A new dawn in science: Gene may allow humans to set their biological clocks

By Paul Takahashi

WASHINGTON — A gene for the internal clock that sends the body wake-up alarms in the morning and brings on sleep at night has been cloned by researchers at Northwestern University.

The work by Takahashi and his group is the first to locate in a mammal the gene that plays a key role in regulating circadian rhythms of life. It somehow triggers changes that regulate or slow down the body's 24-hour cycle. It is the circadian rhythm that is disrupted by rapid flight across time zones, causing jet lag.

Circadian rhythms have long fascinated and confounded scientists. But only recently has research into sleep and into how humans adapt to daylight and darkness.

Takahashi said researchers in his lab located the gene by finding and then breeding mice that lacked the gene.

“We isolated the mutation which affects the circadian clock in the mouse,” he said. “With this mutation, the mouse loses its circadian rhythm completely.”

The gene was located in the genetic system that measured the circadian rhythm of 300 mice automatically at the time.

Takahashi said that exercise wheels in See CLOCKS, page 2

Board has no appetite for Foundation’s snack plan

By Jennifer Salam and Marie R. Van Schuyver

Jody Staff

Much to the disappointment of Campus Dining officials, the ASI Board of Directors on Wednesday unanimously rejected a proposal to bring vending machines to the second floor of the University Union.

Campus Dining officials, in conjunction with the Union Executive Committee, decided last month to close Snack Stop — the snack bar open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily on the second floor of the University Union — because they say it is no longer profitable.

Though the UEC had approved the closure with the idea that vending machines could be installed to sell the same products — such as juice, salads, fruit and coffee — board members on Wednesday said they did not believe it.

See ASI, page 2

CSU faculty group says 3% raise wasn’t enough

By Pamela Slovenger

Jody Staff

The California Faculty Association (CFA), which represents unionized faculty in the California State University, filed a statewide grievance with the Chancellor’s office this month saying a recent 3 percent salary increase wasn’t enough.

On April 1, faculty and staff received a 3 percent Cost of Living Adjustment. At the same time, a 5 percent Merit Salary Adjustment (MSA) was given to faculty who had reached a higher step on the promotion scale. Faculty members had not received MSAs for the past two years.

The CFA filed the grievance because faculty members who were promoted in September received only one MSA. CFA officials said faculty should receive an additional MSA for the two years when the state was not distribut-

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Inside today’s Mustang Daily

A novelist and former Los Angeles Times staff writer, Njeri spoke to a crowd of professors and students in the Business Administration Building Wednesday night.

She stressed that creative innovators, such as identifiable examples in popular culture, must be used to discuss multiculturalism in everyday situations.

Such seemingly benign popular icons as Beavis and Butthead, David Letterman and Fred Astaire can be used to spark discussions about important cultural issues and advance ethnic awareness, she said.

She watched American popular culture (on television), it gives you windows about how we really feel about each other,” she said.

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Clocks: Science may soon allow bouncing back from jet lags, all-nighters

Eventually drugs could be developed to treat conditions such as narcolepsy and other common disorders in which people have sudden ‘sleep attacks’ and hallucinations.

From page 1 of *Science*, researchers discovered that this rodent started an hour later each day. When it was bred, some of its descendants also started late.

By comparing the genetic pattern of the prompt and the tardy mice, Takahashi said they located a single mutation in an area of chromosome 5. More mice were bred until they were lab animals that contained double mutations in the chromosome 5, which means they had no normal gene for the circadian rhythm.

These mice started their exercise four hours later each day, evidence of a body clock ticking completely differently than that of the average mouse. Eventually, said Takahashi, the mice with double mutations lost all regularity in their daily activity. Their biological clock was broken.

Takahashi said it is fortunate that the clock gene is on chromosome 5. Other researchers already have established that this chromosome carries many of the functions found on human chromosome 4. He said researchers now can narrow the search for the human body clock gene.

Once the gene is isolated and cloned, Takahashi said researchers will be able to identify the protein that it produces. This protein could then, perhaps, be used to create a drug that would permit control of the circadian rhythm in humans.

Though Takahashi said that there is no immediate clinical application from the research, he said that eventually drugs could be developed such as narcolepsy, a serious and common disorder in which people have sudden ‘sleep attacks’ and hallucinations.

