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More charges dropped in Sigma Chi case

By Andy Castagnola
MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

The district attorney dropped charges Monday against two of the four Sigma Chi members who faced one count each of providing alcohol to a minor.

Fraternity president C.T. Kalin and pledge educator Jeffrey Parr were removed from the case. The remaining defendants, Chad McMills and Thomas Griffin, are scheduled to appear for trial Wednesday in Superior Court.

"This shows that justice has been served at least in the criminal court," Kalin said after Monday's hearing.

The four members were originally charged with nine counts of having and one count of furnishing alcohol to a minor. The district attorney dropped the nine charges last Monday after learning that alleged victim and former pledge Jason Stonebocker lied to police about a fraternity trip to Mexico.

The remaining alcohol charges stem from testimony regarding underage drinking at a fraternity trip to Santa Margarita Lake, Kalin's attorney Melvin de la Motte said.

Since Kalin did not attend the event and Parr arrived late, the district attorney had no evidence against the two members.

"My client was in the case only because he's the fraternity president," de la Motte said. "That's not evidence to convict a person."

McMills and Griffin did attend the Santa Margarita trip. However, de la Motte said he suspects charges against the other two defendants will also be dismissed before trial begins.

"It's not a crime to be present," de la Motte said.

Attorneys will meet in court again today to hear whether Judge Michael Duffy will allow the district attorney to use tapes from Cal Poly's Judicial Affairs hearing.

McMills' lawyer, Rob Fonke-Rolls, requested the order to deny use of the tapes. He said that university officials assured witnesses that their testimony was confidential.

De la Motte commented on the use of the tapes: "The judge has to decide if the students who appeared at the hearing, and were denied counsel, were given assurance of confidentiality."

Formulating a win

Mechanical engineering senior Mike Freestone tests his club's Formula One race car Saturday on campus. Freestone is project leader for the Society of Automotive Engineers' racing competition.

Poly taking action to ensure faculty equality

By Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

If two equally qualified people apply for the same campus position and one is a white male and one isn't, who gets the job?

"We have a desire to make this a more diverse campus (with emplement)," said Andrelia Gonzalez, Cal Poly equity programs analyst.

Affirmative action programs were established by the federal government, Gonzalez said, to foster nondiscriminatory hiring practices and to try to lessen the gap between the dominant group and the protected groups — or underrepresented groups — including women and minorities.

According to 1998-1999 data published by Institutional Planning and Analysis, the non-white student population at Cal Poly is 29.3 percent of the total 16,296. This is compared to the non-white faculty population's 15.1 percent.

Women represent 28 percent of faculty and 43.2 percent of the student population.

The challenge, Gonzalez said, is getting qualified, underrepresented people to apply for positions.

"Not being in a metropolis area is hard to get people to want to come here and stay here," Gonzalez said.

Factors such as the housing market and cost of living deter people from coming to the Central Coast.

Although the student and faculty data is from last school year, analyst Bonnie Krupp from Institutional Planning and Analysis said the percentages are still relatively accurate.

"Things don't change that fast," Krupp said.

Affirmative action refers to specific strategies used to gain greater diversity, whereas equal employment opportunity is a term used simply as one's right not to be discriminated against for any reason in regard to employment.

California's Proposition 209 restricted the use of preferential treatment in respect to affirmative action. Gonzalez said, "That had more of an impact on admissions than employment," she added.

She said the No. 1 priority is always the quality of the candidate. Throughout campus, there are about 70 affirmative action facilitators who ensure that the hiring practices of their respective departments are equitable. These individuals are involved in each of their departments' recruitment and hiring processes and are the only ones on the committee who know the ethnicity of candidates.

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Small fire at Diablo Canyon shuts down reactor; some steam released

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — One of two nuclear reactors at the Diablo Canyon power plant automatically shut down early Monday because of a small electrical fire, releasing steam possibly tainted with low levels of radiation.

Nobody was injured in the generating room blaze, and the radiation — if any escaped — was not detected by sensors around the plant, said Brett Henderson, spokesman for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

"There is no concern at the NRC about health and safety or exceeding federal limits for radiation released," he said. "We just can't say categorically that there was zero, because there was no inspection to have been a little bit. It's too low to measure."

