal Communications Commission gone ahead with its plan to choose just one of the competing systems.

There were smiles all around at a news conference Monday.

"Look at all the inequity women have had to deal with over the years," he said. "(men) can tolerate this little injustice so we can provide the service to women."

Wes Rowland UU Building Manager

No one knows how soon (HDTV will be available)" said Joe Donahue, senior vice president of Gemstar-Communications Electronics. "Before the end of 1996 we'll have a good idea. ... In 1996, the Summer Olympics will be in Atlanta. Wouldn't it be nice to have commercial, high-definition broadcasting for 1996?"

Four systems have been developed by the three industry groups: General Instrument-Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Zenith-AT&T; and NBC-Thomson-Philips-David Sarnoff Research Center-Compression Labs Inc.

The groups Monday agreed to develop a single technology to be presented to the FCC next year.

The merger had been urged by the FCC's advisory committee on advanced television, chaired by attorney Richard Wiley, as the fastest way to get HDTV to market.

"I thought (the driver) was joking," he said.

Hernandez pointed out that since the funding for the van comes from Public Safety funds, "(the van) is paid for by all Cal Poly students, and should be accessible to all of them."

"I don't really see the need (for males to be escorted)," said Renzo Arroyo, a senior and volunteer escort.

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revenues for their efforts.

Besides entertainment, HDTV is expected to find business and scientific uses. Intricate medical procedures, for example, could be demonstrated over HDTV with details not possible on today's TV.

Unlike the analog HDTV systems in Japan and elsewhere in the world, the digital technology of the system being built here offers more capacity for growth as all communications technologies make the transition to digital, the basis of today's computers.

Each of the U.S. consortia has invested millions of dollars in HDTV development. The testing process, primarily funded by the industry, cost another $24 million.

More testing will be conducted on the hybrid system born of the merger. If it meets the advisory committee's expectations, the FCC will approve it. Then manufacturing can begin.

HDTV will require major investments in new equipment by TV stations and networks, as well as costly new wide-screen, stereo sound sets for viewers. For the foreseeable future, television will be simulcast, with broadcast stations sending HDTV on one channel and traditional broadcast signals on another.

HDTV sets are expected to initially cost $1,000 to $2,000 more than the highest priced wide-screen sets of today, but the costs are expected to drop considerably as more sets are manufactured.
Making the necessary sacrifices for school

By Bill Honig

The weakness of California's economy over the last few years has meant that the normal expenses of government for health and welfare, education, prisons and other important programs have outpaced the growth of revenues. California's $40.9 million general fund budget for 1992-93 is $2.6 less than the amount that was available in 1991-92. At the same time, demand for social services increased, the K-12 schools grew by nearly 200,000 students and inflation reduced the purchasing power of the state dollars.

As part of their efforts to produce a balanced 1992-93 budget, the Legislature and the Governor reduced the state general fund support for CSU by 7.5 percent, however, they also authorized student fee increases which countered the general fund reduction in revenues to CSU by 3.5 percent. The annual cost to the state of a student attending a CSU campus is roughly $8,000. With the fee increase, CSU students will be covering about one-quarter of this cost. The annual cost to the state of a student attending a CSU campus through education system.

In the meantime, I urge students to recognize the value of their education.

Bill Honig
Bill Honig is the former California State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Letters to the Editor

Of gods and goddesses

This is in response to both Dan Jackson and Jenn Gutierrez. I understand, but do not agree with, your feelings concerning whether or not the media force feeds to us exactly what beauty should be.

If you consider beauty to be whatever the media says it is, then you are too easily influenced. As you correctly stated, that in itself, however, does not make them the only desirable women in the world. Consider the married women that you know; is every one of them what you would consider to be a goddess? I argue that they are not, but the fact that they are married proves that there is plenty of beauty to be found in 98 percent of women, not only the top 2 percent (the goddesses).

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Rick Adams
Dairy Science

CRISIS PERSPECTIVES

A look into the California educational budget's decision-making process.

Tuesday: Cal Poly professor Donald Lathre gives insight into the faculty state of mind concerning educational budgeting.

Today: Former California Superintendent of Education Bill Honig urges students to value their educations by making the necessary sacrifices.

