New officers boost Public Safety's ranks

Budget increases, two officers leaving combined to create four vacancies

By Rebecca Sterick Special to the Daily

Cal Poly Public Safety can now attract 10 members, which will renew their mission.

The mission is to maintain Cal Poly as the safest campus in the California State University (CSU) system and to play a proactive role in the community, said Chief Tom Mitchell.

"Last summer we had two officers leave," said Joe Rissler, director of Public Safety. "So we have filled their positions. Then, in last comp-cut budget talks, the university gave an additional $105,000 for two new officers." Of the four positions, Public Safety has filled all but one. The university is finalizing the paperwork on the other new-hire by July 1.

Meet Tom Donnelly, 49, Cal Poly's newest officer and a 28-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). Donnelly started as a patrol officer, then a detective, an investigator and finally an expert sergeant.

"Even if he never has the occasion to use some of his special skills at Cal Poly, "he is a tremendous asset," Mitchell said.

Donnelly said the biggest hubbub of Los Angeles started getting to his desk as he and his brother, 25 years, Ruth, bought a home in Avila Beach in 1990. Ever since then, the couple has visited the home just about every weekend when Tim looked for a job in the San Luis Obispo area.

"I felt so important and everyone is so nice," he said. "But it is a double-edged sword. It is hard to find employment."

For Donnelly, taking the position at Cal Poly meant sacrifice.

"In fact, his pay was cut in half," his promotion from the LAPD, however, helps him make ends meet.

Reflecting on his days in Los

Students are borrowing twice as much money as five years ago for college.

Public Safety strives to make Poly safer with $450,000 federal grant

By Ray Larson Daily Staff Writer

"Sometimes it's an hourly battle that I'll have to fight for the rest of my life," she said. "Before A.A., I avoided a hangover, by noon I was buzzed and by night I was drunk."

"I wrecked my car, lost my license, lost a great job, lost, just got by in school, and cheated my social life away," Sherry said.

Now she has joined a local gym, her grades, work performance and social life have improved and she enjoys a new feeling of health and awareness.

Local A.A. helps student stay sober

Architectural engineering students Marc Miller (left), a junior, and senior David Fuchsin take advantage of good grub at a barbecue on Duster Lawn, sponsored every Tuesday by the Structural Engineers Association of California Daily photo by Joe Johnston.

By Ray Larson Daily Staff Writer

"I've been drinking for 10 years," Sherry, a Cal Poly student, in her late 20s said. I didn't think I had a problem until it had infected and affected every aspect of my life."

Sherry, who wished to have her last name withheld, started attending Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) meetings 10 months ago, and with sobriety in her life, she said she has completely changed.

According to Fred, public information chair for the 22nd A.A. District of San Luis Obispo, there are specific support meetings for young people, primarily students, in San Luis Obispo. There are also regular daily meetings for all ages.

"A.A. is not a treatment program but a fellowship of recovered and recovering alcoholics," said Fred, who wished to have his last name withheld. Sponsors are available to new A.A. members.
Proposal on way to halt cybercrime

By Doug Wilis
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — A proposal to extend consumer protection laws regulating catalog and telemarketing sales to shoppers on the Internet passed the first legislative hurdle Tuesday with no opposition.

Assemblywoman Jackie Speier, D-Burlingame, told the Assembly Consumer Protection Committee that while the Internet is rapidly becoming a marketplace, some basic consumer protection laws didn’t anticipate and don’t cover the new communications technology.

"We are introducing this in response to continued reports that the information highway is plagued by cyberspace high- waymen and women," she told the panel. "There are cyber-thieves. They are prevalent and widespread."

The committee sent Speier’s bill to the Assembly floor on a unanimous 9-0 vote after less than five minutes of testimony.

Speier said two of the biggest crimes on the Internet today are thefts of credit card numbers and sales of nonexistent or misrepresented goods and services, which she said are similar to problems in mail-order and telemarketing industries.

Her proposal would require that businesses selling anything on the Internet must reveal their true business name and street address, clearly state their refund policies and provide "a cost-free method for consumers to contact them to resolve dis- putes."

It would also require Internet merchants to complete sales transactions within 30 days, provide sales contracts and generally abide by all state laws governing catalog and telemarketing sales.

She said effective laws have been enacted over recent years to protect consumers from telemarketing and direct mail scams, "and this simply adds commercial sales on the Internet to same body of law."

"It’s about time that some- thing be done somehow to give consumers some kind of rights and protection on the informa- tion superhighway," Michael Ross of California Alliance for Consumer Protection told the panel.

Student loan debt doubled in 5 years

By Jeff Siskin
Associated Press

SAN RAMON — More than two in five California college students are borrowing more than twice as much as they did five years ago to pay for their schooling, according to a report presented to the Assembly by the Student Aid Commission.

