Students falling victims in ‘absolutely guaranteed’ fraud

By Joy Nieman
Daily Staff Writer

Jake Garcia thought he was a winner.

The award letter notified the electronics engineering senior he had been selected to receive one of four prizes: a 1993 Saturn SL1 Sedan, a six-piece appliance package, vacation accommodations or a $1,000 cashier’s check.

The opening of Cal Poly’s Multicultural Center featured flashes of dance from around the world Thursday during U.U. Hour. Above, a traditional Chicano dancer swirls before a crowd of spectators. Below, civil engineering senior Alyson Adlman and electronic engineering senior Phil Eugenia step through a Filipino routine / Daily photos by Elaine Taylor

ASI struggling over quarter system bill

Resolution to show support for calendar tabled until next week

By Lisa M. Hansen
Daily Staff Writer

ASI representatives once again postponed a vote on a resolution in support of Cal Poly’s quarter system Wednesday night, although President Warren Baker wants to decide its fate by the end of this month.

Despite a 40-minute question-and-answer period with Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Koch, representatives said they needed more time to talk to their constituents.

“Hopefully the board will feel more informed,” said Josh Gooch, College of Agriculture representative. “We’ll probably pass the resolution next week. Hopefully we’ll be represented, because it is a decision that will affect everybody.”

ASI President Marquim Piro said the representatives are waiting for more information from Academic Senate, which will make the final recommendation to Baker.

“The only reason why they postponed the decision was that they wanted to wait and make sure their decision is well-educated,” Piro said.

Koch said Baker proposed the change because California is facing a significant increase in the demand for higher education.

“The president is trying to think 10 years out,” Koch said. “You don’t have to be a genius to see that the students are coming. With the trimester system, we will provide more opportunities for students in the year 2000.”

Wednesday, however, representatives questioned how the quality of their present education will be affected.

“I’m wondering if students are going to get lost in the shuffle,” said ASI, page 2

Counsel: Both Clintons should address Whitewater under oath

By Carole Skarnick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton and his wife should be questioned under oath as part of a “thorough and impartial investigation” of their Arkansas land deals, Robert B. Flax Jr., said Thursday.

Flax made the announcement as he was named special counsel to examine the case.

The former Republican U.S. attorney said he was prepared to “go flat out” in the investigation. “It’s important for the country to get this done and get it done as quickly and as thoroughly as and fairly as possible,” Flax said.

His appointment by Attorney General Janet Reno fell on the first anniversary of the president’s inauguration.

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole said it should not stop congressional committees from their own investigations. He pulled back from earlier calls for establishment of a special investigating panel.

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Fiske said he planned to speak directly to the president and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

I would certainly expect that before this investigation is over that I would question both the president and the first lady and that it would be under oath," Fiske said.

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The pool's too cool
Broken heaters prompt closure

By Clark Morey
DniyStaffWriter

The Cal Poly Rec Center is heading into its third week without use of its pool, and officials say it'll be one to two weeks before it reopens.

"The pool is designed to run on three heaters," said Rec Center Associate Director Mark Harri- man. "One of the heaters was flexible, one was broken to begin with and one of the heaters has to be replaced.

On Jan. 5, swimmers were told the pool would be a little colder than normal and to use the university's other swimming pool behind Mott Gym.

The pool was closed due to the dropping temperature shortly after.

"The pool was about 74 degrees and they try to keep it around 78, so that really was no big deal," said business senior Bret Moore. "I mean, it wasn't that cold.

"No one has come to a conclusion about the cause of it," Harriman said. "There was no misuse and no misoperation."

According to Harriman, the main problem was premature erosion of the heaters. Center officials hope to have the problem solved within the next two weeks.

"We're hoping to have the pool up and running as soon as possible," said Aquatics Coordinator Josh D'Aquisite.

The Rec Center had not heard of any problems regarding pool temperatures.

