New officers boost Public Safety's ranks

Budget increases, two officers leaving combined to create four vacancies

By Rebekah Sorens
Special to the Daily

Cal Poly Public Safety can now count 10 members, which will renew their mission.

The mission is to maintain Cal Poly as the safest campus in the California State University (CSU) system and to play a proactive role in the community, said Chief Tim Mitchell.

"Last summer we had two officers leave," said Joe Risser, director of Public Safety. "So we have filled their positions. Then, in last quarter's budget talks, the university gave an additional $100,000 for two new officers." Of the four positions, Public Safety has filled all but one. The position is now open and work on the other new-hire by July 1.

Meet Tom Donnelly, 49, Cal Poly's newest officer and a 28-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). Donnelly started as a patrol officer, then a detective, an investigator and finally an expert witness.

Even if he never has the occasion to utilize some of his special skills at Cal Poly, "he is a tremendous asset," Mitchell said.

Donnelly said the big city hubbub of Los Angeles started getting to him so he and his wife, Ruth, bought a home in Avila Beach in 1990. Ever since then, the couple has visited the home just about every weekend and while Tom looked for a job in the San Luis Obispo area.

"It got to be such drudgery even driving back to Los Angeles Sunday evenings," he said.

Donnelly maximized his visits by leaving Avila Beach at 3 a.m. on Mondays, just in time to start work in downtown Los Angeles.

"It was like leaving one world and going into another," Donnelly said.

But finally, through friend at the LAPD, Donnelly heard of a position offered at Cal Poly's Public Safety office and jumped at the chance to permanently reside in the area.

"It is a beautiful community and everyone is so nice," he said. "But it is a double-edged sword. It is hard to find employment."

For Donnelly, taking the position at Cal Poly meant sacrifices. In fact, his pay was cut in half. His promotion from the LAPD, however, helps him make ends meet.

Reflecting on his days in Los Angeles,' he said, "It was like leaving one world and going into another. It is a beautiful community and everyone is so nice."

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Public Safety strives to make Poly safer with $450,000 federal grant

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To maintain Cal Poly's safest campus, the federal government is giving Public Safety a $450,000 grant. The grant will be awarded in three annual installments of $150,000, the first coming this year.

With the money, Public Safety plans to hire two more officers — totaling six new officers this year.

"We want to have more prevention services than just responses to calls," said Joe Risser, director of Public Safety.

Public safety maintains Cal Poly as the safest campus in the California State University (CSU) and they want to do their job better, said Chief Tim Mitchell. So, Mitchell drafted the request for a community police service grant.

The grant money was held up during the seven-month government shutdown but Mitchell said the check is in the mail.

The hiring process for the new officers will take at least 70 to 90 days, Mitchell said.

Because Public Safety planned to hire six officers from its last pool of applicants, it may not have to begin the selection process all over again, Mitchell said.

"We can't do anything fast; we have to follow proper procedure," he said.

Local A.A. helps student stay sober

By Roy Larsen
Daily Staff Writer

"I've been drinking for 10 years," Sherry, a Cal Poly student, said in her last 20s said. "I didn't think I had a problem until it had infected and affected every aspect of my life."

Sherry, who wishes to have her last name withheld, started attending Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) meetings 10 months ago, and with sobriety in her life, she said she has completely changed.

"Sometimes it's an hourly battle that I'll have to fight for the rest of my life," she said. "Before A.A., I avoided a hangover, by noon I was buzzed and by night I was smashed."

"I wrecked my car, lost my license, lost a great job, lied, just got by in school, and cheated my social life away," Sherry said.

Now she has joined a local gym, her grades, work performance and social life have improved and she enjoys a new feeling of health and awareness.

According to Fred, public information chair for the 22nd A.A. District of San Luis Obispo, there are specific support meetings for young people, primarily students, in San Luis Obispo. There are also regular daily meetings for all ages.

"A.A. is not a treatment program but a fellowship of recovered and recovering alcoholics," said Fred, who wished to have his last name withheld.

