Drastic changes unlikely with new SLO officials

By Krystn Shrieve

Local residents may be wondering in the city's programs would be gradual — if they occur at all. "Because of the city's current budget, I don't really see a change in our existing programs," Roalman said. "I think the new council will just try to maintain the programs we already have.

"We'll probably see that the council has the same general concern to repair the economy," he added. "Right now, we're facing a major revenue shortfall and new programs would probably be difficult to justify."

Dotty Conner, chair of Residence Affairs, said the new council might favor a growth slowdown for the city.

"I think the council realizes we have to keep an eye on the economic status of the city," Conner said. "Members of the council understand that we have to at least keep our expenses down."

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"The Bla and the current City Council has had the best working relationship in history and I am sure the relationship will be strained at all with a new council," he added.

"Peg, Allen and David are all very concerned about downtown because they know we bring in a majority of the sales revenues in the community," Brown said. "When downtown businesses prosper, the city in general also benefits.

"It is vitally important and mutually being for the City Council to be responsive to the needs facing downtown businesses and the community at large," he added.

Brown said he is worried the new council's views on growth may be significantly different.

"Good harmony' found among Romero, Pinard, Settle

By Liz Weber

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Tuesday's expanded opinion section

By Peter Hartlaub

Peter Hartlaub says men are scum — a bit self-damning, considering he is one / page five
Detroit, MI

Two white police men were charged with murder today in the beating death of a black man in Detroit. Nov. 2 that raised tensions in the city.

Two other officers were charged with lesser offenses.

The four officers were arrested and faced arraignment this afternoon.

Wayne County Prosecutor John D. O'Hair said that three other officers were at the scene of the beating but that there was insufficient evidence to charge them with a crime.

Police Chief Stanley Knox had suspended a racially mixed group of seven officers the day after Green's death, which heightened tensions in this city known for its integrated police force.

The 3,850-member force is 58 percent black. Detroit is three-quarters black.

Knox has said he did not believe the beating was racially motivated.

Jack Gravely, NAACP national director of special projects, said quick action by city officials headed off violence like that which rocked Los Angeles...

Detroit, MI

Officials charged with murder in fatal beating

Santa Rosa, CA

California deficit looms

State Treasurer Kathleen Brown says California may be headed toward an $8 billion deficit.

Brown said the state's 10-week-old budget is already out of balance. That, combined with the upcoming repeal of the snack sales tax and a half-cent sales tax cut, may lead to the shortfall.

"The forecast is not for a great recovery for years to come," Brown said Saturday at a forum on state finances.

But some analysts think the $8 billion figure used by Brown may be low.

"We're going to have another big budget problem," said budget analyst Elizabeth Hill.

State tax receipts have been running behind projections for the third consecutive year and the bipartisan Commission on State Finance recently projected new deficits similar to the ones that left California without a budget for the first 63 days of the new fiscal year.

Since then, voters approved Proposition 163, which repeals the sales tax on snack food beginning Dec. 1. That will cost the state about $300 million a year.

Additionally, Wilson has said that he opposes extending the temporary sales tax hike that was adopted in 1991, which will cost the state another $1.5 billion annually.

Brown said a new budget was needed that includes automatic triggers to cut spending, raise taxes or both if it falls out of balance.

Belting, China

Mass execution kills 22

Authorities in the southwestern Chinese city of Kunming recently executed 22 people on one day, including 10 convicted drug traffickers, an official newspaper reported.

The Yunnan Legal News said the Kunming Intermediate People's Court imposed the death sentences during a public rally Nov. 16.

The sentences were carried out immediately. The newspaper reported in its Nov. 10 edition, which was received Monday in Beijing.

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In addition to the drug smugglers, those executed in Kunming were convicted of crimes that included murder, robbery and destruction of electrical equipment, the newspaper said.

It said one of the drug smugglers was caught with about 36 pounds of heroin in the airport and Kunming, capital of Yunnan province.

Yunnan is across the border from Burma, part of Southeast Asia's drug-producing "Golden Triangle."

Yunnan and other parts of southern China have faced a growing drug problem because they are on the route of traffickers transporting illegal drugs from the "Golden Triangle" to Hong Kong for shipment to Western countries.

The China Women's News reported Monday that the Kunming Railway Intermediate Court in northeastern China's Jilin province had sentenced 21 drug traffickers to death.

