Cal Poly clubs are granted charters

By Arlene J. Wieser

The school of Professional Studies and Education granted charters to 28 Cal Poly clubs and organizations Friday night. The charters were given to club representatives after a speech about the importance of extracurricular activities. Involvement with clubs helps students develop character, leadership, and adaptability skills — things that are not taught in academic classes. "Extracurricular activities should never be viewed as supplemental; it's an integral part of an education," said Tartaglia.

According to Tartaglia, Harvard was the first school to have clubs centered on a variety of interests. The first extracurricular club was chartered at Harvard in the 1830s. It wasn't until the 1850s when the first Greek fraternities were chartered.

Irvin said there are two reasons why extracurricular activities are developed and are still around today. First, because the activities reinforce the aims of the faculty and second, because they promote student activity outside of the classroom.

Irvin said clubs and organizations give students a chance to develop their leadership qualities, but it is those students with the drive to be leaders who seek out extracurricular activities to develop those skills. Besides developing leadership skills, Irvin said, "the highest persistence rate (those students who graduate college) is among students who are involved with extracurricular activities." To conclude the speech, Irvin noted that there are as many as 350 recognized clubs on the Cal Poly campus.

Stanford poll names top condoms

By Jeff Blizzard

A Stanford organization recently held a condom rating survey to determine students' preferences in color, taste, texture and lubrication.

The survey was conducted by the Condom Promotion Committee of the Stanford AIDS Education Project. Ken Ruebush, a senior German major and coordinator of the AIDS Education Project, said the contest was designed to teach students which condoms are on the marketplace and to tally their preferences.

The group wanted to "designate condoms, make information available and make them more fun," said Ruebush.

The event was held during National Condom Week. Organizers distributed packets containing more than 6,300 condoms in two days. Each packet contained seven brands of condoms. Five hundred packets were grabbed by students in the first hour of the promotion; more than 400 additional packets were distributed the following day.

Students were given information sheets on how to properly use them and ballots to vote for their favorites in such categories as size, color, texture and lubrication.

Some students complained about the three-day deadline for testing, inspecting and choosing their favorite condoms. "It wasn't much time to thoroughly test all seven," said Ruebush. "But knowing Stanford students, we figured they would wait until the last minute and end up pulling an all-nighter anyway."

The results are in: Fuji latex condoms had the most honors. Its Yamabuki 'l' won "Best Feel," "Best Taste and Smell," and "Best Looking." A black condom made by Fuji was "Most Versatile - Formalwear to Swimwear." Gold Circle was chosen "Best Overall" and "Easiest to Use."

Rough Rider, a textured condom, was voted "Highest Turn-On to Partner," while Ramses was selected "Best Lubricated." Students picked Tahiti as "Best Fit," and Prime, lubricated with a spermicide, as "Strongest."

Pharmacists in San Luis Obispo said their customers prefer condoms on the basis of their cost. "People buy latex condoms instead of lamb's skin because it's cheaper," said Barry Ogden, a pharmacist at Rexall Drug Store, agreed. "The lamb's skin is almost priced out of the market for most people."

Proposed budget decreases also include student officer budget cuts of $2,000 and a proposal to decrease overhead by limiting professional staff hirings and increasing student assistance for the ASI business office. However, no lay-offs of staff personnel are being considered. ASI is also proposing transferring the ASI information director to another area of the university.
The need to know

A lot of people have been saying that the media's coverage of the Iran-Contra arms scandal has amounted to overkill. A witch hunt, they call it. What these people overlook, or choose not to acknowledge, is the gravity of the situation, and what it represents.

Some people in the White House acted on a serious foreign policy matter without authorization. This is exactly the type of situation America's founding fathers attempted to prevent through the system of checks and balances in the Constitution.

Whether or not the goals of this operation were noble is beside the point. It's difficult to tell if a certain course of action will benefit the United States, particularly in the long run, and this is precisely the reason for protracted debate.

