Cal Poly Plan voting begins today

Students get chance to put their mouths where their money is

By Emily Bradley
Daily Staff Writer

Today and Thursday students have the opportunity to cast their votes and determine the future of the Cal Poly Plan. The referendum will ask students, first, if they agree to pay a $48 per quarter increase for 1997-1998, and then if they will also pay another $27 per quarter for 1998-1999. If passed, this will bring the total fee increases during the three-year period to $120.

The second part to the referendum consists of 14 questions gauging the funding priorities of students. According to Kevin Rice, the author of the con-state­ment in the voter pamphlet, "A vote 'no' will not kill the Poly Plan — it will just keep fees at a reasonable level."

He argues that students have already paid $135 each over the last three quarters and if they feel they have not received benefits from this that they should vote against additional fee increases.

Poly Plan Steering Committee member Tom Spengler said that this vote is the students' chance to determine the direction of Cal Poly.

"I just hope students make an informed decision," he said. "If the referendum doesn't pass, the Poly Plan will be very crippled with over 150 projects that need fund­ing."

The vote will take place from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. today and Thursday. Just like ASI elections, students will be voting by their colleges. The colleges of Agriculture and Liberal Arts will vote on the Ag Bridge. Colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design, Business and Engineering have voting booths on Dexter Lawn.

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For more information on the Poly Plan, websites for and against the increases are available at www.calpoly.edu (under the Poly Plan link) or www.calpoly.edu/~krice/polyplan/index.html.

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ASI officials: the perks & pre-reqs

First, get the grades

By Matt Lazier
Daily Staff Writer

Candidates for the upcoming ASI elections must meet minimum academic requirements, set forth by a California State University system-wide policy.

The policy was drawn up in 1991 by an ad hoc committee, appointed by the CSU Chancellor and consisting of university presidents, faculty, staff and students. The document, last revised in 1993, governs the minimum academic requirements which all candidates for ASI office must meet, including minimum grade point average, a minimum unit load and a maximum class-stand­ing.

According to Bob Walters, assistant director of Student Life and Activities, the policy is a minimum requirement and the ASI office itself can, and in the case of GPA requirements, has, estab­lished more stringent qualifications.

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Associated Press

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Experimental vaccine protects chimps from AIDS virus

By Malakade Ritter  
Associated Press

NEW YORK - An experimental AIDS vaccine made from HIV genes has protected chimpanzees from the AIDS virus.

"It's the first time that a so-called DNA vaccine has squelched off HIV in chimpanzees," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, associate professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at the National Institutes of Health.

The work is "another step toward developing new concepts for vaccines," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "But the success with regard to protection is not any more or less than several other concepts that we've seen in the chimps."

Harold McClure, who studies the virus at the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center at Emory University in Atlanta, called the results very promising.

He said it will be important to follow the chimps longer to see if an HIV infection emerges. The researchers are doing that. So far there is no sign of infection at 53 weeks after the HIV dose, Weiner said.

Each chimp got two versions of the vaccine, made from altered HIV genes. The animals got six injections over 15 weeks, then two boosters.

Scientists gave so many shots because they were studying the immune system response. If the vaccine proves useful in people it probably won't require as many shots, Weiner said.

Another chimps that didn't get the vaccine became infected within two weeks of getting the HIV dose and stayed infected.

Californi cancer victim pleads innocent to Nevada dope charge

By Brenda Wiley  
Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. - A California cancer victim pleaded innocent Tuesday to a felony drug charge after he showed an officer marijuana he thought he could legally smoke in Nevada.

District Judge Mike Fendi scheduled a 3 1/2-day trial starting June 17 after Douglas Burton's attorneys, Richard Sears, said Burton's cancer apparently is spreading and a quick trial would be best.

"We should probably expedite it just so we have a defendant, your honor," Sears told Fendi.

Outside the courtroom, Burton, a 44-year-old Moreno Valley resident, said his thyroid cancer has metastasized and he has lost about 60 pounds since his Feb. 14 arrest at a local hotel-casino, where he was staying while visiting his parents.

"I don't know how much time I have left," Burton said. But he added he'll continue his court battle because a guilty plea, which would mean probation under the circumstances, is unacceptable.

