State senators try to halt student aid cuts

By Randy Holstood

In a move to head-off proposed cuts in federal student financial aid, several state senators have introduced a resolution calling for federal legislators to reject the cuts. Sens. Henry J. Mello (D-Watsonville), the majority leader, authored Senate Joint Resolution 26 (SJR 26) asking Congress not to approve the cuts which would impact several financial aid programs.

The resolution passed the state senate and has moved onto the assembly, Mello said.

Targeted programs include State Student Incentive Grants, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, Federal Work-Study, Perkins Loans, and Stafford Subsidized Loans. Perkins Loans, Stafford Subsidized Loans, and Federal Work-Study go through, 31,970 California State University students stand to lose their jobs, said Christina Harper, a representative for California State Student Association (CSSA). CSSA held a joint press conference June 13 with the University of California Student Association to voice opposition to financial aid cuts and urge quick passage of SJR 26.

However, only 2 percent of Cal Poly students are involved with Federal Work-Study, according to Mary Spady, associate director of financial aid.

Cuts to Stafford Subsidized Loans—which make up 64 percent of all financial aid at Cal Poly—would have the greatest impact on students' pocketbooks, Spady said. The average increase over the life of a Stafford Subsidized Loan would be $5,000, she said.

That would result from the loss of federally subsidized interest on the loans. The government currently pays all interest on Stafford loans until six months after graduation.

"It's very disturbing because we have a significant number of students getting these loans," said See CUTS page 3

Polprofessor snags research grant; $150,000 for mechatronics training

By Ryder M. Curry

Some Alptekin, Cal Poly industrial and manufacturing engineering professor, has been awarded a $150,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to train teachers in the emerging field of mechatronics.

Mechatronics is the new technology that integrates mechanical and electronic parts with decision-making computer software at the design level, eliminating the need to engineer each requirement separately. Alptekin and an interdisciplinary team of faculty members from Cal Poly, Stanford and UC Berkeley just completed the first phase of a multi-phase program designed to activate mechatronics education at the undergraduate level.

The first phase, a six-day seminar, was a great success, said Uney Menon, Cal Poly industrial and manufacturing engineering professor.

The seminar, Preparing the Leaders for Mechatronics Education, was at Cal Poly June 10-14.

"The seminar brought 41 faculty members to Cal Poly from all over the United States," Menon said. The seminar's hands-on workshops demonstrated how to introduce the new technology into the classroom and laboratory—from the design of complex products to the functioning of manufacturing.

"Ben Siedman, a manufacturing engineering student, worked with Alptekin to make a sample mechanical product for the seminar," Menon said. "Many other students were also involved and helped run the workshops.

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According to witnesses, Harrigan was there to see that a message was sent to Crain that ASI takes embezzlement seriously.

"We were very pleased (the case) was prosecuted, and convicted," Harrigan said.

In the opinion of ASI, it is very pleased about the conviction and sentence, Harrigan said.

"We wanted to send a strong message to show that we take embezzlement seriously," she said.

Along with that, we wanted to See SENTENCE page 8

President Baker picked to co-chair statewide public college council

By Colleen M. Riley

President Warren Baker has been appointed co-chairman of a new statewide council that includes all public colleges statewide.

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According to UC president and co-founder of the council, Jack Peltason, "The creation of the Joint Policy Council promises to significantly increase the ability of the state's public, higher education systems to deliver instruction, research, and public service programs that

Ex-ASI employee slapped with fine, probation for siphoning student funds

By James D. Plemons

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JAPAN, U.S. agree at auto talks

By Carol Nibbs
Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Dodging imminent American sanctions, Japan promised Tuesday to open its long-shielded auto market to the United States in a sudden breakthrough that will give the United States access to Japan's mammoth auto market and create thousands of American jobs.

The talks had long appeared doomed. But President Clinton hailed it as a "victory."

"We all went from pessimism to the agreement without a hitch," said U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor.

Aware of the high domestic political stakes, both sides claimed victory. Clinton said the agreement would lead to "dramatic" tariff cuts and create thousands of American jobs.

"I fought it for a long time," he said in an interview before the flight. "I finally gave in."

And it will be up to Gibson to make sure everything goes well.

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Now, of course, he wouldn't trade this for anything.

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Children can only lose in custody battles

By Garrett M. Mettler

After twenty years of marriage they decided they hated each other, divorced, and now, seven years later are still embroiled in a bitter dispute for custody of their youngest son, aged 10.

It's a sad story, but one, unfortunately, that most people are numb to. Divorces and child custody battles have almost become the norm these days prompting Republicans and members of the Christian Coalition to issue repeated pleas to the American public for a return to traditional family values — like a mother and father — married and living under the same roof, serving as role models for their children.

