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As temperatures rise, Avila Beach will become crowded with many sun-seeking Cal Poly students.

Parking plan is raising sand Avila Beach lot may cost beachgoers by summer

By Heather Crookston
Staff Writer

Budget cuts have hit Cal Poly hard with reduced classes and increased tuition costs. Now, budget cuts have hit Avila Beach hard, too, and Cal Poly students may have to pay for it — literally.

John D'Ornellas, operations manager for Port San Luis, said that a cut in the \$2.6 million

budget may force officials to compensate for the loss by charging for parking.

D'Ornellas said a tentative plan is in place to charge for parking in the Avila Beach lot. Funds would go toward the upkeep of restrooms, pier repair and lifeguards. He said the cost has yet to be determined.

"This could be implemented relatively quickly," D'Ornellas

said. "It could be this summer."

But some Cal Poly students aren't too happy about the fund-raising tactic.

"I'm against it," said agribusiness freshman Scott Adams. "Beaches should always be free."

Adams said pay parking would send him to other area beaches.

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Cal Poly baseball in playoffs SLO Stadium to host Regionals for third straight year

By Cam Inman
Sports Editor

Cal Poly's baseball team has been chosen for the third straight year to play host to the NCAA Division II West Regional baseball playoffs.

The decision by NCAA officials Sunday night allows Cal Poly to play on its home field at SLO Stadium.

Cal Poly will compete against UC Davis and Cal Poly Pomona in the double-elimination Regional, which begins Friday and continues through Sunday — if needed.

The ninth-ranked Mustangs are 33-17 overall and received an automatic bid to the Regional by winning the California Collegiate Athletic Association title.

Unlike years past where SLO Stadium has been a favorite to host the Regional, it seemed like Northern California Athletic Conference champ UC Davis might have a good bid at hosting it since the Aggies are 41-12 and making their first Regional appearance.



Div. II West Regionals

at SLO • Baseball • Stadium

May 21: CP Pomona vs. UC Davis, 1 p.m.

May 21: Cal Poly SLO vs. Loser, Gm. 1, 7 p.m.

May 22: Cal Poly SLO vs. Winner, Gm. 1, 1 p.m.

May 22: Opponents TBA, 7 p.m.

May 23: Opponents TBA if needed, noon

Cal Poly Pomona, the CCAA runner-up with a 28-25 record, received an at-large berth to the Regional.

A total of 24 teams will compete in eight regionals, which are double-elimination tournaments. Regional champions will advance to the 26th Annual NCAA Division II College World Series May 29-June 5 at Montgomery,

Ala.

The Mustangs won the West Regional a year ago, which also consisted of teams from UC Riverside and Sonoma State. At last year's Series in Alabama, the Mustangs fell to Mansfield, 3-2, in the semifinals.

Tampa (36-20) is the defending national champion and is the top seed in the South Region.

The West Regional opens Friday with a 1 p.m. game between Cal Poly Pomona and UC Davis, followed by a 7:30 p.m. game pitting Cal Poly against the loser of game one.

Cal Poly faces the winner of game one at 1 p.m. Saturday, with a 7 p.m. game slated for later. If needed, a game will be played Sunday at noon to determine the Regional champion.

Single game ticket prices are \$3 for students, seniors and children; \$5 for the general public. Tournament passes can be purchased by students, seniors and children for \$8 apiece and \$14 for the general public.

Poly Fire's fate goes to Council Campus station in peril tonight

By Len Arends
Staff Writer

Tonight's San Luis Obispo City Council meeting could make the Cal Poly Fire Department's termination a bit more certain.

The Council has scheduled a business item to decide whether or not the city wants to pursue a contract with Cal Poly to provide the campus' emergency services.

The City Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 990 Palm Street.

If the Council agrees to go ahead with the proposal, the new service would replace the existing Cal Poly Fire Department, which is scheduled to cease operations June 30.

Two campus officials — Frank Lebens, vice president for Business Affairs, and Joe Risser, Public Safety director — are scheduled to attend the meeting.

Councilmember David Romero said Monday he believes the Council will vote to draw up a contract with Cal Poly. "The college is having horrible budget problems," he said. "Cal Poly Fire" will probably have to be shut down.

"The service must be provided by either the county or the city,"

he continued. "(And) the city can provide better service."

Councilmember Allen Settle wasn't as certain of the merits of transferring authority to the city. He said he had concerns about changes in response time to campus fires if the service vehicles had to come from the city.

"I'm personally opposed to the complete closing down of the (campus) station," he said.

Settle speculated on the possibility of student volunteers operating the campus station under the authority of the city.

"At least it's worth looking into," he said.

The eminent closure of the campus fire department is significant because Cal Poly Fire is the last on-campus fire service in the CSU system, according to Risser. It also serves the largest acreage of any campus in the western United States, according to Cal Poly Fire Capt. Randy Bello.

