

Foot Patrol Faces Extinction In Battle Over Sheriff's Budget

Supervisors Set To Make Final Decision Monday

By Jim Martin

The fate of the Isla Vista Foot Patrol will be decided on Monday when the County Board of Supervisors will hear appeals for continued funding. With no monies specifically allocated to the Patrol in the Sheriff's budget passed by the Board June 15, Patrol proponents are expected to recommend that the needed

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county funding be drawn from the "tappable" contingency fund.

The financing of the Foot Patrol stems from two main sources. The County supplies approximately \$104,000 from local revenue while the University of California supplies \$175,000, providing total yearly funds of approximately \$279,000 for the Patrol. The University's share of the funds supplies the Patrol with five deputies, one corporal, and one secretary. The University funding also pays for rent, bicycle and communication costs. The County's allotment covers the cost of five additional deputies, one corporal, one secretary and a car in addition to supplying the necessary forms and supplies.

The University has been obtaining their patrol funds through a federal grant from the

Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP). OCJP grants are available only to law enforcement agencies. Campus Police Chief Derry Bowles has applied for aid and received OCJP funding for the Foot Patrol for the past year.

According to Bowles, "The Foot Patrol was one of the ten most successful projects in the state last year." In a high to low priority ranking, the I.V. Foot Patrol was placed eighth out of 44 state and private agencies to receive OCJP funding.

Bowles feels that "due to the success of the patrol," renewal of the OCJP grant will be almost assured.

County Sheriff John Carpenter, who implemented the shutdown of the Patrol, claims that "lack of funds" necessitated the cut. He noted, however, that if the money was available, he would "gladly continue the program." Carpenter said that he considers the program "highly successful and exemplary."

Carpenter's original department-wide budgetary request for the coming fiscal year was \$5,949,535. This request was then submitted to the County Administrative Office (CAO) who subsequently cut the budget by approximately \$300,000.

However, the report from the CAO mentions the Foot Patrol in two instances, stating in one section that the program is



FACING CUTBACKS—The Foot Patrol, which uses bicycles, rather than black and whites, may be forced to cease operation dues to cutbacks made by Sheriff John Carpenter and the County Board of Supervisors.

successful enough to warrant continuation. In addition, the report describes a cutting of the six-man, County-funded patrol.

A.S. External President Mitch Gertz questioned the logic of the report. "It doesn't make sense," Gertz said. "How can he say to cut it and fund it at the same time? These situations are so complex that they hope people will skim over the contradiction."

County Administrative Officer Raymond Johnson, denied that the CAO report proposed that Foot Patrol finances be cut, and said that his suggestion was to continue Sheriff's office operations as they now exist.

Quoting from his report,

Johnson said, "The results indicate that it (the Foot Patrol) is successful. Everybody recommends that the Foot Patrol be continued."

Johnson placed blame on the Board of Supervisor's uncertainty as to whether the proposed staffing formula included the Foot Patrol. "the question of the staffing for the Foot Patrol was never directly addressed by the Board," Johnson said.

Once the County Administrative Office had finished its recommendation, the proposed budget went to the Board of Supervisors who cut an additional \$125,000, leaving approximately \$5,500,024. The Board, however, also tacked on a recommendation to Carpenter requesting that he continue funding the program due to its past success.

Johnson explained that because the Board cut the Sheriff's budget, Carpenter opted to eliminate the Foot Patrol.

According to several Foot Patrol officers, Sheriff Carpenter "does this every year," referring to the attempt to "take" Foot Patrol funding and close off the project. But they added that "usually" they received the money and survived the "threats" as they put it.

"We thought for sure that we'd have the money after everything was said and done," admitted one officer.

Gertz claims that this "feeling of assurance", together with a lack of public acknowledgement and support of the program was

the demise of the original Supervisorial allocational cut.

"The problem was that the allocation sessions were right during finals so we couldn't get people over there to show the interest," Gertz added.

Chief Bowles evidently had this "feeling of assurance" also. Prior to the Supervisors' ruling on the budget, Bowles said he met with three of the five supervisors, Jim Slater, Frank Frost, and Robert Kallman.

"They assured me that the Foot Patrol would survive," Bowles recalled.

Actual votes showed that only Slater voted for the Foot Patrol funding.

Close to 20 percent of all south coast crimes (misdemeanors and felonies) occur in the Isla Vista "beat." Both Devereux and campus are included in I.V.'s beat, although most campus crimes are handled by University Police.

Termination of the Foot Patrol would result in several major changes in Isla Vista, most of which would be detrimental, according to most patrol proponents.

"The crime rate in I.V. would double," Bowles said, basing his statement on state-wide statistics.

Goodspeed feels that since "Isla Vista is such a high density area and unique in that respect...and since the Foot Patrol has such a high respect within the community," a termination of the program would be "disastrous."

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TRADITIONAL PATROLS—Police service will be exclusively in black and whites if the Foot Patrol ceases operations on July 1.

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"There would most probably be an increase in crooks and drug sales," Goodspeed said.

Local merchants also reacted unfavorably to the prospect of the patrol being pulled out of I.V.

"I would prefer to keep the foot patrol," Rexall co-owner Jack Dendinger said. "The few times we've needed them they've been here fast and operated well. I'd hate to depend on a black and white from out of I.V.," he continued. "We had some windows broken here the other day and the Foot Patrol came over in the middle of the night and protected the store until the daylight hours."

