Protesters picket local fur store

Cruelely, inhumane treatment cited by animal activists

By Brandon K. Eagle

On a warm day in San Luis Obispo, it seems unlikely that one would think about a fur coat. But for some, the idea of wearing a fur coat is what some people were thinking on Saturday as they protesed against animal for their fur.

The protest, sponsored by Animal Emancipaiton and Action for Animal Rights (AFAR), was designed to peacefully deliver information on a crowded Higuera Street. The protest began at 12:30 p.m. in front of Mr. Michael’s Furs and was followed by a march to Madonna Plaza.

First and foremost is “the animal cruelty issue,” said Denise Ford, protest organizer for Animal Emancipation. “Thirty-four million animals each year are trapped in steel jaw-leg hold traps. Many of these animals are exported to ease our conscience.”

Instead of easing our conscience, animal activists hope the sale of fur will kill as fur retailers could find it difficult to move their merchandise.

But, according to Tom Riley, vice president of the Fur Information Council of America (FICA), fur sales have not declined in the past years. “Sales held at a record $1.8 billion during the past two years, despite two very mild winters,” says Riley. “Animal activists have had no impact on business to date.”

Michael Winetraub, owner of Mr. Michael’s Furs, said that this protest and others of its kind have not hurt his business and that nationwide sales have increased 300 percent in the past 10 years.

“The government monitors our industry totally and it’s against the law to be violent toward animals,” said Winetraub.

The activists are concerned about the treatment of fur-bearing animals in fur farms. A flyer, passed out by the protesters entitled “Fur ... The Look • That Kills,” argues that the animals are cruelly treated by crowded living conditions that cause them to become claustrophobic. These crowded conditions drive the animals to self-mutilation and cannibalism.

In the latest development of the reappointment issue, the School of Liberal Arts Council, feeling the process was “not democratic or fair,” denied reappointment last Tuesday to ASI director Nancy McCormick. Although an exact vote count was unavailable, Ellen Sanders, chairman of ASI’s Board of Directors, said Sunday that the council was one vote shy of the two-thirds majority needed to approve the reappointment.

“It was close. There was a lot of discussion and the most vocal persons were the ones against reappointment,” said Marie Byrne, chairman of the Liberal Arts Council.

“The main sentiment was that they didn’t feel the council is an elite body that knows more than the average student,” she said. “They thought the people have as much right to choose the directors as the council does. They don’t want to shut out anybody.”

Last year, when the student body voted for a change in the structure of student representation from one of a government to one of a corporation, they also voted for a provision that gave directors the option to run for a second term by applying for reappointment with their school councils.

Last week ASI announced that five directors had been reappointed by the school councils, two from the School of Engineering and one each from the schools of Agriculture, Sciences and Mathematics, and Professional Studies and Education.

Byrne was quick to add that the vote in no way was based on McCormick’s record as a director. “She is one of the best directors — it’s just that it isn’t a very fair process,” she said. “She can still run in the general election, and I hope she does. If she

Good animal husbandry along with humane farm management practices have been developed by North American farmers. The 3,700 mink and fox farms in North America are responsible for more than $230 million in sales; that translates to nearly 6 million fur animals.

To these farmers, a healthy profit is their only goal. For this reason, you will not find on their farms or in their homes the type of sadistic conditions that many animal activists are seeking to end.

For some of the protestors it’s more than just a furry issue. Ford bough that each food used to feed the animals in a fur farm would be of better use in the fight against world hunger. “It takes 3.3 tons of food (for minks) to produce a single mink coat.”

Other protestors voiced different opinions. “But, aside from the animal cruelty, which is something in and of itself to be protestied, there is an environmental imbalance,” said See SIC, page 3
Editorial

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Equal rights not just for non-white

Editor — I felt uneasy when I read Philip Petit's remarks concerning affirmative action and race quotas in the Feb. 16 edition of Mustang Daily ("Reverse discrimination: a political term, prof says"). Most whites are very sensitive because they feel their rights have been infringed by affirmative action programs. The same is true for the U.S. Constitution states no person shall be denied equal protection of the law. To hire or to give preference to someone simply because of one's race seems to violate it in every aspect.

What about Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964? Does that only apply to non-whites? What Petit seems to be saying is that it does. The U.S. Supreme Court, however, in Regents of the University of California vs. Bakke, decided otherwise.

Petit also states there is nothing wrong with assessing a learning ability experience as well. But we're confident most candidates already know how well they learn. The problem comes in writing agendas, delivering speeches and campaigning on a person-to-person basis.

The 14th Amendment would discourage less financially fortunate students from running for office. It seems perfectly reasonable that a candidate would be able to buy their way into office by outspending their competitors.

We think the true motive of the Elections Committee is a self-serving one. It is different because full marks on values borrowed or donated during campaigning. So, instead of remedying this problem, the committee has decided to abandon the system altogether.