Cal Poly Fire has been the victim of continually reduced funding. Its most recent sacrifices came last October when, as part of attempts to accommodate the campus' 8 percent budget cuts, two fire officials retired and the department chose to no longer use its two larger fire engines.

Mother's day orchids: Day late, dollar short

By Chris Brandi
Staff Writer

Mother's Day turned sour for many Cal Poly moms last week.

An orchid sale sponsored by Sigma Nu fraternity gave students the chance to buy a flower for \$5, which was supposed to arrive at mom's house by Mother's Day; however, the fraternity has received nearly 40 complaints from students who said their gifts showed up late.

According to Sigma Nu President Dave Mialovich, a mix-up with shipping boxes was the cause of the problem.

"The company we ordered the boxes from said they never received our check," Mialovich said. "We were running around trying to find boxes in town to get the flowers out on time."

Mialovich said that all 550 orders still went out by their 5 p.m. Thursday deadline.

Many students, though, were annoyed when their ges-

tures did not arrive on time.

Dan Reynolds, a human development senior, said he was guaranteed his flower would arrive on time when he ordered it a week in advance.

His mother received her half-dead flower Wednesday night, three days after the holiday, he said.

"It made the whole gesture kind of mute," said Reynolds.

"What really angered me was that they never returned my calls all week," Reynolds said.

The fund-raiser, which had been the best of the year for Sigma Nu in the past, is headed toward a big loss this year, according to Vice President Matt Bindel.

"We have had tons of people calling," Bindel said. "We are directing everyone who has a problem to our fund-raising chairperson, Mike Battistessa."

Anyone wanting to get in touch with Battistessa can reach him at 542-9192.

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WORLD★NATION★STATE

Venice Beach closed after brawling gangs invade

Los Angeles, Calif.

Funky Venice Beach and its popular boardwalk jammed with offbeat characters and tourists has become a weekend mecca for warring South-Central gangs bringing inner-city violence to the sand.

Police closed the beach and evicted about 300,000 people Sunday when brawling gang members invaded the beach to hoot, holler and throw fists. But what about the highly-publicized gang truce after last year's riots?

"The truce is very ineffective," said Lt. Brad Merritt, who heads the gang detail on the Westside. Some rival inner-city gangs announced a truce to end blood-letting after last year's riots, but the peace pact isn't a widespread phenomenon.

"There is one particular housing project (South-Central's Jordan Downs) where the truce has been effective and murders are down, but the homicide rate is still going on everywhere else. They still shoot each other," said Merritt.

Southern California beaches have seen sporadic gang skirmishes, but the Venice

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Lt. Brad Merritt

boardwalk's Bohemian atmosphere with jugglers, musicians, hucksters and body-beautiful skaters has become a magnet for street toughs.

Recent rap songs mention inner city escape to the beach and the colorful Venice boardwalk was recently featured in the urban movie "White Men Can't Jump."

"Sunday afternoon seems to be gang day at the beach, the new popular thing about 4 o'clock on Sunday," said Merritt. "A lot of youths start showing up, they get rowdy and they start intimidating the sightseers."

"It's the 'in' place to go."

On Sunday, 90 police officers were called in to quell fist-fighting among some

50 gang members. The beach was closed as a precaution and police, some on horseback, cleared the crowd of up to 300,000 beachgoers.

There were no arrests and no use of force.

"I think they overreacted," said peace activist Jerry Rubin, who uses a "Peace" hand-stamp at an Alliance for Survival table to welcome boardwalk visitors. "I guess I didn't stamp enough people yesterday."

"If this is the standard procedure every time there is a scuffle on the beach, then it is absurd. You don't yield to terrorism. They are perpetuating fear," he said. "I'm glad there's more people of color on the boardwalk."

Some merchants were upset because of the beach closure. A Waterfront Cafe cook said Monday: "Everybody's unhappy. It was our busiest time."

Eric Kizzie, a customer at a beachfront cafe, said police cleared the area after an officer was struck on the head while trying to break up a fight near an outdoor basketball court.

Restaurant employee David Fausser said Sunday afternoon violence was now commonplace. "You see them walking in big groups and they put off some pretty intimidating vibes," he said.

"They are just hanging out. They congregate and block the boardwalk and call the girl's in bikinis," said Merritt. But women walking, skating or bicycling the gang-banger gantlet, and their boyfriends or husbands, get angry.

"It's a glitch that happens every Sunday," said Lt. Kent Setty. "The gang members come down and we generally keep control. But yesterday there were a lot of them."

NEWS BRIEFS

Grade inflation skews transcripts

Cambridge, Mass.

Students are graduating from American colleges and universities this month with some of the best grades ever. But the best aren't necessarily the brightest.

