TKE may face eviction for operating without use permit

By Cyndi Smith
Staff Writer

Another city vs. fraternity battle is being fought in San Luis Obispo, this time over the use of a fraternity house.

Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity lost its use permit for its house at 1691 Phillips Lane last year, but police say residents are still using the house for fraternity purposes.

The house, formerly the Alpha Sigma house until the two fraternities merged in 1988, has long been the subject of problems with the city.

A lawsuit filed by the city after a 500-person party in 1986 was settled early last year, resulting in an agreement between TKE and the city. The fraternity agreed to move out of the house and not have more than eight active members, pledges or recent alumni living there at a given time.

The agreement stated that the property would cease to be used as a location for a social fraternity and that any fraternity activities including meetings, rush, social activities or similar functions would not be held there. It also stated that no fraternity-related signs or displays of Greek letters could be on the property.

If any provisions of the agreement are broken, it stated, the owner must immediately take legal action to evict the tenants, or the city may file an eviction complaint if the owner does not take action.

And the city is ready to take action, said City Attorney Jeff Jorgensen. He explained that the city has been receiving complaints from neighbors about activities that occurred at the house last fall quarter.

"It seems that all they did was take the letters off the front of the house, but they're still operating as a fraternity," he said. "The police have investigated in response to noise complaints, and have found rush posters listing events at the house, and other fraternity paraphernalia."

Neighbors of the Phillips Lane house said problems with the fraternity arose long before the ill-fated 1986 party. They say they continued to be retaliation from the fraternity after the 1986 party.

One neighbor, who did not wish to be identified, said that they drafted the agreement (banning fraternity activities in the house)." They continued to be troublesome," he said, "and the city invited neighbors to attend a public hearing on the issue. Few showed up, he said, because many are elderly and were afraid of retaliation from the fraternity members.

He said he and other neighborhood residents are bothered by the attitudes of the individuals and are not differentiating between fraternities and any other group of students.

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Quick tours waste time, money

By Rob Lorenz

So you want to go to Europe. So you want to spend a good chunk of your savings hopping from city to city, marvelling at the Leaning Tower of Pisa, or the Tower of London or Athens.

Go ahead and go. Experience Europe the way most Americans do. Fly over to London, with your handy little book entitled "What Every American Tourist Should See in London," and spend three or four days riding around town in those ever-so-fashionable double-decker buses seeing Buckingham Palace and the Tower Bridge and the London Bridge (for at least the replacement bridge $1 billion is being spent on the real one, which was sold and shipped to Arizona—no lie).

This is not a criticism of tourists, this is a criticism of people who have "been to Europe" without ever experiencing the place. If you spend three months on London study, well then you can probably get a pretty good idea what it's like to live in England.

If you spend three days running bell-mell throughout the city, you spend three days running bell-mell throughout the city. All you get out of it is an empty bank account and hundreds of out-of-focus polaroids of the keen guards with the red suits at "Hey, honey, what was the name of that palace? You know, the one where the Queen lives."

I spent three years living in West Germany. I didn't live on a military base, surrounded by an American in a microcosm of the United States. I lived among the Germans. My parents shopped at German stores, we ate at German restaurants and we learned the language. So I know what I'm talking about.

When we lived in Europe, we spent two separate weeks in London. The first time, we did the tourist thing, for the most part. But the second time we went, we didn't go on one tour, didn't see one sight. You know what we did? We spent the day in Hyde Park, goofing around, and at night, we went to the theater. I was the oldest, at 14, of four children, and all we had a better time going to the theater and experiencing London the second time, because the first time we were all over the plane trying to see everything.

A number of my close friends are presently in Europe, spending the entire year going to school there. One is going to a German university with German students. He will know what Germany is like when he returns, as compared to those who are going to "do the Europe thing" after graduation.

Hey, don't waste your time or money. Either go for six months to a year and stay in youth hostels and ride the Eurail and experience the place, or don't go at all.

When I lived in Germany, I used to laugh at the Americans in whatever city I was in. They'd be on some stupid book entitled "What Every American Tourist Should See in London." I do not want to Miss These Things" guide to the city and argue. "No honey, we can see such and such tomorrow. It'll be our way. We have to see the Olympic Stadium today, and if we don't get down there, we'll never see it.

Whatever. The best part about Munich isn't its history—its monuments or buildings. It's the Oktoberfest. And I don't mean you and 10 guys you just graduated from college with going to a beer tent, dressing yourselves silly and throwing up on the burly German waitress. I'm talking about going to the beer tent and sitting at a table with a group of German men and women and linking arms and singing beer hall songs. That's the Oktoberfest.