"I don't want to plead guilty," he said. "I have never broken the law in my life."

He also plans to open a branch of the Cannabis Cultivators Club in Moreno Valley. Just before he was arrested, he bought seven baggies of marijuana at the club to help him cope with pain and nausea.

Burton also said a guilty plea could mean the loss of disability against California doctors who recommend marijuana to their patients. U.S. District Judge Fern Smith issued the order in response to complaints by a group of doctors and AIDS and cancer patients that the federal government's policy in the aftermath of California's Proposition 215 was interfering with legitimate doctor-patient communications in the benefits and risks of medical marijuana.

The initiative, approved by California voters last November, allows patients to possess and grow marijuana for medical use at the recommendation of their doctors without being prosecuted under state law. Possession and cultivation remain federal crimes, however.
Cal Poly students get chance to study Chinese artifacts

Three-way partnership allows study of early 1800s artifacts found during construction of the Palm Street Garage

By Dawn Kolmar
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly students will be getting the chance to play the role of Indiana Jones beginning this summer.

As part of a three-way partnership between the city of San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly and a private firm, students and community members are being offered the chance to sort, study and analyze Chinese artifacts that could change the current understanding of history.

Artifacts from the 1800s were found during construction of the Palm Street Garage, but the city ran into funding problems with the original archeological research project 10 years ago.

"When they realized how much stuff was coming out of the ground, it was too late to go back and get the funds," said John Parker of Parker and Associates, an archeological contracting firm.

Since then, artifacts have been stored in a 40-foot container, waiting to be rediscovered. Recently the city allocated $50,000 for the project and hired Parker's firm to begin sleuthing. Last Friday the artifacts were brought to the old Cal Poly poultry unit for storage and study.

"I have no idea what we're going to discover when we start looking at this stuff," Parker said. However, he hypothesized about what's awaiting within the container.

Parker said there is a mystery to solve and history to discover stored within gunnysacks, plastic bags and boxes.

A majority of the artifacts are from the Chinese who immigrated to San Luis Obispo after the mission was founded. Many fled from the Chinese Civil War. Others came for the gold. Some even settled in San Luis Obispo County to establish a seafood trade. They harvested abalone, that others didn't use, and seaweed, which was all shipped to San Francisco and then on to China.

"The town of San Luis Obispo was probably one of the largest Chinatowns between Los Angeles and San Francisco," Parker said. This leads Cal Poly social science professor Dr. Robert Hoover to believe the container stores more than just old garbage and bones.

"This is a big one," he said. "This may be one of the biggest collections of Chinese-American excavations ever."

As a mission specialist, Hoover will lead most of the analysis of mission artifacts. He will incorporate his work into his anthropology classes beginning next fall.

"Students will get a chance to study Chinese and mission stuff like never before," he said.

Parker agrees that the artifacts will provide students with a unique laboratory experience quite different from the typical classroom setting.

"They'll learn how to identify a sake pot from a storage jar and an opium vial from a medicine vial," he said. "Any of the students involved with this project are basically going to be detectives discovering things for the first time."

Discovery is only the beginning, though. Parker said students will match artifacts with old maps via computer. Using maps up to a year beginning in the 1850s by the Sanborn Insurance Company, Parker has identified which houses were on which lots and who the owners were. Researchers can map up the artifacts with the lot, house and owner by plugging all the data into the computer.

The computer analysis will provide valuable historical links. Information such as economic status of families in the area will be determined using animal bone fragments; the better the cut of meat, the wealthier the homeowner.

An expert in Chinese history is also involved. Roberta Greenwood of Greenwood and Associates in Pacific Palisades has studied the history of Chinese immigrants in California from San Francisco to Los Angeles. She said the local find will fill not only a geographic gap but also a gap in time.

"There are many questions to be answered," she said.

One of the things she hopes to discover is the trade route for the Chinese in San Luis Obispo as well as parts of history that are unrecorded.

"It's giving back to the Chinese community as well as filling in history for the rest of us," she said.

"It could very well change the way we view what happened here," said Wendy George, assistant to the city administrative officer.

