Prop. 209

By Remi Sklar
Daily Staff Writer

The implications of Proposition 209, the California Civil Rights Initiative, have yet to hit Cal Poly, but other institutions across the state are preparing a fight against it. The California State Student Association (CSSA) appointed two Affirmative Action Officers to monitor the impact of Proposition 209 on Nov. 10 in San Marcos.

The CSSA picked San Francisco State Student Body President Lee Sprague and Sacramento State senior Rene Hamlin to sustain California's multicultural student population in the face of the recently passed proposition.

"It was a great honor to be chosen to do this," Sprague said. "We as students will develop a plan to maintain diversity. Once the law is passed, all institutions must take responsibility and create regulations."

Hamlin said her new position requires devotion to the education of all groups of students, and was created because Proposition 209 could possibly eliminate funding for people of color and women.

"We are expected to make outreach to students and potential students for all the CSU campuses," Hamlin said. "We will be handing out applications to make sure people of color know that they should still apply at all campuses."

In contrast, the University of California regents already implemented Proposition 209 by announcing its reduction of race and gender acceptance regulations for fall 1997. This sparked student demonstrations at UCLA, U.C. Santa Barbara, U.C. Irvine, U.C. Riverside and U.C. Berkeley.

"There is an immediate impact on the U.C. system from the implementation of Proposition 209," Sprague said. "I expect a 20 to 40 percent drop in ethnic enrollment."

The effects of Proposition 209 at Cal Poly have not been determined because of the filing of lawsuits and other court procedures.

State Sen. Jack O'Connor (D-San Luis Obispo) said students should remain calm until the situation is clarified by the courts.

Court decisions on 209 will finalize speculation on the fate of services like Cal Poly's Women's Center. Daily photo b Joe Johnston

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Students take action against 209

Using different approaches at college campuses throughout the state, students have protested the passing of Proposition 209.

According to the University of California Student Association, demonstrations began at 6 a.m. the day after the election. Adding fuel to the fire, U.C. President Atkinson instructed campus chancellors to implement the initiative immediately, moving up the U.C. Regents July 20 deadline for eliminating affirmative action policies in undergraduate admissions.

Demonstrations are planned to continue at numerous campuses and statewide walkouts are planned for the week of Dec. 6. Here are some of the activities held at state campuses:

• U.C. Berkeley: On Nov. 6 more than 200 students blocked the entrances and occupied Campanile Tower for 15 hours. After camping both inside and outside the building about 26 students were arrested.

• San Francisco State University: About 500 students marched through the city for two hours and camped from 19th and Holloway streets on Nov. 6. Later that week, about 650 students marched to Home Savings of America, a corporate sponsor of the proposition.

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Students to vote on Poly Plan fee increase early next year

The time frame for the student referendum vote was the main topic of discussion in the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee meeting Thursday.

The committee also got a progress report on the projects funded by the Poly Plan for the 1996-97 school year, and a report from the communications task force, a subcommittee recently set up to publicize the Cal Poly Plan.

Frank Levens, vice president for administration and finance, presented the committee with two possible timelines for the student fee referendum. The referendum is a proposal in which students vote on an increase in the campus academic fee, which provides funding for the Cal Poly Plan from $135 to $279 per year. The two timelines for the referendum are either at the end of April 1997 or sometime at the end of February 1997. The administration liked the idea of the earlier referendum.

Paul Zeng, provost and vice president for academic affairs, voiced concern that a later referendum would lose continuity in informing students of it because of finals week and spring break. He also said that most of the campus changes toward the end of spring quarter and the referendum would have to compete for attention with Open House and ASI elections during spring quarter.

A source close to the plan said that some of the administration's push for the earlier referendum may be due to the 10 percent fee increase for all California State University students that was approved by the CSU Board of Trustees on Nov. 13.

It is expected that the fee increase will be paid for by the state, but if it is not then students will be responsible for the increase. The 10 percent increase along with a hike in the campus academic fee could be a burden for students.

