Melon mania

NRH student Mark McAllister has no reason to be melon-choke as he wins the watermelon toss for Sequoia Hall in the Dorm Olympics this weekend.

Gaps are evident in Hands Across America

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Conceding there will be gaps in Hands Across America's coast-to-coast linkup, promoters prepared to implement a maverick plan to distribute up to $50 million raised by the event.

At least one charity organization official contends Hands Across America is out of line.

Hands Across America's eye-popping effort to put 3.4 million people in a line 4,132 miles across the United States on May 23 was show-business promoter Ken Kragen's method of gathering donations, publicity, and corporate support.

But while Hands Across America's flashiest goal may fall short, organizers believe the ultimate cause of raising money and consciousness about hunger and homelessness will succeed.

"If the line connected, it was the whipped cream, the sprinkles, the cherry on top of the ice cream sundae," said Marty Rogol, executive director of USA for Africa, the parent foundation of Hands Across America. "But the key is that the event is not the ending, but the beginning."

Last week, lineup officials in Arizona said 94 miles there would go unlinked. One segment beginning at the California border and heading toward Phoenix was considered too remote from emergency medical services, and another segment in northern Arizona was too rugged.

Additionally, organizers admitted privately that New Mexico and Texas likely will have large gaps.

Once again, USA for Africa is shuiming mainstream charity efforts in distributing the funds, rejecting participation in the Sec HANDS, page 4

Animal studies will be possible

New building ready by fall

By Kim Holwegner

Staff Writer

A new building that will enable students to monitor physiological and behavioral changes in animals should be ready for use by this fall.

James Neelands, supervisor of instructional support for the School of Science and Math, said the 1,100-square foot building with a $180,000 price tag located near the west end of Science North Building is waiting on one minor adjustment before construction is completed: the replacement of light shields in the doors. Neelands estimated that the shields will be replaced within one month.

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Opinions

are voiced by leaders in forum

By Taffy Renkowitz

About two-thirds of all clubs and organizations at Cal Poly had representatives attending the ASI Presidential Forum Thursday night to voice their concerns about various campus issues.

More than 200 people came to the forum. After speeches by Assemblyman Eric Seastrand and San Luis Obispo Mayor Ron Dunin, club presidents and representatives were invited to come to microphones set up on the floor to offer their opinions on selected topics.

ASI President Mike Mendes gave student leaders an opportunity to discuss senior projects, parking problems, the publishing of teacher evaluations done by students and the future of ASI.

Predictably, with such a varied spectrum of representatives, comments on the issues reflected many different viewpoints. There were conflicting responses as to whether there should be senior projects. Some students said Cal Poly should have the projects, while other students said they were more appropriate for some majors than for others. While one student viewed the projects as not having uniform standards throughout the university, another said he didn't think the projects should be standardized but believed they should have more practical applications.

A representative from Tassels Honor Society received loud applause when he summed up the main problem with the projects as time. He said graduating seniors need to realize that putting off the project is more of a chore. Students should be required to sign up for senior project in the first two quarters of their senior year, he said.

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A good book and a place to study is all we want

Please don't take away our library study space. How can the library space committee even consider removing student seating as an option to solving overcrowding in the library? As students we need a quiet place to study and we object to this "solution" to the library space problem.

Granted, some sort of solution needs to be found but taking out students' valuable study space is not an option. Seating in the library is already limited and falls short by some 800 seats of the formula set up for the CSU system. That formula dictates that CSU libraries are supposed to have seating for 20 percent of a campus' full-time student body.

We realize that the options are limited. It's a matter of too many books and not enough space. Weeding out the present library collection to make room for thousands of new books received each year is another unsatisfactory option considered by the committee. It boils down to whether students want a comprehensive library or a study hall. The problem is we need both. And we don't think we're being unreasonable asking for both. Why do we have to make a choice? Students need a study area and a comprehensive library collection. Removing student seating hinders student education but not having a well-stocked library hinders education in a very different way.

As students, we won't accept either option. More books will be published and libraries will be part of our library collection for future students’ education. Year after year the crowding can only get worse. Removal of a few study tables and books year after year won't solve the ongoing problem. We urge the library space committee to consider other options and come up with a long-term satisfactory solution.

Forum was a success

If you're president of a club at Cal Poly and you didn't attend the Presidents Forum Thursday night you missed out on a good event.

More than a student leaders gathered to hear San Luis Obispo Mayor Ron Dunin and Assemblyman Eric Seastrand speak. The club representatives also addressed campus issues such as the parking situation, the usefulness of senior projects, teacher evaluations and what the ASI should do next year.