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former Army National Guard Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, who acknowledged being a lesbian when questioned during a security check to attend the War College, said, "I don't think it's like suddenly the military is going to disintegrate."

Mustang Daily

Military may okay gays

Congressional leaders urged President-elect Clinton Sunday to go slow on overturning the military's ban on homosexuals, arguing that sudden action would create a furor in Congress and could endanger lives in the armed forces.

"He ought to put it on the back burner," Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press."

"If you do it overnight, it will freak the lives of people in the military themselves," Dole said. "I think there could be some very emotional feelings. So I would prefer that it be stretched out over a period of time."

The Arkansas governor said Wednesday in Little Rock that he intends to consult with military leaders about "the mechanics" of a change in policy. He did not say when this would occur.

"I don't think (homosexual) status alone, in the absence of some destructive behavior, should disqualify people" from serving in the military, the president-elect said.

A federal judge in Los Angeles reaffirmed on Tuesday his order that the Navy reinstate a homosexual sailor, but did not rule on whether the military ban is constitutional.

The sailor, Petty Officer 1st Class Keith Manheim, who has returned to duty, said the effect of a change in policy is reading like family to the area resident.

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Inner-city youths come to Poly

‘First Phase’ acquaints high schoolers with college life

By Elizabeth Magill

For 45 students from inner-city Los Angeles, a day spent visiting the Cal Poly campus Friday brought exposure to college life and educational opportunities not out of their grasp.

The annual event, called “First Phase,” was developed by the Teacher Diversity Project and is an orientation program designed to acquaint inner-city high school students with college life.

Cal Poly Special Projects Director Mone’t Parham said the university visits interested schools in the Los Angeles area. She said students who show interest are funded by the project to spend a day at Cal Poly.

“We pay for everything and hope they will come here,” she said.

The students from Montegut and Crenshaw High schools, spent all Friday on campus, speaking with faculty and students and touring the campus and dorms.

The students were treated to a magic show provided by Dr. Philip Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Math. He said his show is a fun way to get kids excited about college.

“We hope to help under-represented students see what their potential is and opportunities that are out there,” he said.

Danielle Coleman, a senior from Crenshaw High School, said she wants to be an elementary school teacher. She said she was impressed with Cal Poly.

“It’s really nice, and we actually got to see someone’s dorm room,” she said.

Coleman, who has filed an application for the CSU system next fall, said Cal Poly was on her list as one of the schools she hopes to be accepted into.

The students, primarily African-American and Chicano, are specifically targeted by the Teacher Diversity Project because they enter college and the teaching field in comparatively small numbers, Parham said.

According to Cal Poly’s Institutional Studies Office, enrollment statistics for fall quarter of 1990 showed 1,361 African American women and 213 men, and 1,135 Chicano women and 1,285 men. Enrollments were represented by 4,735 women and 6,816 men.

Bailey has been involved in many educational equity programs and said “First Phase” is not only important to the students but to the state.

“It’s a real crisis when a certain percentage of the population, for whatever reason, is not realizing the benefits of California colleges,” Bailey said. “Then the state cannot realize the benefits of them either.”

“We want to get these kids into college whether it be Cal Poly or not,” she said.

London’s alive despite budget crunch

By Jackie Jones

Staff Writer

Never mind the budget problems here in the states, Cal Poly’s London Study Program is surviving handsomely these days.

“In these bad-budge times it is important for us that the most successful programs to let students know we’re still here,” said Jon Ericson, a Cal Poly speech communications professor.

According to Ericson, the program has been in operation for 10 years. More than 1,246 students and 60 faculty members have participated, he added.

Cal Poly chemistry professor Robert Cichowski encouraged students to take advantage of an upcoming informational session, during which a survey will be taken for the demand of classes.

Currently, courses in art, architecture, chemistry, civil engineering, English, humanities and political science are scheduled.

Cichowski said he will be teaching a course entitled “Earth and Universe,” and plans to visit museums for the lab portion of the course.

Dave Derosier, an industrial engineering student who participated in the program last spring quarter, said he “learned a lot” from his experience.

“It really opened up my eyes, and let me focus on the whole world.”

Debbie Wadley, Business Senior

Business student Megan Warner said she knew of some students who received financial aid that carried over to the London Study program. Others received loans for the program specifically.