The student representatives on the steering committee voiced the desire for the later referendum date. ASI President Steve McShane said the earlier referendum would make it hard for the communications task force to get the word out about the Cal Poly Plan and its costs to students.

Justine's not so upset anymore since she's had her coffee fill.
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funding for programs which exclude other groups, but for now university policy for admissions and hiring will be targeted.

"It looks to me that administration will be affected more than the programs," she said. "The only thing we might have a problem with is the women's mentoring program because it is only open to women."

Harris said all of the other women's programs, such as Take Back the Night, are open to male students. For example, the women's mentoring program matches female engineering or technical students with women in the industry. Women are scarce in those majors and are comforted by women who have excelled in the area.

Harris said she believes California had the wrong idea about Proposition 209.

"It is just one of those things we can't do anything about yet, but we all have programs we have nurtured along," Harris said. "Now we may be told that we can't do them anymore."

Harris said she is also concerned the proposition will cause a decline in campus diversity. According to the head of Access and Retention for the CSU system Allison Jones, Cal Poly is the only CSU school to use a point system in which minority students, women in traditionally male majors and other people with various characteristics, from serving in the military or living within the local area, receive additional points toward their admission.

In fall 1995 8,296 female and 8,647 male undergraduate students were enrolled at Cal Poly that same quarter 298 African American, 2,169 Hispanic, 2,014 Asian and 8,787 white undergraduate were enrolled.

"Proposition 209 might be the biggest threat to enrollment," Harris said. "I just don’t know what we are going to do if the enrollment for certain groups declines. I don't know how we could fix that."

Commissioner Coordinator for the MultiCultural Center Gail Batac said Cal Poly needs to figure out how Proposition 209 will impact the campus ethnic clubs.

"We don't know exactly what is going to happen yet," Batac said. "The administrators have been giving us the run around because they aren't sure."

Batac said she is optimistic that Cal Poly will be able to salvage the needed ethnic programs.

"A lot of universities are deciding not to enforce Proposition 209," Batac said. "Hopefully we can do something like that here and keep our ethnic and women's programs."

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Adviser David Casta said the club’s programs are necessary academic support for students and he thinks this program is stable for 1996-97.

"Although it is really unclear at this point, I don't foresee any changes for this year," Casta said.

Programs might be protected by federal law and Proposition 209 may introduce on students’ civil rights, Sprague said.

He said the CSSA officers will monitor the situation closely for the next few weeks by holding and attending several meetings, including one this week with American Civil Liberties Union.
Monarchs flock to Pismo Beach for winter spectacle

By Jennifer Burk
Daily Staff Writer

The Great Spirit created the mountains, the streams, the valleys and the plains so that there would be a suitable place for people to live when He created them as well. He created a huge pile of pebbles painted with marvelous colors borrowed from the rainbow and scattered them in beds of streams. So moved was the Great Spirit by their beauty that He asked South Wind to create a huge pile of pebbles suitable for people to live on. South Wind touched the pebbles, and they slowly rose and flew... They were so beautiful.

This Native American myth greets visitors at the Pismo Beach State Park, home of one of the four largest monarch butterfly groves on the West Coast. Two other major groves are located in Pacific Grove and Santa Cruz.

Monarch butterflies appear on the West Coast in the beginning of October. The first chill of fall and the decline in nectar signals the butterflies' need to escape the cold and seek refuge in the Monterey pines and eucalyptus trees. At the present time, a sign at the park's information center reads, "15,000 here now, more on the way!" With so many butterflies in one place, visitors expect to see swarms hovering in the trees. "We saw a couple flying around, so I thought maybe they had already left," said Michigan resident Judy Baker. "Then I just looked up and saw all these butterflies. They were so beautiful.

Baker, who was in Pismo visiting her son and uncle, learned of the grove through her American Automobile Association Travel Guide. Although the guide stated mistakenly that the butterflies left in late October or early November, they actually stay into March.