But this is not an acceptable solution. Determining values of candidates is part of the Elections Committee's job and members should not shirk their duty. If the committee needs assistance, it should look for it.

Letters to the Editor

Poly sports need unbiased media

Editor — Tanya Ziegler's letter (Feb. 22) brought up many good points concerning the bias of Cal Poly's athletic department. Yes, the teams with the least funding are performing the best, but nothing is going to change until there is an athletic director who cares for more than football, basketball and baseball.

I ask swimming and soccer: When was the last time you saw Ken Walker at one of your matches? I attended the national championships the gymnastics team hosted last year, but it apparently was not important enough for Cal Poly's own athletic director to attend.

Simon Nichol

Asian illustration called ' offensive'

Editor — Congratulations, Mustang Daily! You have ceased to be the keeper of tidy ideas! I read the cartoon accompanying the Feb. 22 Reporter's Notebook has finally put offensive material to another inept iner paper.

Though probably not meant to offend, the portrayal of an Asian — grotesquely back-mushed and slightly demonic — has more deeply impressed me than the image of the not-quite-human Asian on us.

We should be vigilant of the silences of pictures and not let them distort our perception of reality. If we are not careful, images such as the one that crept into Mustang Daily become reality; the people sitting beside us become caricatures.

At the very best, such transmutations of our racism remind us that a deep prejudice course along with our red American blood.

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""I'd also love to be a WOW counselor, a Poly Ambassador and remain involved with the Liberal Arts Council in some way,"" she said.

McCormick said another factor in her decision not to run was the lack of time she had to give to an election. ""I had to be realistic about the time I had to devote to a good campaign,"" she said. ""I'm extremely busy and have a lot of personal involvements with her church. Meanwhile, the debate on the ethics of reaffirmation continues. Wes Wells, president of the Political Science Club and a former ASI director, voted for McCormick's reaffirmation and defends the process. ""The school councils are the bodies represented through ASI,"" he said. ""The people who will always know what's going on is the council. They are in a better position to know who should represent them in ASI than the students. I'm not denying students should vote, but the council's in the best position to judge."

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sent a slide show about Rome in U.U. 220 at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.
At 7:30 Tuesday night, the Orchesis Dance Company will present an hour-long dance show.
On Wednesday at 11 a.m., philosophy professor Tal Scriver presented a discussion entitled "Why We're Not Here — What Education is Not About" in U.U. 220.
Scriver said that people come up with different cliches when asked why they go to school, such as "to learn job skills".
"That's not what the university is about," he said.
Scriver said that students do not always question the content of what they learn. His speech includes a discussion about the values of integrating a study of the arts, humanities and social sciences in education.
On Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon, about 15 liberal arts clubs will be on display as the band "Three's a Crowd" performs in the U.U. Plaza.

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predators, disease, starvation, freezing or malnutrition. The International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is working with the fur industry to develop improved harvesting techniques.

"There are guidelines for the care, handling and management of animals established by the Society of Animal Science, the Animal Welfare Act and the United States Department of Agriculture," said Dale Smith, a veterinary professor in Cal Poly's animal science department.
There are courses at Cal Poly that deal with issues of animal activists and are designed to deal with these issues in a rational way.

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Gymnastics

Mustangs take 2nd behind Division I Stanford

By Patty Hayes

The Cal Poly women's gymnastics team broke the school record for highest point total and placed second to Stanford University at the Cal Poly Invitational Saturday night in Mont Gym.

The Mustangs chalked up 185.6 points to break the previous record of 184.9, which was set last year at the Division II National Championships.

The score was also the highest of any Division II team this season, according to head coach Tim Rivera.

"It's awesome ... great," Rivera said of the new record. "It's the toughest one (meet) we've had here (at Cal Poly).

The tough competition included the Division I Stanford team, which won the meet with a score of 186.8. Seattle Pacific University placed third with 183.7, Texas Women's University followed with 180.2, San Jose State took fifth with 179.3 points and UC Santa Barbara had 177.65 points.

Going into the meet, Texas Women's University and Seattle Pacific were the top two teams in Division II.

In all-around competition, senior Kim Wells was the top Cal Poly competitor, placing third with a personal best of 37.3 points. Wells also placed third in the floor exercise with a season-high 9.45 and had excellent performances on the balance beam and vault.

Wells was surprised that "it all happened in one night." She said she hopes to do as well at nationals this April in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"It helps a lot when we're at home," Wells said. A large crowd was on hand for the 7 p.m. meet.

Placing first and second in all-around competition were Stanford's Dina Amoroso (38.05) and Erin McCann (37.35).

Cal Poly's Mimi Phene, who placed third in the all-around at last year's nationals, did not compete due to an arm injury.

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Women's tennis

Mustangs get 5-4 win

By Glenn Horn

You know you're in good shape when your opponent throws her racket in disgust.

