Professor denies charges in sexual harassment suit

Statement: Policy could put end to academic relations
By Steve Harmon

The Cal Poly professor named in a $1 million lawsuit filed by a female graduate student said the sexual harassment allegations against him are "uncorroborated and unfounded."

Emile Attala, a computer science professor, was accused of making sexual advances toward graduate student Helyn Fay. Fay alleged that Attala kissed her and grabbed her during independent study sessions at Attala's home last October and November.

Attala issued a statement through his lawyer, Evans J. Barbieri, that denied he ever sexually harassed Fay. "...Attala denies, generally and specifically, ever being ac-

duced sexually to Mrs. Fay, or ever making any sexual ad-
vances, of whatever nature, toward her..." it said.

The statement also said the university's definition of sexual harassment is vague.

"The university's definition of sexual harassment is so broad that it could preclude, basically, any form of person-to-person ac-
demic relations between a pro-
fessor and his students," it said.

The definition — included in the university's policy — states that sexual harassment is "con-
duct that has the purpose or ef-
effect of interfering with a stu-
dent's academic performance,

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Another student files harassment suit against prof

Another Cal Poly female gradu-
ate student has filed a $1 million sexual harassment lawsuit against computer science professor Emile Attala and the university, her attorney James McKernan said.

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Police urge drivers to avoid holiday drinks
By Cyndi Smith

A program urging San Luis Obispo County residents to avoid drinking and driving was unveiled Monday at an appropriate location — an auto salvage yard.

Four wrecked cars, one with the drinking game "Passout" still in the back seat, were the backdrop for a press conference featuring representatives from 11 county law enforcement agen-
cies reminding residents of the dangers of drunken driving.

The Avoid the Eleven Program is designed to inform the public that these 11 agencies are ready to crack down on drunken driv-
ing during the holiday season.

According to Highway Patrol statistics, last year in San Luis Obispo County, a total of 388 drunken driving arrests were made, and two people were killed as a result of drunken driving. In California last year, 67 people were killed during the Thanks-
giving holiday, 57 people during the Christmas holiday, and 41 people during the New Year's holiday.

"We hope to decrease these statistics with sobriety check-
points and news conferences that make people aware that we are out there ready to arrest drunk drivers," said Highway Patrol Public Affairs Officer Frank Stricker.

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An essay on 'Turkey Day'

Reporter Robert Grove encourages that "there's no place like home" for Thanksgiving.

Speaking of turkeys...
Poultry science students raised 100 turkeys for sale — and they were immediately snatched up by a hungry public.

And now for the men...
The men's cross country team placed third at the national championships in Pennsylvania on Saturday.
Second Opinion

Break UC-nuclear weapons link

Every single nuclear warhead ever produced in America was designed and engineered under the aegis of the University of California. We are a monopoly. From Hiroshima and Nagasaki to the tests of Bikini Atoll, all of the actual explosive mechanisms were made at Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore Laboratories under UC control, which gives the UC slogan "Let There Be Light" a whole new meaning.

For the first time in its connection with the U.S. nuclear program has put UC in an ethically compromised position. On the one hand a university supposedly dedicated to ideals of pure research, free and vigorous debate and intellectual independence found itself — pushed by war-tim exigencies — running into an institution deeply involved in internal debate and shaping government policy.

The UC Regents are not excusing the good name and brain power of UC in exchange for money and facilities. Thirty-five years after the Manhattan Project, the value of this relationship has ended. In 1990 the labs' contract will come up for renewal. The UC Regents should reject it, thereby showing they understand the value of independent research.

The weapons labs thrive on massive defense programs, an addition that has driven lab leadership into the lure of the Big Lie; this year's budget alone for the Livermore lab is $1 billion. Former assistant director for Livermore physics Rhoad Dewitt admitted after leaving Livermore that the labs had consistently exaggerated the potential of ex-president Ronald Reagan's enormously expensive Strategic Defense Initiative.

Livermore physicist Hugh Dewitt notes the weapons labs go beyond merely supplying the needs of American defense but in an active role contribute to the arms race by promoting and sell­ ing new types of nuclear weapons and also do everything possible to obstruct the attainment of sensible arms control treaties. This raises a crucial question: should the UC be actively involved in sustaining the Cold War in a period with such a world threat, our focus must change. We must actively contribute to the arms race by promoting and selling new types of nuclear weapons and also do everything possible to obstruct the attainment of sensible arms control treaties.