The butterflies form dense clusters in a single effect providing warmth and shelter from the rain. The weight of this cluster helps it from getting tossed around in the wind. If a butterfly falls during the cold times, it may become a victim to the insects or field mice living in the grove. "Butterflies cannot fly at all below 55 degrees Fahrenheit," said Ernie Glenesk, a docent at the Museum of Natural History in Morro Bay. At temperatures below 40 degrees, they cannot move at all.

Retired Glenesk was attracted to the museum's docent program because he "likes nature and butterflies.

"I just like telling the story to other people," Glenesk said. "I recommend that people come on warmer days because more of the Monarchs will be flying.

On warmer days, the monarchs are out and about searching for food supplied by the blooming eucalyptus trees. And when it turns cold again, they cluster. When March arrives, they migrate in a northeasterly direction, taking off at a leisurely pace. During this migration, the male monarch initiates mating by pursuing and attracting the female with a scent thought to stimulate her to feed. After mating, the female searches for the

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"We need student-to-student interaction to explain the plan," McShane said to the committee. The students said that they needed extra time provided by the spring referendum to give the campus information it needs to make an educated vote about the fee.

Linda Dalton, interim associate provost for institutional planning, said the biggest difference between the two referendums is psychological for the people putting in proposals for projects. "If you know the funding has been passed you will put more energy into your proposal,"

Dalton said.

The committee decided to wait for further evaluation by the communication task force before deciding on a date for the referendum. The task force will give a report to the committee at next week's meeting.

Dalton reported to the committee that 10 out of the 26 projects that received funding from the Cal Poly Plan this year are up and running. Dalton said that all of the projects are supposed to be finished by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1997. She said all of the projects are being worked on, but the progress of each depends on the individual project.

Tom Spengler, the alternate student representative to the steering committee and a member of the communication task force, plans to educate the students and then move on to the faculty and the staff. Spengler said the task force has enlisted the help of Teresa Kaiser, the marketing director for El Corral Bookstore, and Kathleen Pennington, the advertising and promotions coordinator for Campus Dining, to help get the word out to students.

Spengler said the task force hopes to publicize what has happened with the Cal Poly Plan and what will happen with the plan in the future.
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barbucks is my temple. Or, actually, any building dedicated solely to the brewing and enjoyment of coffee. Being able to walk into a store, order a double latte with steamed milk and then adorn the beauty with any of several spices, chocolate and five different syrups is my idea of heaven on earth. I would probably live for the smell of these places if I had it.

Yes, I am a coffee addict. A well-established coffee addict. Not McDonald's coffee, mind you, but luxuriously roasted, ground and brewed black gold. I have serious money invested in the appliances and extras needed to brew the perfect cup of java and as soon as my eyes open each morning my thoughts roamed to that first cup.

I wasn't always so afflicted. I used to be just a social drinker. When talk sessions or card games went late into the night, coffee was a welcome help, but I told myself I would never be my mother. I would never start each day with the bean grinder, unable to open my eyes or form sentences without coffee.

But my espresso maker changed all that. As soon as I mastered the art of making steam, milk and thick, luscious brew, coffee went back to casual use. I began to order my independence and began to use coffee to slay the coffee god. I became officially caffeine dependent. If I do not have coffee every morning within an hour of waking, I will get a disabling headache. No amount of painkiller relieves this headache. It is my battle, but I need caffeine — period. You have to drink coffee before it starts. You can drink it after, but it will never go away, your day will still be ruined.

Coffee addicts, like smokers, must stick together. It is a culture — you either have it or you don't. If you don't have it, you don't understand. You may even seem unclean to coffee slaves. Only true coffee lovers understand and speak the language.

My road of addiction hasn't always been smooth; it has had some nasty potholes. Mornings are especially hard. First, I have to get up early to brew the stuff — this is hard because I also worship sleep — and manage the appliances and extras needed to brew the perfect cup. Then I rush outside with my travel mug in hand. I have become one “other who spends mornings carrying mug 'o' everywhere,” encountering all the inconvenience and casualties that come with the territory.

