Students, faculty continue to protest layoffs

By Carissa W'reden
Staff Writer

Amid picket signs and chants of "Save Cal Poly," members of the engineering technology and home economics departments spoke out Thursday against the Cal Poly administration's decision to lay off faculty in both departments.

Students and faculty alike are upset about the loss of faculty in the two departments, they fear a severe drop in the quality of both programs.

There are feelings of resentment among the students. Bernie Carr will be graduating from the ET program this quarter. Carr, the public relations head for the American Society of Engineering Technologists, said, "I feel terrible about the situation. There's been no effort by administration for due process in this issue. They teach us values and ethics — where are their ethics in this situation? It's more than just a budget problem. It's an ego problem and an attitude problem."

The layoffs are being fought on the grounds of legitimacy. According to Jim Conway, president of the local chapter of the California Faculty Association, "... the problem is legitimacy. According to Jim Conway, president of the local chapter of the California Faculty Association, See PROTEST, page 13

Group seeks new ordinance to help clean up neighborhoods

By Krystn Shrieve
Staff Writer

Residents for Quality Neighborhoods is proposing a new city ordinance requiring property maintenance for the residential areas of San Luis Obispo.

The purpose is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public by requiring a standard of maintenance for private property.

Rob Bryn of San Luis Obispo's community development department said the ordinance was originally created in 1989. At that time, however, the City Council decided to postpone a decision. At the request of RQN, the issue was recently brought up again.

According to the ordinance, it will help protect the public from health and safety hazards and the impairments of property values resulting from neglect and deterioration of property.

"That's what backyard sheds and storage units are for," Bryn said. "It's not really appropriate to have couches, bedframes and other garbage in your front yard for the rest of the neighborhood to look at," said Bryn.

RQN chairperson Dotty Conner said there is a real need for this type of ordinance. "Throughout the years, there has been some indication of deterioration of some areas in our community. If you walk down the street and see houses with weeds, trash, abandoned vehicles and other deterioration, you won't want to live there. Things like that bring property values down. This ordinance will help enhance our neighborhoods and keep the community looking nice."

Conner said that the ordinance is modeled after a similar ordinance in San Jose. "Their particular model is quite restrictive, but we still decided to pattern our ordinance after theirs. We also added other aspects which are particular to San Luis Obispo," Conner said. See ORDINANCE, page 14

Cross-cultural seminar breaks ethnic barriers

By Monique McCarty
Staff Writer

The destruction of communication barriers between ASI and ethnic groups has begun. ASI's first cross-cultural workshop was presented last Saturday.

The workshop was sponsored by ASI Cultural Relations Committee and the Cultural Advisory Committee. Campus Dining and El Corral supported this event by donating food and name tags for workshop participants.

About 40 people attended the workshop, with equal representation from ASI and ethnic club leaders, said Phil Eugenio, member of the Cultural Awareness Committee.

"This was one of the first times Tullia has worked with students. She was very receptive to the group and they were to her. She kept things in perspective."

Most of the issues the workshop committee wanted to talk about were addressed. Some important issues mentioned by ethnic club leaders were for ASI to follow through with what it says and to show support by being present at various ethnic events.

"ASI is sincere and working" See WORKSHOP, page 5
VIENNA, Austria (AP) — A video supplied by North Korea indicates the P'yongyang government is still years away from producing a nuclear bomb, a U.N. official said Thursday.

But David Kyd, a spokesman for the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the footage was insufficient to produce a conclusive analysis of the Communist nation's nuclear capability.

Earlier Western intelligence reports have suggested that North Korea was close to producing a nuclear bomb before it agreed to submit to international inspection.

The video shows buildings and equipment at the Yongbyon nuclear center and was made during a recent visit to North Korea by Hans Blix, the U.N. agency's director-general.

"The video shows the five-megawatt power reactor they have, a radio chemical laboratory we judge is only 40 percent complete and two reactors under construction," Kyd said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Food banks nationwide are turning away thousands of hungry Americans because the federal government is running out of surplus flour, canned goods and peanut butter to stock their shelves.

