Baker looks at new job

Flying to Nebraska Wednesday for interview

By Maria V. Solyer
Daily Mustang Editor

Cal Poly President Warren Baker has been named as one of four finalists for the top university administrator job in Nebraska.

If chosen as president of the University of Nebraska, Baker would be the first-career university system's top administrator and would oversee chancellor offices from each of those campuses.

Baker confirmed Monday that he was notified of his status as a finalist and plans to travel to Nebraska on Wednesday to "explore" the university and the job.

Baker said he did not apply for the position, but was nominated. He was unsure who nominated him, but thought it happened through one of the higher education associations with which he is affiliated.

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Sweating it out

Local gyms find ways to cope with competition from new Rec Center; students say they like having a workout choice

By Erka Edler
Daily Staff Writer

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Princeton Review calls Poly dorms 'dungeons'

Recent student opinion poll ranks campus life an 'A' despite views on residence halls

By Tracy Ernst Calvin
Daily Mustang Staff Writer

Cal Poly may have dorm rooms resembling dungeons, but at least it rates an "A" for campus life.

This is the way Cal Poly was described in a book recently published by the Princeton Review.


In an anonymous survey conducted last spring, Poly students rated themselves in the top 20 in five of the 61 categories.

In one of those categories, however, students rated the dorm rooms 7th worst in the nation. They rated the students in their university the happiest of the 286 colleges surveyed.

Cal Poly was dubbed one of the most homogeneous student bodies — being primarily white — but rated "good" in race and class relations.

The survey also included a section of "What's Hot" and "What's Not.

Hot items on campus include conservative politics, helpful professors, location, the student newspaper and beer, the book's authors said.

What's not so hot? A homogeneous student body, lack of interaction by different ethnic groups and expensive cost of living ranked high on the list.

Responses were provided by more than 100 randomly selected Cal Poly students. They were asked to rate the campus on topics ranging from academics and admissions to quality of life.

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Today's weather: Mostly sunny; variable winds to 5 mph.

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- **Today**
  - **All Finance Committee meeting.**
  - **Women's Rights in Law, sponsored by Esjeo Student program.**
- **Upcoming**
  - **Sheff's Office annual Christmas Bicycle program — donation boxes.**
  - **San Luis Obispo Women's Forum, Feminist Attorneys.**
  - **League of Women Voters monthly informal meeting.**
  - **Sierra Club 25th-anniversary lakeside.**

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- **Telescopes Demystified, demonstration of various telescopes and accessories, 7:30 p.m.**
- **Sierra Club 7-mile hike at Tenaya Creek — 549-8525**
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- **Local writers Toni Wyrui and Carl Wooten read their work. Business 206, 7 p.m. — 541-6755**
- **Music, Audio Ecstasy and Photo Ad — Saturday / 544-8346**
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Renovations on Yosemite, Sierra Madre residence halls expected to be completed by Nov. 19

By Jennifer Morehouse

Residents of Yosemite Tower Seven are only one of three dorm roofs being replaced in the next three weeks, Associate Director of Facility Services Bob Pattee said. He said Yosemite Tower Three and Sierra Madre Tower Five are also scheduled to have their roofs replaced.

Pattee said the roofs on the Cal Poly dorms are routinely replaced every eight to 12 years. He said these particular roofs were starting to leak, but not enough to cause major problems.

Rex Wolf, the architect in charge of the project, said the new roof's one downfall is the noise involved in attaching it.

"The noise goes beyond annoyance," Wolf said, calling it "teeth jarring."

He said the project was original­ly planned for last summer, when no students would be bothered, but due to contract problems the project was postponed until the end of Oc­tober.

Wolf said he didn't want to wait until next summer to do the project because the renovation in Yosemite Tower Seven has gotten wet from minor leaks.

"Before construction started, I walked on one roof and water squished under my feet," he said.

Civil engineering freshman Amanda Johnson said although she was warned about the noise, she didn't know it would be as loud as it is.

"It is really hard," Johnson said. "They stand up there and drill all morning long. You can't sleep in or come back from class and sleep."

Aside from the noise in the morning, Sequiera said her routine is not disturbed. The project is a problem. Wolf said he didn't want to move the residents into Yosemite Tower Three yesterday.

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Wolf said the project, contracted out to Certified Roofing of Arroyo Grande, will cost $54,792 to complete. He said the Housing Department has their own funds to pay for the con­struction.

The re-roofing began Oct. 18 and is scheduled for completion Nov. 19.

RATING: Cal Poly student population is too homogeneous, but prof-student relations are OK

Cal Poly received a "B" in ease of admission. This section includes the percent of applicants accepted to test scores of applicants accepted. The book said it is "tough to get admitted."

Although the book rated Cal Poly high in this section some students considered it "unfair" despite an active Greek scene and the relative bounty of free time students enjoy.

Cal Poly has been included in three polls this quarter. An Inside Edge student magazine poll released last week rated Cal Poly 1406th out of the top 300 party schools. And a U.S. News and World Report survey in October rated the campus at 11 out of the top 15 schools in the Western United States.

Jeannie Kriz, a repre­sentative from the Princeton Review, said she has received a lot of feedback from other schools and called the survey "right on the money."

It doesn't affect her studying because she studies at night. "I had the idea of putting disposable foam earplugs in everyone's mail box," Wolf said. But he said no one took him seriously.

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The quality of campus life section is comprised of student and administration ratings of hours of study per day, student-teacher ratios, homework completed and standardized academic testing would be required.

