Council puts gay rights proposal in the closet

By Dan Shargel
Staff Writer

The final words of the Pledge of Allegiance were thunderous Tuesday night, as hundreds of supporters for a proposed anti-discrimination ordinance lined up to encourage the council to pass the ordinance with a majority vote.

Mayor Ron Dunin and Councilmembers Jerry Reiss and Peg Pinard voted to not take action on the proposed ordinance. Dunin's vote was the deciding vote.

After more than five hours and 132 public speakers, the council voted 3-2 to not take any action on the proposed ordinance.

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Councilmember Penny Rappa voted against not taking action on the proposed ordinance. She disagreed with Reiss, Mayor Ron Dunin and at least four speakers when she said that an anti-discrimination ordinance should be enacted at the local level.

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Booster loans $40,000

Foundation loans money to pay for new fund-raisers

By Katherine Gill
Staff Writer

Cal Poly Foundation loaned the Mustang Boosters $40,000 last December to support its latest fund-raising campaign and to carry out a complete fund-raising campaign.

The Mustang Boosters is a group of private citizens, not subsidized by the state, which carries our major fund drives to collect money to contribute to college scholarships.

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The Mustang Boosters' commitment to the university is to raise $1,000,000 yearly for athletic scholarships, said Assistant Athletic Director Marilyn McCaw.

"If the case arises that the boosters cannot pay back the debt, a previously established trust fund which exceeds the debt will cover the loan," McCaw said.

Jim Sanderson, director of Mustang Boosters, said the loan was needed due to a lack of money caused by the cancellation of last fall's fund-raising campaign.

Sandelson said the full statewide campaign drive was canceled because of the controversial NCAA athletic referendum vote that was being held.

The publicity surrounding the vote made it impossible to collect donations, he said.

"We didn't know if the referendum was going to pass," Sanderson said. "People weren't going to give money to sports when nobody knew if there was still going to be any sports.

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By Ann Garrett
Staff Writer

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87 die, hundreds are stuck in mine disaster
ZONGULDAK, Turkey (AP) — Rescue workers tried Wednesday to reach nearly 300 miners trapped deep in a coal mine after an explosion and fire one-third of a mile below the surface killed at least 87 of their fellow workers.

Crying relatives crowded the mine entrance as the dead and injured were pulled out.

A nearby state hospital quickly filled with 87 injured miners, many of them in serious condition. When the hospital morgue filled, a mother fioor was used to hold charred bodies.

Routine exam may cut colon cancer fatalities
BOSTON (AP) — Doctors could lower the death rate from colon and rectal cancer by 30 percent if they checked all older Americans once every 10 years with widely available viewing scopes, a study concludes.

Many health organizations already recommend routine use of this exam, known as sigmoidoscopy. However, some experts disagree, and the new research is the first carefully conducted study to show that it actually saves lives.

"We now have clear-cut evidence of a very substantial reduction in mortality risk associated with screening," said the study's director.

Jury acquits lawmen of federal charges
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Six lawmen from an elite narcotics squad were acquitted Wednesday of some cash-skimming charges, but jurors said they were hopelessly deadlocked on other federal charges.

U.S. District Judge Robert Takasugi, however, ordered the panel to resume deliberations on the undecided counts.

In a case that rocked the Sheriff's Department and further tarnished the Police Department, five sheriff's deputies and one police officer faced 27 counts. Charges included beating drug dealers and skimming cash seized in raids.

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CSU faces demand for administrator diversity

By Julie Pacheco
Staff Writer

As California's diverse population grows, the California State University system is dealing with demands for equal representation of minorities at all levels.

San Jose State is one university out of the 20 CSU campuses currently dealing with this issue. On March 16, university officials at San Jose State will announce the name of the new university president.

The trustees at San Jose narrowed the selection down to six finalists for president after a nationwide search was completed last week.