"This is a phenomenal rate of growth during a relatively short period of time," said Jon Shaver, the commission’s executive director.

Details of the borrowing were reported Tuesday in the Contra Costa Times.

Rising college costs and a stagnant state economy have put more and more pressure on fami- lies, budgets, driving in part the students’ need for loans. And al- though fees at state universities may be frozen this year, the costs of room and board continue to climb.

Changes in the Higher Educa- tion Act of 1992 also have con- tributed to greater use of student loans. At California State University, Hayward, for ex- ample, under graduate borrow- ing immediately increased by 80 percent in 1992 to 1993.

At the same time, the commis- sion reported that loan defaults have declined, down from 20.1 percent in 1992 to 15.4 percent a year later.
**POLITICING holds sway as Senate debates gas tax, minimum wage**

By David Laps

WASHINGTON — Election-year jitters gripped the Senate Tuesday as the two parties struggled for advantage on an issue that may be the goldilocks job of the federal budget — the Democrats’ demand to raise the minimum wage.

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A dishwasher's manifesto

by Jean-Paul Antona

My kitchen is filthy. The odorous smell is enough to alert the fight-or-flight instinct of any visitor who dares to trespass upon the slippery linoleum. From the sink to the stove, the counter is a swampy collection of half-filled murky cups, pans crowded with dried beans and rice and soggy towels.

Do not blame me! The problem is my four roommates. I actually do my dishes when I am done cooking and eating. For my confused roommates, however, the routine is reversed; they clean the pots and pans when they need to use them. Total dish denial! Indeed, my experience is that many people, especially college students, live this way. This is wrong; nobody should have to clean somebody else's dirty dishes in order to cook their own meal. Dirty dishes are too commonly a source of contention to be neglected. Do not call me insane! I do not care if my roommates have messy rooms. My own room is a tangle of clothes, books and papers. Privately, I reserve the right to sleep and rest in my own mess.

But the kitchen is a collision of personal property and rights. A public domain. Some people think, as long as they eventually get to the cleaning, it is their private mess if they leave dishes lying around for a week. However, I may not be able to cook until the pan they used is clean. I consider it grossly inconsiderate and deficient of common courtesy.

For anyone who perpetuates this kind of domestic violence, I recommend the following three-step program:

Step 1: Control Your Feelings. Your roommates should avoid saying, "I hate doing the dishes," as if it is a matter of pleasure or pain! Does anyone enjoy brushing their teeth, washing their clothes or wiping after a bowel movement? Some people, maybe. But most of us do not consider these things pleasant. The secret is one of necessity. We wipe immediately because if we did not do it before the next bowel movement, we would be crusty and smelly!

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Step 2: Practice and Visualization. At first, washing the dishes is troublesome. But a month's worth of daily diligence will make you accustomed and indifferent. After a while, you will think of beautiful things while you scrub the blossomed kitchen sink off the pan. Your mind will be elsewhere. Imagine a kitchen where you and your roommates can use a pan without having to clean it first. The fresh lemon scent. Glossy counters you can lean your elbows on. The smile on your lover's face when he or she realizes you will be clean and easy to live in.

Step 3: Reinforcement and Extension. After a week of consistent dishwashing, order yourself a pizza and eat on paper plates. You deserve a break! The kitchen is a microcosm of the greater world. Ask yourself, is there any correspondence between your irresponsible kitchen and the littered road- sides, the problem of toxic waste disposal and the lack of politeness in urban traffic?

Men especially need to realize the importance of doing the dishes. Women have a special insight into the jumble of communal living. Some of my roommates do dishes without forethought. A recent book, "The True State of the Planet," delineates this man-centered approach to the world. Deforestation is not logging but the clearing of land without forethought. Some of my roommates do dishes without forethought.

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The trial, which is to include video testimony by alleged victims too terrified of Tadic to face him in court, is taking place in a building ringed by steel barriers and that is fitted with computer screens for proceedings live to the United Nations in New York, Paris and a number of other cities. There are four daily meetings in San Luis Obispo alone, which generally start at 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. For more information, local A.A. offices are listed in the phone book. The 24-hour number in San Luis Obispo is 541-3211.

"I just want people to know we do not have to be alone with their problem," Sherry said. "There are nonjudgmental, understanding people at A.A. who can help with the next minute, hour or day."

GRANT: Public Safety wants a dormitory officer

Cuesta College. It is an obstacle course that teaches people to be more aware of their surroundings, said Chief of Police, Tony Lussier.

"We also hope to free up one officer by the end of the year to cover the residence halls," he said. "There is a lot of activity up there with alcohol and violence against women."
Lawrence Taylor ate fake crack cocaine before arrest, police said

Associated Press

Just before his arrest, former NFL Pro Bowl linebacker Lawrence Taylor swallowed the fake crack cocaine he was accused of buying from an undercover officer, police say.

