Hunger strikers will travel to state capitol

By Greg Manifold
Daily Staff Writer

"O Canada we stand on guard for thee..." the Canadian national anthem will remain the anthem of Quebec after a recent bid to secede from Canada was narrowly defeated on Monday.

The vote had a large turnout, with 92 percent of the 5 million registered voters voicing their opinion. The referendum was defeated with 50.6 percent against, and 49.4 percent in favor.

Quebec is a deeply divided country. About 82 percent of French-speaking citizens, 60 percent, voted to stay in Canada. About 82 percent of the country is French-speaking.

The vote held special importance for Cal Poly construction management senior Mark Yousef, a Canadian citizen who has been in California for the past four years. His family still lives in Toronto.

"Before the vote, it was a scary time for me; I was afraid Canada would be put in economic turmoil," Yousef said.

"It was still a close vote — that still scares me," Yousef added. "It means that the next time, who knows what happens." Yousef explained that if Quebec does secede, it would cut off the four provinces to the east, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the Edward Island.

Cal Poly journalism Associate Professor Clay Carter explained that the vote was not the end of the separatist debate.

"It's not a new debate; it's been going on for a long time," Carter said.

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Pumpkin art

Ecology and systematic biology freshman Brad Walsh carves a face on a pumpkin with the help of mechanical engineering freshman Yot Catrona on Tuesday in Fremont Hall / Daily photo by Dawn Kolman

ASI Outings offers alternative education

By Korea E. Spoerier
Daily Campus Editor

Do you need to escape? Are the pressures of school or work getting to you? You might consider ASI Outings, a program which offers trips and rental equipment through Escape Route, as well as the climbing wall, both located next to the Second Edition Copy Center. Escape Route is considered the headquarters for ASI Outings.

The Escape Route rental facility has recently gone through some changes, said civil engineering senior Ryan Gregory, who is chair of ASI Outings. The volunteer leaders plan trips for the facility and make sure trips are carried out safely and efficiently will now be paid through ASI.

"We hope to provide students with a different education aside from the traditional classroom one," Gregory said. "We lead quality trips."

Many people are not aware of the facility and of the services offered, or think that they will have to pay in order to take advantage of Escape Route's facility, he said.

"The Escape Route is for everyone," Gregory said. "A lot of people are wary. People think we're a club (in which they have to pay dues)."

But the services are offered to students, staff and alumni at no cost, Gregory added. Participants only pay for trips they choose to attend.

Escape Route is unique, Gregory said, because it is completely student-run by the 12 officers and volunteers.

"The Ski Club has cool things for members," he said. "But we have great things for everyone — if they choose to make use of the facility!"

Those interested in attending a trip or outing through Escape Route can simply walk into the facility and sign up for a trip or outing through Escape Route, Gregory said. They sign up and pay for the trip all in one visit.

Psychology sophomore Briana Clark, who works as a clerk for Escape Route, said the experience can be very valuable.

"I think ASI Outings offers a once in a lifetime experience in education," she said. "It also can defeat the attack on affirmative action and build a statewide and national movement to fight against racism and sexism," said student Sarah Warden.

At issue was a July 20 decision by regents of the 162,000-student UC system, at the urging of Gov. Pete Wilson, to drop race-based and gender-based admissions, hiring and contracting policies.

One of the strikers, 21-year-old UC Irvine student Juan Cazarez, showed signs of "liver and kidney damage" because of the fast, but vowed to continue, Cervantes said.

"He's drinking extra fluids, water and Gatorade, and we're monitoring him closely," Cervantes said. "He wants to continue and we're supporting him on that.

Additional medical information about Cazarez wasn't available.

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Wednesday

17 school days remaining in fall quarter.

Today's Weather: chance of morning showers, afternoon winds.

Tomorrow's weather: chance of showers, cloudy skies.


By Notacho Collins

Today

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OUTINGS: Escape Routes has several trips planned

By Sheila Norman-Culp

MONTREAL — Us and them.

That's how Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau described Francophone separatists like himself, and ethnic voters whom he blamed for demolishing the separatists' dreams of making Quebec a new country.

His comments left immigrants in Quebec wondering — once again — if the province's French majority would ever consider them more than second-class citizens, and prompted television analysts to label Parizeau a demagogue.

"It's true we have been defeated, but basically by what? By money and the ethnic vote," Parizeau said Monday night in a thundering speech to French separatists.

On Tuesday, the backlash from those comments was so great that Parizeau announced his resignation at the end of the fall legislative term and apologized for his comments.

"I spoke too hastily, but that does not change the facts," said the 65-year-old politician, whose name is synonymous with the French-speaking immigrants from the Caribbean and West Africa. Studies, however, have found that the children of these immigrants are cool to Quebec separatism and see the ability to speak French a ticket to job opportunities throughout Canada.

That sentiment was echoed by Alex Louis, 39, a Haitian who lives in Montreal 23 years ago, said Farhat Abbasi, president of the Islamic Center of Quebec.

"Ethnic groups do not enjoy the same respectability that 'pure laine' French do," he added, using an expression meaning pure wool that refers to long-time French residents of Quebec.

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"A century ago, families in Quebec had 10 to 12 children, now they have one," he said in an interview Tuesday.