Sponsors are available to new students. See A.A. page 5

Grub time

By Amy Conley
Daily Staff Writer

The parking lot near the library looked like a solid blue quilt Saturday morning, with lines of high school students in blue corduroy jackets, white shirts and black pants or skirts.

High school students from throughout California gathered at Cal Poly for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) State Judging Competition to exhibit their knowledge in various agriculture-related events. Cal Poly has hosted the event since 1932.

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Proposal on way to halt cybercrime

By Doug Williams

Sacramento — A proposal to extend consumer protection laws regulating catalog and telemarketing sales to shoppers on the Internet passed its first legislative hurdle Tuesday with no opposition.

Assemblywoman Jackie Speier, D-Burlingame, told the Assembly Consumer Protection Committee that while the Internet is rapidly becoming a marketplace, some basic consumer protections now didn't anticipate and don't cover the new communications technology.

"We are introducing this in response to continued reports that the information highway is plagued by cyberspace highwaymen and women," she told the panel. "There are cyber-thieves. They are prevalent and widespread."

The committee sent Speier's bill to the Assembly floor on a unanimous 9-0 vote after less than five minutes of testimony.

Speier said two of the biggest crimes on the Internet today are thefts of credit card numbers and sales of non-existent or misrepresented goods and services, which she said are similar to problems in mail-order and telemarketing industries.

Her proposal would require that businesses selling anything on the Internet must reveal their true business name and street address, clearly state their refund policies and provide "a cost-free method for consumers to contact them to resolve disputes."

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OFFICERS: Two new officers have ties to Poly

Angelo, Donnelly said it was the right time to leave the police department. For OPPD it is not only full of all the corruption and violence the media portrays it to be, he said — at least not the police he knew.

"Life is changing in Los Angeles, it used to be citizen-against-citizen violence," he said. "But for the last eight or nine years, the violence against police has escalated."

Robert Cudworth, 28, Public Safety's other new officer, agreed with Donnelly that San Luis Obispo is one of the best places to live and start a family. A small-town mentality is all Cudworth knows. Born and raised in San Luis Obispo, he recently graduated from Allen Hancock Police Academy.

Because Cudworth plans to get married in August 1997, a safe place to raise a family is among his primary concerns. He is also concerned with making his way up the career ladder.

He said he is an asset to Public Safety because he can relate to students.

"I'm not too far removed from being a student myself." In fact, Cudworth still considers himself a student.

He took a leave of absence from Cal Poly business senior a few years ago to enter the police academy. But he hopes to return to school in a few years when his career becomes more stable.

If Cudworth furthers his education, he will not have to get out on being a police officer his entire life, Cudworth said. Another officer, Ray Urbano, 40, is actually not so new to Cal Poly. He has been a university police officer for the past two years.

He moved into the officer position to put his law enforcement skills to work. Urbano previously served as a reserve officer on the Arroyo Grande Police Department for 18 years.

Public Safety has offered a fourth position to Lori Hashim, currently a police officer in Bakferskeld, said Sgt. Bob Schumacher.

She is presently a DARE (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) officer, which takes her into classrooms to educate grade school kids about alcohol and other drug abuse.

Although Hashim still has to serve as a reserve officer on the Poly police department. The LAPD is not as straight forward violence the media portrays it to be. Although, Cudworth still considers himself a student.

Although he said he plans to have her on board by July 1.

Another officer offers a "variety of experience and background and that is a big plus for us," Schumacher said.

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POLITICISING holds sway as Senate debates gas tax, minimum wage

By David Laps

WASHINGTON — Election-year jitters gripped the Senate Monday as the two parties struggled for advantage on the major issue, the Senate floor with Bob Dole's call for a rollback of the federal gas tax and the Democrats' demand to raise the minimum wage.

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A dishwasher's manifesto

My kitchen is filthy. The odorous smell is enough to alert the fight-or-flight instinct of any visitors who dare to tread upon the slippery linoleum. From the sink to the stove, the counter is a swarmy collection of half-filled murky cups, pans crusted with dried beans and rice and soggy towels.