Warner said that she took a music course where she was able to read and discuss plays such as “Sinful,” “Cats” and “Les Miserables.” Later, she said, students were able to see them.

“You bring the experience into the classroom,” Wadley said. “You read a Shakespeare play, act it out, and then go see it.”

The Cal Poly London Study Program plans an informational session on Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Cal Poly Theatre.

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The Topic: This week, students were asked for their opinion concerning the collection of this quarter’s fee increase by billing students after they had already paid the initial $414.

I would consider the way they billed everybody, as far as students not being able to register for courses for the next quarter – I don’t think that was too fair, because by the time they were billed, their financial aid might have already run out. (Students) really can’t afford to pay $124 until the following quarter when their financial aid reimbursements come in, or their loans.

- Rupi Rodrigues
Agricultural Engineering Technology

They should have billed us in the beginning. You plan on what you’re gonna do at the beginning of the quarter, and then to get this (bill) in the middle of the quarter – it’s kind of a downer.

- Gus Pendegras
Natural Resource Management

I think that they shouldn’t have billed us in the middle of the quarter; they should have figured it out before and sent us the bill all together. This thing came in the middle when people have already figured out how much they’re gonna have to spend, then all of a sudden we get a bill for another $124. They should have done it either later or earlier.

I think the whole fee increase is okay, on the average, because we’re gonna get more classes and be able to do all the things we need to do.

- Nancy Schumatow
Liberal Studies

They automatically took it out of my financial aid. I was depending on that money. They didn’t give us fair warning, I think.

They depend on (the student). I mean, if they are financially well off, then I’m sure it really didn’t matter. It was only, $124. But if you are an independent student then it hurt real bad. I’m independent, and believe me, trying to get money for it hurt real bad.

- Cecile Rogers
Environmental Engineering

I was so angry because I received a $1,800 scholarship. When I received my check, (the school) deducted it right out of my scholarship. I didn’t really know why I was receiving $846.

I went back to the Administration Office and I asked them why this was happening. They simply told me they deducted it because they had increased the fees.

They shouldn’t be able to do this without my permission. That was my money.

I really get me angry, but there’s nothing I can do about it.

- Carlos Padilla
Industrial Engineering

I don’t know if the school really had that much say over the whole thing because they kind of got handed that whole thing by the state.

I know I had a problem because they didn’t readjust the financial aid, so that when they asked for the extra money it had to come straight out of your pocket. They ask you for more money but they don’t know where that money’s going to come from.

I’m on financial and I also work, so it kinda came from both ends. If I hadn’t done either one, then I wouldn’t be here.

- Dan Sanchez
Mechanical Engineering

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If I've learned one thing from having a sister and a female best friend it's this: the world is a woman's world. I was young and naive when I first conversed with my sister after a serious breakup. "Hey, Tony...oh, you must mean 'Evil.'" I foolishly asked.

After a serious breakup. "Hey, Tony, I don't know any Tony. What kind of name is that?" I wondered. That fall I was told I must refer to her ex-boyfriend as 'Evil' or I would lose my Christmas present. Things got so bad that at the very five months passed, she had more hair on her back than I did. This was on Evil 2 and Evil Caved.

Now, years later, she's getting into a lot of numbers, including the fact that her last boyfriend was Evil 17. I thought of karma. Her decision was based on karma. Last week I mistook Evil 17 for Evil Negative 6. Imagine my embarrassment.

Which brings me back to my original hypothesis. Men are shallow.

I debated whether or not to do this commentary. My final decision was based on karma. Men are shallow and I expect the same for me. Don't take the criticism personally. After all, I've been a woman.

Imagine this scenario: "Boyfriend: Hey, honey, do you want some popcorn?"

"Whoa! I just need to get you the money for the paper."

"Yeah well, wear those pants...no, that will just speed up the process...You could use a moisturizing conditioner...no, that'll just pull at the roots. Well, you know, love Kevin Costner..."

"Boyfriend: Yeah?"

"Yes! The only thing is, he has way more body hair than you, and you have seen his chest. Pinch me!"

Granted, you now have a crumpled mess on your hands, but he'll be a crumpled mess who wants nothing better than to bring you lunch at work.

No doubt you're thinking to yourself, "this must be a trap because Peter, you are, after all, male..."