But something more important took place than the suggestions that were made to implement campus trams to carry students to the campus core from outlying parking lots, individualize senior projects or develop ways to evaluate tenured professors.

The most important exchanges Thursday night took place at each table. Presidents of campus organizations as diverse as the Scuba Club and the Society for Women Engineers sat together and talked about school, their clubs and problems common to all students. They shared ideas. They also discovered that their opinions, and those of their club members, matter to ASI.

We commend ASI President Mike Mendes for developing the idea of the Presidents Forum. We hope President-elect Kevin Swanson follows Mendes' lead.

Re-evaluation needed of nuclear industry

Editor — A great deal of attention continues to be focused upon the catastrophe that took place at the Chernobyl Unit 4 reactor on April 26. The resulting radioactive cloud has resulted in death and in chronic human radiation sickness. It should be forcibly impressed upon the public from widespread radioactive contamination has been well documented.

From the repercussions of Chernobyl, it is quite reasonable that concern has been raised about the safety of the United States' own nuclear power plants, especially the one located in Hanford. Unfortunately, our queries have not allowed us to clearly see the implication of the one indisputable fact which separates nuclear and, for instance, coal power plants, from each other: energy derived from nuclear reactors is dependent upon the same material used by Chernobyl (i.e. radioactive uranium fuel, making nuclear power plants the most dangerous 'conventional' energy technology ever conceived of). Nonetheless, many people in the United States have been "soothed into complacency" with the assertion that our nuclear power plants are not based upon the Chernobyl design, that we have implemented adequate safety measures into our "nuclear blueprints" and that we may therefore conclude that a Chernobyl cannot happen in the United States (Three Mile Island being the obvious, but a comparison, to a minor exception).

Chernobyl serves as an example that there are absolutely no guarantees that nothing can go wrong in any conventional power plant. It doesn't matter whether we retrofit a power or implement a cooling system. A proper cooling system can mean the difference between life and death. Our cooling systems have already exploded into fireballs.

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Re-evaluation is long overdue; complacency is not acceptable. It is everyone's future. Chernobyl cannot be forgotten.

STEVEN PUCCHI

US should bribe Soviets to stop arms

Editor — I felt your placement of "Letters to the Editor" under development of the Strategic Defense Initiative (a.k.a. "Star Wars") was very appropriately placed above a Bloom County segment which tries to bring to light some of the absurdity of the situation.

Many Americans, including Trousdale and Ronald Reagan, seem to ignore the fact that SDI would only be effective against intercontinental ballistic missiles. That leaves intact warheads delivered by airplanes, submarines, etc. Ask someone from the Ukraine what effect the radiation alone from a few dozen cruise-type missiles might have on business as usual. Efforts to stop these kinds of miseries has there yet been a "deterrent" that made the Soviets say, "All right, we quit. We'll stop building weapons and dismantle the ones we have."

SALT I and SALT II were never ratified by the U.S. Senate, so it's hard for a country to cheat on them. From past experience we should know that treaties or not, the Soviets will keep pace with us.

Until a country has a true test of communist ideologies would be to take the trillion or so dollars that SDI would require and give them each a million dollars for their promise to stop arms buildup. Nothing else has worked, so why not try bribery? For those who take me to be serious on this kind of thing, please note that the total waste of money, I respond: The whole arms race damn well better be a total waste of money because if they're ever used — well, you can see what advanced civilization will have evolved out of our ashes. I hope to God they use their activity for something other than intelligence to better ends than we have.

THOR MATTESON

Swanson remarks not accurate in athletics

Editor — There were some remarks made in an issue of Mustang Daily a few weeks ago before the election for ASI President. The remarks I am referring to made by our new ASI President, Kevin Swanson. He stated in the paper that our athletic program is one of the finest and well-off programs in the nation. Well, I beg to differ. I truly cannot see how anyone can say that when our football team is all but non-existent and the rest of the athletic teams are far from competitive. If Swanson was ever on or attached to any athletic team on this campus, he would discover that we are not as wealthy as he makes us out to be.

As a member of the Cal Poly women's track and field team, I have firsthand experience in this matter. Our scholarships are almost non-existent and as for traveling money we are far from rich. After long discussions with several coaches of my team, I have concluded that we are one of the poorest schools around when it comes to athletic funding. Many schools back east and in the Midwest have unlimited budgets. Our team on the other hand, has a very limited budget and should be expanded upon greatly.

In conclusion, if Swanson wants to help the athletic program become one of the best in the nation, he is going to have to pass a few referendums and allow more money to be spent to help the athletic budget, which should as consequence help the athletes in many different ways.

So please, on behalf of the athletic program, it is up to Swanson to help them out.

