**Police tighten security**

**City vandalism increases**

_by Susan Harris_

An increase in vandalism has prompted the San Luis Obispo Police Department to tighten security downtown and add extra undercover police and walking patrols.

Chief of Police Don Engbert said he wanted to warn students that police will be conducting more bar checks and making more arrests for public drunkenness in an effort to curb vandalism to stores and cars.

"I do not want our stricter enforcement to be a big surprise to students," Engbert said.

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**Baker reorganizes academic affairs**

_by Craig Andrews_

Cal Poly President Warren Baker sent a memo Tuesday to the Academic Senate announcing his plans to change the provost position to senior vice president for academic affairs. This would reorganize the academic control structure of Cal Poly permanently, according to the memo.

Baker could not be reached at press time to explain the reason for the reorganization. "I don't think he's ready yet to share it with the student newspaper," his secretary told Mustang Daily Wednesday afternoon.

Announcement of the change in structure of the academic policy-making hierarchy comes five days after Baker acknowledged Provost Tomlinson Fort's intent to resign.

The memo, sent to Academic Senate Chair Lloyd Lamouria, also does not fully explain the reason for restructuring. Yet the memo simultaneously asks the Academic Senate to submit nominations by March 21 for candidates to serve as interim vice president for academic affairs.

Baker wants an interim vice president for academic affairs to run operations on a daily basis after Fort leaves, said Janet Pieper, director of personnel and employee relations. This would give the Academic Senate and others time to respond to the re-establishment of the position, she said.

Baker plans to form a consultant committee, as specified in Section 315.7 of the Campus Administrative Manual, to be involved in the selection process for the position. He is asking the senate to conduct the elections for the committee.

The faculty will be very involved in the search process for the permanent appointment to the position, Pieper said.

Also, the Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee would be involved in the search.

Baker hopes to make a selection for the interim position by April 1. He also wants to name the person by July 1. Fort will step down as provost according to the memo.

Lamouria informed the Academic Senate of the memo Tuesday. The memo states the restructuring is a minor change in organization, and it is a return to the old model.

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**Chemical leak existed unreported two days**

_by Rebecca Hanner_

A chemical leak from a light fixture in Engineering West resulted in the evacuation of a classroom March 5 after a custodian first reported the incident to the Cal Poly Fire Department, according to a faculty member.

Mechanical engineering Professor Ed Stoffel said he observed a puddle of dark syrup-like liquid on both the front desk and the floor of Room 206 beneath a light fixture on March 3 during his 8 a.m. class.

Staff and custodians reported a possible health hazard.

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**Second and third graders at Sinshheimer Elementary School raise their shovels high as a Cal Poly ornamental horticulture major plants a tree.**

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**By Sandy Bradley**

Oohs and aahs echoed among the children as the last shovelful of soil was placed around the trunk of a purple leaf plum tree yesterday afternoon.

Five ornamental horticulture students treated classes of second and third grade children at Sinshheimer Elementary School, nearly 100 children in all, to informative presentations and a tree-planting ceremony in recognition of Arbor Day.

"Arbor Day is really a celebration of trees and we're just trying to inform kids about trees so they can appreciate how important they are," said Mark Canapp.

"We hope the trees will be a visual reminder of why we're planting them — to combat the mantra 'trees don't matter,'" he said.

By Sandy Bradley

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**OH students tell local children the meaning of Arbor Day**

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**IN A WORD**

Chthonic — adj., dwelling or reigning in the underworld; relating to infernal deities or spirits.

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**WEATHER**

Weather will be cool and breezy Friday with variable low clouds and highs in the 60s. There will be a chance of showers Friday night with lows in the 40s.

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**First glance**

A look into the past reveals a thriving Chinatown that used to exist in downtown San Luis Obispo. See INSIGHT, page 5.
ON THE STREET

What are you doing during spring break?

Greg Baker, engineering, senior:
Working at Carmel Beach in San Luis. It's not very exotic. (In my spare time I'll just go out and hopefully relax in the sun... go for a bike ride.)