According to an article in the San Jose Mercury News, minorities make up half the student population at San Jose State. The main demand by students on this campus was to have minorities and women represented in the six finalists selected.

This demand was implemented by the CSU Board of Trustees.

"Of the six finalists at San Jose State there are three women — one of whom is an African-American," said Colleen Bentley-Adler, a public affairs officer for the CSU Chancellor's Office.

"The other three are men, one Asian-American, one Latino and a white," she said.

Two other state university campuses, Sonoma State and Cal State Northridge, are just beginning the selection process for a new president.

Dennis Armstrong, a representative for the CSU Chancellor's Office, said, "The Board of Trustees and other committees on campuses selecting a president weed through everyone. It's a nationwide search and no one is left out."

Bentley-Adler stressed the importance of creating a very diverse pool to choose from.

"Search committees made up of faculty, students, staff and the community help create this pool," she said. "We also work with search firms and these organizations know where to find minority candidates."

The Chancellor's Office is also working to help bring more minorities into upper management positions by creating new programs.

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"The purpose of this program is to increase the number of minorities in management positions throughout the CSU system," Bentley-Adler said.

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The boosters also have been hurt in the last year by increased costs and smaller donations. People are not giving as much because of the recession, he said. "The $100 bills are turning into $50 bills."

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The boosters also have been trying to save money. The boosters also left a staff position unfilled until the fiscal year is over.

"We're trying to be a little more careful about what we're doing," Sanderson said.

Sanderson said the boosters will ask for an extension on the $100,000 loan, which is due this month, if they cannot come up with the money to pay it back.

"We're going to give it our best effort," he said. "We've made our budget every year up to now."

Al Amaral, executive director of Cal Poly Foundation, said he did not find the four-month loan unusual.

"They need capital to fund their campaign until the money comes in," he said.

Cal Poly Foundation covers all of the Mustang Boosters' banking services, Amaral said. He said he expects the boosters to be able to pay back the loan by the end of the fiscal year. "It all depends on how their campaign goes," he said.

Sanderson added that with budget problems, private donations are the future for athletic funding. "In order for athletic scholarships to survive, we're going to have to go to the private sector for help," he said.

Paul Bubb, director of Athletic Development at Cal State Northridge, agreed.

Bubb said his group is doing a variety of things to raise money for athletics, including special project fund-raising.

"Times are tough for sports everywhere," he said.

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As of now, there are four male minority presidents and one female president out of the 20 CSU campuses.

African-American presidents are at Cal State LA and Cal State Fullerton, an Asian-American heads Cal Poly Pomona and a Latino is the president at Cal State Bakersfield. The one woman president of the whole CSU system heads Cal State Hayward.

According to numbers given by the Chancellor's Office, 27 percent of the employees in professional management are minorities and approximately 49 percent are women.

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City Council decision was unjust

The Issue: The San Luis Obispo City Council decision to take no action concerning a city anti-discrimination policy to protect the civil rights of homosexuals. It was a 4-3 decision made almost six hours into the meeting.

Council members Jerry Reis, Peg Pinard and Mayor Ron Dunin voted to take no action.

To flaw in logic is human. Sometimes one doesn’t have the time to think out every decision they make. Peg Pinard, in the City Council logic, however, transcends normal idiocy. This is supercilious idiocy — the type of higher-order of idiocy that is dubbed by the wise an entire community.

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Wishing the San Luis Obispo City Council, each member should be looked at individually:

Peg Pinard:

Peg Pinard said that an ordinance isn’t the solution to discrimination. “The law is not going to change human behavior.” The ordinance, if passed, would degenerate to go underground and become more insidious — more covert,” Pinard said.

Ron Dunin: According to Dunin, it is best to keep all the discrimination and prejudice out in the open where everyone can see it. This logic is idiotic.

Unfortunately, there are underground negative attitudes toward African-Americans in our society. With Pinard’s reasoning, we should bring back slavery because the laws that outlaw it don’t change human perception and behavior toward those who lack backing in our society.

