Senators vote to keep Poly on quarters

By Joy Nielsen
Daily Mustang Editor

Cal Poly will remain on the quarter system. In coming to a decision that has been debated for more than a year and at times has raised tensions among students, faculty and administrators, the Academic Senate voted 29-18 Tuesday to deny a resolution recommending Cal Poly change to a semester system. One senator was absent and one abstained.

ASI President Erica Brown said she was "ecstatic" after Tuesday's vote.

"I've been stopped a number of times (by people) begging me to support students for quarters," Brown said.

Nearly 80 students, faculty members, administrators and senators crowded into a room as senators reiterated long-standing arguments both for and against semesters during a meeting that was at times punctuated by raised voices and tension-breaking laughter.

But political science professor Phil Fetzer voiced a concern that the vote against semesters also denies an opportunity for a referendum to be conducted among the general faculty.

"The student body has had a referendum," Fetzer said.

"Our faculty has not."

Philosophy professor Tal Sreen, who didn't like the idea of voting for semesters and later voted against the change, said he almost felt compelled to vote for them in order to guarantee a faculty referendum.

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House approves rewritten World Trade Agreement

By Martin Gutsinger

WASHINGTON — The House, brushing off critics who protested the legitimacy of a vote by a lame-duck Congress, passed a historic world trade agreement Tuesday that supporters boasted would provide the largest tax cut in history.

The House voted 288-146 for the rewrite of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, sending the measure to the Senate, where supporters were still searching for the votes needed for passage.

The four hours of debate were brought to a close by House Speaker Thomas Foley, who in his final speech in the chamber where he had served for 30 years urged his colleagues to pass the measure.

"It is impossible to imagine a single act of this Congress that can do more to contribute to our economic growth," said Foley, who was defeated in the November elections in a Republican sweep that gave control of both the House and the Senate to the GOP for the first time in 40 years.

Foley was one of 85 House members who were either defeated or chose not to seek re-election participating in the first lame-duck session of Congress in 12 years, a fact that GATT opponents pointed to often during the debate. The GATT accord would cut tariffs by 38 percent.

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The closet door may be opening across campus, but Cal Poly students have been accused more than once of pushing it closed.

By Maxine Gisinger
DAILY MUSTANG REPORTER

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Carl transferred to Cal Poly his junior year. He said he enjoyed living in the dorms, and was lucky enough to have become good friends with his roommate Jacob.

Like any friends would, Carl and Jacob — not their real names — spent time together going to the gym, running or just hanging out. The two roommates shared similar interests and were alike in most ways — except one thing. Carl is gay and Jacob isn't.

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Fencers combine mental strategy and endurance

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Ethnic Studies Lecture

Gerald Haslam, professor of ethnic studies and English at CSU-Sonoma will speak on "The Complexion of California Literature."

Haslam is a teacher and writer and is well known for his studies about the ethnic people of California. The lecture is today at 3 p.m. in Room 220 in the University Union. The speech is part of the Ethnic Studies Department's 1994-1995 lecture series entitled "Ethnicity and the American West."

For more information, call 756-1707.

TODAY

Habitat for Humanity Presentation • Call (602) 814-8108 for location and more information.

Dane Dwellers: Chumash and Dunites • Meet at the end of Pier Avenue in Carano.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PLATINUM FAIR • Habitation for Humanity Presentation • Registration and check-in will be held at the intersection of Higuera and Chorro from 5:45-6 p.m. Egg drop starts at 6 p.m. — 547-9246

TOMORROW's WEATHER: Moody sunny

Today's high/low: 69/34 Tomorrow's high/low: 67/36

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going to go to a (general faculty) vote is to vote for (semesters) today.

"There's no reason to believe a vote here should create more weight than a general faculty vote."

Some senators talked about amending the resolution in order to guarantee a faculty referendum. However, a motion to conduct a general faculty vote was tabled until next quarter. At that time, the executive committee can determine when to bring the motion back to the Senate.

"I think the Senate's decision is not necessarily representative of the entire faculty. Some academic departments have more than one senator, others have none."

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THURSDAY

World AIDS Day • Call 781-4200 for more information on events and activities.

Southern California Platinum Fair • Information highway will be discussed. Sheraton Universal Hotel, 333 Universal Terrace Parkway. Must call (800) 892-2922 to reserve a spot.

