Poly faces Title IX charges

BY RALPH THOMAS

A sex discrimination complaint filed with the Department of Education by five Cal Poly students is pitting a federal investigation of Cal Poly.

Jane Glickman, a public affairs representative for DOE's Office of Civil Rights, was in San Luis Obispo yesterday. She said that Cal Poly will be investigated by this time next year.

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She said she recognizes that many of the problems can't be solved overnight. "A lot of the complaints are already being corrected," she said.

According to several administrators here, Cal Poly has been making efforts to comply with Title IX since the complaint was filed.

Howard West, associate executive vice president, said Cal Poly has made considerable progress toward compliance with the amendment.

"I am not concerned about having a compliance review and an investigation of the complaint being done," said West.

He pointed out that in the 1978-79 school year there were no housing scholarships given to female athletes. This year, he said, there are about 33 as compared to 102 given to male athletes. He said he feels this is close to the "proportional equity" needed in compliance.

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Director of Athletics Victor Buccola said his department has hired an executive director to find additional means of raising funds, such as increasing ASI fees. The scholarship program needs $100,000 a year to support athletes on scholarships, Buccola said. That figure was reached by estimating $1,000 as an average yearly boarding cost per student.

When asked if plans for the new center will damage the athletics program, Buccola said: "It will hurt us in the fact that we now have to find $100,000. And it's hard to find that kind of money." Also, it may injure a coach's recruiting capabilities if future funding is jeopardized, he said.

WASC accredits Cal Poly

Cal Poly has been reaccredited for the next 10 years.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Hazel Jones announced this following a January inspection by a 16-member committee from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The committee, comprising educational specialists from other Western schools and a public representative, was headed by Dr. Daniel J. Aldrich, Chancellor of University of California, Irvine. While at Cal Poly, the committee evaluated how well the university was meeting its educational objectives; identified Cal Poly's strengths and weaknesses; determined how well Cal Poly has met the recommendations of previous WASC committees; and proposed steps the university could take to strengthen its academic program.

Accreditation is the WASC stamp of approval on the university: it lends credence to the degrees offered here and helps attract more students.

The accreditation process involves a self-study by the institution and a visit by an evaluation team; Cal Poly faculty and administration prepared a 180-page self-study.

The Senior Commission of WASC is scheduled to make a follow-up campus visit in 1985.

Report: whites disabled less

Sacramento (AP)—American Indians and blacks are far more likely to be disabled than whites, while far fewer Asians are disabled, a survey of California's adult population shows.

The survey, made in 1976 but released Tuesday by the state Rehabilitation Department, showed that 1.4 million, or 10.5 percent, of the 13.8 million Californians from 16 to 64 years of age are disabled, one million of them severely.

But the rate for the 123,000 American Indians was 19.8 percent disabled, 14.6 percent severely. For the 976,000 blacks it was 15.9 percent disabled, 12.6 percent severely.

S a c r a m e n t o
Poly counselor makes good

BY LISA ASATO
Staff Writer

Two writers from Cal Poly's Counseling Center have left the academic world for the publishing business. Dr. Robert Alberti and Dr. Michael Emmons, authors of Your Perfect Right, have made "assertiveness" a household word.

Alberti, a six-foot tall brunt, whose hands speak louder, says he left for many reasons, one of which was the success of Impact, his locally-based publishing company. And, he said, "I became pretty disenchanted with being institutionalized. I'd been in higher education at other places and now I was in this very large institution. It's been oversimplified because it's been popularized, and to one kind of behavior and say it is definitely assertive expression, which doesn't intrude upon other people in the process and deny their rights.

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He says it isn't absolutely clear how to do it, but that he can't point to one kind of behavior and say it is definitely assertive and another isn't. "It's situational and depends on a lot of variables," he says.