"There is no set temperature as far as state regulations are concerned," said Marina Michel, an environmental health specialist for the San Luis Obispo County Health Depart- ment. "The Rec Center is cutting its hours and the hours of CAPLOC for some students registering for spring quarter.

Effective immediately, the Academic Records Office in Ad- ministration 222 will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

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I never had a pen pal when I was little. It’s sort of funny to think about it now because I eventually chose to major in journalism. But when I was younger, I was never much of a writer. OK, maybe it wasn’t the writing part that kept me from pen palting it, but the patience part that got in the way.

At nine or 10 years old (the time everyone seemed to get “assigned” pen pals in school), I wanted immediate gratification. I wrote a letter to someone and wanted to receive a response right away. But by the time my letter got to its destination, and my pal wrote back, a few weeks had gone by. By then, I didn’t even remember writing a letter, let alone what it said.

So I tested in the concept and never really grasped what the big deal was. I thought — why would I want to write to a stranger anyway?

Let’s be kind and say I missed the point of the whole pen pal thing. Obviously, the point was to write until we got to know the person. But my problem with patience usually stopped me from writing more than two letters to any one pal.

It wasn’t much time to develop a meaningful friendship.

Even now, in early adulthood, I’m still a horrible letter writer. Yeah, I crank out the Christmas cards every year, but that’s about it. When I really want to keep in touch with someone, I pick up the phone.

Instant gratification (well, mostly).

But I still felt like I missed out on something. Pen pals were all about meeting a stranger. It was the way to get to know someone, not only because there were usually hundreds of miles separating you, but because you could have fun with it (i.e., exaggerating, fibbing, lying). But unlike a pen pal, we received messages from him in seconds instead of weeks.

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But mind you, I wasn’t too good with a modem. But I had used one in school to look up available classes when registration time drew near.

So we did it, and she was right. It was fun. Friday night our place for the evening got scrapped, and we ended up writing to a stranger.

Just like a pen pal, “Kevin” was hundreds (actually, thousands) of miles away. And just like a pen pal, we couldn’t have happened in any other decade. I finally understood the real reasons for pen pals. Pen pals teach children that the world is a big place. And that in this world, there are many different friends who come in all types of packages.

I didn’t need patience — I just needed to know how to use a computer.

I got a modem for Christmas. You must realize, I am one of those people who only used my e-mail account a total of five times. Yet I got it into my head that I needed a modem. I thought, maybe I could access my school account from the privacy of my own home, or use the system to look up available classes when registration time drew near.

Mind you, I wasn’t too good with a modem. But I had big dreams. Actually, not too big — because I didn’t realize all the things a modem was good for.

But that all changed Friday night. Along with my modem, I also got a one month membership to an on-line service. You can use it to read the latest news, stock market quotes, career opportunities and all sorts of other information.

Friday afternoon, my roommate and I decided to check it out.

Well, even with little pictures to guide us, my roommate and I got lost in on-line hell. But the next thing we knew, there was a message on our screen heading us out like an angel.

“DO IT, DO IT, DO IT,” my roommate pleaded. “They don’t know who we are. It will be fun.”

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By Brooke Richardson

Having fun with a high-tech pen pal

Letters

‘Oriental’ is not derogatory

Re: “Prejudice is still alive in Jeffrey Jen him self,” Argus/INGTON Daily, 1/13

I have no idea what you are talking about. If you say someone has prejudged you, ‘Oriental’ is not derogatory. However, I am aware that some may be offended by this word, and make an effort to be sensitive to others’ feelings.

You imply in your letter that the correct term in “Asian.” This is incorrect. Asian is not synonymous with Oriental, because the Orient is merely a small part of Asia.

From my experience, “Oriental” is not, and never has been, derogatory. However, I am aware that some may be offended by this word, and make an effort to be sensitive to others’ feelings.