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Just like Wilson, Pinard, Dunin and Reiss bowed to the pressure of a group of ignorant people who make a lot of noise and hope to have a lot of political power.

There were 76 people at the meeting speaking out in favor of anti-discrimination legislation and 96 against it.

A key quality of American government is the separation of church and state. The council did not recognize this. A great majority of the anti-legislation response came from the religious right. Their reasoning was filled with ignorance about AIDS and the homosexual population.

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So three of our city representatives bowed to the pressure and came up with a “decision” to go underground.

Perhaps someday justice will be served. Perhaps Reiss, Pinard and Dunin have come to realize that it is best to keep all the discrimination and prejudice out in the open where everyone can see it. This logic is idiotic.

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Getting gigs in the SLO scene

Opinions differ over condition of local live music

By Katherine Gill
Staff Writer

The local live music scene has seen a change of faces in the last year. DK's West Indies Bar closed, as did Crest Pizza and temporarily, Sebastian's. Loco Ranchero and Taos Cantina have taken their places.

Whether or not this change has been for the better depends on who is asked — those who work at the clubs, or those who play there.

Jonno, bass player for local rock band Oedipus Rex, said he thinks the live music scene in San Luis Obispo has been in a steady decline for the past few years.

Jonno said the loss of DK's, Sebastian's and Crest has greatly hurt young bands. DK's had an amateur night that was all they had to pick and choose between bands," he said. "Some clubs want a demo tape before they'll even consider letting you play SLO Brew type places," he said.

"They allowed bands who played music that wasn't the right style in SLO Brew-type places," he said.

Jonno added that both Sebastian's and Crest were two of the only places offering 18-and-over shows. Those are the people who make up a lot of the local bands' followings, he said.

"Clubs should do 18-and-over shows," he said. "They are more profitable and popular because there's a large young college crowd out there."

Jonno said conservative club owners are another reason the live music scene has gotten worse for young bands.

"They're not willing to take chances on local bands who haven't made a big name for themselves yet," he said.

Rob Cantrell, bass player for Primordial Tribe, agreed that getting into the local clubs is hard for young bands.

"They (clubs) want to be able to pick and choose between bands," he said. "Some clubs want a demo tape before they'll even consider letting you play."

And that is a big problem for young bands with no money, Cantrell said.

"A lot of them can't afford to make a demo tape," he said. "They never get heard by anyone unless they get the chance at a party to play in a garage for two minutes before the cops come." Cantrell said it is hard for any band to survive just playing in San Luis Obispo, but it is worse for rock bands.

"There aren't many real successful rock bands in SLO," he said. "There are exceptions like Bike Nite, but they tour." Cantrell said harder-edged groups have to go to Santa Barbara or Los Angeles if they want to make it in the clubs.

Tim Crooks, saxophone player for Rhythm Akimbo, said surviving in the local live music scene is difficult even for bands that play danceable music if the band does not have a specific style to it.

Crooks said places like Loco Ranchero and SLO Brewing Co. are hard for local bands to get into because "they are trying to look big names." Crooks added that losing clubs that accepted 18-year-olds has hurt the music scene.

Eigheten and over is a good thing to have," he said. "There are a lot of people in SLO in that category." Crooks said the under-21 crowd at shows are not out to get "blasted." They "want to go out and appreciate the music."

Jonno added that the under-21 crowd will come out to hear a band play.

"When we played at Loco on an 18-and-over night, the place was packed," Crooks said. "The clubs that book bands however, have a different view of the music scene."

Chris Pike, owner of Loco Ranchero, said he thinks the local live music scene has improved in the last year.

"We've brought in acts that they (the other clubs) weren't able to do before," he said.

Pike said he did not think the loss of DK's, Sebastian's and Crest had affected the local music scene too badly.

"I don't think it's really been handicapped," he said.

