**SLO environmental center to open downtown this fall**

**Waterlogged...**

**Goals set for students, city**

**Group discusses housing, parties, site for greek row**

**By William Douglass**

City officials said late last week that conflicts between stu­dents and police can be avoided through communication. "These comments came Thursday at the first fall meeting of ASI's Student/Community Liaison Committee (SCLC). The group of 24 student leaders and city officials met to set goals for the upcoming year. Committee members include San Luis Obispo Mayor Ron Dunin, Police Chief Jim Gardiner, ASI President Adam Taylor and SCLC Vice Chair David Kapic. The rest of the committee includes neighborhood group representatives and student leaders from Cal Poly and Cuesta College.

Committee members decided that the group's primary purpose is to foster communication. "I've worked with ECO-SLO since last February," said Mullen. "I think that the ECO-SLO is intended as an environmentally-sensitive office designed so that it will set a good example and low-flow water spigots.

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**Commentary**

**Be a good neighbor**

By James M. Gardiner

As a new school year begins, I believe it is an appropriate time to review and renew our commitment to build a closer and stronger university community in the city. In San Luis Obispo one of our most important community strengths is the mix of student and permanent population, providing a fabric of stability, continuity and vitality.

Over the past several years, much time and effort has been devoted by many people to develop more harmonious relationships between our student and permanent populations. This has been particularly true as it relates to our neighborhoods.

These efforts have focused on education and communication with emphasis on "being a good neighbor." Two examples of programs have been the activities of the Student/Community Liaison Committee and relations in noise complaints related to fraternity activities.

The permanent community lies in our ability to work together in order to prevent events which might cause disturbance to the events surrounding last year's Poly Royal, which caused much discord within the community, is an example of how the actions of a few individuals can ruin the relationships of many. The fallout from these conflicts can be a major problem and remains an obstacle in the minds of many.

So where do we go from here? Well, it has been my feeling that most residents in this community truly enjoy the quality of life and want to contribute to it—not destroy it. This includes "being a good neighbor." It is important to note that this phrase does not specify age, occupation and living arrangements. What it does mean is an acceptance of responsibility and ownership in maintaining good relationships with other community members, no matter who they may be. It expresses a mutual respect for individual differences. It also means being considerate and conscious of how your actions will affect those around you. In many ways it all adds up to a little common sense in dealing with your neighbors.

I must also express a major practical concern for my observations. In meeting the community's high expectations for service, more and more of the Department's resources have been spent dealing with neighborhood related problems, usually noise complaints. For the last years the Department has responded annually to over 2,000 noise and disturbance complaints. Increasingly, this means that fewer officers are available to meet the challenges of more serious crime and safety problems in the city.

It is a tired but often heard axiom for the police officer: "Why aren't you dealing with real criminals instead of bothering me?" Well, on this issue, the members of the San Luis Obispo Police Department agree. We would rather be dealing with the problems of drugs, serious crimes or drunk drivers. Instead, officers spend an inordinate amount of their time dealing with problems which could, and should, be handled by the neighborhood itself.

The key to the new year, and our measure of success as a community, will be our willingness to work towards a community which values "being a good neighbor." This is a responsibility which must be acknowledged by all. See Gardiner, page 9

**Editorial**

**WHAT'S THAT OFFICER?... YOU'LL HAVE TO SPEAK UP!**

This past April, the city council passed the "Second Response" plan, and the San Luis Obispo Police Department recently began to openly enforce it.

Second Response is a noise violation control by which the host of a party is billed, in addition to receiving a noise citation, if police officers have to respond to a second noise complaint at the same location within a 24-hour period of time.

When an officer responds to a noise complaint, a warning will be given to the host of the party in the form of a card detailing the repercussions if there is a second complaint. If the officers return, the host will be given a citation and be billed up to $500. "Second Response is the first step."

From this point, if a party should create a problem, the complaining neighbor can call the neighbor hosting the party in an effort to amicably solve the problem before a formal complaint is filed with the police department.

This sort of mutual respect will benefit both neighbors by fostering further positive relationships and in the end will better the attitude of the community as a whole.

In order for there to be fewer noise complaints and better neighborhood relations, a balance of understanding must be reached. If both students and permanent residents would realize their responsibility to each other and set aside past community relations, a quiet and pleasant atmosphere can be welcomed.

**Taking the time to make friends out of neighbors will help community relations**
Iraq to hit Middle East oilfields if ‘strangled’

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iraq said Sunday it would destroy all Middle East oilfields if the Iraqi people were "strangled" by foreign forces assembling in the Persian Gulf region.

"We will never allow anybody, whenever he may be, to strangle the people of Iraq without having himself strangled," said a communiqué from the Revolution Command Council, Iraq's highest decision-making body, and the ruling Baath Party.