Physics Colloquium • Dr. Barbara Levi, senior editor of Physics Today, will speak on "Global Warming: Physics and Facts" — 756-2448

Cal Poly Packaging Egg Drop Contest at Farmers' Market • Registration and check-in will be held at the intersection of Higuera and Chorro from 5:45-6 p.m. Egg drop starts at 6 p.m. — 547-9246

Agenda Item: H-2a Duty Week, Graphic Arts 271, Cal Poly 93078 - Fax: 756-6784

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GATT: Lame-duck Congress passes agreement that extends trade rules worldwide, extend the rules of world trade to new areas such as agriculture and services and create a new, more powerful World Trade Organization to referee trade disputes.

Supporters said the trade agreement, which took seven years to negotiate, would mean lower prices for consumers on everything from computer chips to potato chips and would boost American companies and farmers by lowering the trade barriers they face overseas.

However, opponents charged that lowering U.S. barriers would mean America's factories would face even more competition from low-wage foreign workers. They also said the new WTO would represent an unprecedented infringement on America's sovereignty, and they accused supporters of railroading the legislation through the lame-duck session.

"What a tragedy that we cannot fully debate the surrender of America's authority to the World Trade Organization," said Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio. She complained that only four hours were set aside for the House debate.

At the White House, Clinton met with 75 uncommitted House members and with both Democratic and Republican leaders who are supporting GATT.

The administration sought to stress Clinton's bipartisan approach to the curtailment, greater choice as to what classes students can take and fewer barriers preventing students from changing majors.

"The course system we have now requires students to take at least five classes ...," Baker said. "That is not unreasonable in a semester calendar, but it is different in a quarter calendar."

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MUSTANG DAILY

BY Cyndie L. Webb
Daily Assistant Managing Editor

Annette Osuna is like any other Cal Poly senior anticipating a new adulthood. She says she is going into the job market with mixed feelings.

Despite a myriad of job-related experiences, Osuna says that the fact that she is a woman and a Native American adds to her concerns about the job market.

"That's what bothers me," Osuna said. "If I get hired because of that -- I'm a woman or I'm a minority -- I don't care because of the fact that I know that I am qualified. I've done three internships and I know I can do the job if I am hired.

"I feel like I have been in the real world," Osuna said. "My GPA and is active in campus activities -- Beaudry said he maintains a high GPA and is active in campus activities -- Beaudry said he maintains a high GPA and is active in campus activities.

"(I feel like) the students in this program have generally been interested in my culture," Osuna said. "All of us are seeking for a quality, not special treatment, but hiring someone based on your ethnicity, not your qualifications.

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Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad — anyway you say it, the holidays are here. This is the season to be jolly!

Time to be with family, time to receive gifts, time to give presents, and time off from school.

The leaves have changed to beautiful golden and red colors. Walking down the street, I crunch with each step. Stomping the out and bringing in the winter. I dream of that ever warm California Christmas I know so well.

Driving around town, I see Christmas lights illuminating buildings and houses. The vendors are propped up in lots that used to be empty. Stores are decorated with sale signs that scream the holiday shopping spirit.

Walking around downtown, I step to the beat of the holiday rhythm. I move along in the hustle and bustle of the shopping traffic. Steering through stores, I rack my brain to find the perfect gift.

Many say that the best gift anyone can give is yourself. But I know that of the shopping traffic. Steering through stores, I rack my brain to find the perfect gift.

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— Carl Mayer

Computer science sophomore

A way to say things so you won’t offend anyone or a policy governing group of people or gender or race. Like taking away ‘he’ and ‘she’ from definitions.

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“I don’t agree with putting people into categories like European American or Asian American or African American — why don’t we just call everybody American? I see that as racist.”

— Regal Nybo

Dental hygiene junior

“A thing has two sides; using this terminology or that terminology. I think all terminologies should be used in whatever way you want to use it.

“I probably has nothing to do with politics as I see the word. It really depends on the background of the person. More a question of morals, I think. It’s different for every person.”

— Mark Malekaya

Art senior

“Life in Ann Arbor,” Nov. 21

I find the words of Mustang Daily columnist Ardarius McDonald intriguing. Some have a conscience-boggling ring of truth; others are riot-inciting and government-oversetting.

The last three paragraphs of his most recent piece fully meet the definition of sedition and come very close to treason.

Mr. McDonald is listed on the masthead under “production.” I seriously question the propriety of his use of Mustang Daily in his obvious pursuit of a personal agenda.

Mustang Daily and the journalism department can surely do better than continuing to provide a forum for such irresponsible journalism.