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Proposition 173 — California Housing and Jobs Investment Bond Act

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Proposed parking restrictions rooted in anti-student sentiment

A proposal that would further restrict parking in the residential areas southeast of campus is being reworked by city staff members and will come before the City Council later this month. The proposal, formulated by residents and backed by the group Residents for Quality Neighborhoods (RQN), would restrict overnight parking in areas already designated permit-only during the day. While we sympathize with residents' need to have adequate parking near their homes, we are concerned by the apparent anti-student slant to this proposal and the means by which support for it has been gathered.

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Voting: A political responsibility

Today is election day in California. While today's election lacks the immediate relevance to students or national scope of last fall's elections, there are still issues up for decision that are important to our community.

I encourage students to participate in this election. Voting is a political responsibility to our community by turning out to the polls and voting.

LETTERS

MUSTANG DAILY

Authors debate safety of bikers on campus

Jennings issues a challenge

Believe it or not, I am not a cyclist bigot. I own a 21-speed mountain bike. It has brakes. I use them. I own a helmet. I wear it. Where there is a bike lane, I use it. I ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic. I give hand signals when I change lanes or change directions.

I don't use the pedestrian crosswalk at intersections. I don't ride on the sidewalk. I don't ride in "no bicycles" zones. I don't ride my bike after dark because I don't have lights.

I, too, dislike sharing the road with cars and trucks. Some of my best friends ride bicycles.

However, I am one of the few cyclists who are in a very small minority who observe the California Vehicle Codes and follow good common sense while riding a bicycle.

I am issuing a challenge: Meet me at the corner of South Perimeter Road and College Avenue at 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Bring $100 bills with you. For every bicyclist who runs the stop sign (slow-and-go's don't count), you give me a dollar. For every bicyclist who stops (slow-and-go's count if the cyclist looks both ways), I'll give you a dollar. At 5 p.m. I'll be money ahead.

For 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. I'll give you a dollar for every motorized vehicle that runs the stop sign. You give me a dollar for every non-motorized vehicle that stops (including slow-and-go's). At 6 p.m., I'll be way ahead.

In fact, I will only $100 that I'll have your $100. I also encourage students to talk to their ASI representatives about the rules that apply to cyclists.

David Arndt
Physics department

Public Safety head speaks out on bicycle access discussion

Recently letters to the editor regarding bicycle safety and facilities on campus suggest that there is a lack of either available information or effort on the part of some authors to seek information from the sources they criticize.

I am a member of the Facilities Planning department on a redesign of the Via Carta area. This redesign was initiated to improve bicycle access, pedestrian safety, and traffic problems that have begun to plague this campus.

We are also taking a look at Highland Drive to see if "regular" bike lanes could be established to mitigate the pedestrian/bicycle congestion near the railroad bridge and the traffic congestion at the Highway 101 intersection.

Unfortunately, there are no funds generated by bicyclists for improvements the way that the parking program generates funding from permit fees for parking improvements.

In the past, Public Safety has recommended that funds from parking citations (generated by people who choose to park illegally) be used to purchase and install bicycle-supporting facilities (racks, paths, painting of lanes, etc.). Unfortunately, there is a limited amount of money available and there are several other programs competing for the same funding (such as the "free" city buses).

I encourage students about bicycle safety and facilities to share their suggestions with Jacques Rossi, our new Commuter Services Coordinator. She is available at 756-6680. I also encourage students to talk to their ASI representatives and to join with the Cal Poly Wheelmen in their efforts to promote safety, facilities, and alternative transportation on our campus.

Most importantly, I encourage riders to set a good example of bicycle safety and consideration for others on the road — pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

John Rice
Director, Public Safety Services
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Phoenix told the dispatcher: "He's not having the seizures anymore. He's just passed out... He just looks like he's sleeping." Harrison Ford, who played Phoenix's father in "The Mosquito Coast" (1986) and was the adult Indiana Jones to Phoenix's younger character in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989), said he was "terribly sad." "He played my son once and I came to love him like a son, and was proud to watch him grow into a man of such talent and integrity and compassion," Ford said. "We will all miss him."

Phoenix was talented and willing to take risks in his acting, said Phil Alden Robinson, who directed him in last year's "Streakers." "There are two rivers flowing through him," he said. "One is the adventurous young man and the other is a very old-fashioned, gentlemanly, kind soul."

The actor's family, gathering in Los Angeles, said in a statement: "He was beautiful, generous, compassionate, vulnerable and love is a gift for all starry-eyed, talented kids."

"He passed in the midst of filming the movie "Dark Blood,"" a Fine Line Features film which was nearly complete. Also starring Judy Davis and Jonathan Pryce, "Dark Blood" began filming on Sept. 21 and had three brief stunt shots of shooting left, said unit publicist Mark Poitzschky. "It wasn't clear if the movie would be completed."

"Arrangements were incomplete. Instead of flowers, the family asked that contributions be made to Phoenix's favorite charities. Earth Save in Santa Cruz or Earth Trust in Malibu."
"Prices have gone up because of the season, she said. At one of the gyms she had been working for, she said that prices went up like rent and school." 

"But I prefer the weights at the Rec Center," said manager Terry O'Farrell. The Rec Center has better equipment. "It's not like you're working out in front of your peers," he said. "It's people you don't know who are using it." 

"The facilities at the Rec Center are always clean, she said. "And the two aerobics instructors I like at Cal Poly didn't have classes." 

"The center also offers racquetball courts and a weight room," said Harriman. "Two items many gyms can't offer." 

"People develop habits and they stick to those habits," he said. "People are going to other gyms because of things they're familiar with."

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Gender Equity has been written in the books for 20 years with little impact. Starting Wednesday, Mustang Daily staff writes about what Gender Equity means, who it affects and where it is going.

Check it out.

Series runs Wednesday, November 3 through Friday, November 5