"Assertiveness training is not a simplistic concept. It's been oversimplified because it's been popularized, so it tends to get a lot of press that says, 'this is assertive and that's not.' That's simple and everyone can understand that, but the fact is when you've been in the field for 10-years and done a lot of writing and studying and talking, you realize you can't take things that simply, as though there were universal truths."

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Battery charger gone

BY TIM CONLON

A battery charger used for the university's disabled-student tram was stolen Tuesday around 3:30 p.m. from the University Union Plaza.

The charger, valued at $158, was stolen from the southwest corner of the Union, under the orange and green clock.

The tram service has two trams, one of which is equipped with a built-in charger and is still in service. But the absence of the charger renders the other tram totally useless, said Kevin Barney, the service's student director.

Services will have to wait until funding for a new charger is approved, probably in about a week, Barney said.

Anyone with any information about the theft is asked to contact the Disabled Student Service office, located across the hall from the El Corral Bookstore.

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Arts, crafts show

Women artists and crafters are invited to participate in the San Luis Obispo Women's Resource Center's seventh annual arts and crafts show, "A Day With Creative Women."

The center is also encouraging nonprofit organizations to operate food booths during the show, which will be held Nov. 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in San Luis Obispo's Mission Plaza.

The event offers women this opportunity to display and sell their work, ranging from feathercraft, ceramics, batik and jewelry to needlework, basketry, weaving, silk screen and more.

Proceeds are used to benefit the Women's Resource Center. The center provides a number of services at no cost for women. These services include housing and job information, workshops and seminars, referrals on child care, women's health care and emergency assistance information.

Applications for the show are available at the center, located at 1041 Chorro, Suite E and at Dandelion Wine Bookstore at 738 Higuera. Applications must be received no later than Oct. 25. For more information, call the center at 546-9313.

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Newscope

Ski Club
The Cal Poly Ski Club plans a meeting in Chumash on Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. A Warren Miller film will be shown, and an ice breaker party and sign-ups will be discussed. There is no ice breaker party on Oct. 7, as was reported in Wednesday's Mustang.

Dance
Omgou Pu Pa is having a dance in Mustang Lounge Oct. 10 from 9 p.m. on. Tickets are $1.50. For more information, call Robert Zanta at 546-9184.

Gregory Peck
The movie "The Boys from Brazil" is going to be shown Oct. 15 at 7 and 9:45 in Chumash Auditorium for $1 at the ASI ticket office. Call Susan Smith at 546-9650 for more info.

Bo Derek
The movie "10" is going to be shown tomorrow night at 7 and 9:45 in Chumash Auditorium for $1 at the ASI ticket office. Call Susan Smith at 546-9650 for more info.

Ping pong
Delta Tau is having their second annual ping pong with little white balls bouncing around in the Delta Tau fraternity between Oct. 17 and 24. Pledges can be made to benefit the Loma Vista Handicapped Center. For more info, call Ralph Modugno at 546-9656.

Openings
The University Union Board of Governors needs new members and has five openings for this year's board. Three-one-year appointments and two alternate positions are available. Applications are available at the U.U. information desk. For more info, call 546-1291.

Birth control

The advantages and disadvantages of various methods of contraception is discussed at the Health Center every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

Lacrosse
Poly's Lacrosse Club is meeting in Engineering room 204, Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. Persons interested in playing or following the game are invited. The game schedule, practice dates, T-Shirts and fees will be discussed. Call John Downey at 529-6849 for more info.

Cycling

The Mustang Cycling Team is having this year's first meeting in UIU2170, Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. Info: James Harris 541-1164.

Awareness Day

The Disabled Student Services Club is planning an awareness day for students interested in knowing what it's like to be handicapped for a day. It's in the U.U. Plaza Oct. 21 and starts at 8:30 a.m. For more info, call Jon M. Pace 546-1395 or at 995-3351.

Davis trip

The Veterinary Science Department is planning a trip to U.C. Davis to check out the university's veterinary science department and hospital. The Nov. 9-10 trip costs $131, excluding food. Call John Downey at 546-3049 for more info or notify the Veterinary Clinic at Poly.