Sue Trummell, electrical engineering, senior:
Going fishing — Big Bear Lake — near the hotspot of San Bernardino. Fishing for rainbow trout because the lake's turning over.

Trace Husband, child and family development, sophomore:
Going down to Palm Springs. It'll be fun. I'm going to lay out by the pool during the day and parts at night.

Alison Anthony, aeronautical engineering, sophomore:
I'm working on my car at home in San Jose. Then I'm coming back here and building storage in my carport. I'd rather be working.

Sue Irwinelle, political science, junior:
I'm going home to Orange County. Probably going to Tijuana downtown-surfing.

Maris Adams, graphic communication, junior:
Just going home — Orange County. Probably going to Tijuana downtown-surfing.

You can lead a horse to water, but...

I read in the newspaper the other day (actually it was a long time ago but "the other day" sounds better); anyway, I read in the newspaper that people drank more soft drinks last year than they drank water. Can you believe it? Good old H2O, the basis of life on this planet, just got a Dear John letter from the Pepsi Generation.

I think it started with the water shortage a couple of years ago. The water companies didn't want people to stop drinking water. They wanted us to stop watering our lawns on rainy days and stop taking 45-minute showers. People just got carried away. They even stopped flushing their toilets. That's great if you're the Tid-Bel man, but it's a sign of big trouble if you're on the water business.

You see, water has an image problem. Someone did a survey to see if people knew the difference between hard and soft water and do you know what the results were? Ten percent said it hurt more to jump into a swimming pool full of hard water than it did to jump in one filled with soft water. Seriously.

Another 15 percent thought hard-water water in bottles and soft water came in plastic jugs.

Thirty-seven percent didn't know there was a difference between the two. And the rest? The rest thought the water from the bottles was better.

But the image problem is only the tip of the iceberg. You can't find a drinkable water on the table in restaurants.

When was the last time you saw water on the menu board at McDonald's? We're talking about a major distribution problem here. You know there's something wrong when you can be a Pepper easier than you can find a drink of water.

This whole business doesn't make sense to me. For years, water's been the cheapest drink in town. Why? Because the water companies don't advertise.

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Talk about a cheap shot... The people who advertise "up claim it's the unclo. Who are they trying to kid? Water is in the original unclo. The same people who claim "Coke is the real thing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We shouldn't fear 'soft sell' preachers

Editor — In regard to John Carroll's letter (March 12), he tells us that we should fear 'soft sell' preachers because they detract from free thought. I don't believe that today's religionists (men and women or others such as Brother Jed and Sister Pat) are controlling. They do not feel they are being controlled by the originator of the message.

First, you may be thinking why pursue the message at all? Well, if you are a person of free thought you should want to know the truth. Second, the original message is Jesus bar Joseph; He is a historically verifiable man who lived approximately 2,000 years ago. This man claimed to be God. He claimed to have the power to forgive sin and that you needed this forgiveness to have a relationship with Him. He also claimed to be the Messiah. That is what Jesus Christ offers — a relationship. And that is what a relationship is. A relationship is the same today as it was thousands years ago. Religion is merely a relationship with a man who claims to be God. This is not a message which should be feared; it could merely be accepted by faith or rejected by faith. By the way, if you want to know what the Word says about soft sell evangelists, read Philippians 1:21-24.

BILL BARCOS

Letter writer can't control own actions

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Newsbriefs
Wednesday, March 18, 1986

TWA contract talks recessed

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Contract talks aimed at ending a six-day strike by flight attendants against TWA recessed Wednesday less than four hours after they resumed, and no date was set for another session, officials said.

"We have recessed," said Helen Witt of the National Media­tion Board, which had called both sides together. "No progress has been made in the talks."

Victoria Frankovich, head of the bargaining team for the Independent Federation of Flight Attendants, attributed the adjournment to the absence of TWA Chairman Carl Icahn.