Think about your own words and remember there should never be anything bad about who you are. Anthony Camps

International liaison co-ordinator

You seem to miss the point here in Jeffrey Jen him self. There is no such thing as a single “Oriental.” You are implying that the word “Oriental” is used when referring to North America and Western Europe. The word Oriental is not any more derogatory than the word western.

By Brooke Richardson
Edith and Tim Mateo, of Granada Hills waited In line on Monday for more disaster situations may help the Southland long after the quake's memory
years on Haskell Avenue, behind her. Until Monday's Southland citizens' earthquake.
a neighborhood that has become camp established on her front sandwiches, stew, pork chops disaster and fueled by the community, glued by common quake's epicenter. But the spirit community not far from the neighborhood can be felt in stark contrast to the suspicion neighborhood to the Rodney King beating.

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People were afraid to go out People were afraid to go out outside during the riots." Acosta recalled, "whereas with this, it was, 'What can we do to help?' "

This helping spirit, this healing, has been a common theme here this week. Television newscasters refer to it repeatedly. Mayor Richard Riordan has spoken of it. Newspaper editorials pay tribute to it.

One respected California writer, Kevin Starr, referred to it in an interview with the Los Angeles Times. "This quake," he said, "may be the disaster that turns L.A. around."

Perhaps it's too soon to talk of that, although the several building contractors at Acosta's house — her husband, her son and son-in-law — all spoke eagerly of the economic gold mine awaiting them. But this region still has difficult days ahead.

Giselle McAuliffe, a Red Cross Disaster Services spokesman, has seen many disasters and guesses that the initial feelings of optimism and cooperation will begin to fade after this weekend. Still, she spoke movingly of the spirit she has seen at Red Cross shelters and camps throughout the city.

"Disasters bring out the best in many people," she said. "When you perhaps lose everything and realize that you may have been lucky to get through this with your life, your priorities shift. Natural disasters force people to give themselves up to fate, to God. And once you do that, all you can do is embrace humanity."

Behind her, as she spoke, was a significant slice of humanity — hundreds of people camped out at a city park in the town of San Fernando. Mostly Hispanic and mostly poor, they had erected a makeshift tent of city of tarps and blankets under the watchful eye of the Red Cross.

Kathy Waugh, a young Police Explorer who was doing volunteer duty as a San Fernando traffic cop, was getting a taste of the flip side of police work — the outpouring of good will and kindness that has flowed into this camp. People come all day long, she said, bringing food and clothing and asking to help. During the riots, she said, "Everybody was mad at each other. But here, everybody's on the same side. There's not this color or that color. It hits everybody at the same time, and everybody knows how it feels. So it did bring people a lot closer."

A few miles from the San Fernando park is another, less officially sanctioned camp at a park in Lakeview Terrace. At the entrance to the park is a dusty patch of barren dirt that most Americans know as well as they know the coast of Malibu or the Sunset Strip. This is the place where Rodney King was beaten by police officers; it might be thought of as the Wailing Wall of the Southern California dream.

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Southern California citizens' new spirit of tolerance may endure after rubble swept away.

LOS ANGELES — In her 11 years on Haskell Avenue, Marianne Acosta had never been in the house across the street, never spoken with her next-door neighbor, never met the neighbor behind her. Until Monday's earthquake.

Now she Acosta presides over a neighborhood that has become a community, glued by common disaster and fueled by the spirit she has seen at Red Cross shelters and camps throughout the city. Disaster Services spokeswoman, has been a common theme in many people," she said. "When you perhaps lose everything and realize that you may have been lucky to get through this with your life, your priorities shift. Natural disasters force people to give themselves up to fate, to God. And once you do that, all you can do is embrace humanity."

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Our series on violence in society continues next week.
Officials say: Don't go to L.A.

But if you have to travel south, here's how

Daily Staff Report

The California Highway Patrol is urging students to rein-in on their impulse to rush home this weekend to loved ones in the Los Angeles Basin.

A dispatcher with the San Luis Obispo CHP said a weekend influx of college students would complicate an already chaotic situation.