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Locals to gobble up Poly's turkeys

By Mari Katz

Come Thursday, hundreds of thousands of turkeys will be gobbled by thankful Americans across the country. And locals, 100 of those turkeys are from the Cal Poly poultry unit.

The turkeys were raised as an enterprise project by poultry science majors Amy Throckmorton and Joseph Contreras through such high demand that they sold out the day after the turkeys went to market at the campus store, according to Poultry Farm Manager Earle Polinsky.

"On Nov. 6, we started taking orders and by mid-day Nov. 7, we were sold out," Polinsky said.

He added that next year the unit plans to raise 300 turkeys instead of 100 in order to keep up with increasing demand.

"No one could have handled 400 turkeys this year because we had so many orders, but processing is the hard part," he said.

Polinsky said most of the turkeys were sold to locals who are aware of the quality of Cal Poly turkeys compared to those found in the store. He credited the freshness of Cal Poly turkeys for the difference in taste, pointing out that they are frozen immediately after slaughter, a couple weeks before they are sold. Store-bought turkeys have often been frozen for months or years and are not always frozen immediately after slaughter.

Cal Poly turkeys have no bone in the leg and are raised on slanting cages, meaning wiggling feet.

The turkeys were donated this year by Lucky Farms, saving the enterprise $1,25 per bird. Throckmorton and Contreras then raised the funds for the project, which Polinsky estimated required 200 hours of work.

Polinsky explained a time when Cal Poly sold turkey to its students in need of increasing consumer demand for poultry products. He said that the majority of turkey raised now is put into products such as turkey-pastrami and turkey-franks. But now it is possible to find whole turkeys any time of the year.

"There was a time when people who raised them only raised them this time of year," Polinsky said, "but now you can go into the store and find them any time..."

He sees this as a continuing trend because of turkeys' high economic and nutritional value.

"You haven't the fat — it's very low in cholesterol, low in unsaturated fats," he said. "And you can buy meat for 65 cents to $1 a pound?"

Genetics have helped create a breed that is now even more desirable to consumers. The turkeys raised now, Broad-Breasted White Turkeys, have up to 70 percent white meat, which will help resolve many Thanksgiving Day arguments over who gets the breast.

"The turkeys were eager by the aroma for Thanksgiving feast was the wild turkey. The wild turkey was replaced by the Bronze-Breasted Turkey up until 30 to 40 years ago when the Broad-Breasted White Turkey was created.

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creating an intimidating, hostile, offensive or otherwise adverse learning environment, or adversely affecting any student.’

Fay was "unable to demonstrate that the alleged actions of Dr. Attala had an adverse effect upon her academic performance," the statement said.

It also said she "continued to return, week after week, making no complaint, apparently, to her husband, or Dr. Attala's department head, until Nov. 2 ..."

Other students in one-on-one study sessions with Attala have denied any "improper actions," the statement said.

But another graduate student, Jennifer Hartman, is scheduled to file a lawsuit against Attala today, said her attorney James McKiernan, also the lawyer for Fay. Hartman alleges that Attala made sexual advances toward her while he was her advisor. (See related story.)

Late last year, Cal Poly investigated Fay's complaint and concluded sexual harassment had occurred.

Fay, however, noted that Attala was still teaching, so she inquired about the discipline the university had taken. She met in May with Cal Poly President Warren Baker, who was overseeing the discipline phase of the case, to discuss the discipline Attala received.

Fay said Baker told her "the appropriate discipline had been taken." Fay is seeking Attala's dismissal from the university. Attala is teaching at Cal Poly this quarter and is scheduled to teach in winter.

He was out of town at the time Fay's lawsuit was filed Nov. 13 and returned to campus Monday. Attala would not comment about the allegations and referred questions to his lawyer.

Attala is married and has two sons, both of whom are Cal Poly graduates.

Attala also served as computer science department head from 1978 to 1983.

The case is the second sexual harassment case to go public this quarter, the other involving Student Academic Services Director Armando Perea-Díaz and his assistant Everardo Martinez.

That's left women accused of sexual harassment by former financial aid adviser Wendy Reynoso and three other SAS employees.

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Cross Country
Poly comes in 3rd at national meet
Campbell, Sorenson named All-Americans

By Rob Lorenz
Sports Editor

The men's cross country team placed third at the Division II National Championship meet since the 1984 season, when the Mustangs finished third.

The nationals were held in East Lansing, Mich., where the temperature on race day was a windy 35 degrees. In fact, it began to snow as the runners came out of the finish chute, said Coach Tom Henderson.