Project administrators are encouraging both students and members of the community to get involved.

"We're hoping by keeping (the research here), George said, "It will be more economic but also that people will take ownership."

The long-term hope is that the artifacts will be available for viewing and research George said.

Hoover and Parker see students as a major part of the project.

"I think the student involvement will be kind of high," Hoover said. "They'll be more constant while volunteers will come when they like it."

Parker has been involved with a number of high-profile cases that have put him in People Magazine, Newsweek, Omni and on the cover of Preservation magazine. He has appeared on CNN, the CBS Evening News and Good Morning America as well.

"This is every bit as big as those projects," he said.

"You can sit at home and watch them on TV or you can come in and sign up to take part," he said.

Parker is offering two classes this summer through extended education, and Hoover will teach Anthropology 310 next fall, all of which have no prerequisite and involve the study of the artifacts.
Sure here’s drawbacks, but the plan’s the way to go

One of the most influential votes in California, and perhaps the country, in terms of higher education is upon the student body in Poly today. People are watching what happens here.

The Cal Poly Plan is here, and the collective student body has its chance to give final input. The editorial staff of Mustang Daily supports the Cal Poly Plan’s objectives and the fee increases that come with the Cal Poly Plan.

First, however, there are some issues of concern to the entire student body and the Poly Plan Steering Committee that need to be addressed:

- Why are students voting on the plan’s objectives now, at the beginning of the second year of fee increases? Did the steering committee shy away from saying that they couldn’t make an educated decision so early in the hall game?

Recall that at Sonoma State two years ago, students voted down a similar student-based fee increase before a “steering committee” could successfully inform the student body.

- The process of informing the student body has definitely been biased. One of the goals of the steering committee is to inform the students of the plan’s objectives and the work being done with the plan. But many times, this information comes across as propaganda—we never hear about the cons of the plan, only the pros. Banners fly over the U.U. and ads appear in this paper, and everything seems rosy on the Poly Plan front. We question an ad that has appeared often in the Daily that reads, “Protect the value of your diploma.” We doubt that our diplomas can really be devalued without the Poly Plan.

- Another goal of the steering committee has been to allocate funding for projects and equipment to certain colleges and departments. Our concern is that perhaps liberal arts won’t see the same amount of funding as engineering. We encourage the steering committee to make sure the money is divided evenly.

- What happens if the students vote “no” on the plan and the increases? Our understanding is that President Warren Baker ultimately has the final say. He is going to back down if only 1,000 people show up to vote, and 600 of them vote “no”? Baker has a lot at stake in this vote. CSU Chancellor Barry Maziasz is paying close attention because he, as well as the entire CSU Board of Trustees, has given the seal of approval to the Poly Plan. Do you think Baker wants to let Munitz down after putting forth so much work?

Mustang Daily hopes the students of Cal Poly turn to the steering committee to look into these potential problems and address them accordingly. Critics contend that the steering committee is an unnecessary bureaucracy that ties itself up with lack of action. The steering committee is needed for the Poly Plan to succeed, as it can’t do it on its own.

Some students on this campus have finally come to the forefront by arguing against the plan. Our question is, where were these people a year ago, when the steering committee was holding forums, where anyone could ask questions to steering committee members? We think the steering committee has done its job in attempting to bring the students into the process. ASI cannot be depended on to represent student wishes when its representatives don’t hear from the students at large.

We’re not going to tell you how to vote on the Cal Poly Plan. Mustang Daily does encourage everyone to vote, however, because if you don’t, then you’re not allowed to complain.
**Editor,**

I hope this is the last Poly Plan opinion that ever needs to be printed. I think the 800 or so before this one have done a good job at confusing everyone and avoiding the simple truth behind it all.

To start I have to admit that I don't know exactly what I am going to vote for, I do know a few other things for certain. For one, I know I hate the Cal Poly Plan. For another, I know the school needs three. Three months ago I could care less and was pretty much in full support of the plan.

Then came the day when I was putting the packet of Sugar Twin in my coffee at Julian's and I noticed a little poster supporting the plan. Then at Backstage I noticed another one on a table. The alarm went off in my head.