Thursday: Cal Poly President Warren Baker warns of a rough road ahead for students.

Friday: CSU Chancellor Barry Mintz expresses hope for the future.

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The Daily is searching for editorial staff members for the summer quarter and for the 1993-94 academic year. Applicants need not be journalism majors, but a background in publishing or writing may help.

Applicants MUST attend a meeting at 11 a.m. Friday, May 28 in Graphic Arts 226 (the Daily newsroom).

Paid summer positions include: news editor, arts editor, photo editor and illustrator.

Paid positions for the academic year include various news editorships, photo editor and department editing in arts, opinion and sports. More details at the meeting.

Resumes and clips are due June 1. Interviews — which include tests on copy editing and general campus knowledge — will be scheduled for June 2.

Any questions? Call Edwin Bill or John Hubbell in the Daily at 756-1796. Please be fully clothed when calling.
Columbus plan kills bar smoke
Ohio campus pubs look to follow in footsteps of SLO

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — It's a typical campus bar scene. The music is so loud it thumps. A waitress nudges her way through a thricket of bodies, sloshing beer in her tracks. And the smoke is dense enough to form clouds under the ceiling.

Now imagine what Pa-Pa Joe's would look like without the haze. Or, for that matter, how a city as big as Columbus would look to the rest of the nation if it had only smokeless bars.

Even nonsmokers such as Julie Coss, 23, are taken aback at such a notion, proposed this year by the Columbus and Franklin County boards of health.

"If I'm going to a bar, there is going to be smoke, and I am kind of prepared for it," she said over a beer at Pa-Pa Joe's, a hangout at Ohio State University that can pack in 350 people.

Mike Fortman, 22, would welcome a breath of fresh air over a beer. "It's disgusting — the smell, the haze," he said. "Every time you go into a bar and there's people smoking, it's just like you're smoking."

As medical evidence about the risks from secondhand smoke mounts, more public places are becoming no-smoke areas for smokers. And now one of the last public sanctuaries for smokers — the neighborhood tavern — is bracing for an assault from antismoking crusaders.

The boards of health are considering a proposal to prohibit smoking inside all public buildings. After three hearings, they have yet to schedule a vote.

Columbus and surrounding Franklin County, home to 933,400 people, would be the most populous place in the nation with such an extensive ban. Only the California towns of San Luis Obispo and Davis have laws against smoking in bars.

Paul Geiniman, 48, said he goes to bars most nights to talk and drink with friends — and smoke. Take that liberty away and they'll go elsewhere, he said. His friends have even discussed buying a private club if the ban is approved.

"We will not go to bars if we cannot smoke," Geiniman said. "Bars would no longer be important."

Phil Craig, executive director of the Ohio Licensed Beverage Association, worries that a smoking ban would drive away customers and force bars to close. "If they can't smoke, they can't drink," he said.

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Fire From page 1

"No fire in a Cal Poly science building is routine. We've already burned down one science building here," Rutledge said, referring to the 1986 Poly Royal fire which damaged the Engineering West building.

The plant presses belonged to a grad student collecting plants and doing research for Vandenberg Air Force Base, according to biology department head V.L. Holland.

Holland personally salvaged some of the undamaged plant presses after they had been rinsed down by firefighters.

Risser said the incident will likely have no effect on plans to cut the Cal Poly Fire Department.

"I'm sure that some people will be able to say, 'Yes, we shouldn't cut the fire department,' because of this," he said. "But if Cal Poly hadn't have been there, it would have been (one of the other fire stations)."

Risser said the CDF and SLO Fire Department could be on the scene within three to five minutes with four trucks and 12 firefighters.

"We, it's nice to have a fire department," he said, "but it's not something we're going to be able to afford. You can have all the fire department in the world, but the prevention staff has to happen at the individual level. That's what saved (this) situation - early detection."

The plant's toll, including smoke damage and the loss of the drying cabinet, was listed at $3,000.

Smoke From page 1

"I'm not surprised, they will usually drink," he said.

An Environmental Protection Agency report in January that blamed passive smoke for lung cancer and other diseases was the impetus for the Columbus proposal.