Pike said Loco Ranchero is now letting local bands play on Sunday nights, and the other clubs in town have helped pick up the slack as well.

Pat Johnson, music coordinator for SLO Brewing Co., said he thinks the live music scene in SLO is about the same as last year.

Johnson said 15 of the 40 bands he usually books for SLO Brew are local.

"It takes a while for them to get a big following," Johnson said. "They usually have to play here four or five times before they get a big crowd."

Johnson said he tries to book a bit of everything, but mostly rugged, punk or dance music.

"We're a social club," he said, "not a concert hall."

Local groups such as Rock Steady Posse and Rhythm Akimbo do well at SLO Brew, Johnson said. So do bands like the Sky Dogs, who play '60s- and '70s-style music.

Johnson said he tries to give the good local bands at least one date a month.

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Cry for Freedom' captures pain of Vietnamese people

Galerie exhibits powerful, 'humanistic' works

By Julia Greenberg
Staff Writer

"Cultural traditions such as the Mid-Autumn Festival are still celebrated inside the camps. However, the artist dreams of the day when he can celebrate the festival free from captivity."

That is how the caption reads under "Full Moon of the Mid-Autumn Festival in the Free Land," one of the many works of art produced by Vietnamese boat people imprisoned in Whibride Detention Center in Hong Kong.

The Vietnamese Students Association at Cal Poly is presenting "Boat People: A Cry for Freedom" Feb. 25 through March 15 at the U.U. Galerie.

The works were produced with what little art materials that could be found inside the camps — crayon, water color, acrylic and oil paints.

"The artists worked with very limited materials," said Tuan Nguyen, president of the Cal Poly chapter of the Vietnamese Students Association. "They express their hardships any way they can, even with toilet paper if necessary."

Nguyen hopes that the exhibit will enlighten the community to the plight of the Vietnamese boat people, as well as draw Vietnamese students on campus closer together.

"I was lucky enough to come over with my family in 1975," said Nguyen. "But there are other students who may not feel comfortable here yet."

Jeanne La Barbera, U.U. Galerie director, said the works of art and the experiences they depict create a powerful display.

"On a humanistic level, this is the most moving exhibit the Galerie has had," La Barbera said. "A lot of exhibits I can describe, but this one really speaks for itself."

"We were really impressed by the way the Vietnamese Students Association pulled together and put on this show."

The Vietnamese Students Association is coordinating with Project Ngoe, a humanistic group based in Irvine which strives to alleviate the plight of the Vietnamese boat people imprisoned in the Southeast Asian camps.

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Pianist, flutist visit Poly Theatre

Touring soloists provide diverse musical program

By Julia Greenberg
Staff Writer

Cal Poly Theatre-goers will have an opportunity to hear two special performers this week.

Korean pianist Seung-Un Ha will perform Saturday, March 7 at 8 p.m., and Native American flutist R. Carlos Nakai will perform Monday, March 9 at 8 p.m.

Seung-Un. Ha’s show will be the last in the Debuts Series. For her Cal Poly concert she will play each works as “Bocata in G minor,” BM-V 915 by J.S. Bach and “Ballade No. 1 in G minor,” Op. 23 by Chopin.

Ha began her piano studies at age 3 in her native Seoul, Korea, and gave her first public recital two years later.

When she was 10 years old, her family emigrated to the United States where she continued to win honors and awards, including first prize in the Young Musicians Foundation National Debut Competition in Washington, D.C.

Having graduated from the Peabody Conservatory and the prestigious Juilliard School, her teachers have included Leon Fleisher, Martin Canin and John Perry.

“Seung-Un has been receiving so much good press. It’s great to have this talent coming to Cal Poly,” said Peter Witt, Cal Poly Theatre manager.

The concert given by R. Carlos Nakai is a Cal Poly Arts Special Event. It will include traditional Native American acoustic melodies and amplified contemporary compositions on flute.

