Noisy Hard Hat Ball upsets neighbors after police refuse to shut down party

By Steve Enders and Melissa M. Geider
Summer Editors

Cal Poly students are used to getting an earful from police and neighbors after their parties have gotten out of hand.

But last weekend, several students got a taste of their own medicine when the Performing Arts Center's inaugural Hard Hat Ball became too loud.

Fourteen noise complaints were filed with Campus Police on Saturday night and Sunday morning. All of the complainers were advised that the party would continue until 2 a.m.

Cal Poly neighbors and students alike were kept awake from the bands which performed all Saturday night and into early Sunday morning.

The ball, which was the center's first event open to the public, featured an extensive list of performers and had several stages operating simultaneously.

Katheryn Mohr, who graduated from Cal Poly last June, lives two miles away from campus and called Saturday night to complain.

Mohr is upset because when she tried to have a graduation party with a band at one o'clock on that same Saturday afternoon, SLO police were there to break it up by 1:15 p.m.

 Mohr was surprised that the police broke up her party couldn't do anything about the ball because it was out of their jurisdiction.

"When I called the police, they told me that the upper-echelon of San Luis Obispo society was there—the mayor and the police chief, so if you want to take them up on it, go right about," she said.

Mohr said she first called San Luis Obispo's Police Department to complain and was told to call Cal Poly's Campus Police.

Mohr then called Campus Police and was informed that there were several officers at the ball ready to break things up.

But, despite Mohr's and several others' best efforts, and Schneider went to see the new complex and the Peasants, well, to drink wine, be merry and entertain the crowd of over 1,000 people.

While the event was treated as a black-tie affair for some, especially those who forked out the $500-per-plate ticket price, others arrived sporting construction attire and hard hats.

"I think the event went very well," Myra Hearst, executive director of the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center, said. "There were a lot of people there having a wonderful time."

Tickets for the ball sold for a whopping $75 which left many ticket holders wary about the event before it began.

"It was a benefit to raise money so we can have reasonable rates for future events and some events at no cost," Haslop said.

The entertainment for the evening became the reason for much of the event's success. Along with the roaming Peasants, performers and musicians filled every corner of the cornerless building and the surrounding area.

Huge search over weekend offers no clues on Smart

The search, which lasted almost eight hours, included a helicopter that observed the perimeter of the campus, a K-9 unit of five dogs, a dive team to search ponds and 16 Sheriff's Posse members on horseback.

"The search was a success in the effect that it was a thorough search," Piotrowski said. "But nothing substantial was found."

Piotrowski said that this search was similar in scope to the original, but more intense due to more resources and the community pitching in.

Another difference between this search and the first was that Campus Police weren't in charge.

The lead role in the Smart case changed hands when Campus Police turned the investigation over to the Sheriff's Department.
El Corral hires new director

By Justin MacInnis
Summer Staff Writer

El Corral Bookstore recently rounded up a new director. Frank Gawley joined the Cal Poly work force July 1 to continue leading the campus bookstore in new directions.

Gawley is replacing Nick Boute who was acting interim director since the former director, Court Warren, resigned last January. Boute will return to his previous position as Assistant Director.

As director, Gawley will be running a retail business with annual sales of nearly $14.5 million. He will also be managing approximately 33 full-time staff members and 148 part-time and student employees.

Gawley comes from Cupertino where he served as director of the De Anza College Bookstore for 13 years. There, he was responsible for more than $8 million in annual sales, the largest gross sales of all community college bookstores in the United States.

Before De Anza, Gawley managed Robert's Bookstore at San Jose State University for seven years.

We had accomplished just about everything we wanted to accomplish there (at De Anza)," Gawley said.

Gawley doesn't know exactly about the direction he wants to take El Corral, but Gawley said he has an idea as to what its future will be. "It's a little premature right now, but I'm looking at the internal aspect of the store," Gawley said. "We need to look and see what the customer wants, and what we need to do to better serve them."

One example he gave was a Kinokki's style printing store that would cater to the off-campus student.

"We definitely had consensus on the top candidate," Gawley said. "We decided that the person we were looking for was the Foundation Executive Director Al Amaraud.

"We brought to the community a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to provide good value plus quality products," Gawley said.

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"We believe we have obtained a very strong candidate," Dunn said. "Her past work has shown her to be a true professional and very dedicated to producing conscientious employees."

Although the deputy city clerk has fulfilled most clerical duties since Gladwell left, several projects were put on hold until a new clerk was hired, Dunn said.