Henderson said that this year's championship was the closest in recent memory, with only five points separating the first and second place teams, and Cal Poly finishing only 19 points behind the winner, South Dakota State.

"The race was extremely close all the way to the finish," said Henderson. "Nobody knew who had won for about 30 minutes. It was that close."

Two Mustang runners were named All-Americans. Tim Campbell, who came in 10th, and Jim Sorenson, who placed 17th, led the Mustangs to the finish line.

"Our two top runners moved about the front this week after an absence at the West Region meet," said Henderson. "Tim Campbell had an outstanding race, and Jim Sorenson ran much better and still is a bit too far back."

He went on to say that the strength of Cal Poly's top six finishers saved the Mustangs from falling further back in the standings.

"We had the slowest first and second men of any team in the top five," said Henderson. "But we had the fastest fifth and sixth men of any team. And our fourth man was faster than all other number four men except South Dakota State's."

"We didn't have enough up front. Better than we ever have — but still quite enough."

Freshmen runners Matt and Scott Hempel turned in their best performances of the year. Scott Hempel was the third Poly runner to cross the line, and was also the third freshmen finisher in the meet.

"Scott has the tools to be one of the best runners ever for Cal Poly," said Henderson.

Steve Neubauer was the fourth Mustang to finish. He was immediately followed by Mike Parrot. Matt Hempel came in 49th overall in the race and was the sixth Mustang finisher.

"Another impressive aspect about the race was the strong showing of the teams from the Western Region. Six of the top eight teams in the race came from the West, and four of the top five were from the CCAA."

"Winning the NCAA title may not have seemed too impossible at the time, but realize that four of the top six teams in the nation outside from the CCAA," said Henderson. "Also, 10 of the top 28 individual finishers are from the CCAA."

Poly rugby team runs rampant over Loyola Marymount
By Scott Green
Special to the Daily

Saturday afternoon, the Cal Poly rugby squad destroyed the Loyola Marymount Lions in two games. The Mustangs figured to be the target of revenge this year after thrashing Loyola 46-0 a year ago. But it was not to be. Cal Poly beat the Lions twice, by scores of 75-0 and 30-0.

In the first match of the day, the Mustangs scored a little in lightening up the scoreboard. Taking the opening kickoff at midfield, the Cal Poly ruggers executed several basic plays to perfection, scoring their first try in just under two minutes when winger Robert Roos outpaced the Loyola defenders to the try zone. From there on, "it was all academic," said Mustang head coach Ian Mallard. For the remainder of the game, Cal Poly scored at will. Roos accounted for four of Cal Poly's tries and center Roark Schultz scored on three occasions, including a 47-yard jaunt. Ian Hunter converted each of 11 kicks, accounting for 18 points. Flasker Dave Svetich was honored as the game's most valuable player.

For the second match, the crowd fell completely silent as Van Soest and Barker stood over the ball. Barker ran over the ball and Van Soest, the CCWSC's most valuable player this season, followed with a bending shot along the right side of UCLA's defensive wall. The right post made a "ping" sound as the ball hit it and the ripple of the crowd to its feet as Bruin goalkeeper Amy Palmer was left to retrieve the ball from the back of the net.

"We'd practiced (penalties) maybe a week ago," said Del Rosario. Both he and Head Coach Keith Coleman were "pulling our hairs out" during the kicks, Del Rosario added.

The Mustangs dug a hole for themselves most teams would have had difficulty climbing out of. After Kirsten Pinnell converted on the Bruins first kick, Palmendoe to her right and saved Huggins' attempt. Bruins' Krula Prins and Yvette Lopez and Mustangs Van Soest and McCauley easily the best players on the field Sunday, all converted.

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The conference, held at San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department, California Poly Public Safety and the Department of Parks and Recreation. "We really want to target college-age drivers," said Officer B.M. Silva, Jr., of the San Luis Obispo Police Department. "At this time of the year, a lot of students are celebrating the end of the finals and the start of the quarter break." Silva said a lot of students feel it is all right to drive home if they live a short distance away. "The obvious reply to that would be don't do it," he said. The program was started in 1976 by the Highway Patrol, mainly targets drunken driving during the holiday season, said Strieker. "We feel the program is good publicity," said Strieker. "It gets out the message to not drink and drive and it can provide the media with information." An agency recently added to the "devils" is the Department of Parks and Recreation. "We arrest people for drunken driving on the beach or driving home from the beach drunk," said Ranger Yamashita. "People don't realize that driving drunk on the beach is just as dangerous as driving drunk on Highway 101."
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