It was the latest Iraqi threat of retaliation against the multinational military buildup in Saudi Arabia and the gulf. The U.S.-led military group is enforcing a U.N. embargo imposed on Iraq following its invasion of Kuwait Aug. 2.

Last week, Iraq's information minister, Latif Nassayef Jassim, told Jordanian reporters that Iraq would destroy the oilfields if attacked. But Sunday's communiqué, broadcast by state-run Radio Baghdad and monitored in Cyprus, indicated the crippling effect of an embargo could also prompt an Iraqi response.

Racism hurts Japan's international relations

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese Cabinet minister's offhand suggestion that American blacks run white neighborhoods reflects the deep prejudices and provincialism that still hinder Japan's much-touted internationalism, analysts say.

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Old Farmer's Almanac predicts snowy winter

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Mixed in with the ads for trusses and carousel music in the 199th Old Farmer's Almanac are predictions for a cold, snowy winter and advice on helping a baby grow: Put manure in the infant's ashes.

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Minor tremors rattle Northern California

Two mild earthquakes rattled Northern California over the weekend but caused no injuries or damage, authorities said Sunday.

A tremor registering 3.0 on the Richter scale occurred on the San Francisco Peninsula at 6:36 a.m. Sunday, the state Office of Emergency Services said. It was centered seven miles southwest of Menlo Park, 23 miles south of San Francisco.

A 4.0 quake occurred 6 p.m. Saturday three miles south of San Juan Bautista, about 35 miles south of San Francisco, the office of Emergency Services said.

The readings for both quakes, measured by the U.S. Geological Survey, were preliminary, the OES said. Further information was not immediately available.

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Deputy DA says many other cases were dismissed

By Kathy Kenney

With a few exceptions, court cases from the 127 arrests made during the Poly Royal riots closed this month, said Andrew Baird, a deputy district attorney. Many of the cases were dismissed.

Baird said some people received jail sentences for throwing rocks and bottles. Others pleaded guilty to misdemeanor. Misdemeanor charges from the riots included minor in possession and failure to disperse.

Those who pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges usually received a $150 fine and 10 hours of community service, said Gary Fucette, a lawyer from the poly defending firm, Maguire and Ashbaugh.

Police, however, were unable to testify against many individuals because of the large number of arrests made at the riot scene. Without the arresting officers present at the trials, Baird said guilt could not be proven.

"Police were both so surprised by the number of people and intensity of violence, that it was all they could do just to maintain order," he said.

There were 30 arrests made on the Friday of Poly Royal; many of those arrested were charged with failure to disperse. Baird said most of these arrests were dismissed and did not go to trial.

Arrests made on Thursday night were more spread out throughout the town so that arresting officers were available for each person apprehended, the deputy said.

Baird said police were caught off guard on Friday night with the large riot scene but were more prepared on Saturday night.

Other reasons for dismissed cases included people who said they were caught in the police sweep while defending their property or trying to get home.

Fucette said the outcomes of cases showed that many people were victims of police sweep and not guilty, while others who were causing problems were not caught.

"Quite frankly I think many people pleaded guilty because they did not want to go through the (court) process," he said.

Although some students who were arrested may have been observing the scene, Baird said they added to the danger by providing a cover for those people who were throwing rocks and bottles. "People feel safe as part of a crowd," he said. "Otherwise, they would have stuck out like a sore thumb."

Baird said the court cases involving the Poly Royal riots were handled the same way any other cases would be handled, except that they were taken more seriously because of the large number of people involved.
**Football**

**Mustangs upset fourth-ranked Portland**

By Neil Pascale

For good measure, McCook — who used a different shoe to kick his own school record of four.

A crowd of 14,733 saw the heavy underdog Mustangs defeat Portland State at the Civic Stadium in Portland, Oregon, Saturday.

A victory against the conference giant. Portland State had lost only one WFC game in the last three years.

Saturday's women's soccer match between Cal Poly's club team and Foothill Junior College was nothing to write home about.

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Joe Fragidakis gained 142 yards rushing on 25 carries Saturday against Portland State. The Mustangs' success on the ground, coupled with a strong defensive effort, enabled them to keep the ball for 11:30 in the fourth quarter and extinguish any hopes the Vikings had of coming from behind.

Midfielder Susan Dahl heads a ball forward while teammate Bonnie Graham gets sandwiched between Dahl and an unidentified Foothill College player.

**Women's Soccer**

**Poly can't find the net in 0-0 tie against Foothill JC**

By Adrian Hodgson

Saturday's women's soccer match between Cal Poly's club team and Foothill Junior College was nothing to write home about.

There were no heart-stopping moments. There were no dazzling offensive plays. There were no diving, fingertip saves. And there were no goals either.

What was seen was, offensively, a poorly played game which resulted in the 0-0 tie, but defensively, a well played one — most of the time.