Traveling further than work or school is one of the worst hardships when you're feeding the need. Before I left to live in Chile for two months I heard the horrible truth that even though it is a South American country, the natives sip “gasp” Nescafe. Yes, that weak, brown, powdery stuff that produces — really, can we call it coffee? So, coffee fiend that I am, I sacrificed very precious suitcase space to pack a hot pot, a single-cup filter holder, and even grounds. I had no idea what I would find in my apartment that first day, and I was at least thinking to have a decent cup of coffee the next day. And since, I face the adventure.

I was soon to discover my cravings was brilliance for my new home, a good cup of joe was a serious anomaly, and beans were almost impossible to find. One of the blessings that I worked with found my coffee fetish quite amusing when he came to my apartment and found all the amenities I had brought over.

“Oh, you Americans,” he mused. However, seconds later, he had set the kettle to boil and was readying the filter and grounds.

“Want some coffee?” he said.

Even Australians need good coffee. I never got kidded again after that, and soon my apartment became a haven for early morning java-starved gringos to get a “decent cup of coffee.”

If I travel that involves staying indoors and you are as far as I can be from outdoor doors. I went on a backpacking trip once, the trip where you wake up any time you want and whatever you need on your back, and whenever you want. I couldn't carry my espresso machine, even if I could find a backpack to plug it in. But, hot water and a little instant coffee powder is all you need, right?

Well, after hiking nearly 10 miles to the campground, sleeping on the ground, using a pit toilet that probably gets cleaned only during leap years and not being able to shower, then being faced with my coffee substitute that looked and tasted like liquid dirt left me seriously rethinking my life. That morning was a coffee-lover's nightmare, and since my fellow hikers were all coffee drinkers, the final blow was that I was all alone in my misery.

Moral of the story? Always keep within 10 miles of a Starbucks, but if you must venture out of the safety zone, be sure you’re traveling with a crackly and needy caffeine junkie to help you through the rough spots. And next time you're at Starbucks, or any equally respectable coffee shrine, say a prayer to the coffee god to thank the holy bean for one more day.

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Heavv rains drench Northern California

Associated Press

A strong November storm hovered over Northern California on Sunday, prompting flood and wind advisories throughout the region.

Rain stretched from San Luis Obispo all the way to the Oregon border. "We've been getting reports on the order of several inches in various parts of the (San Francisco) Bay area," said National Weather Service meteorologist Rick Canepa.

Forecasts warned of possible small stream floods in parts of the Bay area, including Monterey and San Benito counties, where as much as 5 inches of rain had fallen since the storm began Saturday.

In addition, mudslides were possible in Big Sur, where a wild fire last month left some of the landscape denuded.

The inclement weather also caused troubles at 3Com Park in San Francisco, where the 49ers were playing the Baltimore Ravens. The park's main parking lot was partially flooded, and one of the highway 101 off-ramps was partially flooded, and one of the highway 101 off-ramps to the south was closed.

The storm produced mostly rain in the Sierra Nevada, where the snow level was at 8,000 feet or higher, Canepa said.

The world was the result of a tropical weather system colliding with a system from the north. "The two have come together and are focusing right on Northern California," Canepa said.

Wet weather was expected to continue through Monday, though the intensity of the rainfall was likely to lessen, Canepa said.

Boardroom racism not surprising to many blacks

By Paul Shepard

WASHINGTON -- From radio talk shows to water coolers, Americans have expressed shock and astonishment at allegations of overt racism inside the Texaco and Avis car rental companies. But those who are amazed aren't black.

As scalding stories seep out that some Avis Rent-A-Car locations rebuffed prospective black customers for no good reason, and that senior Texaco officials derided American-employees as "black jelly beans" and worse, many blacks are left with an "I told you so" feeling.

"This demonstrates that we aren't just paranoid about the country we live in," said Todd Boyd, associate professor of popular culture at the University of Southern California. "I didn't need the managers at Texaco to confirm that for me, but that's what they did."