Officials at some of the nation's most elite schools concede that the flood of A's and B's pouring from their campuses is partly the result of grade inflation, and they're worried about the trend.

"Not everybody is equally good," said Harvey C. Mansfield, a Harvard government professor for 32 years. "If everybody gets an A, then taking a course becomes like taking an exam for a driver's license, where everyone expects to pass."

Forty-three percent of the grades awarded now at Harvard are A's or A-minuses, compared with 22 percent about two decades ago.

At Stanford University, the proportion of A's increased from 29 percent in 1968 to 35 percent in 1987, the last year for which figures were available. The proportion of C's fell from 16 percent to 6 percent.

Forty percent of all grades at Princeton last year were A's, up from 33 percent just four years earlier.

"It's unfair to the best students to have them mixed up with the not-as-good students or even with the mediocre students," Mansfield said.

But grade inflation has become more than an issue of fairness. At least one study shows that artificially high grades in the humanities are drawing students away

Life quality scale shows disparity

Washington, D.C.

American blacks and Hispanics rank just ahead of Russians in the latest U.N. quality-of-life index, far behind No. 1 ranked American whites.

The annual index — a measure of life expectancy, education and purchasing power — ranks people living in 173 countries. A report to be published this month with the index also analyzes disparity among ethnic or racial groups, between men and women and among people from different regions within some of the countries.

Japan, as in past years, is the leading country in the 1993 U.N. Human Development Index, but it drops to No. 17 if treatment of women is included as a factor.

"While there are reports on production, currency movements and other economic factors, this is a report on the state of the world's people, on how people's lives are affected," said project director Mahbub ul Haq.

Following Japan are Canada, Norway, Switzerland and Sweden. The United States ranks sixth, although U.S. whites top the list if considered separately.

from subjects such as math and science.

"Colleges and universities are trying to encourage students to go into the sciences at the same time that there's a pervasive incentive, namely grades, pushing them away," said Richard Sabot, a Williams College economics

professor.

Fifty-six percent of Stanford seniors in humanities got A's in 1987, for example, compared with 36 percent of seniors majoring in engineering.

Olympics considers rights issue

Sydney, Australia

In a message apparently directed toward China's bid for the 2000 Olympics, the Games' top organizer said Sunday the choice will be influenced by the host country's human rights record.

But the comments by International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch seemed to carry conflicting signals for Chinese officials, who have mounted a vigorous lobbying campaign for the summer Games.

Samaranch said the selection committee will take rights abuses into consideration, which could be seen as a blow to China's chances. But he also suggested the Games could be a vehicle for reforms.

China has faced widespread criticism for rights abuses, especially since the 1989 crackdown against democracy students in Tiananmen Square. Beijing is one of six cities vying to host the 2000 Olympics.

Samaranch, who was in Sydney to review the city's Olympic bid, didn't specifically talk about the chances for Beijing.

But he said the Olympics can accelerate changes within a host country. This happened, he said, in South Korea after Seoul staged the 1988 Games.

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Poly dorms: From dungeon to dream home?

Officials implement new options to make residence halls more desirable

By Sharon Wiebe
Staff Writer

Cal Poly residence hall life may suddenly become more appealing — even to those who swear they despise dorm life and can't wait to move off campus.

A variety of changes will be taking place in Cal Poly's on-campus housing situation, allowing students to have more choices in where they live, such as single-occupancy rooms, computer-ready rooms or rooms in study-conducive halls.

The changes are being implemented to fulfill recommendations made in a report authored by both Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo city officials last November. The purpose of the report was to recommend possible solutions to student-community relationship problems caused by

basic life-style differences between student and community residents.

In brief, the report stated that on-campus housing and off-campus transitional student-housing complexes like Mustang Village and Stenner Glenn were not meeting students' needs; thus, students were by-passing these options and going straight into residential neighborhoods that offered more flexibility.

With the combined problems of the California budget crisis

and lowered enrollment at Cal Poly, the report suggested that residence halls and transitional housing complexes be renovated so that they will become more competitive with housing classified as residential single-family.

Hazel Scott, vice-president for student affairs, said that some of the suggested renovations for Cal Poly will be in place by next year.

"We're actively in the midst of developing a five-year plan in

which the residence halls will be updated," she said.

One of the big changes proposed is the offering of private rooms, said Stephen Lamb, interim director of housing.

"The plus side of low enrollment is that we're able to offer single-rooms," he said. "We've had 200 requests for them so far from people who probably would have moved (off-campus) had they not been given that option."

Lamb said that the private rooms won't all be in the same hall but will be scattered throughout the red-brick, north- and south-mountain halls. The cost will be \$342.30 per month, which is \$114 more than students pay for shared rooms.

Lamb said that there would also be experiments with "quiet areas" for studying within the

Homeward Bound

Monday: An unscientific Daily survey shows students' main housing concerns.

