Poly’s IFC comes under greek fire

By Elizabeth Gillis
Staff Writer

Despite the small size of Cal Poly’s greek community, the Interfraternity Council has an antisuffixing attitude which is causing feelings of alienation among non-member fraternities on campus.

Greeks make up only 15 percent of Cal Poly’s population and currently there are four new fraternities on campus none of which have IFC membership.

This means they cannot rush with the member fraternities or participate on an athletic level with them.

The non-IFC fraternities are also excluded from a booklet the Greeks produce for freshmen.

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IFC sponsors which describes all the member fraternities at Cal Poly.

Delta Chi President Scott Miller says it “would lend legitimacy to the group” if his fraternity was allowed in the IFC. It’s a “validating” that the fraternity is a contributing member of the greek society, he said.

The IFC is “like a Congress, and everybody needs to be represented,” Miller continued, but it’s more like “a country club where you have to earn your way in.”

IFC President Alan Vander Horst described the IFC as the “governing body for the fraternity system and keeps us all in line.”

The IFC is made up of 14 fraternity presidents.

During fall quarter, the IFC asked three of the four non-IFC fraternities to give membership presentations.

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Letters to the Editor

'Slash and burn' is viable system

Editor — Coleen Bondy deserves thanks for her good job with her page and the columns she has written over the past year. Her skill and intelligence benefit everyone in our community. She sets a good example.

However, I must take strong issue with something Ms. Bondy wrote in her last column, "Think about your future," since it reflects some of the most dangerous and obviously widespread at this college, with its large and renowned agriculture program.

Bondy referred negatively to slash and burn agriculture. This is ecological stereotyping. We ought to know better by now.

Throughout the tropics and subtropics, people have developed sophisticated farming systems based on use of fire and indigenous vegetative growth cycles. These unique, co-evolved, sustainable systems produced food for centuries. Before the heyday of European colonial expansion began hardly 100 years ago. We are wrong when we carelessly dismiss such systems as "slash and burn" and blame them for ecological mayhem.

Fact is, colonists brought in colonial regimes and multinational capitalists, unabashedly based on the objective of extracting as much profit as possible rather than making a study of human, and ecological costs, have done and continue to do infinitely more damage than the "small" support system than anything people refer to as "slash and burn." This is due to the Faustian power to destroy the Earth's life systems that many farmers might do. In part, the objective of extracting as much profit as possible rather than making a study of human, and ecological costs, have done and continue to do infinitely more damage than the "small" support system than anything people refer to as "slash and burn." This is due to the Faustian power to destroy the Earth's life systems that many farmers might do. 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Ball or books?

Amidst the hoopla surrounding the Inauguration and pre-Superbowl riots in Miami, a new proposal in college athletics was sparking controversy and debate from gymnasiums to university administrative offices nationwide. Proposal 42, recently adopted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, would prohibit professional athletes who do not meet the NCAA's academic standards from receiving any financial aid from schools for the first year. These standards include a 2.0 GPA in high school core curriculum and either a 700 SAT or 15 ACT score.

The proposal has met opposition from individuals such as Georgetown basketball coach John Thompson who said the proposal is discriminatory, "especially for a kid who is at a low socioeconomic level."

Those in favor of Proposal 42 say that universities have a responsibility to set high academic standards for athletes in order that they contribute positively to society upon graduation.

Proposal 42 will be reconsidered at the next meeting of NCAA administrators.

Los Angeles Times

The NCAA should learn a hard lesson from this latest attempt to fine-tune the highly competitive money-making system that college athletics have become. Much bigger changes are required if the system is to be cleaned up. Freelandhgh eligibility should be eliminated entirely so that all incoming students can have some chance to adjust to college life. And coaches should face up to the fact that many of the young athletes who perform on their behalf make money for their school. They are in effect semi-professionals. That could someday mean they would be able to coexist. Why shouldn't the big-time sports.

The New York Times

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'Gentle' George's broken promise

George Bush, who was elected president in an extremely negative (and bruited campaign season) and who will he build a "kinder, gentler nation." During the campaign, Bush's opponent had his mental health questioned, the Bush campaign was widely accused of attacking his victim in its constant references to the "Willie Horton case" and even recited echoes of McCarthyism when Bush proudly declared Michael Dukakis to be a card-carrying member of that oppressive enemy of freedom, the American Civil Liberties Union.

Despite the deeply negative tone of his campaign, Bush could claim to build a "kinder, gentler nation" even as he launched his vicious and brutal attacks on his opponent. Now that Bush has been sworn in as president, we should see that his promises for a kinder, gentler nation will no more describe his actions in the White House than they described his behavior during the campaign.