Diablo Canyon, which is owned by Pacific Gas & Electric Co., has been under closer NRC scrutiny for unplanned shutdowns. In most cases, the events were triggered by natural or human error.

"It's like tubes, lighting, or storms. A shutdown does not automatically lead to the release of steam, but the electrical problem knocked out water circulation pumps. As a result, steam was vented to the atmosphere to relieve pressure," Henderson said. "They didn't understand what had happened to the electrical system, and their rules require them to declare this the lowest level emergency."

A shutdown does not automatically continue from page 1

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"We must redress what has taken place in our history that makes the work force look the way it looks today," she said.

Cal Poly's Statement on Diversity says that the university values a diverse population. It reads, in part, "As a university whose motto is 'learn by doing,' Cal Poly explicitly underscores the importance that experiences bring to education. When students are exposed personally and directly to faculty, staff, and other students from diverse backgrounds, their stereotypes about the 'other' are challenged."

"Bringing about diversity through affirmative action does not involve quotas. If an underrepresented person meets the qualifications of the position, the affirmative action facilitator might suggest that the committee explore the person's qualities."

The California Boulevard extension is scheduled to become a four-lane divided highway before a major expansion of California Boulevard.

"We tell them to take this opportunity to look at the person a little closer," Gonzalez said.

Many times, she said, what is on an application might not be totally accurate or may not reflect the potential of the person. Therefore, an extra look at a woman or minority might be necessary.

The Office of Federal Contractors Compliance Programs monitors affirmative action programs. As a California institution, Cal Poly receives federal funds and is subject to audit by the OFCCP.

"If (the OFCCP) finds you discriminate, they can set quotas for you," Gonzalez said. "Only when a university is found to give preferential treatment to certain groups are mandated quotas set."

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sneezing, watery eyes, runny noses otherwise silent midterm exams. The bloom. You may have noticed the sunny days and bright flowers in heating up. Many students, however, are more irritated than pleased by these plants, especially grasses, down through San Luis Obispo and right to your nose.

Some people have very active immune systems, and they produce antibodies when they’re exposed to pollen. Brauninger says that when pollen gets in the nose, some immune cells recognize them as foreign and produce antibodies called IgE. These antibodies stay in your system, and when you are exposed to them in the future, they latch on to the pollen. IgE in turn links onto mast cells, which contain histamines. The mast cells burst, releasing histamines, which cause sneezing, runny noses and itchy eyes.

Brauninger says that allergies are genetic, so you can blame your par­ents if your eyes start itching and your nose starts running. Even those who “suffer to allergies usually don’t notice a problem with allergy symp­toms during their first couple of years in the area. It takes long for your body to build up antibodies to pollen before there is a reaction.

There are several allergy medica­tions available, and students can con­sult with professionals at the Health Center as which medications will work best for them. Business junior Brian Lo is one suf­ferer of allergies. “I get very frustrated with my allergies. It’s a vulnerable time socially. You feel self-conscious cause you’ve got snot all over your hands and you’re making a racket. I always carry allergy medicine and hand sanitizer in my backpack. They’re necessities during allergy sea­son,” Lo said.

Although scientists aren’t exactly sure what causes allergies, some are placing the blame on the success of our civilization. One popular theory is “hygiene hypothesis.” It says that because we lead cleaner lives with indoor plumbing and get regular immunizations and antibiotics, our immune systems either get bored or haven’t built up enough to combat allergies. The best thing you can do if you are suffering is consult your personal doctor or a health care professional at the Health Center.

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The ad for Bike Week 2000, which was published on May 15, incorrectly stated that the “Energizer” cookies were compliments of Foothill Cyclery. It should have stated that the cookies are compliments of Campus Dining.

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Don’t fritter away your summer -
Spring quarter brings fatigue, not much else

Summer is coming. Despite the perpetually grey skies that hang over Cal Poly, the weekends you can feel the season of vacation rapidly approaching in the humid air.

Maybe the humidity is what’s been weighing me down these past couple weeks. Or maybe the extra hours of daylight are tricking me into feeling like I’m getting less deep. Whatever the reason, I’m tired, and I’m not alone. When I look around campus, I see masses of blurry-eyed students dragging their feet to class, talking of taking a nap as soon as they get back to their rooms.