COLEEN KEVANY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Terrorism feared on British ferries

LONDON (AP) — Border guards at ports in four countries searched passengers and cars for explosives Sunday after British police received a tipoff that terrorists planned to blow up a ferry sailing between Britain and the European continent.

British police, who sent out warnings to French, Dutch and Belgian forces on Friday, mobilized armed officers, sniffer dogs and explosive detecting equipment at all ferry and hovercraft ports on the English Channel.

Police sources said it was suspected a terrorist group with Middle East links planned to blow up a ferry, possibly in reprisal for the April 15 U.S. bombing raid on Libya. American aircraft stationed in Britain took part in the raid.

“There is a possibility terrorist attention may be focused on a vessel operating in either direction between this country and continental ports,” Chief Inspector Lee Plummer of the Kent county police told The Associated Press.

Britain’s Independent Radio News reported that Scotland Yard’s Special Branch had “uncovered an Arab plot to blow up and sink a passenger ferry by driving a car packed with explosives onto a ferry and detonate it at sea.”

The Special Branch at the London police headquarters deals with political subversion.

The radio said the plot was “hatched by a Middle East terror group as a reprisal for the bombing of Libya.” Britain’s four major Channel ports — Dover, Folkstone, Ramsgate and Sheerness — are located in Kent. More than 300 ships a day sail from the ports, carrying travelers and cargo.

A Dutch military police spokesman who asked not to be identified said Sunday that “a state of increased vigilance with regard to passengers and cars” was declared at Hook in Holland, a port near Rotterdam. Another military spokesman at the ferry port of Vlissingen said similar measures were in place.

Apple co-founder earns his degree

BERKELEY (AP) — Steve Wozniak, multimillionaire co-founder of Apple Computer Inc., told fellow graduating students at the University of California that he’s glad to have his diploma because, “Now I can go out and get a good-paying job.”

Wozniak, 33, earned a degree in electrical and engineering sciences 13 years after first enrolling. He left school in the early 1970s to earn some money, and wound up making a fortune designing the first Apple computer and starting the company with his friend Steve Jobs.

Wozniak, who says he’s now worth about $50 million, delivered the commencement address for the College of Engineering.

Correction

In the May 14 Lifestyle story on tanning the approximate price range quoted for tanning booth sessions was listed as ranging from $6.50 to $10 per session. A more accurate price range for tanning booths in the San Luis Obispo area is anywhere from $3.50 to $7 per session.
Tests for body fat
done by students

By Sally Kinasell

Cal Poly students can get their body fat percentage measured and receive nutritional counseling, while at the same time future corporate fitness practitioners get testing experience.

Liz Large, vice-president of the Association for Fitness in Business, said the testing is held at the Cal Poly Human Performance Lab every Tuesday and Thursday night and is open to all students. The procedure takes about an hour.

The test begins with measuring lung capacity in order to determine the amount of air that always remains in the lungs, even after they've blown out all they can, said Large. After this is completed, measuring body fat begins. "The person gets into a big water tank, blows out all their air and then we take their weight," she said. After adjusting for the amount of air that was estimated to have remained in the lungs, she said, the figure that results is put into an equation to come up with the percentage of body fat.

A second test follows the first. This test is called a skin fold caliper test. Seven different sites on the body are pinched to determine fat. "The results from these two tests are put into a computer," she said. "We get a lot of different readings so we can average them and come up with a percentage of the person's body fat."

The entire procedure takes about an hour, Large said, and two people can be tested per hour. Because the lab is open only from 3 to 7 p.m., testers are only able to test four people a night.

Since the organization charges only $5 for the procedure, Large said the main reason the AFB is holding these tests is the experience. "It's good experience for us because that is what a lot of us will be doing when we graduate — most of us are corporate fitness majors."

The lab is located in the Human Performance Laboratory upstairs in the Physical Education Building.
Dorms compete in annual olympics

Sequoia takes gold in interhall games

Residents of the dorms and even their advisers took part in the third annual Interhall Council Spring Olympics Saturday.

There were nine dorm teams and one R.A. team that competed from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 12 events: volleyball, a near beer chug, a greased watermelon toss, goldfish eating, a tricycle race, a wet T-shirt swim, a swimming relay, a 440-yard race, a one-mile relay, an egg toss, a car stuff and a tug-o-war.

Sequoia Hall took the gold medal and $200 for first place. North Mountain Hall finished second and took home $100 and Tenaya Hall earned $50 in third.

Stuart Burbank, one of the Olympic coordinators, called the competition "an end of the year activity for the fun and enjoyment of everyone in the halls" and he said that he is looking forward to having the competition again next year.