And that is exactly what Cal Poly Pomona's O'mara Heron did Saturday on the Mustang's home court, when Debbie Marano fired a passing shot by her to win the third set tie-breaker and even the match at home court, when Debbie Marano fired a passing shot by her to win the third set tie-breaker and even the match at home court, when Debbie Marano fired a passing shot by her to win the third set tie-breaker and even the match at home court, when Debbie Marano fired a passing shot by her to win the third set tie-breaker and even the match at home court, when Debbie Marano fired a passing shot by her to win the third set tie-breaker and even the match at home court, when Debbie Marano fired a passing shot by her to win the third set tie-breaker and even the match at home court, when Debbie Marano fired a passing shot by her to win the third set tie-breaker and even the match at home court, when Debbie Marano fired a passing shot by her to win the third set tie-breaker and even the match at home court, when Debbie Marano fired a passing shot by her to win the third set tie-breaker and even the match.

From then on the Mustangs turned on the heat and won two of three doubles matches to squeak out a 5-4 victory.

"It helps me to know that people are behind me," Debbie said of the crowd focused on her match. "It psyches me up more."

"It's going to be a tighter conference," Coach Marla Reid said. "I thought Cal State L.A. would be tougher than Pomona," but the Broncos surprised L.A. 6-3.

Pomona may have surprised the Mustangs as well by making it close throughout the contest,See WOMEN, page 6

Poly defeats Pomona by 7-2 score

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energetic Bronco squad. No. 3 Green/Allison Lean quickly dusted Breeden/Julie Flattery 6-2, 6-3 and could only sit and cheer on their teammates, hoping that at least one other pair could win.

It wasn't easy, but No. 1 Vicki Kanter/Cindy Neilson finally clinched the match by outlasting Diane Ewing/Heron 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

Kanter and Neilson maintained their game faces and hardly broke a smile until the end of the third set, when both hit several key smashes to deflate Pomona's hope for an upset.

"Can you breathe?" Kanter jokingly asked her exhausted partner after the win. For Neilson, a freshman, the match was her most important one yet.

"I didn't think we were going to win," Neilson said. It was already a foregone conclusion when No. 2 Tracy Matano/Debbie Matano lost their doubles match 4-6, 7-6, 6-1.

"It never was a big deal to beat them (Pomona) until now."

"It was a grueling weekend when they blanked us 9-0 at home," Green said. Despite losing, Pomona has made its mark on the rest of the conference and will force schools to re-evaluate their standing.

The Mustangs were warmed up for Pomona after Friday when they blanked CSU Sacramento 9-0 at home.

The team is looking forward to a grueling weekend when they will battle three CSL forces from Northridge, Los Angeles, and Long Beach. The Mustangs' record now stands at 4-1 overall. The win over Pomona makes them 1-0 in conference.

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9.4 in the floor exercise.

The Mustangs' performance was not flawless, however.

"We had a few falls, and we still have little things we can improve on," Travis and teammate Amy Reardon agreed.

"Hopefully we'll peak at nationals."

Coach Rivera hopes for the same, and said he originally had three goals for the season. Two remain to be fulfilled.

"One was to beat the record, one is to be the champs at nationals and the third is to finish among the top 20 Division I schools," Rivera said.

Cal Poly's next meet is Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Mott Gym.

At the co-ed meet, the women's team will face Boise State University and Sacramento State, while the men's club team will face Sacramento State.
Naess leads basketball team into CCAA postseason play

By Jay Garner

The men's basketball team won two games in Southern California last week, and are gearing up for a spot in the CCAA postseason tournament.

Cal Poly closed out the regular season with a 79-70 win over Cal State Chico on Feb. 10. The Mustangs have held opponents to under 45 percent shooting in 10 of the last 12 halves, he said.

"Reed said the Mustangs' victory over Riverside ... " Reed said.

The Mustangs won 68-61 over Cal State Los Angeles on Feb. 10. "It was one of those nights," said Mustang guard Shawn Reed. "From the very beginning of the game we knew we (Naess) was on fire. He had a great game tonight.

On Saturday night, the Mustangs beat CSU Los Angeles 86-68. "There was a furious crowd downtown," Reed said. "It was a big win." Stu Edmunds led the Mustangs with 20 points, and Kurt Covlin had eight rebounds.

Beason said one of the keys to the Mustangs’ six-game winning streak is to hold opponents to under 45 percent shooting. "We have allowed teams to shoot better than that," Beason said. "We have to improve our defense for the postseason.

The Mustangs are the No. 2 seed in the CCAA tournament, and will face the third-seeded team on Thursday. The Mustangs won the regular season meeting 96-69.

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Platt was incensed at the way his team behaved on the court. "We are...one of the top teams in the country," he said. "But we didn't look like it today."

"I was very disappointed in the way the guys handled themselves today...shooting their rackets to the ground and cursing. When things weren't going their way they couldn't handle it."

"It just got tiresome. It's not fun to watch. The few people we get out here to watch matches — and the guys act like this."

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