If this one-sided written barrage continues, where are the written rebuttals from professors teaching ethnic culture, history, journalism, philosophy and government? These might serve to provide some balance of journalistic balance and voice of reason.

I am writing under the assumption that Mr. McDonald has been attending this university offered by a “sick ... demented ... so-called ... Amerikanik ... society” at significant public expense, and perhaps receiving all the benefits while assuming none of the responsibilities of citizenship by his choice rather than while shackled! Please correct me if I have assumed wrongly.

Our country is certainly no Utopia; it can withstand non-violent change and improvement. I seriously doubt that this destruction on the “battlefield” will result in an improvement in our world.

Rather than residing in the past and sustaining the inflammatory rhetoric of an angry and rigid youmee and whineblack dichotomy, we should recognize multiple shades of gray and work side by side for a better tomorrow.

R. Wayne Bell, M.D.
Student Health Services

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“Looking fair to others. And not just if you’re middle-class or upper class. Don’t try to be equal all around. And if you see something that needs improving ... take care of that, too.”

— Dominic Bautista

Biology/physical education senior

“‘What does being political-correct mean to you?’

— Ardarius, Daily border on treason

SPECIAL FEATURE

FROM THE HIP: "WHAT DOES BEING POLITICALLY-CORRECT MEAN TO YOU?"

Due to circumstances beyond our control, it is impossible for Mustang Daily to contact opinion writers to confirm authenticity if they are not listed in either the ASI Directory or the "411" information system. It is quite likely your opinion will be set aside if we cannot reach you.

Therefore, it is vital you include your name, major, year and your phone number where you can be reached and sign (in handwriting!!) your commentaries and letters.
BELONGING: Cal Poly's Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United organization helps gay and bisexual students feel welcome

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like the GLBU. Lee, a biochemistry senior, said the club is open to anyone on campus. Club members meet weekly to discuss topics like safe sex, Lee said. "But now we're trying to become more educational, more businesslike."

Lee said that the GLBU is aiming to break the conservative attitude barriers by becoming more active on campus and in the community. One way it has done this is by working with other gay organizations in San Luis Obispo in forming awareness panels for Cal Poly students.

"Students" may not walk away from the panels totally accepting of homosexuals," Carl Johnson, a member of GALA and the co-owner of Breezes — the only gay bar in San Luis Obispo — said both heterosexual and homosexual Cal Poly students frequent her bar.

Johnson, a Cal Poly soil science graduate, said she was openly homosexual on campus. "I got some heads turned from some real conservative cowboys," Johnson said. "They'd say to me, 'You just need to keep your desires under control — and if you told me I'd say 'No, maybe you do!'"

"It's an agriculture school. People come here from conservative families and groups," Johnson said.

Twenty-two years ago, that same conservative atmosphere almost smothered the homosexual club out of existence. "Cal Poly was the only college west of the Mississippi River that denied an official charter to a gay student union," Carl said, adding that he extensively researched the club's history when he was an officer of the GLBU last year.

He said in 1972 Cal Poly President Robert Kennedy was sued by ASI on behalf of the just-forming Gay Student Union. Four years and two court appeals later, the administration was required by the state attorney general to recognize the club. The administration just didn't do anything," DeGraaf said. "(Cal Poly) will try to get help from the administration, DeGraaf said. But if the students were turned away, she said, because there was nothing the administration could do.

"There was really nowhere for people to go to unless they knew who was writing the remarks," DeGraaf said. "It was sort of like a dead end."

At one time, DeGraaf said she was very vocal about her bisexuality. But DeGraaf has since decided to be less aggressive disclosing her sexual preferences. "Being vocal is making more of an issue out of something that shouldn't be," DeGraaf said. "It's very difficult for people to express themselves. It's sort of a method of self-preservation."

Because of personal problems, her frustration with the university and internal conflicts within the GLBU, DeGraaf has ended her affiliation with the GLBU. "The GLBU was very taxing on me," she said. "The group wasn't helping, it was hurting. If someone is questioning their sexuality, it's an option for them to check out — but it's not for everyone."

DeGraaf said she went to one meeting this year and wanted to stress the fact that the GLBU has greatly changed since she was involved.

Lee said it is hard in general for bisexuals in the gay community. "It's always a problem trying to please everybody in the club," Lee said. "It's hard for gay people to understand bisexuals, and it's hard on the flip side for (heterosexuals) that feel the same way."