It’s not from deep depression. Although the college environment certainly encourages all-nighters, a few missed nights of rest in bed aren’t going to slump shoulders as low as I’ve seen on a majority of the student population. It’s not chronic depression either. I see students shuffling to class like extra-fuel Night of the Living Dead IT Monday through Friday, but as soon as the weekend officially starts, these would-be zombies suddenly spring to life and rush to parties, dance clubs, and Ultimate Frisbee games.

So what’s really causing this schoolwide wave of world-weariness? The French call it ennui. I call it spring quarter.

Spring sunshine, when it peeks through the clouds, makes everything look brighter. It makesme look like they’re itching to be driven anywhere. It makes grass greener, lawns greener and starts the world. It makes everything except school look better. It makes me want to go outside. My friends and I look forward to spending our Saturdays relaxing in the grassy fields and hills around Cal Poly, humming so that no one can hear us.

I’ve never seen on a majority of the student body. Sloughing off drudge work now only means picking it up again. It’s time for people to come to terms with reality. With the good, come the bad.

Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard is journalism sophomore.

Hackers are a computer Catch-22

“I love you” is most often associated with significant others, family, friends, and, of course, Valentine’s Day. But lately, this phrase has taken an evil turn and invaded computers everywhere.

A hacker from the Philippines has succeeded in changing a term of endearment into an unstoppable virus that seeps into peoples’ homes through e-mail. Computers are now matched for the dreadful bag, and as hard drives are erased left and right, I think it’s safe to ask if this is really surprising.

Since computers were invented, frustrated users have sat in front of blank screens, cursing hackers for their ability to outsmart them. The government has debated what sort of legislation it should pass to save the world from people who have used their computer skills to wreak havoc upon innocent computer users.

The debate has always been a pointless one — putting restrictions on the Internet will only limit open access. The government walks a thin line between allowing people unlimited rights and restricting their freedom. It’s an age-old battle that occurs on all levels in all societies — as long as people are given a large amount of freedom to do as they please, there will be people who abuse it. Just last week, a member of the Cal Poly faculty was the target of computer cracking, a term used to describe the accessing of someone’s computer for a negative purpose. The hacker, who has not been caught, drained people’s passwords on the network and is now able to access their private records.

Although it’s a shame this happened to Cal Poly, this sort of incident should be expected when people are given complete access to a powerful tool such as the Internet.

For centuries, people have stolen cars, robbed grocery stores and abused their First Amendment rights. It should be expected that with an invention like the Internet, there will be people who take the awesome advance in technology and bring it to a whole new level, one that wasn’t supposed to be reached.

With the recent “I Love You” virus, the government has finally come to a conclusion that should have been obvious long ago: Passing more legislation won’t actually deter these hackers and will only restrict access to open access to the Internet for people that don’t deserve to have restrictions placed on them.

American society revolves around freedom more than anything. People immigrate here because of our unlimited rights. Any law that would place a restriction on these foundations of society shouldn’t even be considered. I agree that hackers should be punished, but there are already laws that serve that purpose. Under the Computer Abuse Act of 1984, offenders can receive a fine of $250,000, a five-year prison term or both. Laws restricting all computer users should never be enforced, even if they aim to stop computer hackers.

Although we would like to have everything, there is no possible way that society can enjoy the freedom of computer access and at the same time avoid people, such as hackers, who abuse this privilege. Even a society founded on freedom can have drawbacks, and computer hackers are one of them. I would rather deal with a few computer crashes than have limited Internet access.

It’s time for people to come to terms with reality. With the good, come the bad.

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“I have to pay for drinks. What kind of department is this?”

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Knight punished, but keeps job

INDIANAPOLIS — Bob Knight will remain basketball coach at Indiana but must sit out three games next season and pay a $50,000 fine for his "pattern of inappropriate behavior."

"I think the ethical approach is to give him one last chance," school president Myles Brand said at a news conference Monday.

Knight must also follow a supervised code of conduct. He will be fined immediately if he violates it or has physical contact with any player or university employee, Brand said.

He described the sanctions as a "zero-tolerance policy."

Knight was investigated by the school after former player Neil Reed accused the coach of choking him during a 1997 practice that was caught on videotape. During the investigation other accusations of verbal and physical abuse emerged.