Other events in Bush's previous political life have hardly panned out for a man who would want, or could bring, a kinder, gentler nation. For example, Bush, a former director of that great bastion of kindness and gentleness, the CIA, claimed he just didn't know what was going on during the events of Contra-gate. It's hard to believe that a man who was once in charge of the CIA wouldn't know or understand what was going on in the intelligence community while he was serving as

By Matthew Wisbey

Presidential View

F or months we have been hearing President Bush talk of a "kinder, gentler nation" and a "whole new kind of politics." A few points of light;" many are, unfortunately, tired of hearing about this and some are wondering what in the world he is talking about. It is my understanding the president is trying to make the rest of all of America to reach out and help his neighbor with the love, dignity, and respect which made this nation great and will pull us out of the social and moral decline we have been riding for the past twenty-three years.

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recent for resolving conflicts.

"Boyott Oprah, Donohue, Geraldo, and Morton Downey, Jr.

"Patch up a dispute with an old friend.

"Demand Hollywood produce movies which do not glorify drugs, murder, sexual misconduct, the destruction of the traditional family and vulgarity.

"Respect all human life: prenatal, elderly, male, female, all ethnic, handicapped, etc.

"Work to eliminate the cruel indignation of the human body (a.k.a. por­nography).

"Build a work ethic in our people which will eliminate the need for massive welfare and produce a more diversified economy where everyone who believes in America can find a decent living.

"Keep the home, church and private education free from government intrusion.

"Think of love as an institution of mutual respect and support instead of a glandular fix.

"Stop and someone change a tire.

"Sacrifice some of your time to help a dysfunctional child learn to read.

In the words of President Bush, "Our prosperity means little if it lacks financial purpose. Some time may be long enough when we act as if wealth is an end but not a beginning. It has a policy that starts us time to think and care. It frees us up to learn, to grow, to be better than we are, to develop things of the spirit and the heart."

"Prosperity with a purpose means giving back to the country which has given you so much ... It may mean taking your idealism and making it concrete by real action aimed at making life better for people.

"It means, in short, helping your brothers and sisters, wherever they are, wherever are, whatever their needs.

We should also realize to arrive at a kinder, gentler nation, we should not expect the government to do it for us. For a nation to be kind, the love must flow from the hearts of all its citizens.

By Mark Pershy

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Rice, a San Francisco treat

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Jerry Rice held his little girl in his arms as gently as he cradled a floating football moments earlier. So tough, so tender. Jerry Rice can play with pain, kill with kindness and answer trash talk by opponents with sweet compliments and sweater catches.

He's the flashiest dresser on the San Francisco 49ers and the fastest receiver, but he speaks softly, doesn't brag and doesn't dance after touchdowns. He does, however, have a thousand moves on the field and hands that seem like magic.

"I was real lucky today," he said after winning the Most Valuable Player trophy in the Super Bowl on Sunday as San Francisco beat Cincinnati 23-10.

Sure he was lucky — just as he was lucky on all six of his touchdowns in the playoffs. Jaqui, 19 months old with pretty red ribbons in her hair, must have been mystified by the hundreds of people asking her daddy questions.

She could not have been more perplexed, though, than the boisterous Bengals, who thought they'd try Rice this time around.

"The 'swat team' has talked and we've decided we're not go­ing to let him be a factor in the game," Bengals cornerback Ken Riley said earlier in the week.

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Rice was more than a factor. He made a mockery of Cincin­nati's man-to-man defense and led not to let the sun shine or the breeze blow.

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Rice's finest moment was the one he shared with the rest of his team when John Taylor caught the final touchdown with 36 se­conds left.

There were other moments, though, that were almost as thril­ling — his 14-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter, his 44-yard catch on the next series, and his three catches for 51 yards on the last drive.

The 44-yarder, a Baryshnikov-like leap over Billups, was par­ticularly satisfying to him and his teammates, and just as ap­praising to the Bengals "swat team" leader.

"Today is a day I will never forget, it was just stupendous," Rice said as he held Jaqui tightly, more important than any trophy, at the jammed post-game news conference.

This had been a tough season for Rice, who set so many records in 1987 while winning the league's Most Valuable Player award.

Showing the smooth stride of a top thoroughbred and the sure hands of surgeon, Rice last year scored a record 22 receiving touchdowns and also set an NFL mark by catching TD passes in 13 consecutive games.
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FRATERNITIES

From page 1 fraternity are frustrated at the IFC’s way of voting in new members.

“We’re not attacking the IFC, at all,” said Ward Frye, Pi Kappa Alpha athletic chairman.

“They’re just not seeing the whole picture and how we could help each other.”

Vander Horst said he is worried about competition from the potential new fraternities.

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He is afraid if the IFC votes all of the waiting fraternities in at one time, it will create an “open door for other, new fraternities” to start chapters at Cal Poly.

The Greek system is relatively new, and the IFC members want to protect their fraternities,” Vander Horst said.