Propaganda is seldom used to support just causes. It is used to rally the masses and lead them to support and follow any given agenda or idea. Obviously, a lot of the people in control of this school want this plan to pass. I have watched the students, the faculty, the staff and even the students in class. Propaganda has been used to push the plan.

Ah, but how soon we all forget. Just like his first priority should be to maintain the high standards Cal Poly has always had in terms of the education. But his first priority is his own little secret. He envisions plans much bigger for this school, plans to hopefully earn Cal Poly a share of the national funding as a great center of student development. He knows that there is no way a campuswide vote for the Poly Plan will work. The Poly Plan represents every thing I hate about bureaucracy and govern-
By Michael Fleeman
Associated Press

DENVER - Prosecutors undraped their largest and most important piece of evidence in the Oklahoma City bombing trial on Tuesday: a mangled, 250-pound truck they say links Timothy McVeigh to the bombing truck.

The 7-foot-tall mass of jagged black metal, draped in a black cloth, was wheeled in front of the jury box on a red hand cart and then uncovered.

The explosion threw it 575 feet from the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, FBI agent James Elliott testified.

A vehicle identification number was stamped into the metal of the truck, which was found the day of the bombing. The truck's ignition key and its blackened, damped rear license plate, issued in Florida, were also discovered in the wreckage strewn across downtown Oklahoma City, Elliott said.

Ryder truck executive Clark Anderson said that on a FBI request hours after the attack, the axle number was easily traced by computer to a 20-foot Ryder truck that had been rented on April 17, 1995 - two days before the bombing - from Elliott's Body Shop in Junction City, Kan.

The customer gave the name Bob Kling, which prosecutors say is an alias used by McVeigh. Prosecutors said they will call the body shop's owner to identify McVeigh as the man who rented the truck. Body shop employees provided the sketch later used to identify McVeigh.

Prosecutors allege McVeigh packed the truck with barrels of fertilizer and fuel oil and drove it up to the federal building, where it exploded in a thunderous blast that killed 168 people and injured hundreds.

The 29-year-old Gulf War veteran could get the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspir­acy in the deadliest act of terror on U.S. soil.

Looking at still photographs from a security camera, Anderson said a vehicle shown parked out­side the building on April 19, 1995, at 8:56 a.m. - six minutes before the bombing - was a 20-foot Ryder truck.

Those stills were not shown to the jury, and another witness is to be called to authenticate the pho­tos.

Prosecutors contend McVeigh bombed the federal building out of general hatred for the Amer­i­can govern­ment and to avenge the govern­ment's deadly raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas.

Louis Hupp, an FBI fingerprint specialist, testified earlier Tuesday that anti-government writings were found in McVeigh's car after the bombing. He said the documents included a scathing attack on the government for the FBI's Waco raid exactly two years before the Oklahoma City attack.

The documents were in a thick, sealed envelope in McVeigh's 1977 Mercury Marquis. Hupp said McVeigh's prints were on anti-government writings and on a crumpled business card from Paulsen's Military Supply in Wisconsin that bore a handwritten notation: "TNT at $5 a stick. Need more."

That card was found on the floor of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol car used to take McVeigh to jail after he was arrested on an unrelated gun charge about 75 minutes after the bombing.

Hope, pride mark fifth anniversary of riots
By Robert Jahaban
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Hope and pride dominated Tuesday in the nation's worst civil disturbance of the past five years.

"Los Angeles is not just back. It's better," Mayor Richard Riordan told NBC-TV's "Today" show. "Unemployment is at a six- year low, we've created tens of thousands of new jobs, the city is at much safer, our roads are better repaired. The city is actually on a roll."

Joblessness, hopelessness and tense race relations were seen as the tinder that sparked the nation's worst civil disturbance of this century.

Problems remain.

In a new survey, two-thirds of those polled said they believe race relations in the city are poor, and 39 percent said they have seen no change over the past five years.

Nearly half said they consider the city segregated, according to the Los Angeles Times poll pub­lished May 17.

"It's tough, methodical, tedious work to rebuild a community." As he spoke, crews prepared to demolish a shopping center on south Western Avenue that was leveled and destroyed in the three days of looting and violence that left 55 dead.

