State insurer declares bankruptcy

Poly employees still protected through July
By Tara Gimbelov
First Farwest Insurance Companies, which provided medical coverage for about 750 Cal Poly employees, declared bankruptcy last week.

The Cal Poly employees are among
22,000 California state employees covered by the Oregon-based companies.

Don K. Lloyd, president and CEO of First Farwest, notified the Oregon Department of Insurance and Finance Friday, Feb. 24, that the companies were insolvent. They owe more than $18 million.

“In my opinion, it is necessary for you to begin delinquency proceedings and step in as receiver ... for the purpose of liquidating ...,” he stated in a press release Feb. 25.

Neither he nor First Farwest’s spokesperson, Charles Nicoletto, were available for comment.

Cal Poly’s personnel department began receiving calls from concerned policyholders Tuesday afternoon after an article appeared in The Wall Street Journal, said Barbara Melvin, human resources manager at Cal Poly.

That was when Melvin heard of First Farwest’s troubles. She said she did not receive notification from the Chancellor’s Office until Thursday.

A bulletin from the personnel office explaining that First Farwest intends to honor claims through July 31, when its contract with the state runs out, has gone out to Cal Poly policyholders.

“We’re not sure they’ll be able to honor the terms of the contract,” Melvin said, “al­though they give every indication that they will.”

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Drought prompts building halt
Council calls special meeting to water rationing
By Shanna Phillips
The San Luis Obispo City Council closed Friday’s special meeting on water rationing after declaring a building moratorium.

The Council said Friday that new development in San Luis Obispo should not take place while citizens are encouraged to ration water.

The Dalidio family surprised everyone in council chambers by offering 2,000 to 3,000 acre-feet of water to the city of San Luis Obispo. The Dalidio’s 187 acres of land bordered by Highway 101, Los Osos Valley Road and the Central Coast Plaza.

Andrew Meriam represented the family at the council meeting. Meriam said the family donated 3,000 acre-feet of water to the city between 1924 and 1941.

Because of the Dalidio donation, a subcommittee was formed consisting of Mayor Ron Dunin and City Attorney Jim Pennington. The two Council representatives will meet with the Dalidio family to discuss details about their offer to provide water to the city.

Water and water rationing are closely related, the council voted unanimously on a building plan — was informed in January that First Farwest would not renew its contract with the state, said Dianne Maness, assistant executive director for the foundation.

At that time, Maness said, the foundation and Blue Cross presented an alternative insurance package to PERS, which turned it down.

Employees covered by First Farwest will have to choose by Aug. 1 from among the other policies available, Melvin said. No new insurance companies will be added to the list of policies.

“We’re talking about a lot of people who will have to change insurance come Aug. 1,” Melvin said.

First Farwest Insurance Companies provided medical insurance for more than 70,000 covered state employees for 17 of those years.

The press release cited the inability of companies to adjust premiums to meet increased medical costs as the cause of bankruptcy.

SLO couple stabbed to death; son suspect
By J.W. McPhail
A San Luis Obispo couple were stabbed to death in their home Sunday night, the San Luis Obispo County Telegraph-Tribune reported.

The couple, who were not identified, were stabbed to death by a 44-year-old man in his wife’s kitchen in the 3600 El Cerrito Drive, said police. His wife, Helen, 47, was pronounced dead on arrival at French Hospital.

Both had been stabbed several times.

Their son Ronald Wade McClave, 24, who lived with them, was arrested after trying to get away on a bicycle, police said. Police said they arrested him at 10:05 p.m. to a call from a woman who said she was being held captive and needed help.

When police arrived, they found Helen McClave in the driveway of the El Cerrito Drive address and had her taken to the hospital.

Police said they then saw the suspect inside the house. According to police, but was arrested after a struggle with of­ ficers. Two officers received minor injuries in the scuffle.

He is being held without bail, ac­cording to the Telegraph-Tribune.

A San Luis Obispo woman who was a high school acquaintance of Ronald McClave described him as artistic and a good basketball player. The woman, who did not want to be identified, said McClave did seem to have problems, however.

Caribbean fliers may be delayed by strike
By Alison Skratt
Despite the crippling of one of the nation’s biggest discount airlines over the weekend, representatives may only affect local travelers bound for the Carib­mean.