Lawrence Otis Graham, whose White Plains, N.Y., consulting firm tracks the progress of minorities and women in corporate America, said he wished the cases at Texaco and Avis were aberrations. He doubted they are.

"Many companies have no idea how bad a job they are doing," Graham said. "They might give a contribution to La Raza or the NAACP, but being generous doesn't make them a good or fair employer."

Charges of racism are nothing new for police and courts, but the Avis and Texaco cases gave the public rare glimpses of how attitudes about race can collide with big business.

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RACISM: Corporate officials accused of doing nothing to stop it

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evidence of Rodney King's beating

tives for many blacks.

Graham said, the Texaco and Avis

tion aide on Cuba and

Nuccio commented in an inter-

view with CBS's "60 Minutes" scheduled for broadcast Sunday night.

As the CIA sees it, Nuccio vio-

lated a cardinal rule by his public exposure of a Guatemalan
colonel, Julio Roberto Alpírez, as a paid agent of the CIA.

Nuccio said a search of secret
government files disclosed that
Alpírez overawed the 1992 interro-
gation and debriefing of a cap-
tured Guatemalan guerrilla who was married to an American
lawyer, Jennifer Harbury. The
rebel leader was killed while in

The files debunked CIA claims
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POPE

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time in denouncing the use of eco-
nomic sanctions — such as those
the U.S. has imposed on his
Communist nation since 1962 — at
least finding common ground
with the pope on one issue.

When asked by a reporter at
the summit what he would talk
about with the pope, Castro
replied "about everything."

He faces a long list of demands
by the pope regarding both the
state of the Roman Catholic
church in Cuba and a possible
papal visit, which could take place
next October when John Paul visits
Brazil, his only scheduled trip
to the Western Hemisphere in
1997.

The pope wants Castro, who
was educated in Catholic schools,
to allow the church a voice in
Cuban affairs and to approve
visas for foreign priests to bolster
the dwindling corps of 250 clergy-

Castro is scheduled to leave
Italy on Thursday, said the Prodi
spokesman, speaking on condition
of anonymity.

During a meeting with Italian
Premier Romano Prodi, Castro
claimed he always had respect
for religion, and said he hoped the
pope would "say a prayer" for
Cuba following destruction from
recent hurricanes, a Prodi
spokesman told reporters.

Prodi endorsed expanded
European-Cuban relations but
stressed the need for Cuba to
make "real changes" regarding
human rights and political
and civil liberties, the government
said.

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While a papal trip could be
seen as bestowing the pope's
blessing on Castro, it could also
galvanize opposition to his leader-
ship. As for any papal trip, the
Vatican insists that the pope must
be allowed to meet opposition
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Rwandans welcome the tide of returning refugees from Zaire

By Herve Hranjki
Associated Press

GISENYI, Rwanda — Every hour, 10,000 Rwandan Hutus trudged across the border to their homeland Saturday in a weary, rain-soaked column of humanity desperate to end the misery of their exile in eastern Zaire.

More than 200,000 refugees have streamed over the border since the exodus began Friday morning, the United Nations estimates. A downpour Saturday drenched the 25-mile line of men, women and children making their way through green, winding hills from a now-deserted refugee camp, through the Zairian frontier city of Goma and over the border into Gisenyi.

Fellow Rwandans lined the route beyond the border, applauding and hugging the refugees as they lugged their tattered belongings across the border at Gisenyi to a U.N. transit camp.

"I'm not afraid," said Pierre- Celestin Muyandekzi, 27, a returning farmer. "I'm very happy to be in my country."

As night fell Saturday, up to 400,000 people on the Zairian side settled down to rest by the road before resuming their trek at daybreak.

The refugees had fled Rwanda 2 1/2 years ago, fearing retribution after a Hutu-led government presided over the massacre of a half-million Tutsi civilians.

Hutu militias in the refugee camps in Zaire virtually held the refugees prisoner until Thursday, when an attack by Tutsi rebels sent the militias fleeing into the hills of the interior and the refugees hurrying home.