Aquino official headed for US

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Top generals pledged loyalty Wednesday to new President Corazon Aquino, and a Cabinet official left for Washington in an attempt to recover millions of dollars allegedly hidden by ousted President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

Jovito Salonga, head of the Commission on Good Governme­nt, said before leaving for the United States that he would consider investigating a claim that Marcos had schemed to influence Washington with huge campaign contributions.

Habib visits Central America

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, trying to bolster his case for military aid for Nicaraguan rebels, sent special envoy Philip Habib to Central America on Wednesday and said critics who claim the United States is not interested in a negotiated settlement "are making ridiculous noises."

Habib’s three-nation itinerary does not include a stop in Nicaragua. "You don’t go where you’re not invited," Reagan said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Believe in God, not in yourself

Editor — Tobiah Goldman’s letter (March 11) told me that spiritual warfare could be ended by accep­ting the beliefs of others and that unity should be sought through understanding the idea that truth is different for different people. No at­tempt should be made to change a person’s mind as long as his view of God is somehow “legitimized.”

This indeed would end our spiritual battles, but the battle would not be won by the good. Unity should be sought, but not by com­promise.

Compromise is not what the God of the Bible is all about. He asks His people to be bold as lions and to be strong in His strength and the power of His might as they fight their spiritual battle. To accept what one views to be false is to sur­render. He doesn’t seem to realize that this goes directly against what God has revealed to His people through the Bible. To believe in yourself will only lead to failure (and Hell) Only in believing in Jesus Christ is there victory and true life.

Obviously open-mindedness is an attribute that should be desired by all. But that open mind should be selective. Each individual is responsible for what he does with Jesus Christ as well as other issues. May I suggest that you not simply accept everyone’s “legitimized” truth, rather think about it, talk about it and then decide for yourself.

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Remnants of a culture that once thrived in San Luis Obispo

When most Cal Poly students think of Chinatown, their thoughts linger over the city by the bay — San Francisco. However, if you had asked a student of the early decades of this century where Chinatown is, he would have directed you to Palm Street, between Morro and Chorro Streets.

There are now a few Chinese restaurants on the block, but all that remains of Chinatown is the Ah Louis store, founded in 1874. Ah Louis, originally spelled Luis, is considered by many to be the father of Chinatown.

Like many Chinese people who came to California because of the gold rush, Louis arrived in San Francisco about 1850. He then went to Astoria, Ore. to work in the timber industry. It was here that he met John Harford of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., the man who would change Louis' life, according to Daniel Krieger, a history professor and member of the county historical society.

Harford came to San Luis Obispo County in 1870 and built Port Harford, now known as Port San Luis. He hired a man by the name of Wong On, and renamed him Ah Louis, pronounced Louie, because he thought Wong was too common a name.

Harford saw potential in Ah Louis, and encouraged him to become a labor contractor to hire Chinese men to work on the Pacific Coast Railway. As Young Louis, Ah's 92-year-old oldest son put it, "Harford said, 'You (Ah) have a little bit upstairs. Get some Chinese and we'll build a railroad.'"

During the 1870s the Chinese population built the first transportation network in the county. In addition to the railroad, they built the first road over Cuesta Grade. Said Krieger, "There wouldn't have been a transportation system if it wasn't for the Chinese. They did work that other people didn't want.'"

The 1880s found the country in a depression, and partly because of this, anti-Chinese feelings among the white people began to build. The Southern Pacific Railroad laid off its Chinese workers and hired Anglos instead. With quite a few idle Chinese laborers available, Ah Louis decided to build a brick yard, the first in the county, between San Luis Mountain and Bishop Peak off what is now Foothill Boulevard. The old Sinheimer store on Monterey Street, among other structures, was built with bricks from this yard.

Young Louis said many of the Chinese workers were hired out to do domestic labor. Asked if they resented this, he said that although they were only paid about half as much as whites, $1 here was worth four in China, so they lived with it.