Taylor was among 16 people arrested during a random drug sting Friday night. He was charged with trying to purchase $100 worth of crack.

"He informed us that he ate all of it," city police Officer Len Sloan said Monday.

Sloan, who looked Taylor, said he long had admired the player and "I was surprised and hurt more than anything." Taylor later was freed on $5,000 bond.

Hugh Munn, spokesman for the State Law Enforcement Division, said the fake crack is made from "food-grade substances" and is harmless if swallowed.

Taylor, who was a leader in the New York Giants' drives to Super Bowl championships after the 1986 and 1990 seasons, later said he was having personal problems. "Ioughta kill myself," he told The Sun News of Myrtle Beach.

Taylor's Myrtle Beach lawyer, Tommy Brittain, said he did not believe Taylor would actually hurt himself.

"He's concerned and anxious to do the right thing like everybody else," Brittain said Monday. "He wants to face the future with a hopeful attitude and pat anything that has happened bad to him behind him... He's strong and has never been under any kind of suicide watch."

Bobby Cupo, Taylor's agent, also said he was not worried about Taylor.

After his release, Taylor attended a sports memorabilia auction at a nightclub later Friday night but he skipped a charity golf tournament Saturday.

Oakland A's defeat Indians

By ROB GLOSTER

OAKLAND, Calif. — It's a good thing those construction workers far beyond the outfield fences at the Oakland Coliseum wear hard hats.

Mark McGwire hit a three-run homer after the scaffolding's left-center and Jason Giambi had four singles as the Oakland Athletics won their second straight against Cleveland, defeating the Indians 8-4 Tuesday.

McGwire's blast officially was estimated at 428 feet, but teammates and Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove said that distance doesn't do justice to what Oakland catcher Robin Yount called "a monster blast."

"I've never seen a ball go that far. It was unbelievable," Young said. "People will be talking about that one for a long time."

Added Hargrove: "I don't think I've ever seen a home run hit that far, anywhere."

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Granny charged for allegedly trying to rob gas station

WEST COVINA, Calif. — A 71-year-old grandmother was charged Tuesday with trying to rob a gas station at gunpoint, a crime that could lead to 13 years in prison if she's convicted.

Mary Ruth Blanco was expected to enter a plea later in the day to attempted second-degree robbery with the allegation she used a handgun in commission of a crime. She remained in jail in lieu of $60,000 bail.

Her husband said she appeared snapping because of financial problems.

"I want people to understand that Mary is a very good, sweet person and she is not a criminal," said Raymond Blanco, her 75-year-old husband. "I don't think she even knew she was doing it.

Blanco allegedly drove her pickup truck to a nearby Uenoak before dawn Saturday, pointed a .32-caliber handgun at the clerk and demanded money. The clerk, safe behind bulletproof glass, called police and the woman fled.

The maximum sentence if convicted is 13 years in prison with the mandatory minimum set at four years, four months, said Deputy District Attorney Dave Demerjian.

Raymond Blanco said the couple was in trouble with the Internal Revenue Service and a mortgage company.

The couple learned last week that the IRS was going to garnish half of retired postal worker Raymond Blanco's $750 pension check for eight months for back taxes. A few days later, the mortgage company threatened to foreclose on their house.

Raymond Blanco said he and his wife had consulted a tax preparer about their problems with the IRS and were awaiting word on what to do when the garnishment letter arrived.

"The stress of these bills, the letters, the payments, the sicknesses — they all combined to make her go over the top," Raymond Blanco said. "My wife is not the type of person to do this thing.

"It's just something that overtook her."
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**TODAY'S GAMES**

• There are no games scheduled today.

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• There are no games tomorrow.

**Phil Jackson named NBA Coach of the Year**

Phil Jackson, philosopher, author, laid-back proponent of Zen meditation and former flower child, faced perhaps his greatest challenge as a coach this season.

He object: Take a team with the league's Coach of the Year. It's Colorado.

Jackson, who will be the league's Coach of the Year. It's the West Division.

**Cal Poly's five-game winning streak ends**

By Joe Kay

The Cal Poly baseball team didn't like Malibu, as the Mustangs lost to Pepperdine 4-3 Tuesday afternoon in a non-league game.

Pepperdine scored two runs in the third inning and added one run in both the fifth and sixth innings to put away the Mustangs.

Cal Poly mounted a come-back scoring one run in the eighth inning and two runs in the ninth inning. Designated hitter Marty Camacho hit a 410-foot solo-homerun, but Cal Poly could only muster one more run before shortstop Taber Maier flew out to left field to end the game. The loss drops Cal Poly's record to 30-22 and halts the Mustangs winning streak to five games.

