WASHINGTON — Seizing the momentum on the eve of a House showdown, President Clinton won a rush of convert Tuesday for the North American Free Trade Agreement. Opponents accused the White House of doling out billions to line up support.

An Associated Press survey showed more than 200 House members were supporting the pact or likely to do so. Opponents' numbers were dwindling, and stood at roughly 200.

"Tomorrow, the Congress has simply got to vote for hope over fear, for the future over the past. They've got to vote for confidence in the ability of the American people to compete and win," Clinton told the nation's governors, summoned to the White House to provide evidence of widespread support for the treaty.

Mickey Kantor, the administration's trade representative, worked with Florida lawmakers over terms to shield the state's tomato growers from damage in the event Mexico violates export standards. Clinton met at the White House with Rep. Floyd Flake, D-N.Y., who emerged to announce his support. Flake said the president had pledged to support new Small Business Administration pilot programs to provide funds for urban areas. "It's my hope my district would be one of those," said Flake.

Rep. Mary Kaptur, D-Ohio, said the administration was serving up "pork" in the "basement of the White House."
TODAY’S WEATHER: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain in afternoon, 30 percent chance of rain tonight; light winds.

Expected high/low: 70 / 39 Tuesday's high/low: 70 / 36

15 school days remaining in fall quarter.

“Building Partnerships for Community Service and Learning,” 10 a.m., U.U. Bishop’s Lounge — 756-2476

ASI Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. — U.U. 220

“CENSORED,” by playwright Al Schnupp, general admission: $6.50, students $5.50; Cal Poly Theatre, 8 p.m. — Nov. 17-20

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1993

189 Pier St., Shell Beach; 7:30 p.m., Nov. 17

“A Different Shade of Black,” multimedia visual exhibition by Andrew Moise Peterson, author of “We Call Ourselves Black,” 10 a.m., U.U. Bishop’s Lounge — 756-2476

“Can Theories be Feminine or Masculine?,” CSU-Los Angeles philosophy professor Dr. Ann Garry, 3 p.m., U.U. 220 — Nov. 19

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THEFTS:

They’re the hot item in SLO — literally, 300% increase in thefts

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Garfield Street had their windows smashed and stereos taken. The same night, three other vehicles in the vicinity of Manila Street also had their stereos stolen.

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The entire section of town adjacent to Laguna Lake is a hot spot for curbside burglars as well, Nunez said.

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Police advising residents to lock their car doors and remove all valuables from their vehicles.

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Computer engineering senior Joe Strewe practices his French horn for the upcoming Bandfest ’93 to take place this Saturday in Chumash Auditorium at 8 p.m. Bandfest will feature all three of Cal Poly’s bands / Daily photo by Janet Jensen

Banding together

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Asian economies blossoming: next generation on horizon

HONG KONG — In almost every speech these days, Gov. Chris Patten eventually comes to a sentence that brings a faint, wry smile to his lips. "It's where he says Hong Kong’s per capita gross domestic product, equivalent to $17,000 a year, is surpassing that of Britain."

The symbolism of the colony outstripping the colonizer is the rise of East Asia in microcosm, an astonishing rags-to-riches story that is the envy of the recession-stricken West.

The economies of Asia’s "tigers" are expected to grow 6.4 percent this year, compared to 2.6 percent for the United States and a decline of 0.4 percent in the 12-nation European Community, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Even as one generation of tigers — Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea — comes of age, another is revving up: Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia. After them, say the optimists, will come Vietnam. Then, perhaps, Burma. And North Korea?

With so much vigor and productive energy waiting to burst forth, anything seems possible. After all, few imagined that, in 1993, the world’s fastest-growing economy would be in communist China.

Yesterday’s cheap-labor industrial nations are now flush with cash and technology, investing in the Asian success stories of tomorrow. All this is happening at a time of geopolitical flux. For the first time since World War II, there is no monolithic communist enemy to give Asians and Americans a sense of common purpose.

"Little more than a generation ago, Asia was as poor as any place on Earth," the Far Eastern Economic Review commented in October. "South Korea had just recovered from a devastating civil war. "Taiwan was not much more than the beleaguered outpost of a defeated government, while Hong Kong was overrun with refugees. Malaysia and Indonesia were on the brink of war. Thailand was preoccupied with communist aggression in neighboring Indochina, and Singapore gained an uneasy independence in 1965. Only Japan looked healthy."

What produced the miracle? Wise government and "people power," the Review concluded. Governments stayed out of the markets and let ordinary businesses apply their energy.

Some leading Asian economies also have begun posting slightly lower gains. This is due in part to the Japanese slowdown, measures taken by China to cool its annual growth rate from a runaway 12 percent, and rising labor costs that drive many industries from rich Asian countries to cheaper ones.

But none of that detracts from the miracle, the experts say. Japan was due for a shakeout and will be stronger for it, they predict. "A slowdown still means growth," said Schive Chi, an economist at National Taiwan University — maybe not the double digits of the 1980s, but 5 percent to 6 percent a year.