Seminar

The Cal Poly Accounting Club is having a free accounting career seminar with professionals from different according, government and industrial institutions speaking and explaining interviewing methods and steps of the interview process.

The seminar will be held in U.U. 220, Oct. 6 and 13 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Call Accounting Club president Scott Bryers for more info at 546-3360.

Carnival

There's going to be a Halloween carnival and Oktoberfest in Baywood Park Oct. 26 with activity booths, food booths and crafts. Signups are now being taken. To sign up or to get more info on the carnival, call Sharbot at 529-6454.

INFO SESSION

The Veterinary Science Department is having guest speakers from U.C. Davis come down to outline their veterinary science program and admissions procedures in Chumash Auditorium Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. It's free. Call John Downey at 546-3066 for more info.

Dance

The Veterinary Science Club is sponsoring a dance to the tunes of Monty Mills and his Lucky Horsehoe Band from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at San Luis Obispo's Veteran's Hall on Mill Street and Grand Ave. Tickets are $3 for singles, $6 for couples. Call John Downey at 546-3066 for more info.
New hepatitis vaccine out

(AP)—Hospital workers, kidney patients, drug abusers and people who are sexually promiscuous are among the diverse group of Americans expected to benefit from an experimental new vaccine against hepatitis B. Francesco, from the first large-scale study of the vaccine, clinicians agree that it virtually eliminates the risk of the viral liver disease that may affect 200,000 Americans a year.

In the two-year study, which was directed by Dr. Wolf Stein of New York Blood Center, hepatitis was reduced by 96 percent among vaccinated members of a group of 1,033 homosexual and heterosexual males. San Francisco

Hepatitis B can be sexually transmitted and is a hazard to both homosexuals and heterosexuals who have many sex partners, doctors said. Continued success with the vaccine may lead to routine immunization of doctors, nurses, hospital employees, kidney patients and others considered likely to get the disease, said Dr. Donald Francis of the research group for Disease Control's hepatitis group.

The vaccine is refined from the blood of persons chronically infected with hepatitis B. It is made by Merck Sharp & Dohme. Francis said the vaccine's impact may be greatest in sub-Saharan Africa and parts of Southeast Asia, where in some villages three-quarters of the people have had hepatitis B and 40 percent are chronically infected.

Hepatitis B, once known as serum hepatitis, is one of at least three known forms of hepatitis and is usually considered the most severe. No vaccines exist for the other two, which together account for about two-thirds of the cases. In severe cases, hepatitis B causes jaundice and liver damage, but milder infections are milder with symptoms resembling the flu. Doctors blame the mildness of the disease for the fact that, although there are an estimated 200,000 victims annually in the United States, only 14,918 cases were reported to the CDC last year.

The hepatitis B virus is spread in the blood—hence the risk to hospital workers, kidney patients, persons receiving transfusions and drug addicts who share needles can also be transmitted by intimate contact, as it is carried in the saliva, milk and semen.

Sacramento, (AP)—The tobacco company-financed opposition to Proposition 10, a Nov. 4 ballot measure to require separate smoking and no-smoking sections in buildings open to the public, said Tuesday it has raised about $384,000 for the campaign.

That is less than supporters of the measure have raised, and only a fraction of the record $6.5 million contributed by tobacco companies to defeat a somewhat broader initiative in July, said the total Yes-on-10 contributions and loans are $410,797, but about two-thirds of that was raised to qualify the measure for the ballot, said campaign treasurer Peter Hanauer. The amount raised since July 1, when the measure was qualified, was $814,197.

Proposition 10 would require no-smoking sections in workplaces, government buildings, restaurants and health facilities, and would ban smoking in public sectors, except for tobacco stores.

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Outings Club offers a way out of town

BY BOB BERGER

The Cal Poly Outings Club is on the go.