There was little sign of any body seeking revenge against the ragged column of exiles.

President Pasteur Bizimungu came to the border Friday to welcome the refugees, telling them, "You are our brothers." The Tutsi-led government that ousted the Hutu leaders after the 1994 genocide has promised to treat the returning Hutus well, and most refugees who returned earlier have been allowed to resettle peacefully.

Amnesty International, however, expressed fear that the newly returning refugees might be subject to arbitrary punishment in connection with the genocide, joining the 80,000 other Hutus already in crowded Rwandan jails awaiting trial in the killings.

The refugees' unexpected return has overtaken a ponderous international effort to assemble a multinational military force to distribute aid and create safe corridors to allow them home.

 Rwandan leaders say there is no longer any need for military intervention, calling instead for aid in resettling refugees.

"What is happening on the ground is changing quickly and the force will have to adapt as well," U.N. envoy Raymond Chretien conceded as he arrived in the capital, Kigali, for talks with Rwandan leaders.

Bizimungu refused to meet with Chretien on Saturday. Rwanda also delayed permission for an advance team of Canadian troops to land at Kigali.

Rwandans in this lake-side border town watched the seemingly endless column of returning refugees with satisfaction.

"This resolves our problems," said Emmanuel Mazimpaka, headmaster of the local high school. "We were worried the refugees would attack us from the camps. Now they are coming home to help rebuild the country."

Witnesses said Friday a group of advancing Tutsi rebels massacred about 30 Hutu civilians in the Mugunga refugee camp. Otherwise, the refugees appeared not to have been harassed on either side of the border.

Like many returning refugees, Muyandekzi said he wanted to come home earlier, but dare not because of threats from the Hutu militias that ruled the refugee camps.

Traveling with his sister and father, Muyandekzi struggled to balance a bundle of food, water cans and few possessions.

"They told us we had to wait," he said. "I returned because it was not safe in Zaire anymore."

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that it knew nothing about the fate of the guerrilla — falsehoods that Nuccio said he passed to Harbury as she sought information about her missing husband.

Nuccio said he was unable to tell Harbury the truth because the files were classified. He later learned that Alpirez also was involved in the coverup of the 1990 slaying of Michael Devine, an American inkeeper in rural Guatemala.

Nuccio told "60 Minutes" that he tried unsuccessfully to persuade his colleagues at the State Department and the National Security Council to act on what he had learned, but he was told to do nothing that would antagonize the CIA.

He said he was told informal­ly: "Please don't do this kind of thing.

"I turned gray between October and early February (1995)," he said. "I slept very rarely a full night. I had lied to people; people that had known and trusted me for years."

He then decided to tell what he knew to Rep. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., now senator-elect, a member of the House Intelligence Oversight Committee. Torricelli went public with the story in March 1995, accusing the CIA of covering up both murders. He did not identify Nuccio as his source.

Subsequently, CIA director John Deutch fired two senior CIA officials and disciplined six others.

The Justice Department decided not to press charges against Nuccio of violating a law banning identification of foreign agents. But the CIA stripped him of a special top security clearance.

Without such clearance, Nuccio says, "I will never work in the executive branch or in Congress again, not in this gov­ernment or in any future govern­ment."

Deutch has established a process permitting Nuccio to appeal loss of his clearance to an independent advisory group.

"I've done everything to ensure that Mr. Nuccio is given a thorough and fair hearing," Deutch said in a statement.