Do not blame me! The problem is my four roommates. I actually do my dishes when I am done cooking and eating. For my confused roommates, however, the routine is reversed; they clean the pots and pans when they use them. Total dish denial! Indeed, my experience is that many people, especially college students, live this way. This is wrong; nobody should have to clean somebody else's dirty dishes in order to cook their own meal. Dirty dishes are too commonly a source of contention to be neglected. Do not call me small! I do not care if my roommates have messy rooms. My own room is a tumble of clothes, books and papers. Privately, I reserve the right to sleep and rest in my own mess.

But the kitchen is a collision of personal property and rights. A public domain. Some people think, as long as they eventually get around to the cleaning, it is their private mess if they leave dishes lying around for a week. However, I may not be able to cook until the pan they used is clean. I consider it grossly inconsiderate and deficient of common courtesy.

For anyone who perpetuates this kind of domestic violence, I recommend the following three step program:

Step 1: Control Your Feelings.
Don't make it your project. The kitchen is a microcosm of the greater world. Ask yourself, is there any correspondence between your terrible kitchen and the littered road-sides, the problem of toxic waste disposal and the lack of politeness in urban environments?

Men especially need to realize the importance of doing the dishes.

Step 2: Practice and Visualization. At first, washing the dishes is troublesome. But a month's worth of daily diligence will make you accustomed and indifferent. After a while, you will think of beautiful things while you scrub the bracketed kitchen sink off the pan. Your mind will be elsewhere. Imagine a kitchen where you and your roommates can use a pan without having to clean it first. The fresh lemon scent. Glossy counters you can lean your elbows on. The smile on your lover's face when he or she realizes you will be clean and easy to live with.

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The trial, which is to include video testimony by alleged victims and defendants, is due to begin next week in a building ringed by steel barriers and fitted with computer screens for viewing evidence.

Tadic flipped on a computer machine as witnessed by a Dutchman, maintained Tuesday that Tadic was a sensitive man who couldn't live with himself if he were guilty of the crimes he is accused of committing.

"When I visit him I do not see a monster, I see a man with a warm personality, an educated man who is not able to do such monstrous things and live with it," said Ljubica Metselaere-Vidic.

The 12-Step Program is a program that might offer spiritual guidance—"From page 1

"The tribunal must be wary of desires for revenge and the need for a scapegoat." — Misha Wladimiroff

"I just want people to know that we do not have to be alone with their problem," Sherry said. "There are nonjudgmental, understanding and supportive people at A.A. who can help with the next minute, hour or day."
Lawrence Taylor ate fake crack cocaine before arrest, police said

Associated Press

Just before his arrest, former NFL Pro Bowl linebacker Lawrence Taylor swallowed the fake crack cocaine he was accused of buying from an undercover officer, police said.

Taylor was among 16 people arrested during a random drug sting Friday night. He was charged with trying to purchase $100 worth of crack.

"He informed us that he ate all of it," city police Officer Len Sloan said Monday.

Sloan, who booked Taylor, said he had long admired the player and "I was surprised and hurt when I saw him."

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Granny charged for allegedly trying to rob gas station

A ssociated P re s s

Raymond Blanco said the couple was in trouble with the Internal Revenue Service and a mortgage company.

The couple learned last week that the IRS was going to garnish half of retired postal worker Raymond Blanco's $750 pension check for eight months for back taxes. A few days later, the mortgage company threatened to foreclose on their house.

Raymond Blanco said he and his wife had consulted a tax preparer about their problems with the IRS and were awaiting word on what to do when the garnishment letter arrived.

"The stress of these bills, the letters, the payments, the sicknesses — they all combined to make her go over the top," Raymond Blanco said. "My wife is not the type of person to do this thing.

"It's just something that overtook her."

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By Steve Moore
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**TODAY'S GAMES**

- There are no games scheduled today.

**TOMORROW'S GAMES**

- There are no games tomorrow.

