Legal Aid

Legality questioned

by GONNIE BEECHIO

Based on Title V of the California Administrative Code, the Cal Poly administration had been advised that mandatory student fees cannot be used to provide legal advice. Dean of Students, Everett Chandler, said he asked the office of General Counsel of the Trustees of the State University and Colleges for an opinion concerning whether or not the Legal Aid Office of the Associated Students, Inc., was in compliance with Section 3220 of Title V after hearing Legal Aid director Roland Hill explain at a Student Affairs Council meeting how his office worked.

Legal Aid, which is located downstairs in the University Union, is funded by ASI funds. Chandler said he is concerned that Legal Aid is giving out personal advice as the expenses of the students.

"I don't want to see your students' money paying for a divorce or marijuana bust," he said. "My own opinion is that Legal Aid is valuable resource and we should go as far as we can within the law.

"I want to make sure we don't get a challenge for the use of the fees."

However, ASI attorney R. Michael Devitt said Legal Aid is not in violation of Title V, in his opinion, because it offers assistance and direction rather than legal advice.

"Legal Aid workers direct students where they can go for help, but do not act as lawyers in the true sense of the word," Devitt said. "No way is there representation by myself or the legal aid office. Specific legal advice doesn't occur."

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He explained he is communicating with ASI attorneys at other state universities and colleges to see what their situations are. Chandler said he is planning no action against Legal Aid and feels under Devitt's direction it will provide a good resource.

Hill took issue with Title V itself, calling it an antiquated law. He said Legal Aid was named by students as their number one resource. Hill added this shows students want help but do not act as lawyers in the true sense of the word," Devitt said. "They are doing to receive poor assistance from Legal Aid. He said, however, the only complaints he receives are about Legal Aid's hours and office efficiency.

The Legal Aid director added he is concerned that the Title V opinion would handicap his office's request for its budget next year.

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Edition: Many times during this year the Student Affairs Council has been criticized for the actions and the direction they've chosen on many issues. However, being a member of the body, I can't allow the meaningful work and sincere commitment of SAC to go unnoticed. The council isn't the sleeping government which the media reports it to be. It is a dynamic body that is genuinely concerned and dedicated to pursuing the needs of this university.

One example is the progress made in increasing the level of student representation throughout the academic community. Because of their actions, there is now a student disciplinary review board, students representation on a variety of committees which deal with student housing problems in San Luis Obispo as well as a new Off Campus Housing Coordinator. Also, through increasing student representation at the state level, bills concerning student rights are pending before the state legislature. This is but one of the many areas which SAC has acted positively in and with significant results.

Perhaps one individual who has been the driving force in the body is its chairman, Mike Hurtado. The quality of Mike's leadership is reflected in the many strives that SAC has made this year.

He is a fine legislator and his absence next year will be difficult to fill. However, Mike Hurtado is not ending his commitment to student government as he is running for ASI president. Too think that we aren't aware of the need for good student government and which candidates possess the skills needed to meet the challenges. It's time that we begin a new awareness of our government and concern for the candidates in the coming election.

Mike Hurtado has demonstrated his commitment to meaningful government consistently as SAC chairman throughout this year. As a candidate for ASI president, I fully support him and personally I feel he is by far the most qualified in terms of experience and ability which are both equally necessary in fulfilling the duties of the office.

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Tactics
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ASI presidential candidate

Political mechanic

by PETE KING

The political process is so complicated, says Associated Student Inc. Chief Justice Greg Fowler what the internal combustion engine is to an unloving auto mechanic. He loves to watch his own work.

Fowler is enthralled by all the concepts, committees and controversies that constitute the political machine—just like a mechanic is mesmerized by crankcases and carburetors.

Fowler contemplates things like the linking pin concept of student government. He is constantly dreaming up new committees he thinks will make the ASI more effective.

Now, however, the 20-year-old history major wants a chance to put all his thoughts and theories into practice. Fowler is running for the ASI presidency.

The thrust of Fowler's campaign is based almost solely on his own experience with student government and the mechanics of student decision making processes if he becomes the next president. He is a political monkey wrench to twist and turn the proposal through the proper channels.