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Save the humans, then the trees

Editor

A tragedy is happening in the equatorial forests of the world. This unpeaceable madness directly affects the evolution of our species and our ability to face future problems in medicine and society. Hundreds of feet of jungle are turned into farmland every day. With the help of western technology and influence, potential new medicines are lost, possible cures for cancer are lost and unknown scientific solutions are buried in the rich soil of the equatorial jungles on a daily basis.

In my previous letter I was venting in a manner that was a little too mean-spirited. I apologize for that as well. But I was miffed and had to get something off my chest that has bothered me for some time now. And it just isn't about gays. It involves any and all militant special interest groups. Therefore it suffers a malady that each of us are afflicted with: imperfection. That's not going to improve, sad to say.

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Sacramento school is 'Melting Pot High'

By Ann Banaoft

NORTH HIGHLANDS, Calif. — The math students were laboring over fractions.

Two girls from men, Romania, Japan, the Middle East, Panama, Philippines.

"You should sit down. Your discipline is bad."

"Some of these kids start with no school background at all," Gavrilov said, then added proudly, "Still, all my students from Russia, Ukraine, Laos, Vietnamese refugees arrived, followed by Mien and Hmong migrants because of its mild climate and lower cost of living compared to the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas, said Minh Pham, bilingual counselor at the school.

"Many of these students have suffered a great deal, and for most coming here is a shock," said Jerry Soto, chairman of the school's English as a Second Language Department.

"Mien students come from a culture with no written language, no educational background whatsoever, and are thrown into high school," he said. "Russian students come with a very different concept of freedom than what we're used to, and they test and challenge authority to the bare limits."

Parents from some cultures, he said, expect school authorities to provide more discipline than is legally or customarily practiced. "Working with such cultural differences is definitely a challenge for us, and it's one that's going to continue in this state," said principal Constance Farias.

The school sponsors a multi-cultural club, noon performances of native dances and music, and a weekend fair where students share foods, customs and historical information.

**Update:**

Daily Staff Report

The dead body found in the Court Street parking lot, between McCarthy's and Woodstock's, was identified Tuesday morning as a 55-year-old man who died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The name of the man was not released.

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Cal Poly women dominate AWC championship

By Ally Levitt
Pool Staff Writer

Another successful run for the Cal Poly women’s team has granted it the American West Conference cross country championship.

This past weekend in Cedar City, Utah, all seven of the Cal Poly women placed within the top 10, which was not only enough to win the meet, but also enough for all seven to make all-conference.

Head Coach Terry Crawford was pleased with the women’s team individual and overall performance.

“Making all-conference was a very nice addition to winning the meet,” Crawford said. “I think for the conditions, we all did good,” said freshman Amber Robinson.

CROSS COUNTRY

The men’s team, however, placed third behind Southern Utah and Northern. They “could have put together a good team effort,” Crawford said. Nonetheless, most of the men’s team was not pleased with its performance.

“Amikc, Eric and I didn’t do our job. We should have penetrated up front.”

As for the regionals, the chance of the men going is slim to none.

“IT is basically a coach’s decision now if we go,” Engel said.

Unfortunately for the men, if they do not attend the regionals, their cross country season is over.

“I would have liked to leave on a better note,” Engel said.

The NCAA Regional 8 will be held on Nov. 11 in Portland, Ore. and the entire women’s team will be attending.

Miami guilty on six of ten NCAA charges

By Steven Wise
News Editor

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — The University of Miami publicly admitted guilt Tuesday on six of 10 NCAA charges but denied the most damaging allegation — lack of institutional control.

School officials will attend a hearing Nov. 9 before the NCAA Committee on Infractions to discuss institutional control and three other allegations. Sanctions likely will be announced by the end of December.

“There is a relief” athletic director Paul Dee said, “in that we’re finally going to get to the end of this, we hope.”

Prohibition would include a ban on bowl game and TV appearance fees for one or more years, as well as scholarship reductions.

As a news conference, the university released a summary of the 10 NCAA charges. Three involve a Pell Grant scandal that prompted a federal investigation and led to the conviction of former university academic advisor Tracy Russell, who admitted falsifying the Pell Grant applications of 91 students, including 85 athletes.

The NCAA, which began its investigation four years ago, alleges a lack of institutional control made the financial fraud possible.

“That is the allegation that carries with it the most likely heavy penalty,” university president Edward Foote said. “Our position is that there was extensive wrongdoing with the Pell Grants, but it was orchestrated by one employee who has admitted he did it and who is long since gone. We know of no other representative of this institution who was involved in any respect.

“Administrative action is that is a lack of institutional control.”

Russell, who was repeatedly quoted as not working with the knowledge of anyone at the university.

The school faces a lawsuit by star basketball player Luther Campbell’s special treatment when he unilaterally constituted an NCAA violation, saying Campbell wasn’t affiliated with the school as a booster or season-ticket holder.

Miami admits violating NCAA rules by failing to follow its own drug-testing policies. The school also acknowledges a play-for-pay scheme involving at least one former football player, inaccurate room and board charges for one or more years, as well as scholarship reductions.

“I’d be less than honest if I said this was a whole lot of fun sitting here,” Foote said. “I’d rather be talking about the library or the physics department. I am disappointed in a sense that we didn’t do a better job in some respects.”

Foote and Dee declined to speculate on the severity of sanctions.

A list of the allegations was delivered to the university last week, and all of them were expected, Foote said. Most of the violations occurred during Dennis Erickson’s tenure as head coach at Miami, but Foote declined to blame the Hurricanes’ former football coach for the trouble with the NCAA.