So, after a disappointing performance against a team it should have easily beaten, Mustang Head coach Keith Coleman must have concerns for his four-time California Collegiate Women's Soccer Conference tournament champions, right?

Wrong.

"There's no panic," Coleman said of his team who is now 1-1-1. "We lost a lot of players last year and we have a young team. We need to play more games. It'll come together though."

Both sides had chances early in the game, but neither could capitalize. The Mustangs came close at the five-minute mark when midfielder Joanne Huggins side-stepped Foothill goalkeeper Dawn McDonald, but Huggins' shot sailed past the right post.

The Owls applied some pressure at the beginning of the second half and almost went ahead on the hour when left wing Heidi Brink went one-on-one against Van Ballegooijen. The Mustang goalkeeper was up to the challenge and parried the ball out of bounds for a corner, much to the relief of the Mustang coaching staff.

Poly began hounding the Owls in the last 10 minutes, but Foothill's back four of Felicia Campagna, Jill Danne, Kerry Dewald and Chandra McKeon thwarted most of the Mustangs' attacks; Poly's closest opportunity came with six minutes left when Holly Harris shot a couple of feet wide of the right post.

Foothill Head Coach Andrew Moore praised his team for its effort.

"It's the best game we've played so far this season, especially against a four-year program," he said. "We played defense right, we played strategy right and we won 30-30 balls."

But he said his forwards needed more support from the midfielders on attack because every time the strikers pressed forward, there were two of them trying to take on five Mustang defenders.

"We didn't play as a team," Coleman said. But he noted some solid individual play from sweeper Shavna Burtchins, for

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FACTS ABOUT YOUR PEERS

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Justine Minister Seinoku Ka-
jiymas public comments Fri-
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Each incident has drawn howls
f U.S. protest. Yet such com-
ments keep cropping up because
Japan, for all its export savvy
and love of Western goods, re-
mains isolated from Western
thinking as it has for most of its
long history, observers say.

"Japanese politicians used to
be able to get away with this
kind of thing, but now they can't" due to the publicity, said
Patricia Stauhoff, former head of
the University of Hawai'i's
Center for Japanese Studies.

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program daily had to be cut by
almost 25 percent because of delays in
contracting garbage trucks and
automated collection bins, said
Sones.

Only last week, the City Coun-
cill approved a $19 million con-
tact. The trucks and bins will
cannot be delivered until early next
year.

But existing equipment will be
used to begin limited recycling in
selected Highland Park neighborhoods on Tuesday, Ed-
son Park on Wednesday, Los Feliz Griffith Park on Thursday
and Hollywood on Friday.

City officials hope to have
24,000 homes involved in the
recycling program by Jan. 1. They will join 90,000 Los
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"The public is anxious for it," Sones said.

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143-foot Aloha.

Also, attended was the 52-foot sea
urchin diving vessel Top Gun
sailing out of Port Oxford. The
activists and boats violated a
500-yard federally ordered safe
zone around the Aloha, said U.S.
Coast Guard Lieutenant Doug
Stephan.

The Aloha is conducting gov-
ment-sponsored research into
the potential of marine mining
during a cruise around the Alaska.

Coral Alexander, a Greenpeace
spokeswoman said about two
dozens local fishing vessels joined
the 181-foot Rainbow Warrior
Sunday as part of the attempt to
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Stephan said the arrested ac-
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The committee discussed the fallout from last year's Poly Royal rioting and the cancellation of the yearly celebration. Dunin said although it was an integral part of the university and the city, "Poly Royal as we know it will never come back."

Dunin said confrontations between police and students in group housing should be avoided by communicating to the students what the city expects from them and then enforcing those expectations.

Another student housing issue being addressed is the long-proposed greek row. Dunin said the difficulties in finding land for a fraternity and sorority complex are nearly over.

"I am now in a much better position to achieve progress on the housing issue," Dunin said. "The location will be in the county in the periphery of campus."

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Our thanks to Poly students for the warm welcome at last week's grand opening.
Oil company donates $1,000 to industrial engineering

Funds to be used to improve safety in metal foundry

By Angie Carlevato

The industrial engineering (IE) department received a $1,000 donation from Shell Oil to modernize the furnace controls in their metal-casting foundry. Department Chair Unny Menon received the award on Friday.

The old method of lighting the furnace, explained IE lecturer Martin Koch, is to light a handheld torch, stick the torch in the furnace and turn on the gas. Dave Murch, an IE student and a production technician for Shell Oil, identified a safety problem with the current furnace lighting method. Murch worked with Michael Baranski, an IE senior and intern with Allen-Bradley; Mark Casey, who is also with Allen-Bradley; and Tom Cobett and Tom Zimmerman, of the American Foundrymen’s Society to design the installation of A-B’s Fireye furnace controller. The new system will automatically manage the ignition and shut down of the current furnace.