DeGraaf said bisexuals often are accepted by homosexuals because of ignorance. She said many in the gay community see bisexuals as a mid-step toward full homosexuality — they don't see it as a lifestyle. "Just educating people will help," Lee said. "Cal Poly will get there one day — but it will take a long time."

"We are just normal students," Carl said. "'We're here, like everyone else, to get an education.'"

If someone you know is questioning his or her sexuality, DeGraaf said the best way to help is to be what the person needs most at this time — a friend. "Tell them to go with whatever they're feeling," DeGraaf said. 'Don't make any assumptions about them, just tell them not to be afraid.
Of course, had the team not already cringe at the unpleasant rhythm of but-uh-FOO-co, here's one more reason to.

Coach with the Best Off-Seson Job

Footboll Coach Andre Patterson for his work in the 1994 summer release "Andre." (No, it's not really him.)

According to Paramount pictures, "Andre" is based on the amazing true story of the seal that became a living legend after adopting a Rockport, Maine family.

I always thought Andre was personable, but really. Wow. Against Southern Utah on Nov. 19, Andre and Company sealed the American West Conference title with a win over Southern Utah.

Cd Polk Athlete with the Best Name

The men's soccer team has a player with a name that rolls off the tongue like water drips off a freshly waxed car.

Andre

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Looks like a Vivarin night.

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Men's hoops hosts USD tonight

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Cal Poly's men's basketball team will host its first ever Division I home game tonight at 7:30 p.m. While they won't have to play a team like Boston College, who drubbed them, 97-60, in its inaugural Division I game last year, Mustangs draw the University of San Diego, a team picked by many to win the West Coast Conference this year.

The Toreros finished 18-11 last year and placed fourth in the conference. Their first game of the season was an 83-65 loss at Kansas, one of the top teams in the country.

San Diego returns three starters including senior guard Doug Harris, who averaged 14 points last season and 12 against Kansas. Another key player is junior forward Sean Flannery. Flannery scored 16 points and pulled down 12 rebounds against Kansas.

On the Cal Poly side, the Mustangs have yet to rule on sophomore guard Shanta Cotwright's academic eligibility this season. Cotwright led the team last year in scoring and assists.

"It's a tough deal for Shanta," said Cal Poly Coach Steve Bacchus. "We would have performed much better (at Boston College) with him. At this point, we have to play without him.

On the positive side, freshman guard Enoch Dxa had a solid debut as a Mustang player scoring 15 points against Boston College.

Women's hoops falls to USF

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After a competitive first game against Northern Arizona, Cal Poly's women's basketball team found its inaugural Division I tour to be rough-going when University of San Francisco lambasted the Mustangs 81-53 Monday.

Host USF was led by senior center Valerie Gil- lon, who had 21 points, 12 rebounds and five blocked shots as the Dons evened their record at 1-1.

"It was disappointing," said Cal Poly Coach Jill Or- rock. "They were very tena-cious defensively. We couldn't get anything generated offensively.

Cal Poly made just 10 of 40 shots for the game — 25.0 percent — while USF made 46.9 percent of its shots (30 of 64).

The Mustangs also made just one of their 10 three-point attempts.

Cal Poly (6-2) was led by senior guard Christine Rodness' 10 points. USF led 41-26 at halftime, largely due to Cal Poly's NCAA team.

Electrical engineering junior Gordon Wong said the team has three scoring machines but needs one or two more in order to host a tournament — one of the goals that goes with form-

Biochemistry senior Kelley Natividad (foreground) and microbiology senior Jason Wu use their swords as they square off / Daily photo by I. Scott Robinson

way rule. After a successful parry you are free to move offensively.

Carmel, the vice-presi-dent of the fencing club, said that epee and saber have no such rule and tend to be more viewer friendly.

Carmel said the club tries to attend a tournament every three weeks or so. They currently compete against regional clubs —

often in Fresno and San Jose — and are looking to renegotiate a team to com-pete against other univer-sities.

Likely opponents include UC-Santa Barbara and San Jose State.

The new team requires four groups — men's foil, epee, saber and women's foil.

Aside from finding people, the club also needs more equipment. They cur-rently use equipment left over from when Cal Poly was a NCAA team.

The Dons opened the second half with a 20-5 run, increasing their lead to 61-31 with 13:30 left in the game.

"A 21-5 run is going to take the wind out of your sails," Orrocks said.

Cal Poly will travel to UC-Santa Barbara tonight for a 7:30 p.m. game with the Gauchos.

"We just need to have (the players) maintain their confidence," Orrocks said.

"We've got a long season to go. This team's going to get a lot better."