"Traveling to the L.A. area" would just mean one more car and a little more congestion on the highways.

For those who have an urgent reason for traveling to the Southland, the CHP advises travelers to top off their gas tanks in Santa Barbara or Ventura and carry enough drinking water to last for the duration of their stay.

Coltrons warn travelers that they should avoid the L.A. Basin during rush hour periods — 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Otherwise, be prepared for six-hour delays.

Those intending only to pass through the Valley should be advised that Coltrons said 101 to 134 miles 1-5 westbound, is the only through-route open.

The following is a list of highway closures provided by Coltrons, as of 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

- Route 1 northbound, from Chatsworth to Topanga Canyon
- 45 northbound, at Route 14
- 1-5 southbound, from Lyons Ave. to 210
- 1-10 eastbound, from 405 to Washington
- 1-10 westbound, from Washington to La Cañada
- 1-100 westbound, connection to 405 southbound
- Route 14 northbound, partially closed south of San Fernando Rd.
- Route 14 southbound, at San Fer­nando Rd.
- 101 northbound, connection par­tially closed to Route 170
- 118 eastbound, from Route 101 to 210
- 118 westbound, from 210 to Hayvenhurst
- 118 all connectors with 210 and 1-5
- 210 westbound, connection to 118 westbound
- 210 westbound, connection to 118 northbound
- 405 northbound, at Devonshire
- 405 northbound, connection to 405 southbound
- 405 southbound, at Rinaldi

Top developments Thursday in the aftermath of the 6.6-magnitude Northridge earthquake:

- DEATHS — The death toll rose to 51. Officials said a 59-year-old doc­tor died minutes after the earthquake in an accident at an intersection where traffic lights weren't working. Four other deaths were reported, but the cause wasn't immediately released.
- HELICOPTER CRASH — A helicopter crash in Fort Tejón killed two people inspecting an Arco pipeline that had been shut down as a precaution after the quake. Their employers said the pilot was injured, but the crash totally fell.
- WEATHER — With rain and cooler temperatures in the forecast for Satur­day, officials scrambled to find shelter for thousands of victims still stay­ing in parks, back yards and cars.
- DISEASE THREAT — Medical ex­perts say earthquake victims, espe­cially those camping out, are at risk of diseases caused by garbage and sewage problems. Shigels, dysentery, diarrhea, respiratory ail­ments, syphilis, lice, typhoid and dysentery are major problems. Providing shelter, food, water and other services. Clinton earlier pledged $4 million for highway repair and $95 million for Small Business Administration assistance.
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- BUILDING INSPECTIONS — Build­ing Secretary Henry Cisneros said the earthquake created a "bigger hous­ing problem than we envisioned" and that ground inspections found many buildings so badly damaged they're about to be torn down.
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SWIMMER: Krista Kiedrowski is picking up her second sport for the year — and making up for lost time in a big way.

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up. "When you're on the mat it's adrenaline, it's being nervous, it's being excited." She became so wrapped up in the volleyball season, Kiedrowski didn't join the Cal Poly swim team full-time until the second week of November. "That was what phenomenal about having her (qualifying) this early," Firman said. "All of the other girls had a bit more training." But jumping into the swimming season late is nothing new for this all-around athlete.

Kiedrowski has been in and out of pools for 17 years. Her first experience with the water was at 11 months, when her mother escorted her to the family pool. "My mom has videos of me," she says and laughs her increasing familiar laugh. "My face was just red and my mouth was wide open."

However, Kiedrowski's official swimming career was launched a few months before her sixth birthday, when her mother signed her up for swim lessons. During her sophomore year in high school, Kiedrowski had her most memorable swim. At what was called The Senior's Meet, Kiedrowski was hoping to qualify for the national team in the 200-meter backstroke.

"The team has a ton of confidence," Eppright said. "The guys are well equipped to beat any other on any given day."