Photos by Daryl Shoptaugh
Mile record set by Poly student

A new record was set Saturday for the La Fiesta mile run as a Cal Poly student blazed through the streets of San Luis Obispo enroute to victory.

Hector Perez, a senior architecture major, led the race from start to finish Saturday and set the new record with a time of 4:03.85.

When asked if he was expecting to break the record, Perez said, "Oh yeah, that was my main goal. Plus the $300 prize money gave me a lot of incentive."

Perez, who hails for the Converse Aggies track club, was an all-American for the Cal Poly track team in 1983 and 1984 in the 1,500-meters. He also ran cross country at Poly, but when he used up his eligibility in 1984, he joined the Converse Aggies.

His decision to join the club turned out to be a good one as all of the top 10 finishers Saturday were from the Converse Aggies, Perez said. And in those top 10 there are a few recognizable names.

Perez's roommate, Carmelo Rios, was a member of the 1984 Olympic steeplechase team, but Saturday he finished behind Perez in second place. Also, Mike Landon, another all-American miler, finished behind Rios in third.

"He (Landon) was my idol in high school," Perez said. "So it wasn't like I beat a bunch of nobodies."

Perez beat the old La Fiesta record of 4:06.4 by almost a full second with his 4:03.85 time. But he said that isn't his fastest time.

"The fastest I've run on the track is 4:03," he said. "But I've run the equivalent of 3:59.0 before."

Perez will be finishing up this year at Cal Poly and will then be going to Italy to study architecture, but he said that won't interrupt his running.

"I'll keep running for a while," he said.

Waitz beats centipede in Bay to Breakers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ed Eyestone and Grete Waitz, new-comers to the strange world of the San Francisco Examiner Bay to Breakers race, led a festive, costumed crowd of 83,000 in chilly fog Sunday to win the giant running party in record times.

Eyestone, the 1983 world cross-country champion, stripped more than 20 seconds off the record of two-time defending champion Ibrahim Hussein.

Eyestone covered the hilly, 7.46 mile (12 kilometer) course in 34 minutes, 32.5 second, well ahead of Hussein's previous record of 34:53.3 set last year.

Grete Waitz of Norway, the 1984 Olympic marathon silver medalist behind Joan Benoit, easily defeated Benoit, the defending champion, to capture the women's division in the 73th annual running of the world's oldest continuous foot race.


The Cal Aggies won the centipede division in 38:51.5.
The third issue, the publishing of students' teacher evaluations, received a mixed response from the representatives. A student from the Scuba Club said it would be a valuable tool. "There are many teachers at this school who really aren't that good, and you're stuck with them. It would be valuable to find out," he said. Other students believed the idea was too costly and the regular evaluations done at the university should simply be done more frequently.

Student Sanford Smith from the Orchestra dance company said students need evaluations in order to find out who the very good teachers are. Smith also said he would use them to find out what teachers use the same old techniques. "It's not the students' fault if instructors don't change that, and if students can find out then they can get better grades," he said.

Some students didn't think evaluations were a good idea, saying they would restrict freedom. Other concerns brought up were dealing with instructors' reputations and how to standardize these tests.

The problem isn't with the value of the teachers, however; it's that there are not enough of them, one representative said.

As for the future of ASI, students questioned areas such as its role with the Foundation, the tutorial service, the enrollment of black students, insurance, athletics and student apathy.

A representative from the Ag Engineering Society approached the microphone to ask Mendes to send evaluations to the faculty, asking whether they like the current add/drop form system. With this system, students must take responsibility for themselves, rather than 'holding faculty responsible for adding or dropping students from classes.'

Another representative questioned if ASI could pressure departments to continue evaluating tenured professors, in order to keep teaching ability where it should be, he said.

All the representatives seemed to agree that the campus should continually be informed by ASI. One student proposed having an informative event every quarter, but said it didn't need to be as elaborate as the forum.

Senator-elect Pete Sauerborn from the School of Engineering and Technology had reactions after the forum which were typical of many. He said: "It was great and I think that we got a lot of good ideas from it. It gave me an idea of where ASI will be going next year." Sauerborn was pleased, he said, because it gave him input from a wide variety of clubs that he normally wouldn't get as an engineering senator.

Friday after the forum Mendes said comments made by the representatives were very helpful. "We're trying to correct specific things — very positive and very constructive. It made me feel a lot better about the way people feel about ASI. We're working really hard right now to do what the students told us to do the other night," he said.

We're limiting ourselves if we don't use the students' input and experiences," Mendes added. The forum was recorded and minutes were taken to help the officers next year in the planning and goal-setting process. The tapes and notes are currently being reviewed by ASI officers and the Administration. "We'll try to implement everything we can in the short-run," Mendes said.