The other night, President Reagan acknowledged the seriousness of the matter. He knew he had to admit mistakes were made to restore credibility to his administration. The president may think coverage of the scandal is excessive, but he realizes how serious it is.

The press realize how important it is. And if this scandal was not covered like a blanket it would be irresponsible. The press is obligated to tell people what they need to know.

When a group of men like Poindexter, North and company, acted on a serious foreign policy matter without authorization, this shows that this move will not be overkill. This shows that this move will not only hurt the rodeo club, but will also hurt students in the agricultural engineering department by eliminating worthwhile scholarship funds.

This shows that this move will not only hurt the rodeo club, but will also hurt students in the agricultural engineering department by eliminating worthwhile scholarship funds. This solution again shows the short-term Band-aid solution with which the Administration has come to us. With so much raging around here before such a scarce resource, when will this university come up with a viable long-term parking solution such as a multi-level parking structure?

POLY ROYAL TRACTOR PULL CHAIRMAN

Student leaders should make endorsements

Editor — Student endorsements are a vital element to the election process here at Cal Poly. Why should the people who really know the candidates be discouraged from endorsing the candidates? Rather they should be encouraged to give the information to the student population that they of all people truly know about.

The idea that the endorsement of a candidate represents the school or organization from which an endorser comes is an obvious and illogical. It merely represents the endorser's personal knowledge of the candidate and the fact that they support him. The fact that the person endorsing a candidate usually holds a position that represents doesn't mean that the people represented should automatically be for or against this candidate, for this will never happen. In the end the voters always have their own opinion, judgment and vote.

It certainly makes sense to exclude ASI election committee members, for they are supposed to be (among other things) nonbiased vote-counters. But for the rest of the student leaders, endorse the people who are the best candidates.

JOE STREEPER
North Mountain Residence Halls

Cartoon strip had no deep, hidden message

Editor — On March 6, you printed a letter from an unhappy comic strip reader, about a Women's Week cartoon. My question to this is: What's really so demoralizing about a cartoon strip? Was there really a deep interwoven message? I don't think so. If anything, it made people more aware of Women's Week. There is no violence in a door slamming, nor was there any violence in this cartoon.

An apology is not in order here. No one ever said "being interested and concerned about women's issues makes you dangerous." You must have read far into this cartoon to come to that conclusion. This cartoon did not in any way promote sex discrimination and sexual harassment.

Grant Shaffer is definitely not against women, nor was this comic strip. I took it as a humorous gesture for all people, not just women. Besides, a little humor never hurt anyone.

JOHN VLHANANDREAS

War is not a means for achieving peace

Editor — Colleen Bondy you are to be commended for your fantastic eloquence and unmistakable love for human life displayed in your Feb. 26 letter to the editor. As you mentioned, war itself has never harmed anyone and will never be a means of settling disagreements or achieving peace; the thought itself is a radical contradiction of terms.

It is difficult for me to imagine persons so caught up in their country's security and economic conceptions that they would deem it necessary to take the life of another human being in order to protect these ideas. Human life must always be considered much more important than any other political or social ideology. Life is too short as it is; we must insist on preventing it.

If change is desired, it can be best be accomplished if approached in a nonviolent manner. This was clearly shown in the civil rights movement: Had the movement led by Martin Luther King been a violent one, it is obvious that blacks would still be sitting in the back of the bus, if not in jail. As Gandhi said, "Our armies have failed already, let us now be in search of something new."

Thank you, Colleen, for supporting the people who want to take the life of another, who refuse to participate in a government-sponsored military system that requires just this, and who strive for peace for more intelligent, life-nourishing methods.

SHANNON SCHILLING
Bodies still trapped aboard ferry

ZEERBRUGGE, Belgium (AP) — Engineers tried Sunday to right a capsized British ferry in an effort to retrieve the bodies of 82 people believed trapped in the half-submerged vessel off the Belgian coast.

Relatives of passengers, meanwhile, went to a makeshift morgue in a basketball court to identify the 53 bodies recovered so far.

Of the 543 passengers and crew, 408 survived.