In 1884 Ah Louis moved his family across Palm Street into the present building. The original wooden building housed a restaurant until the 1940s. It was located on the site where the Mee Heng Low restaurant is today. The store that stands today is a state historical landmark. The bricks used were from his own yard, and

By David Eddy
The highlight of the afternoon was the placing of a tree in the ground and with the children helping replace the soil around the roots. The honored tree was a purple leaf plum, chosen because it is easy to maintain. The tree blooms masses of pink flowers in the spring, giving contrast to the long stretch of green lawn in front of the school.

During the class McNally asked the children why they thought trees were useful. Hands flew up and their answers included: trees are needed for breathing air, making maple syrup, building furniture, making pencils and building treehouses.

Arbor Day is March 7 but because of scheduling problems and the number of classes to be visited the tour had to be changed to a different day.

The six Cal Poly students to volunteer for the activity were Chris Greenwald, Mark McNally, Laurie Beatty, Andrieta Lopez, Ingrid Hennig and Lisa Friedel.

The ornamental horticulture club has provided this community service for about 10 years. This year the group is taking its stories, coloring books and trees to six other local elementary schools.

Psychics fail to foresee canceled council meeting

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Psychics who converged on City Hall to protest restrictive licensing rules ran into an unforeseen problem — the City Council meeting they planned to picket had been canceled.

But the numerologists, astrologers and otherclairvoyants of the Coalition of Sensitives demonstrated anyhow on Tuesday; they predicted a short future for city rules that order them to ply their trade in a downtown area crowded with pornographic movie houses and adult bookstores.

"Long Beach will be our test case," said Clarissa Ingabiren, spokeswoman for the group of about 20. "Then we're going after some other cities. Things are very bad in (neighboring) Orange County."

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documents from this period. One bill, dated 1888, is from the San Luis Obispo Thompson-Houston Electric Light Co. The amount is $3.50 — the weekly charge for a single light.

Howard Louis is known to keep many of his accounts in his head. He was considered a wise man in Chinatown, and many of his laborers used the store as a bank, with Ah Louis taking care of all their finances. He handled the residents' legal problems as well. They were taken to him not only for his wisdom, but because the American courts were not known for treating the Chinese fairly.

At the beginning of the 20th century Ah Louis began extensive seed farming. He sent these seeds all over the United States and as far away as China. In the 1920s the seed industry moved to Lompoc, where it remains today.

The population of Chinatown was about 800 at the turn of the century, said Young Louis. Asked if this was a happy time in Chinatown, Young Louis responded, "The people were quite content. There were several gambling houses, and they'd bounce from one to the other. That kept them happy," he chuckled.

During World War I the Louis family began raising crops such as beans for the war effort. Many of the laborers — Chinese, Portuguese and Italians — were drafted into the army and killed in the war. In addition, many Chinese moved to the cities to look for work, so the population of Chinatown began to dwindle.

Howard Louis recalls the 1920s as a happy time in Chinatown. There were massive celebrations on the Chinese New Year holidays. One scene, which as might be expected made quite an impression on the young boy, was shooting off strings of firecrackers that would reach from the roof of the Ah Louis store all the way to the ground. There were 50,000 firecrackers in these strings, he said.

In the 1930s the Great Depression set in and there was no more work for the Chinese. Many went to San Francisco, while others moved out to the farms looking for work. The population of Chinatown was severely diminished. In 1936, at the age of 98, Ah Louis died. By the 1940s, Chinatown had pretty much disappeared. It was the end of an era.

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Actor on ‘Tonight Show’ spoofs Marcos

BURBANK (AP) — An actor hired by “The Tonight Show” to spoof Ferdinand Marcos in a skit Wednesday night had additional reasons to lampoon the ousted Philippine president.

Ramon Sison, the brother of a former leader of the Philippine Communist party imprisoned by Marcos, said he has worked against Marcos in this country by drawing anti-Marcos cartoons in the San Francisco-based Philippine News.