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lounges of the halls.

Select rooms with direct mainframe-computer access will be available, as well as computer labs for all residents of the halls to use.

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Stephen Lamb
Interim housing director

Married Poly students say that housing is hard to find

By Sharon Wiebe
Staff Writer

Being a married student in San Luis Obispo can be extremely challenging — especially when it comes to housing.

On the one hand, a couple wants a place close to campus, yet they also want someplace that is quiet and secluded.

Finding a combination of these aspects at an affordable price may seem next to impossible.

These were some of the concerns voiced by Kevin and Cindy

Boer, Erik and Stacey Axtell, and Marty and Susan Coert, three married student couples who all attend Cal Poly. Above all other factors, they were concerned with the price of what they considered decent housing.

"There were a lot of options," business senior Cindy Boer said, "but they were expensive options."

Aeronautical engineering senior Marty Coert also said that he and his wife had to spend more than they had expected or wanted to.

"I was looking for a certain

quality and standard," he said. "A lot of the places we looked at in our price range were just dives."

Stacey Axtell, a political science junior, added that many of the places she and her husband Erik looked at were either dirty or too small.

"A lot of owners didn't take care for their property, because, I guess, they felt that students had to rent someplace, anyway," she said. "We couldn't even fit our queen-size bed in a lot of places."

However, the couples did

manage to find housing that satisfied them after many arduous searches; and, even though they professed there were a lot of negative aspects, the couples said they are now happy with their current situations.

Martin Coert said he likes the personal nature of his apartment complex. "We know the landlord, and a lot of people in this building are couples," he said.

Mustang Village, for example, has reduced their rents considerably for next year in an attempt to market to married and single students alike.

The Boers and the Axtells also expressed an interest in on-campus married housing, if made available.

"Yes, I'd be interested, but only if we didn't have to get a meal plan," Cindy Boer said. "My only concern would be noise."

Stacey Axtell, on the other hand, said she'd like to have both a kitchen and a meal plan to "fall back on" for breakfast and lunch.

Overall, the couples said they wanted a place that was clean and quiet and, as Stacey Axtell put it, "just big enough to fit our stuff."

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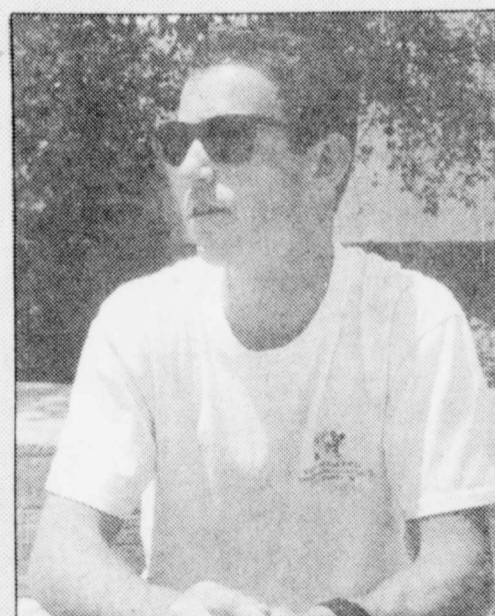
This week, students were asked their opinion on a recent proposal concerning graduating senior priority, announced before ASI last week. The proposal would limit students to three quarters of priority registration.



Seniors need that priority because they're trying to get out of here, and they need the classes to graduate.

I think it's to anyone's advantage to have (priority) all the time, so they might as well take advantage of it. (Others) will get that same advantage someday, too.

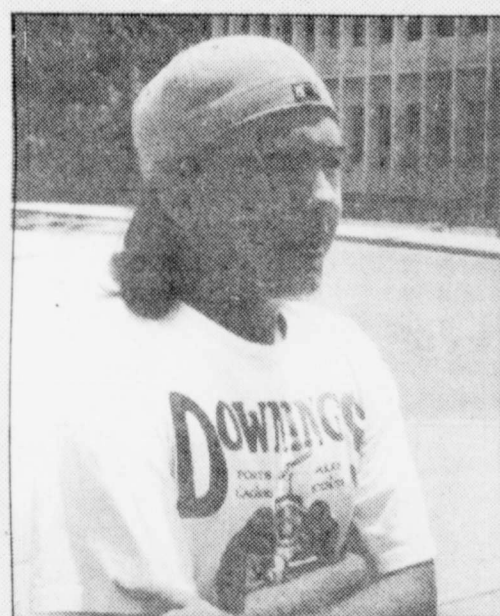
-- Sondi Harris
Natural Resources Management



With all the classes that are being dropped, there's not enough classes to be taken. I don't think it's very fair that (graduating senior priority) could be limited to three quarters when some classes aren't even being offered.

With all the budget cuts (and) less staff and faculty, I don't think it's very fair at all. You've just got to take into account not having any classes available, so it shouldn't be limited.