"It's the fastest rebound of any urban civil disturbance in the nation ... and yet, in my view, it's still too slow," said City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas, whose inner city district suffered $100 million worth of damage.

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Labor's leader reshapes his party in Conservatives' image to regain power

By Robert Barr

Associated Press

LONDON - The Labor Party was a mass movement born in the mines, mills and dockyards of Britain, but the Labor Party in its current form is largely associated with one man: Tony Blair.

In three years as party leader, Blair has changed the party's creed, branded it "new Labour" and put it in position to win an election Thursday for the first time in 23 years.

Suppressing the ideological battles that precipitated the party a decade ago, and embracing many of the policies of the governing Conservative party, the 43-year-old Blair has Labor on a single-minded quest for power.

If he succeeds in this week's national elections, Blair will be Britain's youngest prime minister since Lord Liverpool, who was 42 when he assumed office in 1812.

"What Tony Blair has particularly done is to admire and, in a sense, imitate Margaret Thatcher's techniques at the height of her career," says Ron Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labor Party in the last election.

Critics inside and outside the party charge that there's little substance behind the catchy slogan "new Labour." Specific issues of government and policy take second place to the more abstract "new Labour." Blair himself says voters face two fundamental questions: Do the Conservatives have a fifth term? Is New Labour really different from the party that lost the last four elections?

The law, approved in March, went into effect on Saturday, and the youths were cited over the weekend.

The ordinance affects Squeal's commercial district and the county's unincorporated areas. It bans skating and skateboarding at any construction site and at public tennis courts, shopping centers and private and public parking lots where off-limits signs are posted.

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Citations made under Santa Cruz county's new law restricting skateboarding

HOUSTON - A federal judge has ruled prosecutors can seize all $9 million of a former Mexican official's Houston bank account even though a jury said he could keep $1.1 million.

The entire amount can be con­fiscated because jurors accepted prosecutors' contention that all the money deposited by Mario Ruiz Massieu, a former deputy attorney general in Mexico, came from drug trafficking, U.S. District Judge Nancy Atlas said Monday.

In a civil forfeiture trial last month, jurors decided Ruiz Massieu could keep $1.1 million but must forfeit the remaining $7.9 million.

The penalty for the first violation $103. The second costs $200 and the third $500.

Business owners have complained of the hazard skaters and skateboarders pose to people on sidewalks, particularly the elderly. Some also have complained that skaters verbally abuse them when they ask to leave.

"What's lost on a lot of people out there is the reason for the ordinance isn't because of the kids who are acting responsibly, but because a lot of kids are acting irresponsibly," said sheriff's Sgt. Dave Deverell.

Hoosier judge says U.S. gets all $9 million in probe of Mexican official

In a 24-page order for final judgment, Atlas cited jurors' responses to questions dealing with the source of the $9 million.

"(The) response does not indi­cate that the jury believed that the $1.1 million was not drug-related," she said.

"I am going to be a lot more radical than you might think," he promised.

Blair already is more radical than his background would sug­gest. He grew up in a comfortable middle-class home in Durham, and his father, a law professor, headed the Conservative Association there.

Blair went to Oxford University in the early 1970s, where he was lead singer in a rock band called Ugly Rumours. Even then, the driven young man was apparent beneath the shoulder­ length hair and skin-tight trousers.

"I was amazed by how keen he was on the idea of rehearsal," band member Mark Ellen told Blair's biographer, John Rentoul.

Blair "was more relaxed and chameleon," a talk-show caller demanded of Blair on Tuesday.

Blair responded: "I refuse to believe that the Labor Party should either face a choice of being electable and unprincipled or principled but unelectable."
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gories.

announced his plans for retirement just before the 1996
season began, but his farewell sea-
son was a mixture of bittersweet
moments.

Smith said his most exciting
moment was the ovation he got at
the All-Star game but his final at-
bat in Atlanta, where he got a five-
minute ovation, was memorable
as well.

"Sandwiched somewhere in betweenthere was my final day as a
Cardinal...those are great
moments that you only dream
about having," Smith said.

