What propositions?

By Steve Liebemen
Daily Staff Writer

Proposition 215, the controversial medical marijuana initiative approved last fall by California voters, is being stalled by the federal government. In response to a Dec. 30 White House announcement of a plan to prosecute physicians who prescribe or even recommend marijuana, a group called Americans for Medical Rights filed a class-action lawsuit against the federal government. The suit names four high-ranking White House officials, including Attorney General Janet Reno.

"The will of the people was not for doctors to be prosecuted," said Che Malcolm, public relations director for the group. "The intent of Proposition 215 was to take care of the doctors' and patients' rights."

The issue brings up this question: should the government be involved with matters that should be decided medically?

"Doctors know what's good for their patients better than the government," said Rich Carmona, an ecology and systematic biology senior.

Though Proposition 215 was not endorsed by the California Medical Association, many physicians have supported it at the local, state and national levels.

This is in direct opposition to the federal government's position. Gen. Malcolm, public relations director for Proposition 215 feared the worst from the government as depicted in this illustration handouted this summer in SLO. See POF page 5

Capps pays Poly a visit

If they recognized him, students were surprised to see 22nd District's newest Congressional representative, Walter Capps, (D-Santa Barbara) on campus Thursday.

After a quick, 20-minute meeting with President Warren Baker to discuss education as a priority, the former U.C. Santa Barbara professor wandered through the University Union, greeting students along the way.

Capps was also busy introducing Jeremy Bahrinowitz, his new chief of staff.

Capps eventually ended up at the Avenue, where he talked with students.

"Education is a top priority. That's what it's about today at Cal Poly," Capps said.

Allen Haile, Cal Poly's director of community and government relations, said that Capps visit was "a quick courtesy call to let us know that his number one priority is education."

Haile also said that Capps told President Baker that he will visit more often. He said his staff is larger here than it is in Washington, thus giving him the ability to better serve his constituents.

While at the Avenue eating lunch, Capps said, "I sit down here and in no time I'm having a conversation. I feel at home here."

Baker serves final vote on fate of credit/no credit

Pay raise, alcohol policy also discussed at Wednesday ASI meeting

By Maria T. Garcia
Daily Staff Writer

The controversial credit/no credit grading policy will no longer be available to students as of Fall 1998, Academic Senate Representative Harvey Greenwald told the ASI Board of Directors Wednesday.

President Warren Baker approved the Academic Senate's resolution, which called for an end to credit/no credit for general education and breadth courses. Last quarter ASI wrote a resolution supporting credit/no credit. Because ASI and the Academic Senate could not resolve the conflict, Baker had to make the final decision.

ASI's resolution stated that the elimination of credit/no credit would result in "more students taking less units per quarter and graduating later in order to maintain their GPA, which is important when applying to graduate school."

Board Chair Michael Roca said he doesn't necessarily agree with Baker's decision.

"But I want to see student involvement through the entire way of reforming the curriculum," Roca said.

The Board of Directors also unanimously approved a pay raise for administrators. The 4.5 percent pay raise came before ASI fall quarter, but the issue was delayed until Wednesday's meeting, according to ASI Executive Vice President Arturo Rodriguez.

Roca added that the general salary increase is an adjustment for inflationary costs.

ASI also discussed results of a survey which shows that the majority of students are opposed to the sale of alcohol on campus. The survey polled 300 Cal Poly students and was conducted by an ad hoc committee formed last quarter to investigate student sentiment regarding the university's alcohol policy.

Brooke Forrar, ASI Program Board representative and Business Council representative reported that the program board is running out of money. They will have to tap into their reserve account until they can make a profit with the sale of concert tickets. See ASI page 6
Local church will hold King celebration Sunday

By Amy Conley

Daily Staff Writer

The celebration honoring Martin Luther King Jr. has already begun for some and will continue through the weekend.

On Sunday, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will host the second of two talks on Martin Luther King Jr. Rev. Tom Norwood will speak about King, from his birth Jan. 15, 1929, to his assassination April 4, 1968. Norwood will talk about King's importance to both African Americans and others.

The forum last Sunday featured Cal Poly speech communications senior Jerrie Burge and Arroyo Grande High School sophomore Justin Whitaker. The two talked about what it is like to be African American and the influence of King's legacy in the modern world.

Burge, from South Central Los Angeles, has been a public figure at Cal Poly and has appeared on local television news stories about racial issues. He brought attention to racial graffiti in the spring of 1996 when a Cal Poly student wrote "Dead nigger storage" on a sign hanging from a tree on campus. Burge also volunteers as a counselor at a South Central high school on weekends.

Whitaker performed a dramatic reading tracing racism through America's history. He started by quoting the Gettysburg Address, King's "I Have A Dream" speech, and told stories from the lives of everyday blacks from the 1850s to the present day.

Both men told the audience the importance of remembering King and evaluating the progress in fighting the racism.