Nakai is an Arizona native of Navajo-Ute heritage.

He has been adapting the traditional melodies of the plains and woodland tribes to fit his own style.

“Nakai continually seeks new avenues of expression for the music of his culture and explores the expressive possibilities of the flute,” said Susan Taylor of Canyon Records. “His playing reflects the duality of honoring traditions and developing new musical expressions.”

Nakai, premiered in the recording “Spirit Horses,” a concerto composed by James DeMars for Native American flute and chamber orchestra.

He also has recorded several albums of solo flute music for Canyon, including “Changas,” “Journeys” and “Earth Spirit.”

Both Ha’s and Nakai’s appearances at Cal Poly are supported, in part, by The Inner Circle and Showbiz, Cal Poly Arts support groups, and the Art$alute Gala, an annual fundraising dinner and auction.

Tickets for each performance range from $6 to $10 and are available at the Theatre Ticket Office.
El Corral to parade Poly authors

By Kelli Harris
Staff Writer

"I expect to see old friends from other departments, share camaraderie, help El Corral to generate interest in Cal Poly authors and market the books," said John Steenham, professor of animal science and industry of El Corral Bookstore's "An Evening with Cal Poly Authors." Steenham will be one of 53 Cal Poly authors who will participate in Tuesday's free public event.

Nick Routh, event coordinator, said participating authors will gather to autograph their books. "We didn't expect to get as many authors as we have had confirm (53 out of 104 identified) that we have these authors on campus," he said. "Many other universities have events like this, so we thought, why not?" said Routh. "If the turnout is good and authors give us feedback, this may become an annual event."

The event, which runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m., is sponsored by the general books and textbooks departments in the El Corral Bookstore, and Kerry Roberts, general books manager.

The authors represent many different departments on campus, and both fiction and nonfiction books will be on display, said Steenham. "I decided to participate because he wanted to support the Foundation, which oversees El Corral. They have been helpful with funding the book I wrote on the history of Cal Poly's School of Agriculture," he said.

John Mendenhall, art and design professor and author of nine trade books, said the event was an excellent idea. "This will expose the academic community to the professional development of faculty," he said.

English professor Kevin Clark said, "It is important for the Cal Poly community to know the amount of work that goes on in other departments," and he hoped the event would become an annual occurrence.

"I am in favor of anything enhancing writing by Cal Poly's students and professors," he said.

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must be exempt from the anti-discrimina-
tion ordinance. Stephan Lamb, the associate director for housing at Cal Poly, spoke in support of the or-
dinance. "I don't think you have a choice, he told the council. "Your choice is to do the right thing, and the right thing to do is to pass the ordinance." Mary Reneau of Oceano said homosexuals choose their sexual orientation and that exempts them from a minority status. "

VIRUS

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taken to ensure the healthy con-
dition of hard disk. Virus Scan software, which will remove viruses from hard drives, is available at the com-
puter lab in Building 12-02.

Virus Scan is loaded onto a floppy system.

Students can take clean, uninfected boot-up disks to the lab for free. They can use the software and instructions on use.

New versions of the software are coming out on a regular basis as viruses are being created at a
rapid rate. People need to make sure they update the software, said Edson.

"There are only about 10 known viruses for the Macintosh, but there are up to 500 for the IBM," said Edson. "But like a contagious disease, viruses are increasing in number and more rapidly, he said. "There were about 800 four months ago," Edson said. "There are two main types of viruses. Boot-sector viruses, like Michelangelo, are the most com-
mon type, infecting computers when they are first booted up. The file virus is the next most common type. The file virus infects program files, such as Word Perfect or Lotus.

VIRUS Scan disks will soon be available at the El Corral Bookstore. There are about 1,200 computer viruses now known for the personal computer, Edson said. There are only about 10 known viruses for the Macintosh, he said. "It's a lot easier to write one for the PC." Nadel said computer viruses have a global reach. "If you hear about one in London or in Pakis-
tan, it is at Cal Poly — and Michelangelo is no exception."