"Yes, I am male, but I'm a male whose been pretty much celibate for about two years. After talking to my sister and female friends, I consider this my social responsibility.

Because men have gotten really bad. One thing I can count on when I spend time with my best friend is that every five minutes she'll shake her head, give me a quizzical look and ask the immortal question: "Why are men bad?"

I'll sit down, ruminate and come up with the eternal answer: "Because they're shallow."

Then she'll say, "Yeah, but you're not a shallow..."

To which I respond "No, you just haven't been around me after I drink a lot of Tequila."

So consider this my apology to women for all the grief my religion never did anything for me. Quite frankly, religion isn't something you practice with your heart. It is a personal choice.

What is your point in satirizing Christianity? This country was built on the principle of freedom of religion. I've experienced this love in my own life. Ask yourself if you are sharing your own opinions out of love for fellow man, or if you are merely knocking something which you are not comfortable facing. Religion is a way to practice your faith. It's something you practice with your heart.

Bruce D. Rose
Computer Engineering

Letters shared 'out of love'

In response to Peter Hartlaub's commentary (Mustang Daily, Nov. 10, "Confessions to pump eight.")...
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Peter Hartlaub
Editor-in-chief

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Peter Hartlaub
Editor-in-chief
Justice accrued of double standard

LOS ANGELES (AP) — “Free the L.A. Four!”

The cry is emblazoned on buttons and T-shirts. It echoes in the streets of South Central Los Angeles and the halls of the downtown court system.

It’s a repudiation of a justice system that, for many, failed the black Americans’ faith in the courts and once again spurred debate on whether the justice system has two different yardsticks — one for blacks, one for whites.

They cite the high bail and the numerous charges against the four — and contrast it to what they contend is more lenient treatment of a black person who was violent toward a police officer.

The Department of Justice, on the other hand, says it found the average sentence for blacks comprises 40 percent of the nation’s prison inmates, but only 6 percent of the U.S. population.

“Race and class both play a role in determining the outcome of justice,” contends Marc Mazer, The Sentencing Project’s assistant director.

A 1992 report by the Federal Bureau of Investigation the newspaper reported in 1990. A conviction for the murder of a black person and Sunday.

In 1989, more black men in the United States were in prison than in college, said a study by the D.C.-based advocacy group.

And they cite shocking statistics: A 1992 report by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's prison inmates, but only 6 percent of the population.

The reason: their race.

They note racial disparities in pretrial release, said William Wilbanks, a criminologist at Miami’s Florida International University, and his review of 30 years’ research on the topic found no racial inequalities in sentencing.

Most studies fail to account for mitigating factors such as prior arrest records, said Wilbanks, author of “The Myth of a Racist Criminal Justice System.”

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the nuts and bolts of San Luis Obispo and will help keep it running efficiently."

Roalman said the new council has a good working relationship and said he thinks they will be able to accomplish a lot.

"There's a lot of good harmony among the council members and the new mayor," Roalman said. "There's a lot of good energy and I think we all have a strong desire to solve the city's financial problems.

"I hope we can all learn to respect any differences we might have," he added. "People will sometimes be on different sides of an issue, but I hope the council can learn to agree or disagree without tainting our whole relationship."

Conner said she thinks the new council will work well together.

"The council members are all intelligent enough to rise above any differences they may have and do what is right for the community," she said. "It should be a positive four years.

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Another racial element when he was used a challenge to remove Judge Roosevelt Dorn, who is black. Reiner claimed Dorn was too busy to handle the trial.

The episode showcased what critics see as another deficiency in the court system — too few blacks on the bench.

Dorn is the only black Superior Court judge trying cases in the Los Angeles County criminal courts' Central District, which encompasses most of the city.

Nationally, only 4 percent of nearly 12,000 state court judges are black.

Prosecutors also allege the Denny beating was gang-inspired, meaning that the defendants charged with assaulting Denny face potential life prison terms. The officers charged with beating King face up to 10 years in prison and $250,000 fines if convicted on the federal charges.

Richard Millard, a member of the board of governors of California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, says the gang sentencing statute, like some drug laws, unfairly targets minorities.

"The gang laws are basically used to increase penalties on blacks and minorities, to keep them down," said Millard, a veteran public defender now in private practice. "In the Denny case, they've thrown the book at them. Whether or not it was gang-motivated, how does that affect the injuries to Mr. Denny?"