A Machinists strike at Eastern Airlines began at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, and was soon joined by the airline’s pilots and flight attendants, effectively stranding thousands of passengers at its Miami hub and other airports around the country. And as of mid­night Sunday, the airline estimated its weekend flight cancellations would be 100 of its usual 2000 flights — less than 5 percent. Be­fore the strike, Eastern main­tained it could meet 25 percent of its schedule.

For local travelers, the only immediate worries lie in Carib­mean.

“(Eastern) is to the Caribbean,” said Dorlene Dutton, travel consu­ltant at Adobe Travel downtown.

“Should every employee on tour com­panies,” said Dutton.

But Adobe and other travel agencies in town knew of the im­panding labor/man­agement re­See AIRLINE, back page
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Young cousin's death puts student's life in perspective

By Yumi Sera

because I wasn't more upset by her death. After all, even though she was my first cousin, I had never had any contact with her—she was a stranger.

I could hardly believe that it was already the 10th week of classes. I've been so busy that I haven't even known what day it is anymore. Where has time gone?

I feel like I'm being pulled in all different directions. I have obligations and responsibilities to everyone and everything. Sometimes, I get so tired and wonder if all of the stress is worth it.

World religions are too often intolerant

By Steve Harmon

Enough is enough! I find it incredible that people who claim to believe in God want to kill or silence their opponents.

What do these religious people stand for? Murder, deceit, hypocrisy, stealing? I don't think God is in the business of killing people, despite claims by virtually every religion in the world that He is. If He wanted to, He would do it Himself. Surely He has the power. He doesn't need someone with an Uzi to exact revenge.

I think God is in the business of forgiveness. That means forgiving people for whatever they do.

Most Moslems don't follow the Ayatollah just like most Christians don't follow the Pope. Granted, the Pope doesn't go as far as to issue death orders, but examine the history of the Catholic Church. It's full of the blood of those opposed to it.

And the Spanish Inquisition wasn't exactly a Sunday school get together. Were the victims asked to learn the beatitudes with their throat slit?

Even the padres coming to California to "civilize" the natives can be viewed as nothing more than European imperialists under the guise of religion.

I guess the padres thought they were doing the indigenous people a favor by putting them to work for no pay (I think it's called slave labor) and making them live under a cultural system that was completely alien. Who was really the savage?

The Bible says religion is—helping the helpless and downtrodden. With all this fighting and killing going on all over the world, it's no wonder there are so many destitute and poor. Why don't these factions trade lands and not blood and food for the world?

It's time for all of this fighting to stop. If belief in God means anything, then it's time to put down the guns, words and personal vendettas. Whatever happened to the idea of carrying your cross? Too many carry hatred instead.

Letters to the Editor

Moslem's view is not media's

Editor — I am writing this letter because of some concern I have about the article published last Thursday, Feb. 22. I believe there has been some misrepresentation of what I actually said.

The article as a whole gives the subject completely different interpretation from what it should be. It is a distortion from the main issue. For example, the headline of the article, "Book vies Poly Moslem but they don't back threat," expresses the students' version as nothing more than a mine over the book but involves Poly Moslems in the Khomeini issue as viewed by the media.

I did state that was not the issue. What I would like to emphasize is that any Moslem is enraged by the attacks on the Qur'an and the Prophet Mohammed and "The History of This Religion."

My statement was said I follow Mohammed and the Quran and not Khomeini assumes that the sources of Islam, the Quran and the Prophet can be substituted by an Islamic political figure. We must distinguish things enough so that any other Moslem follows the Quran and the Prophet, too.

Concerning the statement about the dialogue: Neither will I or will Moslems at Cal Poly be affected by the derogatory presentations of Islam. Concerns Moslems in the United States is the ignorance of the American public about Islam, especially with the media distortion. If Americans manage to learn from the dialogues, they are in a better position to judge the distorted information. It is not fair that they are forced to learn from such sources as the media.

That is why we have the dialogues.

Fayad Kolkallah, Ph.D., P.E.
Professor of Aeronautical Engineering
ISNA West Zone Executive Officer

Race observer is "cycling-ignorant"

Editor — I am responding to Tony Tomeo's letter concerning the problems he encountered with the closed-circuit bicycle race here in San Luis Obispo.

Tony, I realize that you were nominated forちょっとベスト as one of the racers, but I believe that your real problem is a complete ignorance of the sport of bicycle racing and its participants.