Viruses are being released onto the microcomputer population to infect the machine in 20 or 40 new ones a month.

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The Better People Place:
Officials say boosters will rebound from debt

By Neil Pascale
Editorial Staff

A Cal Poly administrator believes the Mustang Boosters have bottomed out financially but will make a comeback now that the future of the athletic program is certain.

Other university officials blame the IRA athletic fee referendum and other measures potentially harmful to the athletics program for the lack of fund raising.

Still, others cite the lack of administration backing in the past for the boosters' economic troubles.

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Robert Koob, vice president for Academic Affairs, said Cal Poly's major universities are aware of the boosters' troubles.

"We recognize that they have a problem," Koob said. "They have hit bottom and they can only go upwards."

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However, Koob said if the booster's economic condition doesn't change and they are not able to meet their commitment to the university, he would consider "revamping the program."

The Mustang Boosters' commitment to the university is to raise $100,000 yearly for athletic scholarships, said Assistant Athletic Director Marilyn McNeil.

The boosters represent a sizable chunk in the total athletic scholarship money, which amounts to $450,000, McNeil said.

Koob said as long as the boosters meet their commitment, no matter if they have to go into debt or not, the current system will remain the same.

Officers of that organization have to decide to make that commitment or not, Koob said.

McNeil said she believes the IRA athletic referendum coupled with the Athletic Task Force crippled the boosters' efforts in the past two years.

She says the athletic department feels "positive" that the Mustang Boosters will bounce back.

Another fund-raising group, the Diamond Club, has not had the economic difficulties the Mustang Boosters have, said Robin Baggett, a member of the Diamond Club.

The Diamond Club, however, raises money solely for baseball and doesn't have salary expenses, like the boosters have.

Also, the Diamond Club's main fund raiser this year took place after the IRA referendum.

"In the booster's credit, it's difficult raising money in a situation where the administration is saying we're going to eliminate these sports ... which have the biggest boosters and biggest sources of revenue," Baggett said.

"But on the other side, I think it's really positive given the fact that the students stepped up and are willing to finance the programs and give it stability," he said.

"It seems like there's two other groups that have to step forward, one administration and the other is the boosters. And there's a recension now. (We're a) Division I program. The funding is there. There's no excuse."

Poly's tourney bid deflated by CCAA

By Geoff Seratti
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly men's basketball team was knocked out of the playoffs Tuesday afternoon, but not on the basketball court.

Cal Poly Athletic Director Ken Walker took part in a conference call Tuesday with other athletic directors of the California Collegiate Athletic Association to decide the fate of the Mustangs' season.

For the exception to be made by Cal Poly, the other athletic directors voted unanimously to deny Cal Poly's request for a coin flip against against the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos for the fourth-place spot in the CCAA Championship to the Broncos, said Cal Poly athletic business manager Bob Rawel.

Cal Poly Head Coach Steve Beason said, "I'm disappointed. I don't feel we were treated fairly."

Pomona, however, had a (9-0) record against San Bernardino. Pomona, however, had a (9-0) head-to-head record against San Bernardino.

Rawel said Cal Poly interpreted the head-to-head rule as the Mustangs should have a coin flip against Pomona for the last playoff spot, because the teams beat each other once.

He said the other athletic directors saw the rule differently, looking at the head-to-head competition between all three teams, and Pomona's (2-0) record against San Bernardino would give them the final playoff spot.

"I think it's head-to-head for us against Pomona," Beason said.

"It wasn't spelled out for a three-way tie in the rule book. They made a hasty decision and stuck by it."

Rawel said Walker had to push to meet with the other athletic directors and he was asking for a coin flip.

He said Cal Poly's only choice after the ruling was to take it to a judge to decide if there should be a coin flip, but "we decided it wasn't in the best interest of the university."
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