"This is the best team we've had in the five years I've been here," he said. "I think we deserve to be ranked nationally." Kiedrowski graduated in June and he hopes to get a job coaching wrestling, possibly in a low in area. "All of the other people that are there, the more show up," he said. "The more people that are there, the more." But in Kiedrowski's case, the face behind the body is just the beginning. "My face is currently the sixth-best in the nation this year."

"Coach Cowell offered me a scholarship, I came up and looked at the school and I fell in love," she said. "I thought the school would be a great place to go and then I met Coach Cowell and I loved him."

As for Kiedrowski's own Olympic possibilities, she says, "That's not a headline goal for me, but if I get close enough, I'm not going to say away."

 Validate that the information is correct and complete.
Freshman Krista Kriedowski backstroke in her most memorable swim against Olympic gold medalist Summer Sanders. But that may change when she swims for a national championship in March. — Daily photo by Scott Robinson

Poly's forwards lead rugby club's win over Stanford

By Troy Petersen

Poly's rugby club defeated Stanford 34-17 Saturday.

Cal Poly, ranked second in the Pacific Coast Territory, repudiated its superiority over the nation's third-ranked Cardinal. The two teams bashed heads and one another in last year's first-round playoff game. The Mustangs squeezed out a 15-10 victory and sent Stanford home boiling with now-empty thoughts of revenge.

This year's victory was keyed by strong forward play. The forwards accounted for four tries. Mike Kelly pumped in two and team captain Mike Gosses and Dave LaBrille added one each.

The rugby club plans to capitalize on the momentum building win as they head into league play. Cal Poly heads south Saturday to take on the UC-Santa Barbara Gauchos. The game starts at 1 p.m. on Stork Field.

And the Mustangs have senior captain Marc Olivier. He won the NCAA championship appearance. Mr. Ollivier and two partners have volleyed their way into the second round once and the semifinals twice in the years Olivier has graced Cal Poly's cracking tennis courts.

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Wrestler offers empty to the drought

By Patrick O'Brien

In his last year of collegiate wrestling, Cal Poly senior Jake Gaier has achieved some impressive national recognition.

Gaier is currently ranked second in the nation in the 150-pound weight class. However, it doesn't seem to phase him much.

"My philosophy is: It's only a ranking," Gaier said. "Right now I'm ranked second, but who cares?"

He believes the ranking is most important for its psychological value. "It gives you confidence, and it puts pressure on you to perform," he said.

Brown-haired, brown-eyed wrestler said.

According to wrestling Head Coach Lenie Cowell, performance has also helped his teammates. "I've been thinking about it a lot lately," Gaier said. "And because of Gaier's load, believing in an important part of his game plan.

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But wrestling was the only sport that offered travel as an added benefit, he said. Gaier started developing those athletic attributes when he was just six years old, thanks to some enthusiastic parents.

"My parents stuck (up kids in every sport possible," Cowell said. "If Gaier defeats University of Iowa's Lincoln McIlravy, he earns the top ranking."

"This is quite an honor," Cowell said. "It's a tremendous news for Jake, and he deserves it."

Cowell added, "If Gaier can beat the top-ranked Mellvay at the Las Vegas tournament in December, but he thinks it will be different this time."

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And because of Gaier's load, believing in an important part of his game plan. "I've always been the skinny kid, but I always know the moves," Gaier said. "My whole (career) has been more technique than strength."

"If you look at him, you would never guess that he could be a wrestler like Gaier in a long time. In fact, the Mustangs have not had a top-two finisher in 11 years. "It's been a dry spell for Cal Poly," Cowell said. "We're excited to have Jake here."

"Gaier has only lost once in 17 matches. He also was one of two wrestlers in the nation selected in his weight class to compete in the All-Star Classic tournament Jan. 31 in Pittsburgh.

The Classic is one of the most prestigious dual meets in the country that matches two of the top-three ranked wrestlers from each of the 10 weight classes.

Gaier became the first Mustang since Scott Heaton in 1980 to compete in the All-Star Classic.