The Agriculture Department says its warehouses of surplus commodities are nearly bare and it has spent almost all of the $120 million budgeted this year to buy canned goods and other food for distribution to low-income Americans.

Some of the purchased food may still be in the pipeline, but anti-hunger activists worry it won't last long.

A record 25.7 million Americans — more than one in 10 — are receiving food stamps. And with the onset of summer, families stretch their meals with the USDA giveaways.

"We're not only bare; we're empty. We're filling out our shelves," said Pat Whitaker of Rural California. "The pipeline is empty."

SAVING THE WORLD

"There are a lot of hazards," said Roger Trent, co-author of a report on child injuries intended to alert parents to the kind of injuries that are killing eight children in California every day.

"Injury control is the major public health issue confronting those who want to better the lot of California's children," says the report released Wednesday by the state health services department.

State Health Director Molly Coye said the death rate of nearly 3,000 a year is equivalent to wiping out more than seven grade schools. The real tragedy, she said, is that "all of these injuries are preventable."

Key findings of the report included:

• Car accidents were the leading cause of death among children, followed by drowning.

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• An estimated 8,600 children are killed each year in the United States as a result of injuries that might be prevented by keeping a stronger guard against childhood dangers.

"Many of us take for granted the opportunity we have to consume foods that will nourish our bodies. Sometimes we even fret over the choices we have to select."

By Carina Carra

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Speaker brings Multiculturalism 101 to Poly

By Joe Cohen

"Welcome to Multiculturalism 101, where we all learn to get along with each other," guest speaker Ruben Martinez told an audience of more than 100 people Wednesday.

Martinez, co-host of KCET TV's nightly public affairs program "Life and Times," spoke about "L.A. after the Riot: Multiculturalism as Myth and Reality" in U.U. room 220. The room was filled with young and old, black and white, Latino and Oriental, Cal Poly students and teachers.

Martinez said that the riots were inevitable, in light of an increasing growth in tension.

"There was a 200 percent increase in racial hate crimes in L.A. last year. Add the Rodney King situation and the terrible economic situation in L.A. and something had to give," Martinez said.

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Earth Summit delegates discuss biological treaty

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Little time was wasted on formalities as negotiators at the Earth Summit immediately faced a most contentious issue: Washington's refusal to sign a treaty to preserve the world's biological diversity.

William K. Reilly, director of the Environmental Protection Agency and head of the U.S. delegation, said during a briefing Wednesday, the summit's opening day, that the treaty's preparation for the Rio summit.

On the lawn near Engr. West June 8-12, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Keeping bad checks in check

County program excels at collecting thousands of questions," Lawrence said.

Doug White

Trying to collect on a bad check can sometimes be tougher than pulling teeth, but not if you know who to call.

The San Luis Obispo Bad Check Writing Enforcement Program is a revenue offset program (not funded by tax payers' money) that aids people in collecting on bad checks for free.

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The girls on the beach, as I have written, all within reach, if you know what to do.

Right. The reason the Beach Boys put this to song was because there was a break into a chorus of "Burfer Girl" and bikinis surrounded them.

Nowadays, it takes more than a piece of dating talk about the curry, oiled beings climbing themselves and the glaring eyes of the Sun God.

In fact, summer and the whole beach scene has changed immeasurably since the days the Beach Boys and Frankie and Annette ruled the sand.

There is no longer any need to turn to Charles Atlas to get back at the guy who kicked sand in your face. Steroids are readily available for the quick fix. Your girls will be improved as well, even if future generations are in question.

I have never seen anyone dancing on the beach like they did in the old "beach Blanket" movies. Beaches now feature a hall of a lot more blasting radio, and lots of different music to choose from. Too, still, no dancing.

Remember the movie "Chamber of Love," when Elvis beat Bill Bixby in a speedboat race to win the girl? No connection, just a fond memory I thought I'd mention.

The good old days, Frankie and Annette were the King and Queen of the sand, so they were at the beach with my girlfriend and some of her friends, the only person I heard them tear up worse than the surrounding women was the pasty-white guy with a Pa-Moncho mustache and rutted jean shorts that covered a lot less than was humanly decent.