Here's another thing tourists don't do in Germany. It is that as much a part of the German culture as anything. Just about every city, town or village in Germany has what is called a Wandering. You know what it is?

It's a 10-kilometer walk through the town's surrounding countryside. You pay a minor fee to walk, and you get a medal when you finish that is unique in the world. I'm talking about some tour guide with a bad accent saying "To your left, you can see such and such famous building vere Hitler had his Putsch. Ve don't have anything like that here."

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The bottom line is, if you're going to spend time in Europe, do it right. Don't just hop from city to city in Italy saying, "Oh look, there's the Colosseum isn't that great? We gotta go."

Spend some time in villages with the people of the country and understand the country from their perspective.

Rob Lorenz is sports editor for Mustang Daily.
Showcase in U.U. spotlights more than 50 ag businesses

Students look for potential job, internship

By Kim Jarrard

The University Union Plaza was transformed into a land of agricultural opportunity Wednesday during an Agricultural Showcase.

Representatives from more than 50 agriculture-related businesses, trade associations and government agencies sat at tables in the plaza, speaking with students and giving out pamphlets containing information about their companies.

"We wanted to expose the students to the companies and what's really out there, and expose the companies to our agbusiness depart­ment," said Tom Orvis, a chairperson of the showcase.

Although the showcase was designed to expose students to various companies, many of the companies had internships, co-ops and jobs available.

"It's a good chance for students to set up things down the road for those programs or possibly set up some interviews," Orvis said.

Most students who attended the showcase found it beneficial.

"The people are infor­mative, very nice, and willing to provide as much in­formation as possible," said Pat Ginvin, an agricultural management student.

Gavin, a graduating senior, was at the showcase for future references, and said it was difficult to come into contact with these companies outside of school.

Some students could not find exactly what they were looking for. Deanna Caldwell, a dairy products student, said she was looking for a job, internship or for future references, and was at the showcase found it beneficial.

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Science and Math interim dean selected; looks to expand programs begun by Bailey

By Tara Murphy

An associate dean for the School of Science and Mathematics has been named interim dean for the school.

Harry Fierstine will fill the position vacated by Philip Bailey, who has been acting as interim vice president of Academic Affairs since Malcolm Wilson retired in November because of poor health.

Fierstine was appointed by President Warren Baker at the recommendation of Bailey and the school's department and faculty representatives.

Filling Fierstine's position and acting as interim associate dean is Leonard Wall, a physics department faculty member since 1969.

Fierstine said he plans to continue and expand on Bailey's projects. These include a proposal for faculty office building complex, renovation of outdated science labs and the SMART program. SMART (Science and Math Are Really Terrific) was developed last year to stimulate interest in college and technology careers and is geared toward local schools at the eighth grade level.

Fierstine said he also has new ideas he would like to implement. He said he wants departments to plan for the year 2000 in terms of space, budgets and additions to faculty. "It's going to be a challenge to find people to hire," said Fierstine. "There are fewer and fewer Ph.D.s being produced."

Fierstine is interested in science education, teaching students to teach science effectively at high school and college levels. The tendency is for science and math professors to promote research, he said. "Education is kind of a dirty word."

Fierstine has been at Cal Poly since 1966 in the biological sciences department. He continues to teach while acting as interim dean.

After graduating from Long Beach State with a bachelor's degree in biology, he earned a master's degree in ichthyology and a doctorate in zoology from UCLA in 1965.

Leonard Wall, interim associate dean, served as chairman for the physics department from 1985 to 1989. Wall earned his bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from Louisiana Tech University and a doctorate in theoretical physics at Iowa State in 1969.

Wall also will continue to teach while filling his interim position.

Fierstine said he is glad to be working as interim dean and expects to hold the position until a new vice president of Academic Affairs is chosen, which probably will be in fall.

He said he expects to receive help from department leaders and is proud to hold his temporary position.

"We have an excellent faculty in our five departments," said Fierstine. "My role is to obtain things they need. My attitude is 'How can I help you?'"
Pulitzer nominee speaks against inhumane treatment of animals

Heir to Baskin-Robbins chain rejects company's priorities

By Jen Thompson

"What have we done?" is the question marking the beginning of the end of war against animals, the environment and ourselves, said a best-selling author.

John Robbins, nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his best seller "Diet for a New America," spoke in the Cal Poly Theatre Tuesday night about the world dependence on animals for food and the inhumane and unhealthy conditions under which the dependence makes itself apparent.

Robbins said his father and uncle, founders of Baskin-Robbins, the world's largest ice cream company, expected that he would someday take over and run the company.