Is this too much to ask? But I digress.

The custody battle has landed "the family" in San Diego Family Court for the second time since the divorce. This latest round of parental combat resulted from the mother's decision to move out of the area and take her son with her.

A seemingly dirty and underhanded trick on its face, but one which is perfectly justified given the circumstances.

The boy's mom was despondent after being displaced from four health care jobs in seven years in the San Diego area. Her frustration was further compounded by emotionally draining weekly exchanges with her ex-husband, when sharing their son.

She needed a change. So she moved to the Los Angeles area in hopes of casting off both of these heavy burdens.

Los Angeles serves as the base for many of the health industry's leading research and distribution companies. It also provides a much larger consumer base than San Diego. Her career prospects would dramatically improve.

More importantly, however, is the more stable life she wanted to provide for her son. Instead of the stressful weekly exchanges he had endured in San Diego, she wanted him to spend longer blocks of time with each parent.

Ideally, he would live with her during the school year and with his father over the summer. This is the perfect arrangement because her main parenting strength is education while the father is good at recreation and going on vacation.

That was the plan. But the court and its child psychologist had a different idea.

Although each tried to convince the parents and themselves that they were concerned about the best interests of the child, it didn't work out that way.

After examining the past history of this ill-fated custody arrangement, examining the woman's move to Los Angeles, and talking to the boy's older brother to get a feel for the family, the child psychologist made his recommendation:

"The child will be split either during the school year and be allowed visitation with his mother every other weekend. Summers will be divided between the parents with one having the child for the first six weeks and the other having him for the remaining six weeks."

It read as if he was completely oblivious to the best interests of the child and was, instead, more concerned with punishing the mother for this heinous act of disrupting the status quo.

"You are bad," it seemed to say, "for wanting a better professional life and better educational support for your son because it disrupts his life."

The fact is, families move all the time. Children have to adjust to new neighborhoods and new schools and they don't die because of it. Actually, most of the time they are better off because the new location offers something better.

It seems clear to me that avoiding the hassle of going back and forth between parents every week and being with one parent exclusively during the times when each can give their best to their son is in his best interests.

But the child psychologist got caught up in the blame game that had engulfed the child's parents and lost sight of the child himself. Unfortunately, the court agreed with him.

The irony here is that this whole big fight is the result of the strong love each parent has for their son. The tragedy is that, because of their intense hatred towards each other, they are unable to channel any of that love toward reconciling their differences, and their son suffers.

I can't understand how two people could be driven past the point of no return where their own interests get in the way of their ability to provide the best for their son. I don't want to understand.

But I have to deal with it because it is the undeniable reality in my family. The most painful part is that I now have to watch my brother get shafted in the same way I did seven years ago and the court, his only supposed advocate, does nothing to help.
The Santa Barbara County Fair, sporting the motto "Your Brand of Fun," is open noon to midnight today through July 4 at the fairgrounds in Santa Maria.

Attendance for the six-day fair is expected to reach 100,000, with an array of entertainment planned for all age groups.

Running in four-a-round drive, eight little porkers from the All-TufT Truck Racing are sure to entertain you in elimination "Bad Boy" and "Shocker." Monster truck legend "Grave Digger" will take on these two crushing side-by-side drag racing, air jumping exhibitions and car crushing.

The Old Glory Farm, presented by Farm Supply, will offer an innovative setting for exhibits and demonstrations. The farm includes goats, sheep, swine, poultry and much more. All the farm's animal and crop exhibits feature agriculture and livestock products that are in abundance on the Central Coast.

According to Marytina Marshall, public relations intern and recent Cal Poly graduate, "demonstrations will be going on in all the exhibit departments, such as fine arts, home arts, floral design, agriculture and photography, to name a few."

The fair will host a daily variety of demonstrations and informational presentations. Its Market Place and Consumer Marketplace will feature outdoor exhibits, a variety of demonstrations and in-theatre group for juvenile delinquents.

"(The programs) provided interest in drama, so reading (for the participants) became important," Lum said.

He added that their low self images where influenced by the program, "Nothing feels better than applause and recognition as something other than a criminal." The Atascadero program, according to Muller, began when Muller heard about a similar program in Los Angeles. Chief McShale said he had also seen a program like S.M.ARTS in the south county.

"Two weeks ago I went to their art show, where at risk youths had displayed some quite impressive work," he said.

About a year and a half ago, they began working on developing S.M.ARTS in Atascadero, Muller said. "The process has moved very slowly," Muller said. "We have not received any grant money, so now we are looking for artists to volunteer their time to the program. Right now, we have one artist, but the artist is not available until the fall." Muller said S.M.ARTS will try to accommodate as many artists and youths as they can.