ASI: Board rejects Foundation idea to put vending machines on U.U.’s 2nd floor

From page 1 of *Woodside*, applications were due, U.U. 212 / 756-5800

Board rejected Foundation idea to put vending machines on U.U.’s second floor. It was determined that UJC will continue to explore food options with the Foundation. It was clarified that ASI would not be able to sell food without Foundation approval.

In other ASI business, the Board discussed office space for Rose Float Committee.

Takahashi said he believed the Board acted appropriately in its handling of the issue.

“We felt the University Executive Committee circumvented the right channels,” James said. “The resolution was directly attacking one club that was in the U.U. and there were things in the resolution that were untrue.”

The Board responded by changing the language of the resolution to eliminate the targeting of one club.

“(James) was taken aback because (the club) wasn’t notified first,” said Board Chair Saul Ortiz. “The process is through UBC and business. We discuss it first — that’s normal.”

“Let’s not do a deal at all. (James) probably thought it was. He’s been real good to work with. No, we’re going to get pushed out of an office they need to be in.”

James said his committee would “like to try to work out a feasible solution for both parties.”

Rejected a fee waiver for MeCHA

McCHA members requested a fee waiver for use of the stage in U.U. Plaza on May 5 — Cinco de Mayo. The group is sponsoring a festival in the U.U. that will include traditional dancing. MeCHA representatives said they believed the fee should be waived because the event was of community interest.

“Camps already operate vending machines in the same area of the U.U. for its own use,” said Board Chair Saul Ortiz. “The process is through UBC and business.”

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**DAUGHTERS**

From page 1

In a school that doesn't have to be that you're going to be relying on a man for a paycheck or whatever."

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**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa** — Most of South Africa stumbled to the finish of its history-making election Thursday after a titanic effort to rush ballots to millions of people voting to end three centuries of white rule.

Air force planes rushed hastily printed ballots to trouble spots in the hinterlands, and helicopters equipped with loudspeakers equipped local radio areas surrounding the area to vote. But run out in some remote areas that were bedeviled by shortages of ballots, indelible ink and stickers, and the Independent Electoral Commission authorized some rural regions to continue voting Friday.

The crush of people seen at the early polling stations in Wednesday was not as evident Thursday, as people turned out to elect the country's first government representing blacks, who make three-fourths of the country's population.

For one thing, it appeared the vast majority of first-time black voters were not unknown, as the last stop had stormed the polls Wednesday, the first day of general voting.

All signs pointed to a massive turnout among the country's 23 million voters, but there were no immediate figures from election officials. The odds-on favorite that will be president was African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela.

"Happy, happy. I nearly next to my body," said Eddy Mba, a vegetable vendor who was one of the last voters in Soweto, outside Johannesburg.

The situation also was helped by the military and Independent Electoral Commission pulling out all stops before dawn Thursday to resupply voting stations.

Photographers were dispatched to some polling stations to help issue temporary identity documents to those eligible to vote.

Mandela and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi pushed for extending the voting until Friday, and an exhausted IEC reluctantly agreed to do so in some areas.

Mandela suggested that the rows were more than just bungling and poor planning. In a television interview, he blamed "massive sabotage."

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Employing students: Tales from the dark side

By Cynthia Fleenor

My husband and I are alumni of Cal Poly. We're local business owners, and have three young children. We actively try to hire Cal Poly students and graduates when openings become available in our companies, and when part-time or occasional help is needed.

Over the past seven years, I've usually been pleased with the students we have hired to help in the office and to care for our children through the part-time job listings at the placement office. But recently, there has been a change in the attitude of the people we have interviewed.

The following experience demonstrates my concern.

During the past two months, we have gone through four sitters. The first one hit "parson." The next was so immature that she actually fought with my kids and let them run out into a busy street. Another constantly found herself while telling the kids that they were not allowed to "eat all day." She actually refused to feed the two-year-old all day, because "she didn't know what to feed him."

This sitter's father purchased her a meal plan on campus, but she refused to eat there, preferring to eat our food and take more back to the dorm from our refrigerator. She also played with the kids' toys irresponsibly, excluding the kids from play and losing parts of the toys.

