REPORTS OF ILLEGAL GUN CARRYING STIR CONCERNS

Lingering fears left from the Los Angeles riots and from a flurry of crimes that struck Cal State a year ago may be the reasons behind reports that some university employees have been carrying guns on campus, says Ed Harrison, director of Public Safety.

The problem with gun carrying, Harrison states simply, is that it’s a felony.

California law says that “bringing into or possession of a weapon” on public school grounds without permission by specified authorities is punishable by imprisonment.

Revised in 1970, the law is aimed at protecting students and distinguishes the public schools and universities from the larger community. The law applies to certain types of knives as well as guns, says David DeMauro, vice president (Administration and Finance).

One Cal State professor was arrested early in the morning on Jan. 1 when he was found carrying a gun. He has been charged and is currently awaiting a court appearance.

In the last four months, DeMauro adds, the Public Safety Department has investigated reports that other faculty and staff have brought weapons onto campus, yet no weapons have been found. What Harrison and his staff have found, in fact, is that many of those who have brought weapons did so, they said, only because they were unaware it was illegal to carry them on campus.

Even if someone has a permit that is good on campus unless that person has written permission from a law enforcement agency, the president or a designee to carry a gun on campus.

While Harrison sympathizes with employees’ fears and the desire for more protection, he says statistics show that guns often pose a greater danger to the law-abiding citizen than to the criminal.

“You can buy a gun in 15 days” by law, he explains. “But no law requires a gun owner to know the ‘safety aspects of handling a gun or of fixing one.’” Last month, a Cal State, Los Angeles student accidentally shot in the chest and killed a coed when he removed the clip from a gun he was showing her and pointed it, thinking it was safe, never seeing the bullet still inside the chamber.

Criminals using a gun against its owner is another danger, says Harrison.

“I am disappointed,” says DeMauro, “that we have had a few, isolated instances of either people carrying weapons or reports of people carrying weapons on the grounds.”

DeMauro adds that employees “shouldn’t feel that they need to take action themselves, and should take advantage of our existing public safety programs.”

Instead of carrying a gun and putting the workplace in greater risk, says Harrison, CSUSB employees would do better, for example, to take a race-training class, a course in self-defense or use the campus escort service.

A campus policy on weapons, recently drafted and approved by senior administrators, says that, along with penal code penalties, staff and faculty caught with a weapon are subject to immediate suspension and administrative disciplinary action.

WHITE NAMED OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR FOR 1993-94

Twenty-eight-year faculty member Dr. Ed White is selected Cal State, San Bernardino’s professor of the year for 1993-94, making it two successive years that the English professor has captured an outstanding professor honor. Last year he was honored with the distinction by the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce.

White, obviously “very pleased with the recognition,” says the letters he has received from former students have been gratifying and will become part of the package that will be sent to CSU headquarters in Long Beach. White will represent CSUSB in the systemwide outstanding professor competition.

Born in Brooklyn, White earned his B.A. from New York University and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Until two years ago, White taught a writing-across-the-curriculum workshop for faculty before budget cuts forced the workshop’s cancellation. Now working on five books—two of them with other authors—White has become recognized nationally for his work on how to teach writing. His recent books include a revision of Teaching and Assessing Writing, Inquiry: A Cross Curricular Reader, and chapters on the assessment and evaluation of writing teachers.

White used his Inquiry textbook for the first time in his 495 composition course this past fall, and says, “I’ve always argued that an upper division writing course should focus on writing as a means of discovery. As you write, you learn about what you’re writing about.”

Two years ago, White was one of 15 scholars selected to give their views at a U.S. Department of Education conference on National Goals for Education. Coincidentally, his professor-of-the-year award comes at the same time his daughter, Kathy, an alumnus of Cal State, has won a professional-of-the-year award in the city of Atascadero.

NO DAMAGE FOUND FOLLOWING QUAKE

No indications of damage on campus have been found so far following the 6.6 earthquake that was centered in Northridge and shook many parts of Southern California on Jan. 17, says Bill Sham (Physical Planning and Development).

Without having had a chance to do a thorough survey of the campus, Sham says no one has reported damage at any of the construction projects or to existing buildings as of press time the day after the quake.

The temblor did, however, knock several thousand books and some records from shelves on the third, fourth and fifth floors of the Pfau Library, says university librarian Johnnie Ann Ralph. The fourth and fifth floors were closed Tuesday for cleanup.

ECONOMIC FORECAST BREAKFAST SERVES PROSPECTS

“Prospects for Recovery” is the theme for this year’s Seventh Annual Economic Forecast Breakfast taking place at Cal State on Jan. 28 from 7:30-10 a.m.

Focusing particularly on the Inland Empire, the breakfast will include discussion of industry prospects for 1994, consumer data for the Inland Empire and the affects of health care reform proposals, NAPTA and the recent closings of area military bases.

Addressing the issues will be California Senator Thomas Campbell, also a professor of law at Stanford University; Howard L. Roth, vice president and senior economist for the Bank of America Corporation; and Clifford Young, chair of the department of public administration at CSUSB.

It is not too late to register for the breakfast, but organizers suggest registering ASAP. The event will be held in the Student Union Event Center and costs $10 for faculty, staff and students. Call the Office of Extended Education at Ext. 5977 to register.
A NOTE FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

Foundation Accounting Procedures
Thursday, Jan. 27, 9 - 11 a.m.

Workers' Compensation Update
Thursday, Feb. 3, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Trust Fund Accounting
Thursday, Feb. 10, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Human Resources Policies Update
Tuesday, March 15, 9 - 11 a.m.

If you are interested in attending any of the above seminars, fill out the application in the back of the training booklet and send it to Human Resources, Ext. 5859. For a listing of computer seminars please refer to the 1993/94 Computer Seminars Handout.

RECLASSIFICATION DEADLINE
Just a reminder that all reclassification requests must be in the Human Resources Department no later than Jan. 31.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 21
Music: Special concert for CSUSB alumni and general public featuring the CSUSB Symphonic Band and Concert Choir. 8:15 p.m., Creative Arts Building Recital Hall. Free. Ext. 5859.

FRIDAY, JAN. 28
Economic Forecast Breakfast: "Inland Empire '94: Prospects for Recovery." 7:30-10 a.m., Student Union Event Center. $10 for faculty, staff, students. Ext. 5977.

SATURDAY, JAN. 29
Baseball: Alumni, Noon.

Women's Basketball: Cal State, Dominguez Hills, 5:45 p.m.

Men's Basketball: Cal Poly, Pomona, 8:05 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 4
Golf: Good Guys Tournament, Shindit Hills, 11 a.m.

Softball: San Bernardino Valley College (Serrano), 2 p.m.

THROUGH FEB. 23

WINTER QUARTER FRIDAY BULLETIN SCHEDULE

The following schedule is published for the convenience of those who wish to submit information or story ideas to Public Affairs for possible publication in The Friday Bulletin.

Generally, submissions are due 10 days before the date of publication. Story suggestions for consideration by the editorial staff should be submitted about three weeks before a target publication date. Send items to: The Friday Bulletin, Public Affairs AD-121, or call Ext. 5007.

Submission deadline: Publication date
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March 22
April 1

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dr. George M. Georgiou (Computer Science) was the invited speaker at the Computer Science Colloquium of the University of California, Riverside, on Nov. 22. He spoke on "Neural Networks in the Complex Domain."

Dr. Tom M. Rivera (Undergraduate Studies) was the keynote speaker at "Education for the '90s and Beyond," an organizational meeting for Inland Empire community and business leaders held on Dec. 1. Rivera also gave a workshop at the Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria on establishing a youth leadership program.

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