-- Henry Noriega
Physical Education



I think that if you narrow it to three, it ought to be based on your work as a senior. If your senior evaluation has gone through, and you're within two quarters of graduating, then you obviously ought to have it, because your classes are set in a way that you have to get them out of the way in a row.

If you have four classes in a row to take, then you're going to be here for another four quarters and you don't really need the priority.

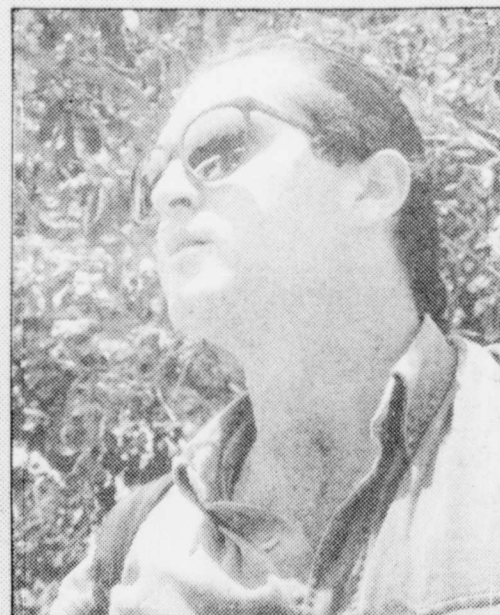
-- Jeff Sloneker
Biological Sciences



I'm a home ec student and I have graduating senior priority as it is. I've found that all it is is people in your major going against each other to get classes. So, it's not doing any good.

I don't really feel that people are abusing (graduating senior priority). I don't know anyone staying in school any longer than they have to.

-- Christine Wood
Home Economics



I think it's pretty stupid, because it's not like at other times we have the opportunity to take the other classes that we want. I think that it's only fair that when you're a senior that you be able to fill in those gaps.

I think this is going to postpone graduation for a lot of people for at least a couple of quarters.

-- Mazy Ostovany
Industrial Technology

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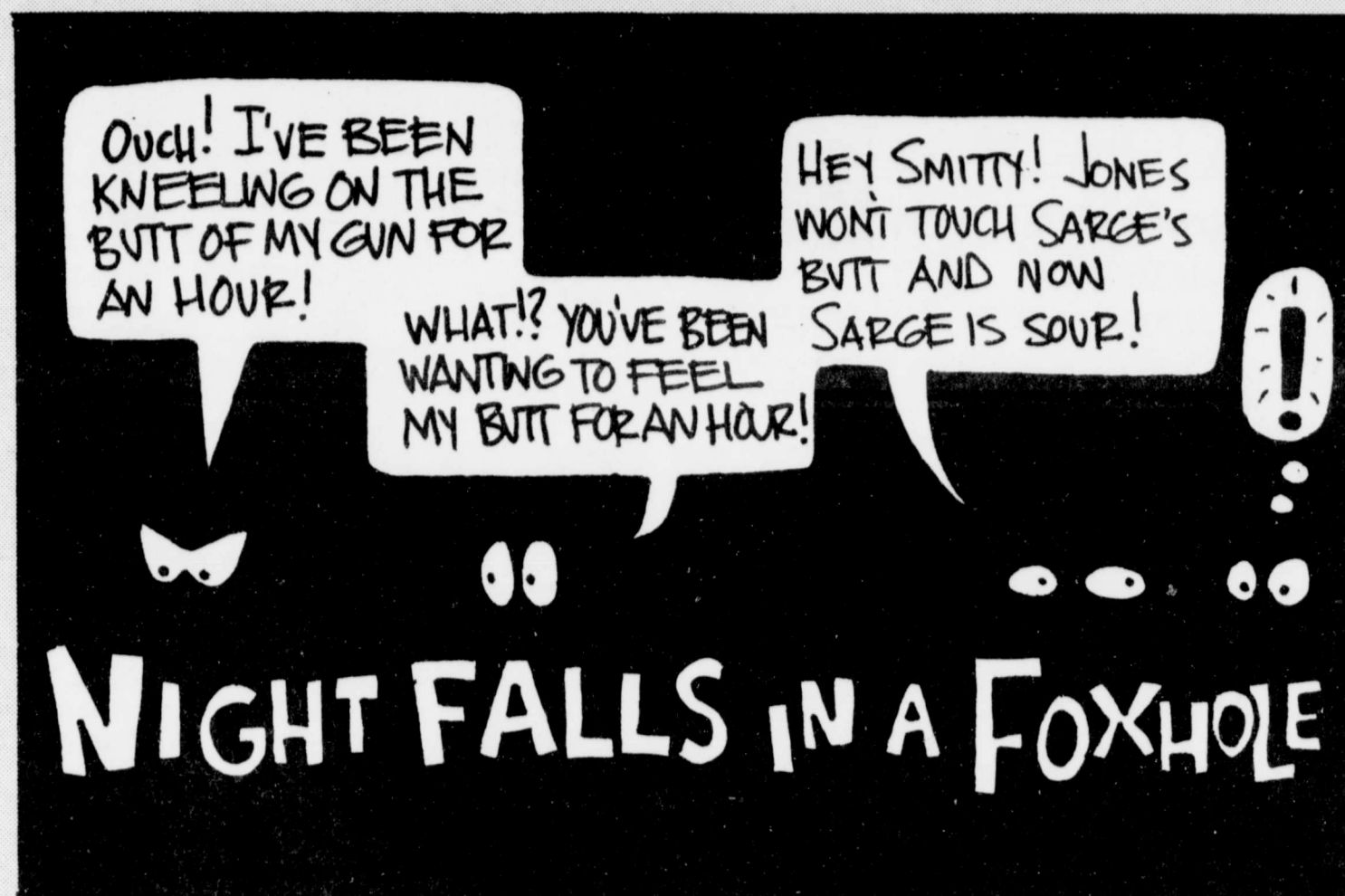
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COMMENTARY