But Gawley seems ready for the challenge. "Every place has its challenges, but I'm just looking forward to all that San Luis Obispo has to offer," he said.
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By Otto Moe Beal
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Three Cal Poly employees have been singled out for special recognition because of exemplary service to the university.

Custodian George Enriquez, student services professional Cynthia Jelinek, and university police officer Carol Montgomery have been named Outstanding Staff Employees for 1995-96.

Each of the three staff members will receive $300 and a prize at the annual Spring Staff Employee Recognition Banquet. The winners are nominated by faculty and staff members and reviewed by a committee of University President Warren Boldt and reviewed by a committee of student employees based on the committee's recommendations.

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An Open Letter to the President

By Randy Halstead

Well, you did it again. It wasn’t enough that you tried out of complete ignorance to push gays in the military as your first major legislative action when you took office. It wasn’t enough that you had more important business abroad when Uncle Sam came calling. It wasn’t enough that you once said you identified with those that “loathe” the military. It wasn’t enough that you passed your anti-military feelings on to your daughter so that she protested when a military guard was assigned as her escort. It wasn’t enough that you filled your personal staff with those who share your distaste for military service. Remember the time when your happy little staffers told Gen. McCaffrey that she didn’t talk to military people when he asked her a question? I do. Quite a coincidence that you appointed him drug czar, now that you’re trying to prove to the world that you’re really a Republican. Now we come to find out that you’re really serving active duty in the military. Where have you been hiding that uniform, anyway? In what has become an all too familiar occurrence, you have once again delivered a stinging slap in the face to everyone who has ever worn the uniform of the United States military. You now have the audacity to try to use the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940 to protect you from Paula Jones’ sexual harassment suit! You want to claim the same right as active duty military personnel to be shielded from civil trials until after active duty is completed. So, you’re in the Army now! And all this time I’ve been under the impression that the military is under CIVILIAN control. I guess the United States is officially a military dictatorship now.

If you want to hate the military, that is your right. If you have no respect for those of us who have worn the uniform, that is your prerogative. But after your well-documented distaste for all things military, to turn around when it is convenient and try to hide behind legislation that is reserved for those who put their lives on the line for their country — and all just to help shield yourself from a supposed unfounded lawsuit — is unforgivable. Splitting in the face of the armed forces may gain you votes with the “Rock the Vote” crowd, but many of us don’t find it all that funny.

No, I don’t speak for all veterans or all current members of the military. I speak for me. I do, however, know that there are many in and out of the armed forces who see you as a man who did all he could to oppose and evade the military only to become — and here comes the irony — commander in chief of the armed forces. You have no right to try to commandeer the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act for your own benefit. You have never been a soldier nor a sailor. You had your chance to serve, but you disrespectfully declined. Don’t dishonor those who make the sacrifice you refused to make. Please Mr. President, take the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act reference out of the brief you filed with the Supreme Court. You may be a lot of things, but an active duty military man is not one of them.

Randy Halstead was a Daily Staff Writer and a former Marine who served in the Persian Gulf.
By Jackie MacKintosh  
Summit Staff Writer

SLO Brew ended the entertainment portion of the month of June with five bands and nearly a full house in support of the local Surfrider Foundation's Summer Swell Benefit Fundraiser. The event started with more than just loud music. Paramedics showed up within the first hour, after a waitress slipped on a backseat and was taken to the emergency room. The sight of spilled blood from a cut on her leg shocked another man causing him to faint.

The energy continued out of the night, but in the anticipated fashion of loud music, alcohol consumption and dance. Five dollars at the door gained the audience access to a restaurant/bar of SLO Brew where local blues and surf-rock bands played from 4 p.m. till midnight. The music stopped long enough to draw two names out of a hat to decide who won the raffle. Two people's support turned to dislike when they were awarded either an ocean kayak or a surfboard.

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Blackout darkens West from SoCal to Canada

By L.M. Collins
Associated Press

DENVER — Electricity and phone service was knocked out Tuesday for more than 1.5 million customers from Canada to the Pacific Northwest after something caused power lines to fail in a chain reaction on a record-hot day.

The blackout started traffic, forced hospitals and air-traffic controllers to use emergency measures, darkened flashy casinos and shut off air conditioners as temperatures soared into the 100s in some areas.

Outages were reported in at least eight states from Southern California to Colorado and into Canada, as a chain reaction of disruptions spread through the West.

Utility officials could not immediately explain what caused the outages, which came amid heavy power usage in the heat wave.

"It's premature to even speculate," said Robert Dintelman, assistant executive director of the Western Systems Coordinating Council, which will coordinate the investigation of the outage.