“We don’t ask for their backgrounds,” show publicist Joe Bleden said Wednesday. “It’s a comedy piece and he’s an actor, that’s all. We were surprised to hear about it.”

Sison’s younger brother, Jose Maria Sison, was freed last week by new Philippine President Corazon Aquino after spending eight years in prison.

Sison said his brother, 47, rebelled against an upbringing in a family made wealthy by Spanish land grants in the Philippines.

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VANDALISM

From page 1

The increased vandalism downtown has taken the form of stolen or damaged signs, car doors kicked in, damage to storefront awnings and garbage cans knocked over.

During holiday breaks the incidence of vandalism drops, pointing to student participation in the crimes, Englert said.

“Many of the offenders may not be students, but some are,” he said.

He blames the opening of new bars, which attracts more people to the downtown area, for the increase of vandalism in the past four to six months.

According to Englert, with more people drinking there is a higher incidence of “crimes of opportunity or emotion.”

Englert said he is going to encourage the district attorney and city courts to take a serious look at vandalism.

“All too often the court’s attitude is ‘We were young once too,’ and the perpetrators are not sufficiently punished,” he said.

The cost of repairing vandalism has the business community upset, Englert said. Some owners have asked the Architectural Review Commission and other city agencies why storefronts should be attractively decorated if they are going to be damaged.

“‘I do not want our stricter enforcement to be a big surprise to students’

— Don Englert

Englert emphasized stealing signs should not be a student prank. Many of the stolen signs are worth between $500 and $1,000 and culprits may be charged with a felony.

“We really would like cooperation with students,” Englert said. “We do not want to arrest people when they are out having fun, but we have to draw the line somewhere.”

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Theme of rose parade float is subject of contest

By Duffy Carolan
Staff Writer

It may seem like 1986 has just begun, but the Cal Poly Rose Float Club is already planning for the 1987 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Mike Wendland, publicity chairperson for the club, said a float design contest for the 1987 parade theme "World of Wonders" is currently underway here and at Cal Poly Pomona. The deadline for submitting design ideas is April 4 and the winner will receive either $100 or two tickets to the Rose Bowl game. The float is a combined effort of both Cal Poly universities.

There are no limitations to the conceptual design for the parade, said Wendland. But the Cal Poly committee here has some suggestions to help entrants focus on a float theme that coincides with the parade theme. Some of the committee's suggestions are: "The Ninth Wonder of the World, Out of This World, Will Wonders Never Cease? and World Under the Sea."

"Cal Poly is really well-known for floats with a lot of animation," said Wendland. A joint committee from both Cal Poly universities will judge the designs. Wendland said the designs should be simple enough for a child to appreciate. Simplicity is necessary because "most see the float on TV for only 30 seconds, so it has to get the idea across fast," Some of the criteria for judging the designs are creativity, practicality and originality. Judges will be looking for a design that makes a strong first impression, has large animation, has good design opportunities and will be challenging to construct.

Anyone may enter the contest and according to committee guidelines the designs need not be artistic masterpieces or proportionally accurate to be considered.

All designs should be submitted to white poster board no smaller than 18 by 24 inches and a typed or printed description should be attached to the front of the poster board. The name, address and phone number of entrants should be on a card in an envelope attached to the back of the board. The design should be covered so it can not be seen until it is judged April 5 by a joint committee of the universities.

Designs should be submitted to the Activities Planning Center.

Cal Poly has entered the Rose Parade since 1949 and has won more than 20 awards, Wendland said. The 1986 entry titled "Bubble Trouble" won the Founders Award, given to the best float built by the same people who sponsor the float.

The actual building of the float will begin as early as summer quarter, said Wendland. The Cal Poly Rose Float Club has more than 100 members. "Each year we do half of the float and Pomona does the other half," he said. It can cost up to $200,000 to have a float built professionally, but with the yearly budget at $10,000 the committee depends largely on donations from local businesses."
Autopsy observation permitted

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A county medical examiner said Wednesday that NASA had agreed to let his staff observe autopsies of Challenger's astronauts, ending the threat of legal action in a dispute over jurisdiction of the bodies.