Jason New hit the entire game for Cal Poly in the loss, while Pepperdine used six pitchers to get the win.

Earlier this season in San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly used six pitchers to defeat Pepperdine 6-3 on March 26.

The Mustangs close out their season against Stanford, the No. 9 team in the nation. The two teams were supposed to face-off next Wednesday in Palo Alto, but Cal Poly head coach Rick Price was cleared to take one more game and move the series to this Saturday and Sunday.

**Butler has throat cancer, will miss rest of season**

By Joe Kay

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Los Angeles Dodgers center fielder Brett Butler has throat cancer and will miss the rest of the season.

Butler, 38, had a tonsillectomy in Atlanta, and a cancerous tumor the size of a plum was found, the club said Tuesday.

He will have surgery May 21 to remove lymph nodes and will require radiation therapy. The survival rate for his type of cancer is 70 percent, doctors said.

Dodgers general manager Fred DeLuca and broadcaster Vin Scully announced the surgery May 21 to remove lymph nodes and will require radiation therapy before Butler will undergo surgery.

"We have many friends in and out of baseball and this will come as a major shock. It is impossible to speak to all of them personally. My wife and I would ask for your prayers for us and our children at this difficult time. We're not sure where this road will lead us, but we will try our best to keep you informed." Butler said.

The illness hit Butler at the start of one of his happiest seasons.

Butler was not offered a contract by the Dodgers at the start of last season. Butler, a union leader during the 1994-95 strike, said he felt "deserted" by the team he had played for the four previous years.

He signed with the New York Mets and hit .311 in 90 games. In need of a lead-off hitter, the Dodgers traded for him on Aug. 18.

Butler's mother died of brain cancer before Tuesday night's game against the Cincinnati Reds. The Dodgers made an announcement after the clubhouse was closed.

"It's a shock, a total shock," Claire said in an interview. "Brett is such an important part of our organization. He's very much an inspiration as a player and as a person.

"I would say the team meeting was very quiet and very emotional. Brett is not just a member of the team, he's been a leader of the team. It's an emotional thing we're all going through." Butler said.

Butler, who spent four full seasons with the Dodgers, was placed on the disabled list May 2 to have a tonsillectomy in Atlanta, his hometown. During surgery to remove the tonsil, doctors found the cancerous tumor.

A CAT scan Tuesday determined he had Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the tonsils.

"My goal was always to play major league baseball," Butler said in a statement. "I've been fortunate to accomplish that goal for 16 years at the major-league level. Baseball is the foundation of my life and always will be.

Butler does not smoke or chew tobacco, according to the Dodgers' publicity department.

Dr. Bob Gadlege, who removed the tumor, will perform surgery, according to the Associated Press.

**Butler's mother dies of cancer**

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Abdur-Rahim now eligible for NBA draft

California forward Shareef Abdur-Rahim became the second freshman to declare his eligibility for the NBA draft Tuesday, teasingly declaring his family obligations outweighed personal desires.

The 6-foot-10 Abdur-Rahim, who led the Pac-10 with 21.1 points per game this season, says he's in rush to make his decision and finally close the NBA just hours before his 21st birthday.

He joins Stephen Marbury of Georgia Tech as freshmen eligible for the June 26 draft. Two high school players and 13 other underclassmen also have made themselves available in the draft.

"I'm not doing this for any selfish reasons. This is not for me," Abdur-Rahim said, tears streaming down his cheeks. "If I was in this world by myself, I'd stay at the University of California. My mom has sacrificed for me all my life, and so has my father.

Cal coach Bob Cazzaret, whose late arrival delayed the news conference for 50 minutes, dabbed his eyes with a tissue as Abdur-Rahim made his announce-ment. Several teammates left the room.

Abdur-Rahim became the first high school player to defect in recent weeks. Sophomore guard Jalean Gardner has announced he will transfer to Pepperdine, and sophomore forward Tremaine Fowlkes was released from his Cal scholarship.

Fowlkes, the Pac-10 freshman in 1994-95, is leaning toward transferring to Fresno State.

Center Michael Stewart also was asked to be released from his Cal scholarship, but that request was denied.

Abdur-Rahim hit 52 percent of his shots this year and 38 percent of his 3-point attempts this season, and averaged 8.4rebounds per game. He had more than 30points four times while setting the Cal freshman scoring record.

But he was held to just nine points as the Bears lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament to Iowa State.

The native of Marietta, Ga., will need to build up his strength to play in the NBA — he weighs 225 pounds.

"It was a difficult decision for me, but in the end I decided that I would give the NBA my best decision for me and my family at this time," Abdur-Rahim said. "I am leaving school at this time for my interest in helping my family's financial need."