The Herald of Free Enterprise fell on its port side outside this port about 15 minutes after departing Friday night for Dover, England.

Belgium and Britain have launched inquiries into the cause of the sinking.

"We have accepted that it is something to do with the (bow) doors," said a company spokesman in Dover, Paul Ovington.

"That is how the water rushed in because there is no other hole in the ship."

Soviets begin economic overhaul

NEW YORK (N.Y. Times News Service) — The Soviet Union has begun a basic overhaul of its wage system geared toward halting a long-standing trend toward egalitarianism.

The purpose of the new system, which has been described in detail in the Soviet press, is to provide incentives for skilled workers and to stimulate productivity by relating wages more closely to the amount and especially the quality of production.

The Gorbachev administration, which views the wage initiative as an integral part of its proposed package of economic change, maintains that an increasing equalization of wages under Leonid I. Brezhnev encouraged shirkers and deprived workers of incentive to improve their skills.

"Work, and work alone, should be the criterion for determining a person's value, his social prestige, and his material status," he said.

Condoms offered in state prison

(AP) — Safe sex has gone to prison in Vermont, where inmates are being given condoms on request.

But in most other state prisons the rule is still no sex behind bars.

Officials in at least three states have talked about following Vermont's policy, which was announced last week, and several states have adopted screening programs and educational campaigns to combat the spread of AIDS and other venereal diseases in prison.

"We can't encourage any behavior that's against the law," said Gail Light, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Corrections. "It's always been against our rules to have homosexual relations in prisons, even before AIDS came along."

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CONDOMS

Tom Elder, a pharmacist at Thrifty’s, said that in addition to people being “a little bit monetarily motivated” when choosing condoms, he has found that age has to do with what types people choose. Elder said younger people are most likely to buy the colored or textured condoms. And more women are buying condoms, especially those from 18 to 25 years old, Elder said.

“Men even up to age 65 are buying condoms nowadays,” he added.

PRINTS

Polywood video rentals, the Craft Center, the Escape Route and every area in the U.U. will participate in the celebration. The main event is a raffle drawing with prizes furnished by each area. Participants are to pick up a questionnaire at the Information Desk and fill it out at each U.U. area. All Cal Poly students, faculty and staff members are eligible to participate.

Tartaglia said each area will hold a drawing to award prizes, beginning at 6:30 Thursday evening, with a drawing every 20 minutes. The grand prize drawing at 11 p.m. will end the event. “The grand prize is a Travel Center trip to Hawaii or two quarters in-state paid tuition,” said Tartaglia.

Thursday at 11 a.m. Julian’s ice cream parlour will have its grand reopening, with a special half-price offer on ice cream and coffee.

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The women's tennis team dropped a pair of 6-3 non-conference decisions during the weekend to Fresno State and UC Davis.

On Friday against Fresno State, the Mustangs picked up wins in the number two and number four singles slots to be down 4-2 going into doubles competition. Cal Poly, however, could win only one of the three doubles matches en route to the 6-3 loss.

Picking up wins for the Mustangs were Susan Norman and Amy Lansford in singles competition and Norman and Chris Calandra in doubles.

Norman and Calandra, who dropped the first set 3-6 before coming on to take the next two, had trouble early on with the strong play of the Bulldogs.

"They came at us strong and we tried to hit the ball back just as hard," said Norman. "After the first set we decided to stay in control and we won."

On Saturday against Davis, Cal Poly got a win from Norman in singles play and two wins in doubles, but still came out on the short end 6-3.

While Norman was again involved in one of the doubles wins, the other was won by the team of Wendy Elliott and Amy Lansford.

The two losses, which were both outside conference play, give the Mustangs a four-game losing streak. In addition, all four losses have come by 6-3 scores.

In three of the four losses, the Mustangs have needed to sweep the three doubles matches to come out with a tie. In each instance, they won only one of the three.

Cal Poly, which has a conference record of 2-3, won't be back in action until after finals week when it hosts Westmont and conference foe Cal State Los Angeles.