Last weekend the Outings group had a "get together" hike hike out to Avila Beach and this weekend the club will be sponsoring their tenth annual Pue Canyon Ratch trip. The ranch trip will be another get together trip.

"The ranch trip is a great way to get to know the other people in the club," said Outings spokesperson Valerie Cunha.

Last year the club took over 70 people on the trip, but so far only 22 have signed up for this weekend. The Ranch trip is pure fun. There will be volleyball, frisbee, beginning rock climbing lessons at the Pinacles National Monument and plenty of home made ice cream.

All one needs to do in order to participate in the weekend's activities is sign up in the Escape Route Bookstore. Vital equipment across from the El Corral will be available to rent.

Over the past few weeks the Outings Club has a "get together" touch with the ASI Outings Club battle the Vining Canyon in the Central High Sierras near the mighty rapids of Lava Falls in Colorado (above), Chris Sort picks his way up a sheer ice cliff in Lee Chappel will lead a group of 20 people into winter camping at Kennedy Meadows. The group will leave San Luis Obispo on Friday, Nov. 7 and will return on the eleventh. The cost will be $95 and signups begin Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. Any questions about future trips can be directed to the publicity director Valerie Cunha and Karen Yock. They can be found in the Escape Route on Mon. days and Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m.

The Escape Route is open, usually, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays.

Fed Inclined to buy Tahoe


Laxalt said he and two members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee would conduct the hearings at Incline Village. The measure, which calls for sale of public land in the Lake Tahoe area to private interests and using the proceeds to buy environmentally sensitive land around Lake Tahoe, passed the House on a voice vote Sept. 9.

Laxalt said Energy committee Chairman Henry Jackson, D-Wash., called the hearing "an important step" in the legislation's development.

Condor lays successful egg

The recent discovery of a California Condor nest in a remote area of a Southern California National Forest is cause for rejoicing among biologists and others working to save the endangered bird. John Borneman of the Condor Research Center in Ventura said today.

"For the first time in the history of condor research, we know the date, within one day, that an egg was laid and have been able to watch the nest, each day since then. The find was made by one of the biologists on the joint Condor Research Team of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Audubon Society.

Bormenman praised the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for taking prompt action to protect the nest area of the condor pair from human disturbance. The California Condor, an enormous vulture with a spectacular nine-foot wing-span, is one of the rarest species of birds in the world. "Only 20 to 30 individual condors are left and there have been alarmingly few successful nests discovered over the past several years, so any indications of reproduction are encouraging," Borneman said. "However, the fact that this is the only known nesting this year underscores the severity of the bird's plight and the need for new approaches to prevent its extinction."

An emergency rescue program to save the condor was launched last late last year, funded by the Audubon Society, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Audubon Society, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and the California Department of Fish and Game. The cooperative project had its origins in the recommenda-

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Baseball coach favors Houston

BY VERN AHRENDTS
Sports Editor
This was not any hesitation at all as Berdy

Harr, the Calif Poly
Mustang baseball coach, selected his favorites for
next week's major league

baseball playoffs. “On paper, the inside
has to go to the

Houston Astros,” Harr

said. “Houston’s pitching
and hitting is just too

good.”

Harr, who made his

predictions in the surro-

undings of his new office in

Modoc Hall, is hundreds of

miles away from the

pennant races. The

American League, which has been

prolonged by the persistence of the

Baltimore Orioles, finds

Cleveland in Baltimore for three
games and Detroit in New York for four. Kansas
City is patiently waiting

the survivor of the East.

Harr believes the team

that plays the best in the

Astrid will be in the

World Series but he is look-

ing forward to the

American League West.

“The Yankees and the

Royals will make a good

playoff matchups,” he said.

Both teams have a new

style of play, new

managers and personnel.

There has been a roll

switch as New York is now

the finesse team and Kan-

sas City is the more

physical ballclub.”

Whichever teams emerge

from the playoffs, Harr is

expecting an exciting

World Series like the 1975

eight-game battle between the Boston Red Sox

and the Cincinnati Reds.