The agreement came as searchers located a piece of solid rocket booster that a Navy spokeswoman said could be from the segment of the right booster believed responsible for the shuttle explosion.

The 4-foot-by-5-foot piece of debris from the rear part of a rocket, weighing 400 to 500 pounds, is believed to contain propellant and part of the external tank attachment ring, said Lt. Cmdr. Deborah Burnette.

The wreckage, found 32 miles offshore in 600 feet of water by the manned submersible Sea-Link 2, "could well be from the right SRB," she said.

The salvage ship Preserve, meanwhile, dropped divers overboard in another part of the search area in an effort to retrieve more astronaut remains and debris from the crew cabin. The cabin was located Friday 100 feet beneath the surface, 18 miles northeast of the launch pad.

Sources had said the medical examiner's office might seek a court order unless the NASA and Air Force turned over the remains in accordance with state law, which requires the local medical examiner to conduct an autopsy on any person who is slain or dies by accident.

The statute applies even if deaths occur on federal property, or, as in the case of the Challenger accident, they occur away from any jurisdiction but are brought into one.

Some remains of the astronauts killed when Challenger exploded 73 seconds after launch on Jan. 28 were brought ashore secretly Saturday night and were taken to nearby Patrick Air Force Base for examination by forensic experts, sources said.

Dr. Laudie McHenry, chief medical examiner for Brevard County, said Wednesday: "Since the discovery of the Challenger capsule with its human remains, there has been essentially a blackout of communications between NASA, the Air Force and this office. Two days ago, a conference between representatives of Patrick Air Force Base Hospital, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and the Brevard County medical examiner gave lip service to a coordinated, multiagency investigation, with favorable comments by all present."

"As of 10 a.m. today, March 12, telephone communication from NASA indicates that representatives of the Brevard County medical examiner may be present at the investigations to be performed."

The statement added, "There are no planned lawsuits or court hearings concerning this investigation."

Launch day photographs show a puff of smoke escaping from a joint between the two lower segments of the right booster at liftoff and a plume of flame spewing from the same area 15 seconds before the explosion that killed the seven crew members.

UNIONS IN SUPPORT OF HORMEL STRIKERS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The president of the union in the seventh month of a bitter strike against Hormel meatpacking operations in Austin, Minn., received pledges of support on Wednesday from several San Francisco Bay area unions.

"We don't care what the local, international union, or AFL-CIO's politics are; they deserve the support of the labor movement," secretary-treasurer Stanley Smith of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council told Jim Guyette.

Guyette, leader of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local P-9, came to San Francisco to drum up help for 1,500 union workers who struck in August. Talks broke down about five weeks ago, and no talks are scheduled. The Austin plant was in full operation Monday.

As Guyette spoke at a news conference, he was flanked by the leaders of local unions, including the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees, the Painters, and Service Employees International, in addition to the construction union executives.

"Labor can and will prevail against Hormel, Guyette told the conference, preliminary to a workers rally by local unionists.

"Our situation is one which the most profitable company is asking for more, more, and more," he said. "Sixteen out of the last 24 years we've given concessions, and the workers have found that our work force has shrunk, and our injuries have increased... enough is enough... this is a challenge on all of labor."

Guyette accused the company of "hiring some of the finest union-busters in two states to assist them in their fight against the workers."

"The union leader claimed Hormel wants to "reduce wages, reduce benefits, eliminate pregnancy leave, destroy seniority, right to assign overtime, right to assign holiday pay."

At Austin, the union was reported to have voted this week on a resolution by a member on whether an effort should be made to reconcile differences between Local P-9 and the international union.