It should be noted that many of them are not there to torture men by wearing less than they wear under their everyday clothing. I am told that women dress to impress other women, or at least to not become a victim of the specific tongue of their fellow species.

Women probably go to the beach and get tan so that other women won't say "Look here" but rather say go so that girls won't say "Look here" before the beach and also want to dance.

I tend to think of the beach as a bar with too much sand, a lot of lotion and no alcohol. (At least not being sold on the actual sand here in California.) If there were dancing, it would be a damned thing, except there would be more guys watching to see girls falling slowly except out of their tops with each basic note. This brings us to one of the major problems with the world as we know it today. Judging people by their outsiders and not their inner sides.

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"We feel at home in Beijing," Bush said in a 1982 visit. "During our stay here we spent a great deal of time on our bicycles touring the city ... Those were happy days. Those were good, important days.

He played tennis with Wen Li and other senior leaders and knew paramount leader Deng Xiaoping back when Deng was fighting for his political life. In 1982, one-on-one talks between Deng and Bush helped avert a crisis over Taiwan, and in 1988 Deng told visiting Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci that he hoped Bush, China's "old pen­guin" (old friend), would be elected president.

Critics said Bush's cozy relations with China's leaders led to his failure to take stronger measures after the bloody crackdown.

**WORKSHOP**

From page 1 for these groups, not against barriers," De Leon said. "One person expressed how (ASL) president-elect Kristin Burnett's sincerity helped him believe in ASL and looks forward to working with her next year."

A follow-up event to the workshop was suggested for this fall to keep the communication continual. "It is a step in the right direction, but we have a long way to go," De Leon said. "Call Poly is meeting very slowly compared to other schools in the area of cultural awareness. It will take more effort and cohesiveness to create this awareness."

"All it takes is getting involved, opening your mind and being present," Eugenio said. "We all will have to deal with diverse groups in the future. Why wait until then? Start learning now."

Cross-cultural workshop organizers hope this workshop will not be the last of its kind for Cal Poly.
BEIJING (AP) — Police arrested at least two founders of a now-banned labor union Thursday to prevent them from commemorating the third anniversary of the bloody crackdown on China's democracy movement.

Two other members of the union were missing and believed arrested, Chinese sources said.

The government was determined to prevent any commemoration of the June 3-4, 1989, army attack that ended weeks of mass pro-democracy demonstrations and left hundreds, possibly thousands, dead.

Except for a lone man's protest in Tiananmen Square on Wednesday, the two days passed quietly with the vast central square and college campuses under tight security.

In Hong Kong, tens of thousands of pro-democracy protesters continued to honor the students who died during the attack by holding wreaths and songs Thursday night in remembrance of those killed in the crackdown.

"We are here because our brothers in Beijing don't have the freedom to do this," said Cheung Man-kwong, spokesman for the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Democracy in China. "We are doing this for them."

Protesters in the British colony, which reverted to Chinese control in 1997, laid wreaths around a replica of the Monument to Revolutionary Martyrs in Tiananmen Square, where pro-democracy demonstrations were held in 1989.

Chinese police set up roadblocks for a second night around Beijing University, which was a center of the democracy movement. Foreigners were blocked from going near the university, but students said by telephone that it was quiet.

Friends of the arrested men, whose Beijing Workers Autonomous Federation was founded during the democracy movement and crushed with it, said they had planned to gather quietly in a park Thursday to remember the crackdown.

Police learned of the plan and warned them not to go, the friends said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of punishment.

Han Dongfang, sometimes called China's Lech Walesa for his leading role in the union, was detained Wednesday night while walking in Tiananmen Square, the friends said. They said he was brought home Thursday, but dozens of police guarded the home and barred visitors.

Another founder, Zhong Jinli, was taken into custody Tuesday night and police refused to tell his family why he was being held, the friends said.

China's Communist leaders were alarmed by the large numbers of workers who joined in the 1989 democracy movement, and generally responded more harshly to dissent among workers than among students because of the potential for strikes and economic disruption.

A lone worker with a personal grievance against the government unfurled a banner in Tiananmen Square on Wednesday but was immediately arrested.