The program is looking for artists from all areas, including visual arts, media art, sculpture, literature, theater and music.

The youth and the mentor will work together to develop a performance. Atascadero State Hospital is willing to allow the art to be displayed at its yearly fair. The police department and Arts Council are also willing to display visual art in their offices.

An important part of the program, according to Muller, is that once youths have completed it, they will return to serve as a mentor with the artist for another youth. "This is a way for the youths to repay the community for the opportunity they have been given."
CSU to vote on faculty contracts amid protests

Suzanne Unverd
Summertime

Cal Poly professors will be given a new employment con­tract pending a vote by the CSU Board of Trustees and the California Faculty Association, vote for it.

The Board will vote on July 19, and the CFA will vote by mail ballot afterwards.

On May 9, professors from the 21 state universities staged a protest at the California State University Chancellor's office in Long Beach. The protest was to demonstrate that not enough state funding is given to educa­tion and to demand a new con­tract.

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Serbs blast TV building, apartment house

By E. Suit Read

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Rockets fired by rebel Serbs blew gaping holes in Sarajevo's TV center, an apartment building Wednesday, killing five people and winding down the domestic violence that Serb reporters say is a strategy aimed at deterring foreign reporters.

A rocket attack appeared to be retaliation for government attacks on two Serb-held suburbs, including shelling by government guns near the TV center, as part of Serbia's effort to break the Serb holiday of Vidovdan, urged the war by stepping up their attacks to bring an end to the war.

Serb troops to bring an end to the war.

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Disney unit forms new company to distribute ‘Kids,’ explicit film may receive NC-17 rating

Oh Hugh, how could you?

Henry Brookshurst, who said he believed her relationship with Grant would withstand the strain. "In the picture, the two seem to want to have a good idea of what they’re swimming in — or you don’t," she said, noting that pathogens contained in contaminated waters can harm humans, cause gastroenteritis, dysentery and hepatitis.

Political pressures and the demands of tourism are among the variables affecting highly visible California counties monitoring their water. And the gap in data is both dangerous and unfair, she said.

Money?

If the film succeeds, of course, they will share in the profits.

Disney acquired Miramax in 1993 and its founder, Robert Miramaz, was criticized for the 1996 release "Platoon," about a gay Roman Catholic clergyman. Miramaz changed a planned Good Friday release date following protests, and the wife of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) subsequently sold her Disney stock.

Christopher Reeve moved to rehab center

Christopher Reeve has been moved to an upper level rehab center specializing in spinal cord injuries, where he will undergo tests to see if he can regain some movement in his paralyzed body.

"I am sure they will cope admirably," Brocklehurst said, adding, "I was as surprised as everyone else." Ever since she appeared last year with Grant in a Versace dress held together, barely, with giant diaper pins, Hurley has spun a million-dollar career out of her face and figure. The two have jointly financed film ventures.

Women across continents will never be able to swoon over (High Grant) in quite the same way.

By Anita Chaudhuri

The Guardian

Spinal Cord Injury Association, Janna Jacobs, said Reeve’s rehabilitation would probably include weaning him from the respirator and fitting him with a chair and stander, which he can move by moving his eyes, chin, tongue or neck.

The 42-year-old star of the “Superman” films suffered his top two vertebrae, damaged his spinal cord and was paralyzed from the neck down when he was thrown from a horse during an riding show.

He has sensation on his left side from his shoulders to his hips and in his right shoulder, said Dr. John A. Jone, who performed emergency surgery earlier this month to stabilize Reeve’s spine. The Keasan Institute is one of several medical facilities in the country able to handle patients with severe spinal cord injuries.

PROFESSORS: Award adds to recipients’ long list of previous distinctions

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From the College of Engineering in 1994.

Burgunder has also garnered many awards during his tenure at Cal Poly. In 1998, he was honored with the College of Business Most Outstanding Teacher and Distinguished Teaching Award, followed by the Outstanding Faculty Emeritus Award in 1990.

Named best teacher four times by the Business Ad.

Burgunder has twice won the university's Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award.

Lucas teaches Victorian and women’s literature and is involved in numerous university activities. She is the graduate coordinator for the English master’s program, affirmative action coordinator for the department, and serves on the Women’s Faculty Advisory Committee.

A published writer on subjects such as Shakespeare and Virginia Woolf, Lucas was awarded “Best in Session” for a paper she presented to the Philological Association of the Pacific Coast Conference in 1994.

Though gratefully acknowledging the praise of her colleagues in winning the Distinguished Teacher award, Lucas said she is most pleased by the recognition of her students. "It means a lot to me knowing that the students nominated me," she said. "It was quite valid for an hour, not knowing that I made a difference in their lives."

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