“If I am wrong and I

have a hunch that I am,”

Harr interjected, “Moore
could prove enough off-
fensive punch to wear

down anyone.”

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Sport

Hartnell College

wins opening meet

The Calif Polys men’s and

women’s rosters competed

next at Window Rock,

Ariz., on Oct. 11-12 in a

rodeo hosted by Navajo

Community College.

Deadlines due for intramurals

Friday has been schedul-

ed as the deadline for turn-

ning in registration forms for

several intramural tour-

naments and activities.

Noon is the deadline for

registration in men’s and

women’s and faculty round

tennis tournaments. The

tournamemts will begin Monday with three

levels of competition in

each classification.

Touch football managers or
captains must attend one

of the scheduled rules

and regulations meetings to

qualify for entry into the

tournament. The meetings are Monday in Room

210 Science North at 6 p.m.

Friday, Wednesday and

Sunday evening registration

will be formed.

For more information, call the intramural office at

546-2040.
Fresno State multiple defense concerns football coach Harper

BY VERN AHRENDES

The Cal Poly Mustang football team won its biggest game of the season last weekend in Davis but one loss could well ruin any playoff hopes.

The Mustangs, 2-1, are scheduled to tangle with the host Fresno State Bulldogs, 1-3, in Ratcliffe Stadium Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

"The Fresno team this year will be a very formidable opponent," said Mustang coach Joe Harper. "It is a team that is comparable to Fullerton as far as its ability and athletes go, Fresno State, under the guidance of third year coach Jim Sweeney who brings a 15-11-0 mark into the contest, runs a pro-set.

"Their receivers have good speed and great hands," Harper said. "The wide receiver, Henry Ellard, is an outstanding track man and will be tough to stop.

Fresno's running game is led by Ken Lovely who has carried the ball 49 times this year for 173 yards.

Harper is concerned most with Fresno's defensive alignments.

"Fresno runs a multiple defense which changes on almost every play," Harper said. "It is a frustrating defense to play against and we will have our hands full with it."

The Mustangs will be physically stronger this week as running back Louis Jackson and offensive tackle Mike Daum have been running and working out all week long.

Edward Alario and Fred Razo are still not ready for action. Starting center Carl Gillberg has been lost for the rest of the season following a knee injury on the opening kickoff against Davis.

"This team has still not played what I consider to be an all around outstanding game," Harper said. "Our own errors are causing us our frustration right now."

Contract disputes between Cal Poly and Fresno State have caused the cancellation of next year's scheduled game in Mustang Stadium, according to Athletic Director Vic Bucoola.

Fresno wanted Cal Poly to play three straight years in Fresno. The game scheduled for 1983 in Fresno is still on the schedule.
Opinion

Magicland

On the California coast, stretching 75 miles between Carmel and Hearst Ranch, existed a beautiful, pristine magicland called Big Sur.

But Man, in his infinite wisdom, was not satisfied merely to look at Big Sur and drink deeply in its beauty. Instead, he chose to conquer and subdue the Big Sur area by defacing the land with gaydo tract houses and ugly sheds. Magicland met the Industrial Age and Magicland lost.

However, today efforts are being made to preserve the Big Sur area so that future generations will be able to stroll along gurgling streams surrounded by mammoth trees instead of snaking through condominiums. The leading drive to protect the Big Sur area, which has grown at a rate of 60 percent over the past 10 years, is spearheaded by Congresswoman Leon Panetta through HR bill 7380 which has passed the House and is being debated in a Senate subcommittee.

Though Panetta’s commitment to save the beauty of Big Sur is a noble and needed effort, his bill is presently weathering tough waters stirred up by groups which oppose the legislation. Most of the fear expressed from Big Sur residents probably stems from a basic ignorance about the bill’s intent.