Another man was seen being beaten by police on the square Wednesday afternoon, but it was not known whether he made any protest.

Nine foreign journalists also were briefly detained Wednesday, including a Japanese television cameraman who was punched and kicked by plainclothes police.

The Japanese Embassy sent a note to the Foreign Ministry Thursday expressing regret over the incident. The message raised concern about the cameraman's rights while he was in custody, saying police detained him for two hours without allowing medical treatment for his cut lip.

At a weekly news conference, Foreign Ministry spokesman Wu Jianmin called the beating "an unfortunate incident."

But Wu accused the cameraman, Atsushi Yamagiwa, of starting the altercation by kicking a Chinese. A witness said the cameraman was only filming before he was surrounded by plainclothes police.

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Talking heads?

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Landscape architecture students and renowned art critics Robert, Richard and Willie judge a redwood sculpture of two heads that was part of a one-day display in the Dexter Building.

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A second look at sensational seasons

By Neil Pascale
Editorial Staff

Sensational, squared. That, if you can verbally handle it, is the best way to describe the 1992 year for the Cal Poly Mustangs.

From Julie Rome pitching the softball team into the NCAA Western Regional, to guard David Delaney pumping in three-pointer after three-pointer to beat Cal State Bakersfield at Matt Gym and force a fourth-place tie in the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

From watching wide receiver Chris Thomas catch a kickoff at the goal line and return it for a 100-yard touchdown without breaking a sweat, to just accepting the fact that the women's cross country team will only lose a NCAA national title when Cal Poly's athletic department moves to Division I.

From watching wrestler Seth Woodill warm up by slamming his head against the bleachers and then seeing him slam his opponent to the mat, to seeing women's tennis player Sheri Holmes slamming forehands down the baseline.

From watching reliever Cal Fanning get the last UC Riverside batter to fly out at the NCAA Western Regionals and then seeing him leap off the mound in triumph, to listening to soccer Head Coach Wolfgang Gartner talking, and talking, about next year's team.

From all of these memories, the 1991-92 seasons, fall, winter and spring, seemed like a repeat performance, one which seldom ended in defeat.
Poly first baseman drafted, hopes to sign

By Brad Hamilton
Staff Writer

One of Major League Baseball's expansion clubs, the Colorado Rockies, drafted the Cal Poly Mustangs' first baseman Mike Oakland Tuesday in the 22nd round. Oakland said he was elated about being drafted, but didn't know whether he would sign with the Rockies.

Oakland and his family are negotiating with the Rockies on a contract. No dollar amounts have been publicized yet.

"It's a great opportunity. (The Rockies) are a fresh organization. They will treat their players pretty special. (Oakland) will have a better opportunity to move up the ladder quicker."

Steve McFarland,
Cal Poly head coach

"Oakland will have a better opportunity to move up the ladder quicker." McFarland thinks Oakland will get plenty of playing time in his first year in the major leagues.

For Oakland to play in the majors, McFarland said Oakland must work as hard as he did to achieve his goal of playing for the Mustangs three years ago.

Oakland was a walk on, but he drew attention to himself as a result of working on his individual weaknesses. "(Oakland) will have to make the same adjustments as he did (at Cal Poly)," McFarland said.

"He made obvious strides (to obtain his goals). If he makes the same strides at the next level, he might make the majors."

McFarland said other Mustangs may hear from organizations in the next few weeks, but Oakland is the only Mustang to be drafted.

McFarland said he has received phone calls from scouts interested in other Mustangs. McFarland said he was disappointed and surprised scouts overlooked pitcher Dan Chergey.

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NUTRITION
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nutritious foods
I have often said to myself, "Okay, will it be the salad bar tonight or the burger and fries?" And then I go for the salad bar because it is the healthier choice of foods available to me. However, for many people who are considerably less fortunate than most of us, there is no such choice.

Last summer, I was driving back to SLO from the L.A. area, and I stopped off in Santa Barbara to shop at one of my favorite gourmet food stores. As I pulled off the freeway, I saw a young man with a sign that read, "WILL WORK FOR FOOD AND/OR MONEY." Dec. 31, 1992

Once inside the store, I decided to take action. I put back some of the gourmet foods that were in my basket and selected nutritious foods that would make a healthy lunch for the young man. I made my way back over to the off-ramp and handed the young man the lunch. He thanked me, shook my hand and told me he was 18 and trying to find a ride back to Kansas to see his family.