I know that we do not race because you called all of the riders "bikers" instead of "cyclists." There is a great difference between people who ride bicycles for recreation or fitness and those who make a living by riding to win races.

I trained six days a week, every week, during my three seasons at Cal Poly. Whether it was on the track or in the road, I trained six days a week, every week, during my three seasons at Cal Poly. Whether it was on the track or in the road, every week, during my three seasons.

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Condom-nation
by Matthew Wisbey

No one can really dispute the fact that condoms will give a degree of protection from pregnancy and STDs. The evidence is overwhelming that an unprotected sexual encounter, however, is not the situation that is quite that simple.

Some of the ASI senators opposed to the condom resolution did some research at the Cal Poly library and discovered that which none of the AIDS prevention task forces took into consideration. In the October 14, 1988 edition of the Mustang, two researchers compiled data from many of the programs which distribute birth control devices to teens who are fearful of impregnation. The results of their research were that the expected result of mass distribution of contraceptives, however, their research indicated the opposite. In actuality, the pregnancy rate went up to 12 percent. The researchers noted that to report did not cover the STDs, it logically follows: if pregnancy goes up, STDs go up even faster. The largest provider of value-free sex education nation Planned Parenthood, admitted in its own publication, "Sexual values, independent of promotion decision was perhaps not openly tied to being too outspoken."

Move ahead a few years to the mid-1970s when I was the Acedemic Senatative reviewer on what was then called the Student Affairs Council (today the Student Senate). I believe we were the last campus in the CSU system to approve a Gay Student Union resolution. As President Baker told the Mustang during a recent editorial: "If we can't do it for our students, I don't know who can do it for them.

Reflections
by Richard Kranzdorf

Having read the several articles and letters over the last month in these pages on Women's Week disagreements, I would like to add a slightly different perspective, taking as a point of departure my presence on this campus as a faculty member since the early '70s. Letting my mind drift back over the years it seems as if the particular charge but the mold remains the same.

When I first arrived, the Vietnam protest movement was in full swing, even occasionally on this campus. I was too new to be aware of the tensions but was told of another protest being roughed up as well as student activities being closely scrutinized, in and out of doors. The protesters and the police were affected, though the stated reason for negative reappoointment, not promotion decision was perhaps not openly tied to being too outspoken.

As for the Blacks, I find it difficult to announce that I have been on the young women in the residence halls, than when this policy was not in effect. Because many of these young women were intimidated by violence, a prank may be taken too harshly and cause more real damage than would have been necessary. We need to respect everyone in our community.

There are enough arguments and statistics to support this thesis to fill the entire newspaper, but there are those who wish to continue the campaign and who have caused the STD epidemic and condoms are just patching up the symptoms of the cause. If we are ever going to see a future when we have high time we exercise judgement from our intellect rather than our glands.

Matthew L. Wisbey is an ASI Senator from the School of Architecture and Environmental Design. He is from Port Orchard, Washington.

Reality over morality
by Peter Goddyn

Condom vending machines on campus. At this moment it seems like it is only a matter of time until this will be a reality. But if condom vending machines are going to be put into campus restrooms, there are a few considerations we ought to keep in mind.

We have to remember that we are dealing with a health issue at hand. If people are going to take offense to the university looking out for the health of the students, that is tragic. In my opinion, as President Baker said in the article, to offend someone is basically not a health issue, it is an moral issue.

But even in the last time around to carry their protests too far would be fired. Again a leap, this time to the mid-'80s at a protest outside the Placement Center by students who were picketing what they saw as the myriad immoral activities of Dow Chemical. One of the campus security personnel labeled the protesters as a bunch of "communists." (sic)

And so finally this February's Women's Week. Again the admonition against making waves, of swimming with the tide, not against it. Again the cry to fit in. If Women's Week is still going strong, then surely we don't want to be too outspoken."

But even then a later "contribution," this on the response to "The Satanic Verses" of Salman Rushdie. A student writes in this paper, "As for the Moslems, I haven't heard this much crying and stowing since the '88 election!" (Presumably the stowitry refers to the criticisms of race over the George Bush-Lee Atwater attacks on Willie Horton and prison furloughs.) I don't agree with the quoted sentence above, the lumping of more than one billion people together as if all Muslims have applauded Ayatollah Khomeini is mindbogging. It is also bigotry in action. If you have doubts, try "As for the Christians" or "As for the Jews" or "As for the Blacks" in the same sentence. See how it goes down.