When will we learn



By Bradely K. Spain

We, as a nation, are facing a crisis in the form of deciding whether or not to accept homosexuals into the military, and there are many who would give their opinion. I am a commissioned officer in the California National Guard and a former Regular Army noncommissioned officer. I have not served in a combat zone, but have served in units of distinction and on bases all over the country, with soldiers from all over this land as well as other countries. My opinion is solely a product of my personal experiences and observations; however, I have been there.

The arguments for and against accepting homosexuals openly into the military are many and varied, and often not based on fact or reality. I believe there are two fundamental facets to the argument against that bear thought. First, there is a general misunderstanding, and therefore mistrust and fear, of alternative life-styles (read homosexuality) among the military. This fear occurs not only at the command and policymaking level of our nations armed forces, but also down at the base level: The foxhole. This fear also permeates our national culture. With the obvious exception of major metropolitan arenas (New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, etc.), try asking for open gay acceptance in the heartland of America, in Nebraska, Texas, Kentucky or Michigan. What about San Luis Obispo and the City Council's reluctance to pass an anti-gay discrimination ordinance. The policy makers of this land fear homosexuality because they either misunderstand it or don't want to understand it. Right or wrong, rational or irrational, the distinction is immaterial — this fear exists.

Secondly, because of this fear, irrational or not, the policy makers of the military fear for the safety of the soldiers that might proclaim their alternative sexual preference. One only has to look to the front page of the February 1, 1993 issue of Mustang Daily to see that this threat to the safety of gay service members is real.

This threat permeates our na-

tion outside the military as well. Not too long ago, the daytime talk shows and news shows had several segments on gay-bashing. When I first came to this school in 1987, the Gay-Lesbian organization on campus met in secret for fear of retribution, or, at very least, harassment of its members.

Among the proponents of lifting the ban, there are some that believe this issue is no different than racial integration or mixing the sexes; yet, there should be no doubt that anyone can differentiate between races or sexes. With gays and lesbians the differences are much more subtle. I believe there are very few of us who would easily accept the sudden revelation that a friend or a buddy with whom we roomed, showered, etc., was gay. There is a possibility that a feeling of betrayal or anger would exist, and in the military, this could lead to a breakdown of discipline.

As with the integration of the services, the issue of the safety of the service member is very real. When racial integration was first mandated in the service, there were countless cases of tensions and violence between races. Many soldiers got hurt; many soldiers were punished by superiors who did not agree with the regulations requiring that punishment.

With respect to the other countries in whose military gays serve, the comparison is unequal. The Netherlands, for example, is a much more socially progressive country than the United States; its national value system is on a different level. Israel has had to defend its borders since the first day in 1948, necessitating the inclusion of every able-bodied person into the military. These factors and many others create a far different cultural environment than the one that exists here in the United States; therefore, it is unfair to compare our military to theirs.

As for the AIDS issue, our policy makers are obviously misinformed. Every service member is tested for the HIV antibody on entrance to the military, and annually thereafter. Given the rise of heterosexual AIDS cases across the country, it is no longer

reasonable to associate this disease solely with the gay community. Anyone who has unprotected sex — gay or straight, military or civilian — is at risk.

In the 11 years I've been affiliated with the military, I've known about several gay service members within the Army and within other services. Some of those who chose to come out of the closet met with all sorts of reactions, from physical violence and expulsion from the service to tacit acceptance by their command structure. There can be no doubt that gays have served, and some probably with distinction; and there should be no argument that any person has the right to live his or her life however they choose. However, life in the military is different than any other life you can imagine. There is no other institution in this country, no company, no fraternity, no club, that requires its members to voluntarily submit to the likelihood of radical change of life and life-style, and the possibility of losing their life. Not even the police departments call their officers in the wee hours of the morning to grab their combat load and go to war, to be transported to some far away, and quite possibly unknown, location and place their lives in the hands of their buddies, their commanders or God.