But Robbins, confused about how to live in a rapidly deteriorating environment impacted by human activities, pulled in a decidedly different direction.

"I did not see inventing a 32nd flavor as an adequate response," said Robbins.

Robbins was profoundly affected by a native American Indian chief who asked white men to treat animals as family.

"These people found the sacredness of life in the universal spirit of sunrises and sunsets, the active prayer of breathing, the chorus of wind and animals as part of Earth's community," said Robbins. "You don't need to be a prophet to appall and realize the situation is way beyond what we can comprehend."

Where do we draw the line on the ethical treatment of animals? he asked.

Since male cows cannot provide milk, he said, they get chained at the neck and stuffed deliberately with meat producing system. One pound of meat requires 16 pounds of grain and 16 times more land and fuel.

Newborns like to frolic, play and express themselves, Robbins said, but these babies never get to take a step because companies think only of profit.

These babies grow into tender, real people and pay extra for it, he said. They are susceptible to disease without iron in their diets and receive antibiotics as feed element.

"Our power grows not in avoidance and denial but in joining together and feeling a common goodwill, squarely facing the realities that face us," said Robbins. "Something comes through us to life to meet the perils and problems concerning our deepest instinct for survival."

People don't need meat and dairy products, Robbins said. People can expect heart attacks because of the high content of animal fat in their diets. After millions of coronary arteries undergo examination, doctors find the same culprits over and over again: saturated fat and cholesterol. Vegetables do not contain cholesterol.

"Not once have they blamed broccoli and brown rice as the culprit," said Robbins.

But people continue to run cholesterol and animal fat through their systems, he said, ignoring the risks involved.

Schools teach about the basic four food groups -- a product of extensive lobbying processes paid for by the meat and dairy industry, said Robbins. The largest supplier of nutritional education is the National Dairy Council.

"Ronald McDonald tells kids that hamburgers grow in hamburger patches," he said. "This deliberately covers the bloody reality that hamburgers are really ground-up cows' corpses."

Robbins also pointed to the environmental impact of today's meat producing system. One pound of meat requires 16 pounds of grain and 16 times more land and fuel.

If the world could cut its meat consumption by a mere 10 percent per year, Robbins said, the amount of grain saved could feed the starving people in this world for a year.

Another problem associated with the meat industry is the greenhouse effect, or the build-up of greenhouse gases polluting the world in a global warming phenomenon. Part of the reason for the global warming is the build-up of carbon dioxide emitted by the burning of fossil fuels and the elimination of rain forests for use as grazing land.

The destabilizing environment threatening life on Earth would experience a 30 percent recovery if the entire world shifted to vegetarian diets.

Robbins said that an area equivalent a football field of rain forest is destroyed every second, 24 hours a day. An acre of trees per year is saved when a person shifts to a vegetarian diet.

"If the ozone layer continues to dissipate, so will all oxygen-based life on Earth," Robbins said. "It is imperative that we feed more people and grow more sensitive to our global environmental connection and get over our toxic, debilitating denial. The amount of damage measures the amount gainable."

The realities of the situation should make people do whatever is necessary for survival, he said.

"I want you to know today, something deeply profound, awaken a dormant request for global consciousness and unity," Robbins said. "I listen for it. I want it."
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Friday, January 19

*Men’s Basketball vs. UC Riverside — The Mustangs split their first two CCAA games last weekend, and have an 11-4 overall record. The Highlanders are 11-13 overall and have a 2-6 conference record. Game time is 7:05 at Mont Gym.

*Gymnastics — The gymnastics team will travel to Davis this weekend to participate in a meet with San Jose State and UC Davis. The meet begins at 7 p.m.

*Wrestling — The wrestling squad will be in Ashland, Ohio, on Friday to take on Ashland College, and then Toledo University.

Saturday, January 20

*Women’s Basketball vs. Cal Poly Pomona — The Mustangs will face a tough task in this game. The Lady Broncos are 13-3 overall, and hold a 2-0 CCAA mark. The Mustangs are 7-9 overall, and 1-1 in conference play. Game time is 5:45 p.m. in Mont Gym.

*Men’s Basketball vs. Cal Poly Pomona — The men will follow the women’s game and play a tough team, the Broncos. The Mustangs are 7-8 overall, and have a 1-1 CCAA record. The game is scheduled for an 8:30 tip-off in Mont Gym.

*Swimming — The swim team will be at Northridge for a meet which begins at noon.

*Wrestling — The wrestling squad will be in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday to compete against three teams: Indiana University, Muskingum and Ohio State.

*Rugby — The rugby squad will play two matches against UC San Diego. The matches are scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. at the old San Luis Junior High School.

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