Today, the most successful Asian nations savor the fruits of their labor. Broad

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Women's burden: Darkness can be threatening

By Amy Hooper

A friend considers me paranoid when it comes to issues of safety and crime in San Luis Obispo, but any woman would be paranoid after living with my folks. My staged works as a police lieutenant in a city next to Los Angeles, and I helped out in the records division for a couple of summers. Combine his dinner stories about his job with my exposure to arrest and crime reports, and the world does not look quite as rosy as it used to be.

Stop debating bicycle safety, it's time for students to take action

As a Cal Poly student, bicyclist and auto driver, I have watched the recent debate between bicyclists and pedestrians involve a tremendous amount of circular reasoning. The article on bicycle safety in Monday's Daily announced that now: we all want the safest environment so that bikes, cars and people can peacefully coexist. As Public Safety head Joe Risser pointed out a new joint bicycle-pedestrian traffic was separated — simply because of those signs. The harmony of separated, safe traffic made my heart yell for joy as I saw no close calls like I have every other day so far this term.

An inspection of the signs revealed spray-paint-and-tape. 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Political pitfalls in many Asian relations

Associated Press

Some of Asia’s potential trouble spots:


Cambodia — Elections in May followed 13 years of civil war. Former enemies formed coalition government and Norodom Sihanouk enthroned as king, but Khmer Rouge forces continue attacking government troops.

China — Has increased military spending and conducted nuclear test in October. Denies expansionist aims and reports of illegal arms sales to Iran and Pakistan.

China-India — Prime ministers met in Beijing in September and announced “confidence-building measures,” including troop reductions in disputed border area where brief war was fought in 1962.

Hong Kong — British colony reverts to Chinese sovereignty in 1997. Britain and China quarreling over British proposals to broaden democracy before then.


Japan-Russia — Issue of Kurile Islands, seized by former Soviet Union near end of World War II, impedes normal relations and Japanese aid. President Boris Yeltsin made conciliatory gestures on visit to Japan in October.

Korea — Communist North and capitalist South technically at war. North Korea suspected of developing nuclear weapons.
**Three Asian economies try to cope**

Each nation has its own foibles and solutions

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**ASIA: New wave of countries seek economic diversity, power**

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Middle classes have emerged, demanding democracy, clean air and clean government. With McDonalds and Pizza Hut have come suburbs, golf courses, Michael Jackson concerts, Alpine ski holidays and the two-car, twocohld family.

Washington state and Boeing, builder of the jumbo jet that revolutionized trans-Pacific travel, the Pacific region will become their largest foreign market.

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This year, there is a simple way to make a difference during the holiday season for children who need it most. 

Mustang Daily invites our readers to join together to help make this Christmas a much brighter time for local children. Toys can be for children aged infant to mid-teens. We'll do the rest to make sure this Christmas is a brighter time for local children.

Bring donations of new toys to Mustang Daily's newsroom located in Graphic Arts 226. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 3.
Making no waves
Two novices make up Poly diving team

By Kristi Rompoldi
and Brad Hamilton
Daily Affid

Cal Poly funds a diving team, but it is not making a big splash on campus.

In fact, the team is one of the smallest Cal Poly has ever had. It's comprised of computer science freshman Josh Cohen and physical education junior Jennifer Oliveira.

The team has never experienced a situation where divers were overcrowding the diving boards at Mott Pool. Last year Cal Poly had five divers.

Despite the small team size, Cal Poly has had some divers who've done well in competition, according to swimming and diving coach Rich Firman. He said there have been a couple of league champions but never an All-American during his six-year stint.

He said Jill Swoboda was the best diver to ever go up in conversations among coaches at least once a year.

He said Josh Cohen was the best diver to ever make a splash in the sport. Cohen went off anything backwards. He said Ontario and Cohen have experienced their share of all-pointer's, but the two said they are committed to continue to serve as Cal Poly's sole representatives on the boards.

Firman said both divers are working on the fundamentals of diving, which includes board work.

"Any diver can spin and twist, but the toe work is what you look for," he said.

There are five categories of dives: forwards, backwards, twists, reverses and inwards. Cohen can throw dives in each category and is working on dives of greater difficulty.

Oliveira, in her sixth practice, has just about what she needs to compete in a dual meet. She needs to learn reverses.

In dual meets, divers need six dives. Firman said the divers' goal is to compete in the next event, the Speedo Cup Swimming Invitational at Long Beach State, Dec. 2-4.

Cohen said he started diving in early October and can already see a definite improvement.

Firman said Cohen knows the tricks of diving.

"He can throw dives that the best guy last year couldn't throw, but there is no finesse," Firman said.

"He has made a lot of progress."

The two divers have been able to improve quickly. The low number of participants allows Firman and volunteer assistant Dana Culley to devote a lot of one-on-one instruction to the pair.

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