While two shopkeepers questioned did not anticipate an increase in shoplifting with the removal of the Foot Patrol, Village Market Manager Bill Dickinson noted that there would probably be a jump in "vagrancy and loitering" and that the "black and whites" would not do "as good a job."

Less Rogers, owner of the Union 76 gas station, contended that the Foot Patrol is more effective than officers in patrol cars as a deterrent to crime. Removal of the Patrol "might increase the chances of a robbery," he said. "The Foot Patrol is sneaky — you can't see them. Patrol cars are easier to spot, you know where they are and when they have driven past."

Receiving money from the contingency fund requires four votes in favor of the action by Board of Supervisor members. Currently, several proponents feel they can be assured of three of the votes necessary but consider the fourth "very difficult to get."

When asked if he was optimistic about attaining Supervisorial vote in favor of preserving the Foot Patrol, Vice Chancellor Stephen Goodspeed remarked, "that's a no-no question," but later added that he "will be going there to try to do everything possible to save the patrol."

Wednesday's meeting with Carpenter, Bowles, Goodspeed, Acting Vice Chancellor Don Winter and Gertz resulted in no immediate solutions.

"We discussed over all the possibilities that are available," Gertz said.

A similar private session will be held today with Supervisors Jim Slater and Robert Kallman to discuss other alternatives.

Winter pointed to a "direct correlation between service levels and the crime rate," but

conceded that the budget cuts gave him (Carpenter) no choice.

"There's a great deal of difference of opinion between the members of the Board and the Sheriff on what he (Carpenter) can and cannot do with the money," Winter said.

In a report compiled by a private agency about the Foot Patrol, the "ingredients for potential trouble" were described.

The report says that "It is apparent that, with the exception of the Vietnam war and related topical issues, the same ingredients which were active in the development of Isla Vista I, II and III disorders (referring to the major riots) are still present on the area. In fact, in at least one attribute, population density, the problem is even greater now than in 1970. Furthermore, Isla Vista has all the characteristics of a high crime rate area — high unemployment, high population density, and low incomes. It is really surprising that crime rates are no higher than they are in comparison to national, State and County trends; it appears that the Isla Vista Foot Patrol does in fact act as a positive influence."

Sergeant Sam Dias said that he feels "crime has been on a continual rise throughout the County."

"I imagine that there would be a climbing crime rate if the patrol is removed," Dias added.

Don Rowe of Income Property Management added that "a cruising automobile cannot see what's going on in apartment complexes. You can see black and whites but you can't see Foot Patrol and they are really a deterrent."

Rowe also speculated that "without the foot patrol, we might have increased burglaries in the area."

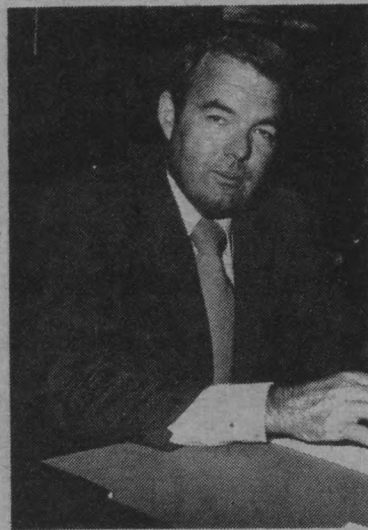
All of the proponents feel that the Supervisor's meeting will be the "only chance", as Goodspeed put it, to keep the Foot Patrol funded.

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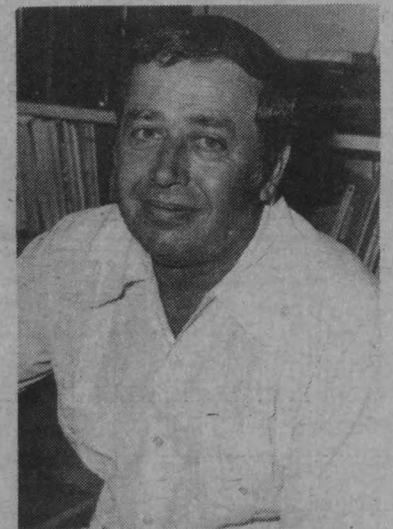
Currently the Associated Students are trying to get all interested students to go to Monday's meeting and show their support and concern.

The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Supervisor's chamber. The address is 105 East Anapamu in downtown Santa Barbara.

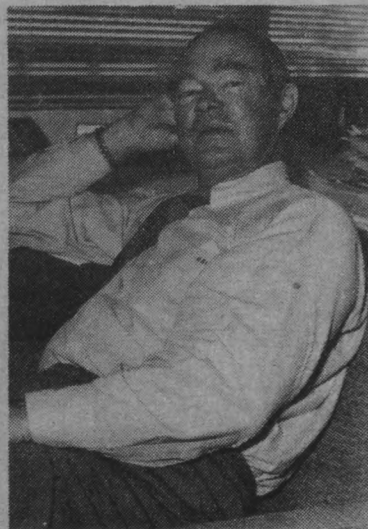


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Derry Bowles, UCSB Chief of Police: "The crime rate in Isla Vista could conceivably double. . . and as far as the student reaction to the black and whites, well, I haven't heard anyone in favor of them."



Vice Chancellor Stephen Goodspeed: "There would most probably be an increase in crooks and drug sales. . . The only hope for the survival of the Foot Patrol as far as I can see lies in Monday's meeting."

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