A university is either inclusive or exclusive, either open or closed. For too many years we have uttered pious platitudes and kept our heads down. The fault lies at the top where causation always reigns and at the bottom where there are too many other things to be concerned about and you surely don't want to be concerned about morality.

In short, the fault, dear Cal Poly, lies with all of us. The ethos of being both open and non-competitive in us. We cannot even aspire to be a first-class university until we welcome dissent and the disserter.

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tion, who’s goal is to raise $15 million to reduce illiteracy. Levenson was named to the advisory council when the U.S. Printer’s council urged universities to become involved with its work. A few years ago the council invited representatives to one of its meetings. Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker chose Levenson to represent Cal Poly, and ever since, Levenson has been at the forefront of the campaign.

“It has also come to San Luis Obispo — just as we speak they are putting up a billboard a little past Monterey Street on Highway 101.”

Levenson said that a national campaign took off when 10,000 billboards were donated to make people aware of the illiteracy problem. The billboards will implement the awareness idea, and Levenson will spend the year figuring out other ways to fight illiteracy.

Levenson is also involved with the San Luis Literacy Council, where he recently showed young children the relationship of printing and reading. The children were asked to write something and the literacy council published their stories in a book.

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years of racing, and during that time, I encountered every idiotic driver in California and Colorado. I also saw pedestrians walk onto clearly marked courses right in front of the pack. A serious rider must constantly be aware of his surroundings if he is to survive. One reason I do not race anymore is because of a “cycl­ ing-ignorant” person like yourself. She was in her parked car and opened her door into me just as I was passing on my bicycle. It was a painful crash, and though I recovered physical­ ly, I found that I had lost my nerve on the bike, and it takes guts just to ride in the pack during a Category III race. Horror stories abound in racing circles, and everyone has a friend who was “lucky to live through that one.”

Cycling is more than a sport to racers, it is a way of life. And cyclists realize the dangers more than you. When one of them emotionally yells at you to quit walking on the course, he is simply trying to look out for the safety of everyone involved. He hopes that you will be equally aware of him in the future. What is so irritating about driving your car away slowly and carefully? Cyclists yell at you again because they know from experience that in a collision with an auto, the car will always win hands down.

Finally, though impolite, it becomes instinct for cyclists to yell profanities at unaware people. After a close call on the road, buckets of adrenaline are flowing in their veins, and in their eyes you have just tried to kill them. So instead of getting all flustered and flicking off the cyclists, why don’t you just realize that you made a mistake and say, “I’m sorry?”

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Two arrested in stock scandal

TOKYO (AP) — Authorities on Monday arrested two former senior officials of Japan's largest corporation on suspicion of bribery in a spreading stock scandal that has prompted calls for Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita to resign.

Prosecutors said they arrested Hitoshi Shinto, former chairman of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp., and a senior aide, Kozo Murata.

Investigators alleged the two officials were bribed with 10,000 shares of unlisted stock that Murata was offered by Recruit Co., an information conglomorater. Murata, 63, reportedly made $70,000 in profits when the stock was publicly traded and rose quickly in value.

Shinto, 78, was known as an advocate of clean government and business until he resigned from NTT in December after acknowledging that $70,000 of the profits had ended up in his personal bank account.

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Ten people have been arrested in the scandal, of whom five have been indicted. Three Cabinet members also have resigned because of Recruit links.

Takeshita, who acknowledged an aide bought 2,000 shares of Recruit stock, has denied any personal involvement and pledged Sunday to restore public confidence in his government by pursuing political reform.

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Newspapers reported members of the governing party have begun considering a caretaker government should additional arrests or public pressure force Takeshita to resign.

Some party leaders also are discussing the possibility of a dissolution of the lower house, requiring new elections, if Takeshita does not resign soon, news reports said.

Public support for the Takeshita Cabinet has dropped steadily in the past five months due to the scandal, as well as government plans to levy a 3 percent tax on all services and goods in commercial transactions, according to media polls.

Party members want to hold off elections as long as possible, said Seisaburo Sato, professor of politics at Tokyo University.

An election loss for the party could force Takeshita to step down as governing party president and prime minister before his two-year term ends this fall.

Rei Shiraori, dean of the department of political science and economics at Tokai University, said: "If you look at opinions of voters, things are changing, but that only has an effect if there's an election."
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