I discussed with this sitter my hope to have a neighbor care for the girls. The result? The following workday, the sitter simply did not show up for work, leaving us in the lurch. Last week, I hired another new sitter. That morning, her first day on the job, nothing. No show, no call, nothing.

What is going on?

How do people expect to succeed in the real world if they treat their responsibilities so lightly? Why is it so difficult to at least notify their employer when they are quitting so alternatively helpful to their employer?

I sincerely hope that we soon see a change in the typical work ethic of students, evidencing the understanding that in order to earn money, you must earn it. And no, I am not an antiquated old-timer with an outdated outlook. My husband and I are young adults in our 30s, with successful businesses. My husband is an electronic engineer, and I am the vice president for a financial institution. We own our home, have a wonderful young family and enjoy a great sense of fun and fair play.

I sincerely hope that there is soon to be a great increase in the number of people out there with high goals and the determination to succeed.

• Cynthia Fleenor lives in San Luis Obispo.

Other Views

Why aren't educators more vocal about the impact of 'Three Strikes?'

Here's a look at another newspaper's stance on the effect of California's "Three Strikes" prison initiative threat on the state's public education system.

From the Fresno Bee

Warren Fox, the executive director of the California Postsecondary Education Commission, said that the "Three Strikes" prison initiative and the legislation copied from it jeopardize higher education in California. Every new inmate in California's prisons costs the state two places at the University of California. Every new inmate in California's prisons costs the state two places at the University of California.

The impact on access to college will be enormous. Of course, as Fox says, the state has to combat crime. "But the state should not finance its war on crime," he notes, "by slashing its support for students."

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Unfortunately, Fox is a voice in the wilderness. At a time when the leaders of higher education, public and private, should be issuing statements and holding press conferences, when the state's business community, and particularly the leaders of high-tech industries, should be issuing similar warnings, almost nothing has been heard but the strident political opportunists in the Capitol.

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Kudos from Council on Open House

During this past year, I've had the privilege to be involved with a group of Cal Poly students who have accomplished the almost insurmountable task of bringing back a spring Open House.

ASI President Marquam Piros and Vice Chair, Melanie Morey helped bring this event to reality.

I'm certain I speak for the entire City Council and the citizens of San Luis Obispo in expressing our deep gratitude and appreciation to Marquam, his staff assistants, and everyone who worked on this event.

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Gary Kukel
San Luis Obispo
לין ANGELES — In the past, such complaints from residents might have been ignored. But in post-riot South Central, veteran Sgt. Mike Marchello responds to a colleague's call for help. He's not there to investigate a crime or take reports, but to talk.

On this night, it's a former gang member complaining that he was needlessly dragged from a car by police. "They pulled me out of the car, and I'm a cripple," said Eric Mitchell, 24. "They wanted to put me on the pavement."

Marchello listens for a few minutes, then tells Mitchell that the officers didn't realize he was paraplegic when they pulled him from the car, which was seized during a minor drug bust.

The explanation didn't satisfy Mitchell, who said later he planned to file a complaint. But by the time Marchello leaves, tempers have cooled, and people inside the house just off Florence Avenue are back in their homes.

Increasingly, veterans like Marchello spend much of their time trying to assure residents that police are there to help, not hurt. It's been part of a sergeant's job for years. But the rising number of calls from field officers seeking supervisors' help is a reflection of community-based policing, the cornerstone of LAPD reforms recommended by an independent commission following the deadly riots in South Central during a minor drug bust.

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SOFTBALL: Mustangs need one win for first CCAA title in their last attempt

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James Curwen said Districk is considered the favorite to win. The North Carolina athlete is entering his first season as
a professional triathlete.

Other international names to
watch are Rhin (B) of Great Britain and Wolfgang Katting
of Germany.

Also, Wildflower Public Rela-
tions Director Bryan Crow-
ford said Alex Buchkis of Rus-
sia will be the competitor this year. "He's like the Russian in the
Rocky movies," he said.

"It's phenomenal to have ath-
letes from 12 different countries
coming to an event that started in the country," he added.