The resolution was written by Charles Peterson, considered an ally of Guyette's. The union local president has been critical of the parent union.
Proposal to outlaw mandatory retirement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Claude Pepper, a vigorous 85-year-old who declares that "ageism is as odious as sexism and racism," sought to enlist public support Wednesday for his proposal to outlaw mandatory retirement of American workers at any age.

At a televised House hearing, Pepper said the bill he has introduced with 50 House co-sponsors is intended to extend to every American — with a few exceptions — the right enjoyed by federal employees to "be as old as Methuselah and continue to work, if you can do the job."

"Pepper, D-Fla., said he probably would be dead today if he had been forced to retire at age 65, three years after he was first elected to the House in 1962 following a Senate career that began nearly a half-century ago. Despite two hearing aids, triple-focus glasses, a pacemaker in his chest and two plastic valves in his heart, Pepper said he enjoys the daily challenges he encounters as chairman of the House Rules Committee and subcommittee chairman of the House Select Committee on Aging.

"I can't run 10 miles in the afternoon, like I did in college, but I have a good car to take me there," he said to a House subcommittee.

Pepper's bill would eliminate the mandatory retirement age of 70 allowed for employees in private business. That same requirement was lifted for federal workers under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1978. Thirteen states forbid mandatory retirement for private employees any age.

He estimated his bill would affect more than 20 million workers who would be forced to retire because of their age. A recent Labor Department study indicates that only about 195,000 workers over 70 would remain on the job if mandatory retirement were abolished.

Messy two-stick Popsicles ousted by one-stick model

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. (AP) — The two-stick Popsicle, created during the Depression so that slurpers could share with a friend, will be mostly phased out to please mothers who think the big treats are too messy, its maker says.

The smaller size is "more in keeping with the amount and shape mothers want to give to their kids," Kadin said.

"The mothers, who are the primary purchasers, have been very dissatisfied with the inconvenience and messiness of the twin-stick size," he said.

Tension is the test for student class projects

Greg Miller, a graduate student in architecture, works on a tension structure he built for a landscape architecture class. Students worked from designs based on structures for circus, temporary auditoriums and other outside exhibitions. The exercise was the final project for the class.

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The Cal Poly women's gymnastics team easily beat the University of Alaska in the last dual home meet of the season.

Although the overall team score was 160.55, a few points lower than the season average, the team turned in some fine individual performances.

"The judging was considerably lower (Tuesday night) than it has been the rest of the season, but the girls know they did a good job," said head coach Tim Rivera.

Jana Lehman was first all-around with 33.20 points, and Rhonda Richter was second with 32.50. Lehman won the uneven bars event with an 8.4, placed second on beam with 8.15 and fourth on floor and vault with 8.3 and 8.35 respectively.

Seniors Cathy Pagani and Lynn Rosenthal finished the last dual home meet of their gymnastics career at Poly with outstanding performances.

Pagani, a four-year veteran, took first on the balance beam with an 8.45. She plans to serve as an assistant coach for the team next year.

Rosenthal, who will graduate this summer quarter, took first on the floor exercise with a score of 8.45.

Other fine performances included Paige Allan, who grabbed first place in the vault with an 8.65. Rhonda Richter took third on the uneven bars with an 8.05, third on floor with 8.35 and third on beam with 8.05.

The Lady Mustangs travel to Northridge Saturday for their last meet of the season before hosting the Western Regionals March 22.

Left, Cathy Pagani cheers her teammates on during her last home meet Tuesday night against University of Alaska. Pagani took first in the balance beam competition with a score of 8.45. Above, Paige Allan performs her floor exercises.
Rain forces Mustangs to balk games
By Tim Robiusa
The Mustang baseball team was scheduled to open the CCAA season against Cal State Northridge Tuesday, but the skies opened up, raining out the Mustangs for the second time in four days.
Cal Poly had two of its three games with Loyola-Marymount rained-out during the weekend. This has left the Mustangs in a position were they may be asked to play as many as five and six games per week.
"It's just going to be a dogfight. We're going to have about 30 games in a short period of time and whoever has the best pitching is going to come out on top," said head coach Steve McFarland.
The Mustangs, when they haven't been rained-out, have compiled a 9-4 record. It is also due to the rain-outs that the Mustangs have an opportunity to play their first five CCAA games at home.
This includes a scheduled two-game series at Sinsheimer Park, starting at 7 p.m. Friday. But, despite the schedule break, the rain-outs are still taking their toll on the team.
"It has been frustrating ... It put us on hold and it comes at the least expected time," McFarland said.
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Correction
A headline for a women's tennis story in the Wednesday sports section of Mustang Daily should have read, "Riders defeated by Cal State Northridge," as the Mustangs lost 6-3. Mustang Daily regrets the error and apologizes to the women's tennis team.