I came away from this experience realizing that there are many circumstances that leave people just like you and me without access to food. I encourage each of you to educate yourself on the problems of hunger and lack of access to nutritious food in our community and in our world. Here at Cal Poly you have an excellent opportunity to learn about the issues of hunger through the course World Food Politics (POLS 371). If you decide to take action to end hunger, here are some suggestions for community involvement:

• Find out about soup kitchens, food pantries and homeless shelters in your community. Volunteer and become involved.

• Join campus organizations that are service-oriented. Suggest involvement in local groups such as the People’s Kitchen, the SLO Homeless Shelter, Meals on Wheels, Grass Roots, etc.

• Find out where and how to write to your representative in Congress. Inform them of any unaddressed problems you have observed in your community and urge them to take action.

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penalty increases $40 more to cover the cost of bad check writing school.

School is held once every two months on Saturdays. The four-hour session is similar to traffic school. Lawrence said it has "more of a counseling mode to it."

If the violator fails to comply to the second letter, a prosecution letter is sent, and the case is handed over to the district attorney. The violator may not hear from the District Attorney's Office for some time, but the case is not forgotten.

"We don't forget anyone," Rockenstein said.

If the writer of the bad check allows the case to sit long enough, he may land himself in jail.

Thousands of cases have passed through the doors of the downstairs office. One person holds the record at 83 bad checks, but one case sticks out in Lawrence's mind.

"This woman wrote bad checks during her courtship. She wrote a bad check for her engagement ring. She wrote a bad check for her marriage license," Lawrence recalled. "She wrote a bad check for her honeymoon."

For someone who ended up writing $6,000 worth of bad checks, got pregnant and went to jail, Lawrence said she had "a hell of a good time."

The Bad Check Writing Program office is located at 1050 Monterey St., room 235, in the County Government Center. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

By the way, they don't take checks.

To all the 1991 - 1992 Production Crew: Thanks for a great year, ladies!

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to Patty's mom for her care packages.
ORDINANCE

From page 1

"The council hasn’t made a decision, but I expect they will want to water it down a bit.”

Councilmember Penny Rappa said the ordinance has been reviewed by the City Council. She said all five council members are interested in studying an in-depth analysis of the ordinance. She said it is not clear when a decision will be made.

"As it stands now, the ordinance has been assigned to the staff. They will review it and come back to us with recommendations," Rappa said.

"This is something I have wanted to look at for a long time," she said. "I have a sincere interest in making the community a safe place to live. I feel the ordinance encourages neighbors to communicate and involves residents to take pride in the city.”

Bryn explained one positive aspect of the ordinance. "The way things work now, if a neighbor has a problem with the appearance of his neighborhood, he files a formal complaint which goes through City Council. It is followed by a citation and an appearance in court," he said.

"With this ordinance, an infraction of the law will result in a warning. The owner will be given sufficient time to clean up the area. If he fails to do so, he will be issued a citation. It’s very simple, similar to a traffic ticket. It makes good sense. It simplifies the rules, minimizes staff and is generally more effective.”

City Administrator John Dunn stressed that the ordinance affects all residential areas. He emphasized that it is not directed at the student population, but at every homeowner in San Luis Obispo.

"The ordinance is aimed at all property owners. It is true that the older occupied homes are usually well-maintained, but many students take good care of their homes too. There have been problems on both ends. Students are interested in studying an in-depth analysis of the ordinance. They will review it and come back to us with recommendations," Dunn said.

"I have seen the quality of the residential areas in San Luis Obispo increase. I feel the ordinance encourages neighbors to communicate and involves residents to take pride in the city.”

Bryn said his main concern was maintaining the quality of the residential areas in San Luis Obispo.

"I have seen the quality of the residential areas decrease over the years. This ordinance intends to stop that. It hopes to make San Luis Obispo a safe and attractive place to live. That’s all, plain and simple.”

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