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By Megan Long

Daily Staff Writer

Dynamite. Coca leaves. Mayan ruins. These are just a few things that University of Santa Maria philosophy professor Michael Silvestri encountered during his recent trip to Central and South America.

Silvestri, featured on Tuesday in the Global Affairs Series, spoke on the merits of cross-cultural experience.

The title of Silvestri's presentation, "Life on a Chicken Bus," referred to the over-crowded Guatemalan bus system he experienced.

He explained that the buses are standard American school buses, designed for 40 to 50 people, but are filled with no less than 120 people. Silvestri said that the buses are crowded with people, some with no clothes and even chickens. He said that the conductor even climbs out the ceiling's emergency exit while the bus is moving, goes onto the roof and crawls to the exit in the rear of the bus to check on the numerous passengers.

Silvestri also showed slides of complex, stone Mayan ruins against a lush green background in Guatemala.

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By Glenn Hurowitz

The Yale Daily News

"I'm not considering it the YCC's place to do rankings," said YCC Vice President Preston Hopson '98, although they do not think the rankings are very helpful, they do not consider it the YCC's place to tell an independent news organization what to do.

Some members also wondered why there was a furor only when U.S. News ranked Yale in the No. 1 spot, when the magazine has not done so for seven years; they noted that Harvard's and Stanford's current rankings are also not very high.

Representatives are not bound by YCC decisions, but those who voted on the disapproval of the rankings said a decision by the Ivy Council to support FUNC would reflect poorly on the YCC.

Regardless of the outcome of the vote, Thompson is turning his attention to trying to get schools to withhold information from U.S. News.

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FUNC members criticize the rankings on the grounds that it is impossible to give a college education a numerical ranking. They also say that the rankings are distorting the way students are shaping their policies on the basis of the effect they will have on the rankings.

YCC Vice President Preston Hopson '98 questioned the truthfulness of the rankings, saying that "it seems he's left most of his idealism in that spring." Thompson, a spokesperson who said they would consider changes this spring, takes a "black picture" to the rankings. Thompson said, "It's a looming phenomenon. If one jumps, the rest will follow."
By Brad Davis
Daily Staff Writer

Before the trendy coffee-house craze of the '90s there was a quaint cafe nestled on Garden Street in San Luis Obispo. This particular cafe is known as Linnaea's.

Linnaea Phillips opened Linnaea's Cafe in 1984 with $20,000 that she received from a divorce settlement, supporting herself and her daughter after her husband walked out. That, of course, is to make lemonade. Phillips has done much more than that. She's overcome hardships and held several occupations before fulfilling her dream to create a gathering spot with the distinct atmosphere of home manifested in a cafe.

It must be the inviting, “home-feeling” that keeps Linnaea’s busy and vibrant. By 8:30 a.m. on a chilly Saturday there is scarcely a place to sit.

“Once of Phillips’ best friends, Sandy Abersam, said, “She has a strong following, especially for her mocha.”

It could be that Linnaea’s is so popular because it caters to a diversity of people, the principle atmosphere of home.

“Linnaea Phillips serves up a home-like atmosphere at her cozy coffee shop. European cafes with her knack for bringing people together.”

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In the last edition, there was a passage from a passage from Gregory Corso's "Variations on a Generation" that I was reading at the time of my conversation with friends. The passage said that we need to be separate from society to be a Beatnik. I have never really cared myself about who I am? Too many others' lives have been shaped by liquid nitrogen and broken into pieces. At the end the evil terminator is frozen, being separate from society is being BEAT. I should. I am a firm believer in basic conformity. The degree of becomes greater all the time. It is almost a square in the eye, be proud and say, "I方形 in the back of my mind. This idea seems not so, said one of my morning classmates. He always think we could have better coverage of some far away place as being my homeland. This idea seems to be totally bogus to me. Granted, if I had never been exposed to the English in "Braveheart." I have made the decision to start a new trend, one that been paying an extra $7 in fees (in addition to the Poly Plan fee increase) to help pay for the sports complex, right? Where was the student voice?

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Barry McCaffrey, the Clinton administration's drug czar, has gone as far as calling Proposition 215 a "Cheech and Chong policy.

"The medical community deserves more respect than having a retired general in Washington tell us how to practice medicine," stated Dr. Marcus Conant, an AIDS clinician and lead plaintiff in the lawsuit, in a recent press release. "Physicians should be allowed to discuss medical marijuana without having to risk arrest or other punishment by the federal government."

This sentiment was echoed by Dr. Richard Ascoli, a physician at the Cal Poly Health Center. He said he believes the federal government's involvement is an intrusion into the sanctity of doctor-patient rights.

There are many, though, who say Proposition 215 is merely a smoke screen for legalization, and government intervention is necessary.

"Doctors need to have credibility from the government to make (the proposition) successful," said Solomon McCray, an ecology and systematic biology senior.

A main argument against Proposition 215 is that it wasn't written with narrow enough guidelines, and it is too susceptible to abuse.