"He has given me his word that he will take extraordinary steps to change behavior," Brand said.

"We have established tough, specific guidelines to send a clear message that abusive and embarrassing behavior will not be tolerated," Brand said.

Brand detailed the sanctions one day after trustees met in private to discuss their investigation into Knight's behavior. The trustees then turned over Knight's file to Brand.

"I recognize I have a problem... then we began to talk about sanctions," Brand said.

On Saturday, the day before the trustees' meeting, Knight issued a statement in which he first apologized for his temper and acknowledged he needs to be "more diplomatic." He did not apologize to individuals or for specific episodes.

In addition to the three national titles, the Hall of Fame coach guided the U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal in 1994. But his successes were often overshadowed by his bullying behavior on and off the court — from throwing chairs to profane outbursts against the media, players, fans and university employees.

In March, Brand appointed two trustees to investigate Reed's accusations.

"The conversation I had with Bob was clearly unique," he said. "I had never seen him before commit and apologize."

He said he had considered firing Knight.

"If the discussion proceeded and Bob expressed the view that he very much wanted to change his behavior... then we began to talk about sanctions," Brand said.

Knight, who has won three national championships in his 29 years at the school, did not attend the news conference. But Walda read a statement in which Knight said: "I recognize I have a problem... and Bob expressed the view that he..."

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Although the characters are accurate, Liddell would slightly change how he is portrayed in the game. "I would like my guy to be a little better at submissions," Liddell said. "I am (the character) shown as a little weaker." Striking includes punching, kicking, and elbows, while submissions include moves such as leg locks and arm bars.

Despite the negative publicity that usually surrounds the UFC, Liddell feels the game will help the situation for the UFC and himself. "It is good publicity for me being in the game," Liddell said. "I just want the sport to grow. I fight for a living, and the better the sport is perceived, the more money I make. Bozner gets millions of dollars for just one fight. I'd like to see the UFC start to get bigger."

He may be around long enough to see that happen. "I like fighting," Liddell said. "I enjoy being able to do my wrestling and striking together. I'm a tough fighter because I fight both standing and on the ground. I'm a real balanced fighter."

Although he does not spend much time playing video games, he said he will make a point to learn to play this game. "I don't have a lot of time to play," Liddell said. "However, I will try to get good at this game. All my friends want to fight against me and beat me."

The rest of the world will get its chance to fight Liddell when the game is released in September.

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students should go to the game!

JN: If it's a great ballgame isn't enough, there's a small contingent of supporters sitting behind the Mustang dugout have established a reputation as exceptional hecklers. Also, showing good knowledge of college student's financial situation, the athletic department allows you to bring food and drinks into the game, rather than pay $450 for a polish and bottled water.

JN: Does the athletic department put too much emphasis on community support instead of focusing on getting students to games?

JN: No, it's important to get a combination of community and student support. The community has shown support for Mustang athletics and that's an important source of revenue. The athletic department needs students to bring life to Cal Poly sporting events. They've tried various promotions, but in the end, it's up to the fans to show up.

JN: Would it help student attendance if more big-name schools come to Cal Poly?

JN: Of course. You can't blame students for not coming out to see the men's basketball team lose on Simon Fraser from British Columbia, Canada (a basketball Mecca). But in every other sport, Cal Poly plays some of the best teams in the country.

"While it's tough to name all the quality schools that have played at Cal Poly, a few highlights were last year's thrilling 1-0 victory for men's soccer over Stanford in Mustang Stadium, women's volleyball upset powerhouse UC Santa Barbara earlier this year in mini-Mont, and most recently, baseball defeating Cal State Fullerton 2-1 in one of the best baseball games ever played in SLO Stadium. These types of quality teams make trips to Cal Poly worthwhile."

JN: Do the men's basketball team or the football team have to win to have students recognize Cal Poly's athletic success?

JN: No. The track team, women's soccer, volleyball, baseball and the women's basketball team are doing a nice job establishing Cal Poly's athletic reputation.

At Cal Poly, the people who do go out to games are truly diehard fans. They aren't there because it's a social event (we know it's not that). They go out to support the numerous student-athletes who represent Cal Poly on the athletic fields.

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Now anyone can challenge this Poly alum

By Kimberly Tahsuda

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