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 Heather 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, Brian J. Barbieri, that denied he ever sexually harassed Fay. "... Attala denies, generally and specifically, ever being ac-

"The university's definition of sexual harassment is so broad that it could preclude, basically, any form of person-to-person ac-

dademic relations between a pro-

fessor and his students," it said.

The definition — included in the university's policy — states that sexual harassment is "conduct 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 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.

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 have a monopoly. From Hiroshima and Nagasaki to the present, all of the actual explosive mechanisms of weapons 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 all its dependence on the 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-time exigencies — running an institution concerned with programs of research, defense related internal debate and shaping government policy.

The UC Regents are not in a position to reflect 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 university.

The weapons labs thrive on massive defense programs, an addition that has driven lab leadership into the lure of the Big Lie. Scandals in the past year have rocked Lawrence Livermore. Former assistant director Roy Woodruff admitted after leaving Livermore that the labs had consistently exaggerated the potential of ex-president Ronald Reagan's enormously expensive Strategic Defense Initiative.

Livermore physicians Hugh Dewis notes the weapons labs go beyond merely supplying the needs of American defense but instead actively contributes to the arms race by promoting and selling new types of nuclear weapons and also do everything possible to obstruct the attainment of sensibly 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 wondrous pause, or not?

Sectory and a lack of internal debate have allowed lab policy to be manipulated to suit the ambitions of fund-hungry scientists and populism politicians. This attitude has been allowed to continue by a laissez-faire UC.

It is time to rethink the weapons labs. The vast majority of scientists work on non-weapons projects. With thousands of warheads already lying at the ready and environmental problems clearly looming on the one threat, our focus must change. Perhaps weapons labs should be converted into scientific research centers, focusing on constructive issues such as safe nuclear waste disposal. In the labs remain weapons, UC must cut its ties and let the military build its own bombs.

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Opinion

Tradition lost on holiday meals

By Robert Grove

Night on Streets insults homeless

Editor — Let me see if I understand the purpose behind the "Night on the Streets" as described in the Nov. 17 article "Cal Poly students join in tonight on the streets of SLO". Both Nester and her friends were to meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday night with warm clothes, sleeping bags, and 
$1.25 — and probably a stomachache from stuffing their faces before hand — to pair up and spend a night on the streets of frightful San Luis Obispo.

If you got cold or decided they weren't having any fun, oldu, others were scheduled to come and take them home. And if they survived that they were rewarded. In 1990 "Night on the Streets" is a Thanksgiving feast, with showers and soft beds.

Nester claimed that participating in the event is a great way to learn about homelessness. I'm sure from this escapade they learned it's a lot to lug for food money, to have dirty and matted hair, to suffer the humiliation of having other people consider you so repulsive they go out of their way to avoid you. I'm sure these people also felt for food, for water, for people to help make your Christmas shopping easier. That is a superficial gesture contrived to ensure that family tables across the United States will be missing loved ones because they have to work.

Growing up with a father who was an air traffic controller, I understand the pride in what he had to have to show. The same would go for police officers, fire fighters and others, however, he questions is why would restaurant employees put into this category?

If you belonged to yourselves, "We don't go out, and I don't know anybody who does," well, for most restaurants Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year. In fact, at the restaurant where I work, not open because they have big crowds and want to make your day great. They are open because a lot of people come in, and with that comes a large pro-

It is time to close restaurants on holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sorry to those who would much rather go out, but people who work there would much rather be some place else. A restaurant is not a necessity like a police office, so why have it open?

It is not just restaurants either. We are only a few weeks away from the commercials advertising department stores that will be open until 11 p.m. to help make your Christmas shopping easier. That is probably great for everyone — except those who have to work.

And if you do go out to eat for the upcoming holiday, however, remember to treat your server with the same respect you would a stranger. They're doing the best they can to give you a happy Thanksgiving.

Letters to the Editor

Night on Streets insults homeless

Editor — I would like to respond to a few points from the Nov. 17 article ("Great student to see Nov. 17 article ["Great student to see Nen 17 article — on the streets"] involving professor Emile Atala who is a Christian from Egypt.