“Our department was fortunate enough to have three off-campus organizations work with us to put a new system together,” Koch said.

Howard Akins and Andy Brockwoldt of Shell Oil presented the award and had the opportunity to get acquainted with the department staff and students.

Baranski said the old furnace was installed in 1964 and has been a potential safety hazard to students. The IE department has had an accident-free history when working with the furnace, he added.

The foundry is used by 80 students this quarter, four times a week, to melt aluminum at about 1,400 degrees Fahrenheit to pour into various molds.

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shared by everyone. A respect for our individual differences must be balanced by an understanding of the impacts of individual lifestyles on others.

This is best achieved through direct and open communication with our neighbors. We find that neighborhood problems come when neighbors have not taken the time to get to know each other. Like most preventative measures, taking a little time to talk initially will usually prevent more serious problems later on.

The members of the Department will assist and support this cooperative community effort. We have already been very involved in the educational and communication activities which I have previously mentioned. When we are called we will continue to be "fair, friendly, but firm" in dealing with problems. It is our hope that these kinds of problems will diminish and that our efforts will be better able to focus on more serious threats to public safety.

So as we enter the new year, I would encourage each of us to commit to "being a good neighbor." Your contributions will not only improve the quality of life in your neighborhood, but you will also be helping to make San Luis Obispo an even safer community overall.

James M. Gardiner is chief of police for San Luis Obispo.

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Rent hikes to blame for increased housing vacancies

Housing official says fewer students are on dorm waiting list

By Michele Morris

Overall, students are not having as many problems finding housing as they did last year, said Cal Poly's director of housing.

Bob Bostrom said that because many apartment complexes have had to raise rents this fall, there are numerous vacancies, and students are having an easier time finding places to live.

The Housing Office has had fewer students needing help with finding housing this year than in previous years, Bostrom said.

As of last week, there were only about 25 notices from people looking for roommates on the bulletin board in the University with rooms ranging in price from $180 to $260 to share and $240 to $350 for a private room.

Every six months the housing office on campus conducts a rent survey. For the January through June period in 1990, rent around the city increased an average of 20 percent, Bostrom said.

There are various reasons for rent increases. Some complex managers report increases because of rising water costs, others want to stay up to date with current rent rates and others simply raise rent every year.

Joy Yeyna, manager of the 61 Broad Street apartments and Valencia apartments on Ramona Drive, said that this year the cost for a private room in a three-bedroom, furnished apartment with numerous community facilities, increased from $310 to $370 per month.

In a typical complex without extras near Laguna Lake, rent increased from $550 to $650 per month for a two-bedroom, 1½-bath apartment. The manager of one such complex said the rent increase reflects the owner's need to keep rates level with other similar apartments.

Bostrom said that most students reserve apartments around May or June, or as early as February for the Valencia and 61 Broad Street complexes, but many complex managers reported a 20 to 50 percent vacancy rate as late as one month ago.

Because of the high vacancy rate and building restrictions, there are no new complexes, Bostrom said.

"The ones with a reputation for bad management and high rent are the ones that are left in late August," Bostrom said.

He said the cost of living in the dorms has increased 10 percent this year. He said that although it is difficult to keep the cost down, Cal Poly tries to stay in the bottom half of the California State University price range.

"Right now we are fourth from the bottom," he said.

RESPONSE

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"From the next time you see 'Rent,'" Gardiner said, "we'll put a notice in the newsletter saying "No more complaints,"" said Gardiner.

If the police return a second time and find that the host has failed to quiet down or break-up the party, the host will be billed.

Gardiner said the "second response" policy is necessary because the department's response to noise complaints has resulted in a lack of available officers to handle more serious crimes. Last year there were more than 2,100 noise complaints out of 26,000 calls for service.

"Our surveys are showing that our availability of police officers on Friday and Saturday nights at any given time is dropping to less than 15 percent when an officer would be available," Gardiner said.

Major crimes, including aggravated assaults, robberies and burglaries, were up 40 percent in the first six months of this year, Gardiner added.

What he ultimately hopes, however, is that neighborhoods will solve noise problems themselves, through compromise, self-responsibility and mutual understanding, so that noise complaints never ever reach the department's dispatchers. This includes the realization by students that "what was acceptable in group housing may not always be acceptable in a residential setting," as well as restraint by the "busy-body" neighbor who jumps for the phone any time more than five students congregate in a backyard, he said.

He has a suggestion for his community that he says students should have to follow.

"If one side's unreasonable, it's not going to work," said mechanical engineering junior Patrick Frase on Sunday. "If someone's unreasonable, they're going to party all night long, it won't work. Also, if the people next door complain at the slightest hint of noise, then that's unreasonable, too."

"The primary emphasis," Gardiner said, "is that we as a community need to try and find a way to reduce the number of these complaints."