The bill doesn’t, as some have claimed, establish Big Sur as a national park. In reality, the Big Sur legislation creates no new laws. Panetta’s bill merely organizes the 30 or so agencies that have jurisdiction over Big Sur into a Big Sur Area Council composed of five residents and four state and government representatives. Logically if all the efforts to protect Big Sur are concentrated into one governing body, then the push to keep Big Sur pristine will have more force.

The bill is also not merely a needless liberal Democrat’s boondoggle to rape the American citizens of their tax dollars as California Assembly woman Carol Hallet has suggested. Hallet has said the Big Sur area is already protected by such laws as the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 and the California Coastal Act of 1976. But such acts merely supply money to protect Big Sur and other coastal areas, not actually require that Big Sur be blanketed by a protective coat.

Lastly, fears have been raised that Panetta’s bill will allow the government to snatch away private land without compensation. The Big Sur bill forbids seizing private lands. What’s more, $25 million of the $30 million bill has been set aside to compensate the landowner should his or her home not meet federal standards.

The Big Sur legislation proposed by Congresswoman Panetta will not be a waste of the taxpayer’s money nor a federal pillage of private land. The bill is simply designed to keep one of the most beautiful wilderness areas in the United States so that future generations can marvel and revel in the splendor of the coastal wonderland of Big Sur.

Editor:

These bicycles are dangerous

And often several bicycles

Appear upon the scene.

There are so many of them

Just everywhere it seems,

And are good exercise,

We drivers find it hard

to know just where they’re going,

Have to always be on guard.

Perhaps they’re cheap to operate

And are good

But riders need to careful be

Is surely my advice.

BY HAROLD ATCHISON

Science disposes what public opinion supposes. Notions twist and snap under the weight of fact; we know now, for instance, that the sun does not circle the earth, and the earth is not surrounded by ether. Even a hint of progress can change the way a society thinks and acts.

My example of this is mental illness—schizophrenia in particular. I’ll explain the word briefly because I’ve often heard it misused. Schizophrenia is not “split personality,” but a split in intelligence and emotion. A schizophrenic may laugh or cry for no reason, express himself in rambling, disjointed speech, or hear voices that no one else can.

Mental illness is still a bugbear because the unspoken threat of violence always stands behind it. We ignore the violence that changes “normal,” every day life, and save our scorn for the one who loses control—the random element. It is useless to say correctly that mental illness is just another kind of illness. We instinctively shun sickness, but bodily disease is seen as menacing while a disordered brain is seen as malevolent.

The implication in this is that the ill are somehow responsible for their illnesses. It’s easy to see how this idea is not the way the world is going to handle this malady. The nature of mental illness forces a question. The implicit demand for personality disorder, rather than to name it, forced the public on the shoulders of the mentally ill. But what if most mental illnesses are essentially organic? Recent research seems to be pointing in that direction. My guess is that what we call personali­ty disintegration is only a chemical imbalance, and that within the next cen­tury the concept of “mind” will be com­pletely redefined or scrapped. Here is some encouragement from science—

Earlier this year, a team of scien­tists from Montreal published a work centering on the idea that schizophrenia are people who have trouble producing a biochemical called prostaglandin.

—A brain scanner called PETT can now picture function as well as form; a disordered brain is visibly different from a healthy one. This makes PETT an important diagnostic tool. Psychiatrists often have to pick out a specific illness from a forest of similar symptoms; now they can see the dif­ference.

A Los Angeles Times article this sum­mer said most members of the American Psychiatric Association are interpreting new studies in genetics and neurochemistry to mean that the mental­ly ill may just be poorly predisposed to handle trauma; in other words, some people through no fault of their own, can’t cope with stress as well as others. If this last point is ever proved, the shame that stigmatizes the mentally ill will be forced back under a rock, where it belongs. The mentally ill must not be blamed for their condition.

Author Harold Atchison is a senior journalism major and Mustang Daily reporter. Here and there will be a weekly feature running every Thursday.

Letters

Editor:

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