As a Muslim American citizen from Egypt who has many dear Egyptian Christian and Muslim friends, I find it quite contrary to the culture and religion of these Egyptians that they enhance their marriages with weekend partnerships as quoted in your article.

Egyptians have a very high moral standard that prevents them from even considering cheating on their partners. As is probably known to all, this country (Egypt) is about 95 percent Muslim, who enjoy precious commitment to their extramarital affairs.

If the student's claim is true, the whole situation is quite personal and has to do with personal beliefs and moral behavior. Not only with Christians, but also with Muslims. None of these Egyptian recognize extramarital affairs as related to the way to Egypt in their culture.

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Locals to gobble up Poly's turkeys

Poultry science students raise 100 birds for Thanksgiving

By Marni 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 Throth and Earle Polinsky, and are in such high demand that they sold out the day after they 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. "We could have handled 400 turkeys, but now we are raising 100 birds for Thanksgiving.

"This year we have handled 400 turkeys by the end of this year because we had 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. Shop-bought turkeys have often been frozen for months of years, and are not always frozen immediately after slaughter.

Cal Poly turkeys have no hock and are raised on straight wire, instead of on pens. The turkeys were donated this year by Lucky Farms, saving the enterprise student $1.25 per bird. Throth and Constantinou then raised the chicks for 16 weeks, providing grains and water daily until the turkeys were ready to process. The Student Union sold about $500 on the project, which Polinsky estimated incurred $20 to $300 of work.

Polinsky estimates a time when Cal Poly will raise and sell turkeys year-round to keep up with increasing consumer demand for poultry products. He said that the majority of turkey raised now is put into products such as turkey-on-the-go 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 turkey's high economic and nutritional value. "You haven't the fat — it's very low in cholesterol, low in unsaturated fats," he said. "And were the can you buy meat for $65 can 10 to 14 pounds?"

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 original turkey eaten by the pilgrims for Thanksgiving 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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The lawsuit is scheduled to be filed today in Superior Court. A press conference is scheduled for tomorrow at McKiernan's office.

McKiernan said the plaintiff, Jennifer Hartman, contacted him shortly after reading about a $1 million lawsuit filed Nov. 13 by graduate student Helyn Fay against Atalla and Cal Poly.

Atalla could not be reached for comment on the Hartman case. He declined to comment Monday on the Fay case; his attorney, however, released a statement in which he denied the allegations.

Efforts to reach Hartman were also unsuccessful and McKiernan did not know much about her academic career.

He did say, however, that some of the allegations by Hartman include profane language and sexual requests over a period of two years. Hartman was working on her master's thesis and Atalla was her adviser, McKiernan said.

He said in one alleged incident Atalla unhooked Hartman's bra and fondled her breasts.

Other allegations include:

• An incident in September when Atalla asked Hartman to share a hotel room with him as a conference in Toronto.

"She had her sister come along just to keep this guy away from her," McKiernan said.

• On another occasion Atalla asked if Hartman had worn no bra just for him.

It was not known at press time if Hartman filed a complaint with Cal Poly or if the university investigated it.

— Steve Harmon

BAILEY

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He sees other challenges as enrollment planning, education equity and orientation programs.

"We must do what we can to prepare students for the transition from high school to college," he said. "We need student programs which will improve retention and graduation rates."

Bailey declined to comment on how he plans to handle such employee relations problems as sexual harassment.

"I don't know enough about the problems to make a fair statement," he said.
ATTALA

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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, her attorney James McKiernan, also the lawyer for Fay, said in a prepared statement.

Hartman alleges that Attala made sexual advances toward her while he was her adviser. (See related story.) Last year, Cal Poly investigators concluded sexual harassment had occurred.

Fay, however, noted that 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 Peguero-Vila and his assistant Everardo Martinez. Both men are accused of sexual harassment by former financial aid adviser Wendy Reynoso and three other SAS employees.

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**Poly rugby team runs rampant over Loyola Marymount**

By Rob Green

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 late in the game to beat Loyola 12-0. In the second match, Cal Poly's top six runners turned in impressive performances, scoring three touchdowns and a field goal. The Mustangs beat Loyola 46-0.