The question isn't whether the ban on gays serving openly will be lifted. I believe that this is inevitable; if not tomorrow, then next week, next month, or next year. The question isn't whether gays and lesbians have served admirably and should be allowed to serve — most educated people would agree that they have and should. The question really is when will we, as a nation, come to grips with differences in each other, whether they differ in sex, sexual preference, race, religion, or whatever. And when will we put those differences aside and work together toward a better life? And how many will suffer and die in the transition period to come?

Bradley K. Spain is an architectural engineering senior at Cal Poly.

EDITORIAL

Semesters just don't cut it

It's no secret to us that, quite often, the vast majority of students at Cal Poly don't always agree with the positions supported by Mustang Daily; today, however, is a different story.

Informal polls conducted recently confirm that a statistically-drawn majority of Cal Poly students don't want to abandon the current quarter-based system the academic calendar conforms to.

We agree.

It remains to be seen, however, whether the student body's opinion will be used as a determining factor in the decision to change the academic calendar.

The argument for the current system is based upon more than just inertia or popular appeal.

Semesters are long — too long, in fact, to suit the needs of Cal Poly's unique "learn by doing" format. A semester system which attempted to incorporate the wide variety of topics and educational requirements demanded of the students would result in either a severely cluttered, unfocused semester course, or an extended college education taking somewhere near a decade to complete.

It's true that one must work harder and faster just to keep up during the quarter system — but is this necessarily bad? Isn't a university education supposed to challenge and stimulate one's intellect as opposed to lulling it to sleep over the course of 18 to 20 weeks?

Although not many of us, as students, have had the experience of teaching in either a quarter or semester system, it is not hard to imagine that the latter must get a little tedious for an instructor, as well.

Cal Poly has been rising to meet the challenge of the quarter system over the course of its history, and the students want to continue that fight. Unlike the issue of the sports referendum in which athletics deservedly fielded equal parts support and criticism, the move toward a semester system at Cal Poly has been given an emphatic thumbs-down by the students.

Mustang Daily's hope is that administration will keep that advice in mind when making a final decision.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Small numbers of men

It was good to see some men Thursday, May 13 at Ann Simonton's lecture about "Sex, Power and the Media," and at the Take Back the Night march immediately following; but, the numbers were frustratingly small (maybe 10 percent). Sexism will not end even if all the women in the world attend and learn from events like these — but it might if all the men do.

Brian Nosek
Computer Engineering

More reminders

Brian Walsh, did you find your books this quarter? Or is Business Administration the only major you know the abbreviation for?

The bookstore, as well as the catalog, are alphabetized by major abbreviations; so, MATE, MATH, ME, MGT, MIS, MKTG, and MSC are in alphabetical order. It's been this way for a while. Nice of you to smell the coffee and share your ignorance with the rest of the world instead of checking a catalog.

Annette King
Electronic Engineering

Melinda Sanders
Computer Engineering

The ultimate value

I am writing to thank you for your coverage of this year's Civil Rights Awareness Week, and to comment on your editorial in the Tuesday, May 11 Opinion section.

In this editorial, you gave recognition to the multidimensional nature of the civil-rights issue, involving not only race, but also gender, age, disability, etc., and appealed for "tolerance and understanding."

I wish to point out that some representatives are not asking for "tolerance and understanding." They are asking, in fact, to be valued, "because if we cannot value differences, we cannot understand other people's struggles" (Roxanna Pastor, from the section "Survival, Empowerment, Activism" from her work, "From Abortion to Reproductive Freedom").

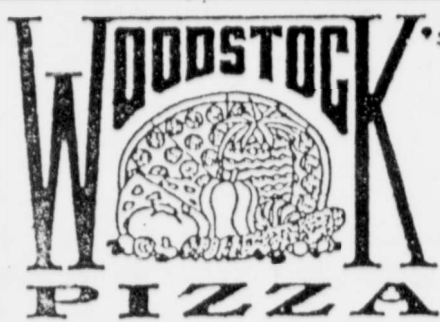
They are also asking for fair representation.