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**A Tavern of Sports News**

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**TODAY'S TRANSACTIONS**

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**Cal Poly's five-game winning streak ends**

**Daily Sport Report**

The Cal Poly baseball team didn't like Malibu, as the Mustangs lost to Pepperdine 4-3 Tuesday afternoon in a non-league game.

Pepperdine scored two runs in the third inning and added one run in both the fifth and sixth innings to put away the Mustangs.

Cal Poly mounted a comeback scoring one run in the third inning and two runs in the ninth inning. Designated hitter Marty Camacho hit a 410-foot solo-homer, but Cal Poly could only muster one more run before shortstop Taber Maier flew out to left field to end the game.

The loss drops Cal Poly's record to 30-22 and halts the Mustangs winning streak to five games.

Jason Novi pitched the entire game for Cal Poly in the loss, while Pepperdine used six pitchers to get the win.

Earlier this year in San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly used six pitchers to defeat Pepperdine 6-3 on March 26.

The Mustangs close out their season against Stanford, the No. 9 team in the nation. The two teams were supposed to face-off next Tuesday in Palo Alto, but Cal Poly head coach Ric Pitches will likely be forced to move the contest to this Saturday and Sunday.

**Butler has throat cancer, will miss rest of season**

By Joe Kay

Associated Press

"We have many friends in and out of baseball and this will come as a major shock. It is impossible to speak to all of them personally. My wife and I will ask for your prayers for us and your children at this difficult time. We're not sure where this road will lead us, but we will try our best to keep you informed."

The illness hit Butler at the start of one of his happiest seasons.

Butler was not offered a contract by the Dodgers at the start of last season. Butler, a union leader during the 1994-95 strike, said he felt "deserted" by the team he had played for the four previous years.

He signed with the New York Mets and hit .311 in 90 games. In need of a lead-off hitter, the Dodgers traded for him on Aug. 18.

Butler's mother died of brain cancer last August, and he was booed when he returned to Los Angeles. A week after his return, he criticized the Dodgers for calling up replacement player Mike Bouchard, angering and disappointing fans.

Butler said he will need to build up his strength before his announcement. Several teammates were shocked when the news was broken.

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Abdur-Rahim now eligible for NBA draft

By Rob Gother

Associated Press

California forward Shareef Abdur-Rahim became the second freshman to declare his eligibility for the NBA draft Tuesday, thoroughly declaring his family obligations outweigh personal desires.

The 6-foot-10 Abdur-Rahim, who led the Pac-10 with 21.1 points per game this season, said he will make daily decisions to either stay or go in recent days to make his decision and finally chose the NBA just hours before his announcement.

He joins Stephen Marbury of Georgia Tech as freshmen eligible for the June 26 draft. Two high school players and 13 other underclassmen also have made themselves available in the draft, according to the University of Iowa, also declared on Tuesday.

"I'm not doing this for any selfish reasons. This is not for me," Abdur-Rahim said, tears streaming down his cheeks. "If I was in this world by myself, I'd stay at the University of California. My mom has sacrificed for all my life, and so has my father."

Cal coach Todd Bozeman, whose late arrival delayed the news conference for 50 minutes, dabbed his eyes with a tissue as Abdur-Rahim made his announcement. Several teammates were shocked when the news was broken.

Abdur-Rahim became the third key Cal player to defect in recent weeks. Sophomore guard Jelani Gardner has announced he will transfer to Pepperdine, and sophomore forward TREMAYE Woffles was released from his Cal scholarship last week.

Woffles, the Pac-10 freshman of 1994-95, is leaning toward transferring to Fresno State.

Center Michael Stewart also was asked to be released from his Cal scholarship, but that request was denied.

Abdur-Rahim hit 52 percent of his shots and had a 3-point attempts this season, and averaged 8.4rebounds per game.

He had more than 30 points four times while setting a Cal freshman scoring record.

But he was held to just nine points as the Bears lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament to Iowa State.

The native of Marietta, Ga., will need to build up his strength to play in the NBA — "he weighs 225 pounds and is the best decision for me and my family at this time," Abdur-Rahim said. "I am leaving school at this time for my interest in helping my family's financial need."