The Northridge Matadors, who are ranked number one in Division II, exploded for 10 runs on 15 hits in the opening game to shut out the Mustangs 10-0.

After having Friday’s game against UC Riverside rained out, the Cal Poly women’s softball team dropped both games of a doubleheader to Cal State Northridge on Saturday.

The decision was thus riding between the number two doubles team of Dale Minney and Tom Richards in a 6-0, 10-6 decision. Minney was unable to put the ball back over the net in his first set, leading to his loss.

The Mustangs committed three physical errors and several mental errors, said Heidesch. Freshman Missy Bausch started the game for the Mustangs and was tagged for the loss.

In the nightcap of the doubleheader, freshman pitcher Michelle Gardiner yielded two runs in the bottom of the first, but then came on strong to shut out the Matadors for the remainder of the game.
By Carolyn Clancy

The Cal Poly men’s volleyball team gave the Humboldt Lumberjacks a run for their money Sunday, but it wasn’t enough to pull out a victory. Humboldt took the match in four games, gaining most of its points by using an outside hitter who averaged three kills per game.

Though the Mustangs played a more balanced offense than Humboldt, poor defense is what eventually brought them down. Humboldt topped Poly in three of the four games: 15-9, 12-15, 15-12, 15-13.

The Mustangs also lost to Santa Cruz in five games on Friday, in what hitter Jim Barnhardt called “a 2 1/2-hour war.” In another tough match with DeAnza College Saturday, the Poly spikers pulled out a victory in the fifth game of the match.

On Sunday, the Mustangs began aggressively in the first game, but the smart offensive plays of the Lumberjacks brought them a big win. Poly trailed Humboldt throughout that game, and the Lumberjacks won it mainly by capitalizing on Poly’s weak blocking.

The second game of the match was an all-out battle, and one player from each side was given a conduct warning. Humboldt poured on the hitting in this game, and the strong outside hitting led the Lumberjacks to the win.

Crother led Poly in kills, with 10, followed by brothers Steve and Greg Seward and Barnhardt, who had three kills each. The spikers, with a league record of 4-6, have six games left, all of which are at home. On Friday, the Mustangs face Fresno State, and according to Barnhardt, “that should be another war.” The Mustangs will face Chico State on Sunday, and will play Santa Clara in a doubleheader on April 4.

Cal State Dominguez Hills suffered a 68-64 double-overtime loss to the University of Alaska-Anchorage on Friday, eliminating the Toros from the playoffs. In picking up the win, Alaska-Anchorage held CCAA co-player of the year and the conference’s all-time leading scorer William Alexander to two points. Dominguez Hills, however, got fine performances from its guards, with John Nogima picking up 12 points and Vico Nomasaka scoring a game-high 24. Shooting guard Jesse Jackson led Alaska-Anchorage in scoring with 20 points, while 6-10 West German center Hansi Gnad chipped in 17. In the other regional game, Eastern Montana beat Cal State Hayward 78-54.
CLUBS

The university gives the club official recognition of its role within the university. With this recognition, clubs are allowed to use facilities on campus for meetings and events as well as have fund-raisers on campus. In return, clubs are asked to perform some public service.

Cahperd and Mat Pica Pi were the oldest clubs in the School of Professional Studies and Education to receive new charters. They have been established on the Cal Poly campus for 37 and 34 years respectively. The newest club to receive a charter was the American Society for Quality Control. This is its first year on campus.

FEES

The proposed fee increase is the easy way out," he added. "Our responsibility as student leaders is to establish need and we don't see a need for a fee increase. Besides, students are trusting and would vote according to our information and we don't believe we need it so it wouldn't be passed."

Swanson said it is just the right year to "cut the fat," adding that the proposed plan will be passed and the fee increase forestalled. He said ASI executives will prepare a long-range plan to control growth so ASI knows where it is headed in the future.

ASI has opposed the fee increase at this time, but has recommended that the finance committee consider an ASI fee increase referendum for the next fiscal year.

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