Saturday, the Long Course
Triathlon starts at 8 a.m., fol-
lowed an hour later by the Sprint
Mountain Bike Triathlon. The Cornius International Triath-
lon begins at 9 a.m. Sunday.
BASEBALL: Mustangs start a 10-game homestand tonight

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Raiders bolster run game with Williams

Los Angeles Raiders, who averaged

EL SEGUNDO — The Los Angeles Raiders, who averaged only 89.1 yards rushing per game last season, made an attempt to upgrade their ground attack Thursday by signing free-agent running back Harvey Williams.

Williams, Kansas City’s first-round draft choice in 1991, was released by the Chiefs last month at his request.

"He’s a young man who has already shown that he can be a productive NFL player," Raiders coach Art Shell said. "We feel like we got the best of both worlds in Harvey, like we got an extra first-round draft choice who is a proven player.

Williams, 26, said coming to the Raiders "was a dream come true... to come here and play for Art Shell and Al Davis. Hopefully, I can finish my career here in L.A."

"It’s a good football team that’s on the rise," he said. "Hopefully I can contribute this year and make things happen."

Campus Clubs

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Raiders bolster run game with Williams

EL SEGUNDO — The Los Angeles Raiders, who averaged only 89.1 yards rushing per game last season, made an attempt to upgrade their ground attack Thursday by signing free-agent running back Harvey Williams.

Williams, Kansas City’s first-round draft choice in 1991, was released by the Chiefs last month at his request.

"He’s a young man who has already shown that he can be a productive NFL player," Raiders coach Art Shell said. "We feel like we got the best of both worlds in Harvey, like we got an extra first-round draft choice who is a proven player.

Williams, 26, said coming to the Raiders "was a dream come true... to come here and play for Art Shell and Al Davis. Hopefully, I can finish my career here in L.A."

"It’s a good football team that’s on the rise," he said. "Hopefully I can contribute this year and make things happen."

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- *Story by Jeffrey J. Jen*

This weekend’s Wildflower and its ironman qualifying status attract top-notch athletes from around the world / Photo courtesy of Mark Gewertz

**Poly in need of weekend sweep**

**Only Staff Report**

Cal Poly’s baseball team has strayed into a corner — with the door to the playoffs standing at the other side of the room.

The Mustangs have dropped four straight and seven of their last eight games — slipping 4½ games behind league-leading UC-Riverside.

But the Mustangs are back in town.

Cal Poly kicks off a 10-game homestand with a three-game series tonight against California Collegiate Athletic Association foe Cal State San Bernardino at Sinsheimer Park at 7:30 p.m.

Both teams suit up again Saturday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

The Mustangs (23-18, 10-10 in CCAA) are currently fourth in conference play, while the Coyotes are bringing up the rear with a 4-19 league mark and 14-29 overall record.

Cal Poly needs to make up crucial ground this weekend if they are to make a run for their fourth consecutive CCAA title.

“Tough road, but we’re certainly capable,” Welter said.

“We can’t think of anything but these games right in front of us,” he added. “The rest of the season will have little meaning if we look past this series.”

**Final Showdown**

Softball clashes with Bakersfield with conference title on the line

By Lori Witmer

It’s nail biting time. With one win in Saturday's doubleheader versus Cal State Bakersfield at Mustang Field, the Cal Poly softball team can stake its claim in the annual California Collegiate Athletic Association conference.

Cal Poly (16-2) and Cal State Bakersfield (16-2) are tied for first heading into Saturday's final CCAA conference.

If they split the two games, Cal Poly will clinch the title because the Mustangs lead the conference series with the Roadrunners two games to one.

If Cal Poly and Bakersfield have played five times this season — two of which came in non-conference tournaments. Bakersfield took the first three games but Cal Poly (5-0-15 overall) came back in a CCAA doubleheader and handed Bakersfield (47-2 overall) its only losses of the season.

“We’ve worked hard to win the rest of our games since losing to Cal Poly, so we could still be in contention for the conference title,” said Bakersfield Head Coach Kathy Welter.

With the series score so tight, the two teams have been preparing for the games all week. The Mustangs see BASEBALL, page 7

Junior Kelly Bannon’s arm and bat will be relied upon heavily in the doubleheader Saturday / Daily photo by Scott Robinson