**Mustangs take league title**

**Cal Poly wins tournament final after overtime, shootout**

By Adrian Hodgson

After the smoke cleared in the California Collegiate Women's Soccer Conference state tournament, the two best teams, Cal Poly and UCLA, battled for almost two hours Sunday before the champion was crowned.

And for the fourth straight second half, the Mustangs beat the Bruins in the final — this time by a score of 2-1, the game being decided on penalty kicks after the teams were deadlocked at 1-1 after overtime.

"They were outstanding," said Assistant Coach Carl Del Rosario of his team after its victory. "We were on cloud nine and climbing." The Mustangs started out very slowly; the Bruins controlled most of the play during the first half and scored after only 11 minutes. UCLA forward Sonya Munevar beat a defender on the right wing and crossed low into the Mustang penalty area, Midfielder Alicia Bullock met the cross at the far post, calmly slipping the ball past goalkeeper Eden Van Ballocojen for a 1-0 lead.

The Mustangs began to apply more pressure late in the first half thanks to hard-working midfielders Erin McGinnis, Joanne Huggins, Alyce Storjohann, Beth Barker, Megan Harding and striker Janet Van Soest.

The pressure paid off 12 minutes into the second half when Poly was awarded a free kick about 25 yards from the Bruin goal. For the first time in the game, the crowd fell completely silent as Van Soest and Barker stood over the ball. Barker ran over the ball and Van Soest, the CCAA's most valuable player this season, followed with a bending shot just to the right side of UCLA's defensive wall. The ball hit the right side of the net and the crowd to its feet as Bruin goalkeeper Amy Palmer was left to retrieve the ball from the back of the net.

Del Rosario said he knew the Mustangs were going to win after they scored because they had the edge in the midfield.

But both defenses remained strong through both 10-minute overtimes. Sweeper Shawna Burroughs led the Mustang defensive line, while back reserve Lisa Vanderburg led the Bruins. Both teams appeared drained after play ended, and both knew that the championship was now hinged on the best-of-five penalty kick shootout.

"We practiced (penalties) maybe two times all year," Del Rosario said. 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, Palmendore to her right and saved Huggins' attempt. Bruin Khala Frenz and Yvette Lopez and Mustangs Van Soest and McGinnis, easily the best players on the field Sunday, all converted.

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This put the score at 3-2 UCLA after three of the five rotations. However, Musnev shot a foot over the crossbar before Burroughs converted to tie the score at 3-3 with one rotation left.

Vanderberg stepped up to take the kick, but Van Ballecooijen was equal to the task, and standing her ground, saved the shot. And when sophomore defender Tannsey Van Opdorp firmly nailed her shot into the bottom left-hand corner of the goal, the Mustangs clinched the title, and ended their 16-3-1 season on a high note.

The Mustangs celebrated as the Bruins packed their bags for the trip home. A visibly disappointed UCLA Head Coach Paul Tamasy said he believed the Bruins are the better team, pointing to the fact they won the CCWSC league title last week.

Third place in the tournament went to Fresno State who beat UC Riverside 1-0 Sunday afternoon. Loyola Marymount beat CSU Northridge 4-2 in the 5th-place game.

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**RUGBY**

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Cal Poly's second team took up where the first team left off, beating Loyola 30-0. Lead by the outstanding forward play of Alan Zamboanga and Scott Svenson, the Mustangs controlled the game from beginning to end.

Steve Davies and Steve Mopre directed the backs with skill, enabling the Cal Poly backs to score five tries. This game was highlighted by a 99-yard scoring run by winger Tony Curatolo.
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 lots of students feel it is all right to drive home if they live a short distance away. "The obvious reply to that would not be don't do it," he said.

The SLO Highway Patrol, said it is all right to drive home if you live from the beach drunk," said Range Yamasaki. "People don't realize that driving drunk on the beach is just as dangerous as driving drunk on Highway 101."

"We feel the program is good publicity," said Strickr. "It gets out the messages to not drink and drive and it can provide the media with information."

An agency recently added to the "devise" 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 Yamasaki. "People don't realize that driving drunk on the beach is just as dangerous as driving drunk on Highway 101."

"We really want to target college-aged 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."

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