He added that he also has put into place corrective procedures to ensure that problems similar to the ones that occurred in Guatemala do not recur.
State Warren Christopher said Central Africa to help protect and send thousands of troops to three years earlier, was Clinton's provisional decision to was in Burundi, where thousands side in several countries, festered antagonistic tribes living side-by- human suffering. lands would not be dictated by U.S. decisions on committing troops to save lives in distant after taking office, Secretary of Humanitarian Disaster was in the U.S. intervention grew more stri- cant military role if other coun-tries had taken the lead, officials said. "There was a sense that something had to be done. But the Europeans were ducking. No one was taking the lead," one official said. The decision was made somewhat easier because the pressure for intervention seemed to peak just after the U.S. elections — meaning that Bob Dole's reaction need not be part of Clinton's calculations. Defense Secretary William Perry, speaking Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," denied political considerations were playing a role in decisions to deploy troops, recalling that 1,000 military personnel were dispatched to Zaire two years ago to head off an outbreak of cholera in the camps. "We have responded when the crisis occurs" that military is uniquely able to deal with, he said. With Rwanda now leaving the camps for home, "there may or may not be a unique need" for American troops now, he said. While the decision to interven­ence as part of a multinational force was based largely on moral grounds, the State Department insists other factors had to be taken into account as well. Spokesman Glyn Davies said a conflict in Zaire, a huge land mass with nine neighbors, threatens stability in all of Central Africa and could derail plans to hold national elections in Zaire in mid-1997. Even without the tribal prob­lem on its borders, Zaire's internal political framework is teetering. President Mobuto Seke Seko, 64, for 31 years Zaire's ruler and an American ally, is in Europe convalescing from prostate cancer surgery, and even his political enemies say his death would throw the country into chaos. At week's end, the border cri­sis took an unexpected turn for the better when hundreds of thou­sands of Rwandan Hutus being held hostage by Hutu militants broke free from the captors and returned en masse to their home­land. Administration officials said the new developments could lead to changes in any U.S. commit­ment's size and mission.
MIDIAIR JET CRASH POINTS TO NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN MANY AREAS

By Deena Byrson
Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — The fiery collision of two jets in the skies over India has focused attention on the human and technological shortcomings that plague many aspects of life here, but rarely with such spectacularly deadly consequences.

The twin deaths last Tuesday's crash, which killed 349 people, could take months to determine. But at the very least it seems likely that more sophisticated air-traffic systems would have helped controllers alert the pilots to danger.

Upgrading airports is just one of many needs in an overpopulated, underdeveloped country. In the United States, air-traffic controllers say they had been briefed for years on the need to change to a more modern, computer-based system.

The one radar controllers use now does not show the altitude at departure the crew of all flights must be allowed and how to settle land rights questions.

"This will take another 20 years by Indian standards," Shah said.

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LA City Council moves to block newly approved tax initiative - Prop. 218

By Steve McJrre

LOS ANGELES — The City Council voted to ask the courts to block implementation of Proposition 218, the newly approved ballot measure that limits local governments' ability to raise or impose taxes.

The new law declares that local governments cannot pass or raise taxes, create or increase property assessments unless they bring the issue to voters for approval.

In some instances, existing taxes and assessments will have to be submitted for voter approval.

On an 8-3 vote the council approved a motion Friday that directs the city attorney to draft a legal challenge to Proposition 218's constitutionality on the basis that it denies renters the right to vote in some cases.

Under the measure only property owners can vote on assessments, and property owners who must pay a higher assessment will have their vote weighted accordingly. Non-property owners, such as renters and tenants, do not get a vote.

"I am absolutely sure most of the renters who voted for this didn't know they were giving up their right to vote," said Councilman Richard Alarcon.

At the raucous hearing, other members argued that the city should not try to undermine a statewide vote.

"I have a great deal of difficulty in having the city of Los Angeles spend taxpayer dollars to challenge a vote of the people," said Councilman Hal Bernson, who voted against the court challenge.

A representative of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, which sponsored Proposition 218, denounced the council's vote.

"This is an abuse of the taxpayer's funds to thwart the will of the people," John Coupal said. "For the City Council to do this is not only an affront to the voters, but an assault on taxpayer funds."

Coupal maintained Proposition 218 protects renters and everyone else by forcing government agencies to put tax measures to a general vote.

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careers with a win at the end of what Hart called a "lucky and unlucky season."

Harty plans to move on to a level sooner after Cal Poly, but looks to freshman Kyle Berry as a future Cal Poly star.