Along these lines, Sen. Jack O'Connell voted against the initiative because it lacked a checks-and-balances system, said spokesman Gavin Payne.

Dr. Martin Bragg, director of health and psychological services for Cal Poly, said the proposition is too broad.

"It creates too much doubt as to what constitutes a medical need," he said.

Bragg is not an opponent, however, of the concept of medical marijuana. He acknowledged that it might help ill people, but said he thinks the effects are antitodal and not medical. He, like the federal government, believes more scientific research needs to be done.

"There are very limited scientific studies that demonstrate its value," Bragg said.

A common claim among Proposition 215 proponents is that the voice of the voters has spoken but won't be heard. This has caused some Cal Poly students to question the effectiveness of the initiative system.

"The will of the people just gets bypassed by the government," said Kevin Menton, an English graduate student.

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opportunity to operate her own cafe out of his Chorro Street store a few nights a week. The site where the book store was located is now occupied by Norwest Financial.

Phillips had a one-credit espresso machine in Norwood's shop and hosted a variety of activities including literary nights. "We had a Steinbeck evening which featured reading, eating and dancing," Phillips said fondly. "That was a lot of fun."

She even hosted the first public Hanukkah party which grew to be so large it was moved to the San Luis Obispo Vets Hall.

"Linnnea always seems to be up," said friend and patron Doc Heinrich. "She's like a magnet for people."

Eventually breakfast was served at Norwood's, one of her three sons was wandering down here every night planning topics in the process. "We'd sit up late," she said and then quickly shrugged off the thought, changing topics in the process. "We had a Steinbeck evening with Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala and national Drug Czar Gen. Barry McCaffrey."

Some disagree with the focus group of the study. "The adult drug problem dwarfs the teen figure," said Mike Males, author of the book "Scapegoat Generation," an argument against studies that focus on teens. "Males said the federal government, which sponsored the Monitoring the Future study, use such studies to blame teen-agers when adult drug and alcohol use is actually a bigger problem."

"It's a crock. ... We have the worst drug abuse crisis in the country after 10 years of the failed wars on drug use," Males said. "We have this mushrooming problem of 15 million binge-drink ing adults that affects children at home. Kids are being raised in increasingly violent homes."

However, Carter said Johnstone's study is accurate, and the information is correct.

"Given all of the related studies I have seen, it is a good, consistent study," Carter said.

Johnston said he does not support campaigns such as the "Just Say No" campaign in the '80s because "slogans don't generally work." He said educational programs such as Project Star, which uses role-playing, are more effective.

"One of the unintended consequences of the role-playing is students see their friends don't want to use drugs as much as they thought," Johnston said.

Students are earning higher grades, more apt to volunteer

By Monica Paknad
The Daily Bruin (UCLA-Los Angeles)

By Jeffrey Kossoff
The Michigan Daily (U of Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A study by three University of Michigan professors that found drug use in teen-agers nationwide is steadily increasing. The largest increase found in the Monitoring the Future study is in the use of marijuana by 10th graders, a number that doubled in one year to 34 percent. But Lloyd Johnston, who conducted the study with Patrick O'Malley and Jerald Bachman, said marijuana is not the only drug increasing in use among teen-agers. "We certainly have been seeing an increase in a wide range of drugs," Johnston said.

LSD usage rose to 9 percent among high school seniors, and the use of lsd, a form of crystal methamphetamine, doubled since 1992 to 2.8 percent among 12th graders.

The marijuana statistics show the most noticeable increases, but it remains unknown whether marijuana necessarily leads to other illicit drug use.

Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, also indicates changing social and political attitudes. An all-time high of 31.5 percent of college freshmen report having a "A" averages in high school, whereas a record low of 14.6 percent reported averages of "C" or lower. Students are also more willing to take courses in the arts and computer science than ever before, according to the study.

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The 41-year-old Mariucci led California to a 6-6 record this season in his only assignment as head coach. Getting the 49ers job, he said, "happened so fast, it was overwhelming."

"It's an honor to be here in the last few days."

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Mariucci is the first person from outside the 49ers' organization to be selected for the job since Walsh arrived in 1979 and installed his pioneering West Coast offense.

Club president Carmen Policy said the terms of Mariucci's contract were finalized just before the start of the news conference.

The decision to hire a newcomer, he said, was reflective of the 49ers' desire to instill "imagination, to a degree youth and a more creative appreciation of what the game has to offer."

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The Cal Poly Women's Basketball team will be given a chance to improve their struggling record on Saturday when they take on U.C. Irvine in Fullerton at 7 p.m. The game will be played in the Cal State Fullerton Rec Center pool.

### Women’s basketball

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Daily Staff Report

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**Men's Tennis**

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**Swimming**

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Mariestela, who was Yip's teammate at Fullerton Junior College for two years, is also very disappoint¬ed that Yip was injured.

"We play well together," Maygura said. "We have one win under their belt, but they’re going to be tough."

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