Walt Lambert, coordinator of greek affairs, said competition is not the reason that keeps the four fraternities out of the IFC.

“The legitimate concern of the IFC is unlimited growth” for the greek system. It doesn’t want to “lose (its) identity or (its)

cohesiveness” to new fraternities who might come and set up new chapters, he said.

Because the IFC has no invitational policy, wherein a national fraternity wanting to start a chapter at Cal Poly will do so only if they are invited, the four fraternities must wait to be voted in.

Allen Settle, the advisor for Pi Kappa Alpha said, “Our National Headquarters had no clear understanding it would be a long wait, otherwise they wouldn’t have come,” adding “The current criteria for joining the IFC is too vague.”

“The IFC has the burden to clarify this, or the situation will continue,” he said.

Vander Horst gives this advice to non-IFC fraternities: “Abide by the rules, stay cool, be a good house, and you’ll be accepted in. It’s a matter of time.”

Blahnik, Frye, and Christopoulous all agree that an expansion policy needs to be set.

Once they let the existing four non-IFC fraternities in, “all they have to say is no more fraternities,” said Eric Soldau of Pi Kappa Alpha.

“Not being a part of the IFC makes your fraternity look like an outcast,” Miller said.

“We’re just frustrated, after the last expansion. We’ve no idea what it takes to get in,” Blahnik said.

Motorcyclists try to snatch purses, get one

By J.W. McPhail
Staff Writer

Two men on a red motorcycle grabbed a woman’s purse Sunday afternoon at the Madonna Road Plaza then tried again on another victim two minutes later.

The two, described by police as Caucasian males in their early 20s, snatched the purse in the shopping center’s parking lot. Then, reappearing at nearby Taco Bell, the pair tried again — this time without success.

Police said that 20 minutes before the reported snatching, two men stole a case of beer from a store in the Laguna Village Shopping Center.

“Sounds like the same people to me,” said Steve Seybold of the San Luis Obispo Police.

No arrests were made.
Surrealist Salvador Dali dies at 84

FIGUERAS, Spain (AP) — Surrealist master Salvador Dali, who was among the century's most influential artists, died Monday in his hometown of Figueras at age 84.

The melting clocks and barren landscape of his " Persistence of Memory" made an indelible impression on pop art and modern culture. It is probably the most celebrated surrealist painting in the world.

Dali, a founder of the surrealist movement, was the last of an outstanding generation of Spanish artists that included Picasso and Joan Miro.

He was born on May 11, 1904, to a notary public in this small Catalan town. After a life of flamboyance and eccentricity, his lawyer Miguel Domenech said Dali died "softly, without making any special last statement."

King Juan Carlos, a personal friend, sent condolences. Culture Minister Jorge Juan Sempere described Dali as the "last of a generation of creators who revo­ lutionized art in our century."

What Dali called his "sublime creativity" started early. He was expelled from art school in 1926 for arranging nudes and briefly jailed because of political activities for Catalan autonomy.

Although criticism faulted Dali's technical virtuosity, he did not hold his work in the highest esteem. Most felt his was a flawed talent, sometimes managing to balance realistic technique and irrational content but too often caught up in his own role as a poseur-painter.

In a statement, the Paris art dealer, the public adored Dali, who also was a decorator, fashion and jewelry designer and author.

A major retrospective in 1970-80 attracted more than a million visitors in Paris and 250,000 in London.

After being kicked out of the School of Fine Arts in Madrid, Dali went to Paris and became involved with the surrealists, who sought to destabilize the "fixed world of the unconscious and dream." He said his "act of creation" was to "produce an image not to dominate but to bend it to the service of mystery and memory."
EARTHQUAKE

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"Almost all of the victims died in the beds," Maj. Alexander Loparev, duty officer at Tadzhikistan Interior Ministry headquarters in Dushanbe said by telephone.

Residents of another village, Otkhil-Poyen, apparently roared in time, fled in panic before the mudslide, which traveled 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 miles, could reach their homes. Kasimov said from Dushanbe.

Officials and Soviet media said the devastation was vast, and total in places.

In Sharora, "cities and walls can be heard anywhere," Tass reported. "Some are bemoaning and burying their near and dear ones, while others are trying to find the few survivors between the thick layer of sand and clay."

It said all of the village's streets had been buried under the 50-foot-high layer of earth that the earthquake detached from a hill near the village.

The TV news program "Vremya" showed aerial footage of Sharora, with white roofs of buried homes peeking through the dirt like seashells scattered on a beach.

Kasimov said that according to preliminary figures, the quake and landslide destroyed about 100 buildings, including five schools and a maternity hospital near the epicenter.

There was no exact count available for the population of the stricken villages. But the official at the Dushanbe seismic center said families are traditionally large in the mostly Moslem republic, and that one dwelling often houses eight to 10 people.

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