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LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — Jan Shanks decided not to play tennis at Antelope Valley College this spring because of a prior engagement. Last year’s star player is engaged to be married, but that doesn’t mean the Marauders are without a Shanks on the roster this season.

When the Marauders opened with an 8-1 thrashing of Imperial Valley, 36-year-old Joyce Shanks — mother of Jan and grandmother of 15 — won her singles match in straight sets and teamed with Carol Nelson for another straight-set victory in doubles.

The college in Lancaster, an hour north of Los Angeles, is off to its best start ever in women’s tennis with five straight wins and no losses. Joyce Shanks is not the oddball on this talented team — that honor belongs to Mary Hinds, who’s 20 and went to high school during Ronald Reagan’s Administration. The rest of the six-woman roster looks like this: Payao Gray, 39; Sherry Smith, 33; Nelson, 40; and Becky Smith, 35.

“This is the best group I’ve worked with since I’ve been here,” said Stacy Love Wethmann, a five-year coaching veteran at 27. “They listen to me without questioning everything, and they just love being out there. And they can play.

“IT all started when Joyce was going to play on the team with Jan. She (Joyce) has played competitively at the Antelope Valley Country Club and she’s good. But when Jan decided not to play and we lost some other girls, we were really short-handed,” Wethmann explained.
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CHEMICAL

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After investigating the spill, fire officials sealed off the room by locking the door and taping an official hazardous contamination sign on the door warning no one to enter the room until Plant Operations workers could come and clean the spill, said John Paulsen, fire chief.

Van Acker said Plant Operations assumes every light fixture and clean the spill, said John Paulsen, fire chief.

According to Stoffel, the first student who entered Room 204, which was sealed off by the fire department after the chemical leak was discovered, said he found the door locked before the 8 a.m. class, but saw no chemical contamination sign on the door and had a custodian open the door for the class.

Stoffel said that after his class had been in session about 15 minutes, Plant Operations workers evacuated the room to clean up the light fixture chemical spill.

BAKER

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the way academic policy was governed prior to Fort's appointment to the new position of provost.

The vice president for academic affairs position is a reversion to a former administrative model that was in place about three years ago, said Frank T. Lebens, director of operations in the Provost's Office. Lebens sees the switch as a title change, without any major changes in operation. "There's probably been a lack of clarity over what a provost is ... particularly in this system," Lebens said.

He said he is unsure about Baker's reasons for the organization change.

Jon Ericson, dean of the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities, said Baker told him there will be a functional difference with the position of vice president for academic affairs. Some administrators who now report to the provost would report to the president. They might include the vice president for development and the dean of students, Ericson said.

Ericson believes the reason for the change is because Baker wants the person in charge of academic affairs to be largely relieved of other concerns which are not academic in nature.

Pieper said Baker liked the administrative model when there was a vice president for academic affairs. In fact, Fort was hired to fill that position, but the position was changed to provost.

Provost Fort's reason for resignation was not made clear last week. He would only say he desired a change and that the office was "political."

Fort's announcement to resign comes about one and a half months after President Baker's periodic evaluation by a California State University Board of Trustees committee.

It is difficult to get anyone to discuss reasons for Fort's resignation. However, this has not kept officials at all campus levels from speculating on these recent developments.