Irma Weltman Kalman
Psychology and Human Development

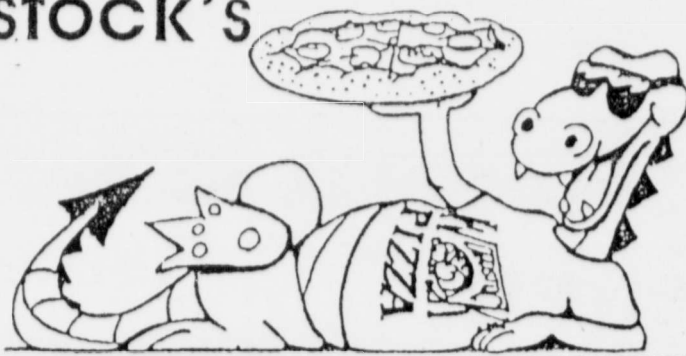
Correction:

In the Monday, May 17 Opinion Section of Mustang Daily, the letter to the editor entitled "Making the grade" stated that author William Caldwell was "not saying that one should be 'proud' of their heritage..."

The phrase should actually state that Caldwell was "not saying that one should **not** be 'proud' of their heritage..." Mustang Daily apologizes for the error.



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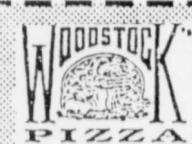
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AVILA

From page 1

Materials engineering freshman Jamie Cleland agreed.

"I might go to Pismo Beach instead," he said.

Linda Baker, a landscape architecture senior, said she was concerned about Avila Beach residents. She said that some beach-goers may illegally park in private driveways in order to avoid paying for parking.

Other Avila Beach "regulars" also voiced disapproval.

Shell Beach resident and Avila regular Jeff Mathieu said that "if they started charging for parking, people would go elsewhere."

Local Steffi Staack was also against parking fees.

"It's ridiculous," she said. "It's OK downtown, but not here."

Staack said students don't have a lot of money as it is, and by charging for parking, Avila Beach will "chase the students away."

But other Cal Poly students remained faithful to their sunning spot.

"If it was a couple of bucks a day, I think I could swing it," said industrial technology senior Dan Erwig.

Cleland said maybe more people would carpool if they had to pay for parking. "It'll be kind of like going to the drive-in," he said.

Avila Beach businesses were divided on the issue.

Jennifer Sams, an Avila Grocery employee, didn't think business would be hurt if Avila Beach charged for parking.

"I've been here for six years, and Avila's always been the place to go," Sams said. "I don't know if 25 cents an hour will stop anyone."

Jill Hale, owner of the Avila Beach snack bar "Munchies," said parking fees "won't affect business at all."

"It is a positive thing, without a doubt," she said. "People will be willing to pay parking for the entire day. The money can be soaked back into Port San Luis."

Hale also said that although the economy is in a lull, students need to understand that "things can't be maintained unless money is circulated."

Lee Davis, owner of The Jetty Restaurant, disagreed.

"I think it's a silly idea," he said. "I know their funds are being cut, but there are a lot of other ways (to raise money)."

Davis said parking fees may "take a bite out of tourism."

"We have to get them here before we can make money," he said.

D'Ornellas said the concept of charging for parking is just a suggestion, and he encourages concerned students to speak up.

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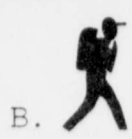
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HOUSING

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Cal Poly will also offer students the choice of living in a multicultural house that emphasizes cross-cultural understanding, a scholars' house that emphasizes academic support, or a living-learning center where students of similar majors can live together.

One of students' biggest complaints with the current residence halls, though, doesn't concern the residence halls themselves, but the meal plan that goes with them.

Scott said that over the next year, staff members from Campus Dining are going to visit

"...(community residents) should think of them as part of the fabric of this community that makes it unique."

Stephen Lamb
Interim housing director

other campuses around the state to find out how their meal plans work and what they offer. Any changes in Cal Poly's meal plan system, she said, would not occur until the 1994-95 academic year.

Those still not convinced to stay on-campus also would have a variety of options open through complexes like Mustang Village and Stenner Glenn. Many of the complexes have had vacancy rates of more than 20 percent in the last year.

Scott said she thought those complexes just weren't tuned-in to what students wanted.

"Transitional housing leaves a

lot to be desired," she said. "Basically, the kinds of amenities our students like are not available."

The two main complaints about the transitional housing complexes, Scott said, are that they are too densely populated and that the noise level is too high.

A few complexes are embarking upon aggressive marketing campaigns as well as expanding and updating their facilities in order to attract students.

Several community leaders emphasize that residents do not "hate students." They don't want to kick all students out of single-family residences, they say, but they are concerned about the different needs each group has.

Arnold Jonas, San Luis Obispo's Community Development Director, said that he thought a few specific cases of loud parties were promoting the negative stereotype of students. He also said he thought that there needed to be a sensitivity on both sides to the varying needs of San Luis Obispo residents.

More — and better — housing choices for students would be a first step in achieving better student-community relations, he said.

"Students have different needs at different levels of their education," Jonas said. "There needs to be a variety of housing options to address those needs."

Lamb thought more cooperation and understanding was needed between students and community residents.

"Instead of seeing (students) as enemies, (community residents) should think of them as part of the fabric of this community that makes it unique," he said.

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