"Kyle is a really good player," Harty said. "He has more confidence than I have ever seen in a freshman.

In the off-season, the Mustang squad plans to sharpen their skills by attending tournaments in the spring, and scheduling scrimmages against other teams.

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Women's volleyball head to Big West Tournament

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Women's Volleyball

Big West Division

Team
Big West
Overall

Long Beach St. 15-1 28-1
UCSB 14-2 21-5
UCSB 13-2 20-6
Cal Poly 7-9 14-15
Cal St. Fullerton 6-10 16-13
UC Irvine 3-13 6-23

Women's volleyball head to Big West Tournament

The women's volleyball team finished up regular season play in Santa Barbara Saturday night, losing to the Gauchos in three games.

The Mustangs finish their season one game below 500 at 14-10, and 7-6 in the Big West. Middle blocker Kari DelGado led the Mustangs with six kills on the night.

Despite the loss, Cal Poly has made it into the Big West Tournament this weekend in Santa Barbara as the number four team in the Western Division. They face the University of Idaho (24-5), the number one team in the Eastern Division.

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Basketball team goes on scoring frenzy

By Franco Costoldini

Basketballs kept falling through the net as raindrops poured outside Mott Gym during Cal Poly's exhibition win Saturday night against Five Star Sport, 147-98.

In fact, as the predicted two-day storm began its downpour during the start of the second half of basketball, Cal Poly's shooters started raining threes, hitting 22 of 53 and sparking a little "Mott Mania" among the 2,220 spectators.

The scoring explosion led by freshman guard Mike Wozniak and sophomore guard Ben Larson resulted in an 88-point second half for Cal Poly and shadowed the team's slow start during the first half.

During the first 20 minutes, Cal Poly shot 47 percent from the floor and 32 percent beyond the arch.

Those first half numbers drastically changed by the end of the game as Cal Poly finished 54 percent from the floor and 42 percent from three-point land.

"I think (the game) showed that we can really shoot the basketball," said head coach Jeff Schneider.

The game also showed that Schneider's recruiting class will definitely make an impact this season. Wozniak, freshman guard Mitch Ohnstad, and junior guard Rick Kinner combined efforts for 62 points. Wozniak led the team with 32 points.

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"It really was an exciting meet. It really was a close one all the way," said Kiederwski. "It came down to the last relay - the 200-meter relay - and we won." Leilah Masi had a first-place finish in the 200-meter breaststroke and second-place in the 1,000-meter freestyle.

"We regrouped from the previous meet against Bakersfield," said Masi. "This time we fought for the finishes and we didn't do what we had to do against Bakersfield."

The next meet is the Speedo Invitational Dec. 5 in Long Beach.

By Brenda Ferguson

The U.C. Santa Barbara Gauchos failed in their attempts to corral the Mustangs Saturday night as the Cal Poly men's soccer team stamped the opposition in a 2-1 end-of-the-season victory.

"This was a fitting ending to our season," said Cal Poly Head Coach Dwight Mason. "This is the way we should have ended." In their last chance at victory, the Mustangs jumped out to an early lead and have three minutes into the first half.

With a pass from junior Scott Holmstrom, junior Danny "Sparky" Schraastad, the Gauchos fired a shot off of his right foot 30 yards from the Gauchos goal. All the U.C. Santa Barbara Gauchos could do was dive in a futile attempt to stop Hill's scoring shot.

For the second season in a row, Hill had scored a goal in the final match of the season. It was Hill's game-winning shot last year that ensured Cal Poly's birth into the NCAA Championship Tournament.

"It's God's divine intervention," said Hill. "God gave me everything I have, I just use it..."

With Cal Poly on the score-board, the Gauchos retaliated with 12 minutes left in the half, when sophomore Brent Edwards exploitation of the Gauchos' goal. Greg Connell, tying the game 1-1 at the half. Ohnstad scored the game's winning goal from the penalty spot at Mustang Stadium seemed to be prompted by a small group of yellow and green paint-spattered fans, however these fans had a different mission.

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