"I right out of the 14 decide what they want something," he says, "I'll support it all the way, even if I don't agree with it."

What does this man—who vows to be a president of the student government, agree with?

He claims he is politically a robotarian breed—agree with the student government. He is concerned with making education better for the students and with protecting students' rights.

But he doesn't believe the ASI should just itself into the national political arena.

"If you want to form an antiauthoritarian committee," he says, "that's fine. But I don't think we should waste all that we have."

What does this man—politics is not my thing—but wants to be a president of the ASI money on it. That's not what the ASI is here for."

The thing that interests Fowler the most about Cal Poly students is the apathy he says exists here.

His frustrations are like that of the mechanic who is flabbergasted by a fellow who can't fix a flat tire.

"What we have to do," he says, "is get more people involved so that student government is more credible as a representative of the student body. The gulf between student government and the students has to be bridged."

The Associated Student Inc. Chief Justice, is part of the deadwood.

Fowler plots to build this bridge with some new committees, perhaps a couple new SAC representatives (one from the ethnic groups) and a reorganization of the ASI itself.

"There is a lot of deadwood in the ASI that has got to be eliminated," he says.

Ironically, Fowler admits that the position he now holds, Chief Justice, is part of the deadwood.

Fowler says he realized this (continued on page 4)

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Mustang bats surface, destroy Gauchos 7-1

by JON HASTINGS

Mustang hitters decided to return from their brief vacation Tuesday and then promptly prepared UC Santa Bar­bara pitching for a win and seven runs in a 7-1 romp over the Gauchos.

The win squared things with the Gauchos for the year, at two games even and upped Cal Poly’s season record to 27-14, behind only UC Santa Barbara (.269) and in front of rival Cal. Smith also took base number 27 on the year to increase his single-season total.

Freshman Dave Pressle started on the mound for the Mustangs after a two-week layoff. Pressle appeared to be slightly rusty when lead-off hitter Tom Conklin belted his third pitch of the game over the Cooper rightfield fence. But Pressle then settled down and started striking outs as he completed three innings of pitching.

The Mustangs got their first run in the third inning when Ongarano beat out a grounder to second. Oscar Smith then laid down a bunt, Ongarano scored and Smith went all the way to third when Gauchos first baseman Randy Robinson couldn’t handle the throw to first.

Smith literally walked home when Paul Devarlas followed with a long sacrifice fly to center. Poly picked up two more runs in the fifth when Ongarano doubled and Smith singled him home. Smith then stole second, moved over to third on a hit, and scored on another wild pitch.

In the sixth Ongarano nabbed his fourth hit by singling home Hal Simons from second. The Mustangs registered their final runs in the seventh inning when Dave Fowler knicked in Terry Ruggles with a base-hit and Mitch Verra brought Devarlas home with a sacrifice fly.

German Heinzerling worked the middle three innings on the mound for the Mustangs and did not allow a hit.

Bruce Freeberg finished up by allowing one infield hit in his three inning stint. Freeberg appeared to be throwing with the kind of rhythm that made him one of the top pitchers on the coast earlier in the year.

Poly, will be playing to Pomona this weekend in a do or die situation. The Mustangs found themselves two games behind league leading UC Riverside with six UCAA games to play. Freeberg coaches Bredy Harr feels the Mustangs are going to have to put pitching and defense together if they are going to capture the Cal-AA crown.

“We need to combine any three of the assets in the rest of our games if we want to win the title.”

ASI candidate

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when he tended office last spring, but thought he could do something to make the Student Judiciary group a viable part of the ASI government again.

Fowler admits he hasn’t been successful.

However, in true Fowler fashion, he is tinkering with plans to make Student Judiciary more important next year by combining it with the Legal Aid Office and the Student Dis­ciplinary Review Committee.

While he enjoys this type of planning and planning, Fowler says the people in politics also intrigue him.

“The view I’ve always had of government, he says, “is that you get into government to serve the people and fight like hell for them.”

As far as future plans for Fowler, he envision going to law school, and after that, involving himself in government work again.

And perhaps it is only right. For a Fowler out of politics might seem as odd as a mechanic without grease on his hands.

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