At the center of the outage were three 500-kilovolt transmission lines that extend from the hydroelectric dams in the Pacific Northwest down to the Southwest.

Each can supply up to 2.2 million homes. At one point, all three lines were knocked out, but authorities were unsure whether the lines caused the outages or were affected by a problem elsewhere.

The outage affected parts of Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona and Nevada as well as the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia, Gruber said.

MULTIMEDIA: Students travelled to Philly

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theme and gave as much exposure to our sponsors as we possibly could.

"Jackson, a computer science senior, said that many industry representatives at the show were also impressed, especially since Cal Poly was the only college participant.

"Most of the companies there spent lots of money for their presentations and for students to come in and get a space is unique," said Albert Schmidt, who graduated with a computer science degree in June. "We were able to relate what we had learned, see what we needed to know for the real world and get exposure we wouldn't get in the classroom."

Schmidt also said that the event provided limitless opportunities to network with professionals, which for him, resulted in a job with Sun Microsystems.

Although only four students and two advisors attended the trade show, preparation involved long hours donated by many other members.

"The students were able to achieve all this while attending regular classes without getting paid or academic credit," said MMRP member Steve O'Driscoll-Packer, a graduate architecture student. "It was done solely for the purpose of network skills within an industrial platform."

The group's two faculty advisors, Bob Howell, an art and design professor, and Dr. Jens Pohl, executive director of CAD Research Center, supported the students' endeavor.

On the industrial side, consultant Scott McKay, was instrumental in the project and attended the event with the students, Jackman said.

EMPLOYEES: Chosen from 1,100 staff members

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the most enthusiastic officers I have ever worked with at Cal Poly," nominated said. "He is self-motivated. He is excited about new things and is one of the first to volunteer and go through new training. She is up any challenge."

Another co-worker called him "perfect supervisor."

"Working with the students is by far the most enjoyable part of my job," Montgomery said. "They have such fresh ideas and are so enthusiastic and full of energy."

Calls to the third outstanding employee, George Enriquez of Facility Services, were not returned. The Atascadero resident's duties range from operating a forklift to organizing surplus equipment. He's been employed at Cal Poly since 1984.

"He is the department's right hand man," nominated said. "He is skilled in many areas. In his job he sees no problems, only solutions. He doesn't get overwhelmed when he is doing 15 jobs. He is a sterling individual and his work is impeccable."

The three outstanding employees were chosen from Cal Poly's approximately 1,100 staff members.
ASSISTANTS: Will begin recruiting for the upcoming women's basketball season this Friday

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"Marcia knows a lot of coaches and players in California and she will be a good asset in recruiting," Booker said. "I would like to see us build in the Big West and Marcia can help us do that." Mimnaugh, a former head coach of the Newcastle Scorpions of Australia, will bring her experience of scheduling and travel arrangements to the team. "Aside from her work with traveling and academics, Faith will also be a nice asset to the team as a strength and conditioning coach," Booker said. "We don't have a strength coach and it will be nice to have her expertise in that area."

Mimnaugh expects next season's team to "shake things up" in the Big West Conference. "Coach Booker has brought in a lot of new recruits and there is an impressive amount of talent in the new kids," Mimnaugh said. "Good recruits make a good basketball team. Foster, with the help of Booker and Mimnaugh, expects to turn around last season's record of 5-22. "I am excited about working with Coach Booker and Coach Mimnaugh," Foster said. "Hopefully, we will make a big impact on the team and improve on last year."
New assistants hope to improve women's basketball program

By Katrnia Ritchie
Summer Staff Writer

Cal Poly Women's Basketball Head Coach Karen Booker found the "best fit" for her basketball team after a month and a half long search and has hired two new assistant coaches.

Marcia Foster, an assistant coach at Arizona State University, and Faith Mimnaugh, recently the head coach at the University of Evansville, began their new jobs on Monday.

"I really got to know Marcia and Faith during the interview process," Booker said. "They both have strong basketball backgrounds and I feel they fit in with the chemistry of the team."

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Foster, who was a four-year starter for Seton Hall, looks forward to her role as recruiting coordinator.

"This Friday, we will go on the road to recruit new players and look for new talent," Foster said. "We want to make sure that the program is solid inside and out."

Cal Poly Women's Basketball Head Coach Karen Booker and her two new assistant coaches hope after recruiting season the team will make a turnaround after losing last season with a 5-22 record.

Booker is very impressed with Foster's knowledge of California athletics.