Following the 1995 season, the
Cardinals traded three pitchers for shortstop Royce Clayton, but
Smith said he was told they would start on opening day if he played
better than Clayton in spring
training.

"I did that and it didn't pan
out," Smith said. "I don't think
that they thought when I went into spring training that I would be
able to play the way that I did."

"I think I played well enough to
deserve a lot more playing time than I got...Not that I hadn't
already decided that last year would be my final season, but had
I played a little bit more last year I probably would have given some
thought to playing one more year,"

he said.

Smith was not happy with the
way the Cardinals dealt with the
entire situation. After 19 years in the big leagues, Smith said he was
disappointed that people involved in the game were not able to han-
dle the situation better. He said he has problems hearing Clayton say
that last year was tough for him.

"He played all the time," Smith
said. "I don't understand that.

A recent article in Sports Illustrated said that Smith had been
Clayton's idol growing up. His goal was to be just like Smith and
replace him one day at short-
stop. Clayton got his wish, but
Smith wasn't ready to hand over
the reins. This tension may have been
Clayton's reason for a tough
season.

"The problem we have here
today is that if we in baseball don't
respect baseball itself and the
people in baseball that have accom-
plished things then how in fact
can we expect people outside of
baseball to respect it," Smith said.

Smith now leaves the game in
the hands of youngsters like
Seattle's Alex Rodriguez, the
Yankees' Derek Jeter and the
Mets' Rey Ordonez. The biggest
compliment for an up-and-coming
shortstop is a comparison to a
young Ozzie Smith. Who does
Ozzie think could be the next
great shortstop?

"It's a hard thing to say. One of
the few things I have been able to
do is reflect back on my career and
some of the things that I was able
to achieve," Smith said. "I was
always working hard at being the
very best that I could be...I think
I didn't have the chance to appreci-
ate some of the things that I did. As
I look back at some of the things
now, I truly do amaze myself at some of the things that I was
able to do.

"I don't know if I've seen some-
one with that kind of instinct...Rey
Ordonez probably from the natur-
al instinct standpoint...whether or
not he can take it to the next level,
I don't know. Only time will tell."

In today's game with all the
money being spent on big hitters
like Albert Belle and Frank
Thomas, one might argue that a
good defensive player could get
lost in the shuffle. Smith said that
the focus has always been on the
big hitters and he doesn't see that
changing in the future. He said
that teams are well aware of the
fact that having a good defensive
player is a great commodity.

"I think guys are trying to be as
well-rounded as they can be —
being able to find somebody that
has the ability to domi-
nate a game from a
defensive standpoint," Smith said.

"That's one of the things that I
prided myself on was being able to
change momentum with a best
that I could do with
one swing of the bat.

"Making the great
defensive play out there
really could change the whole
direction of a game and I was able
to do that."

The proposed sport com-
plex that will include Ozzie
Smith Stadium (right)

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Smith said he agreed to help
raise the $1 million, but never
said he would flat-out donate
the money, like many first
believed.

Cal Poly Associate Athletic
Director Chuck Sleeper said the
understanding of the university
was that Smith personally guar-
anteed $500,000 and would work
with the school in securing the
other half-million dollars. Plans
for how Smith would help raise
the money have also not been
worked out.

Sleeper said it was up to Smith
to determine whether it was out
of his own pocket or by securing
donations from businesses, friends
or clients.

Athletic Director John
McCutcheon said that getting in
touch with Smith has not been the
easiest thing in the world, but
talks are ongoing. He said rela-
tions between Smith and the uni-
versity remain "good."

The agreement in 1995 was
verbal, which McCutcheon said is
normal. He added that many
things have changed in Smith's
professional and personal life, but
is still committed to the project.

The Athletic Department sent

a letter to Smith on April 17 after
hearing there might be a misun-
derstanding. The letter stated
what the university understood
of the agreement and asked Smith
whether that was his understand-
ing. Cal Poly is still waiting to
hear from Smith.

University President Warren
Baker has also been involved in
the process and Sleeper said the
only way to resolve the situation
is to secure another face-to-face
meeting with him to determine
the details.

Sleeper added the school has
raised close to 82.5 million and
the complex is still looking favor-
able in terms of funding. The
complex is expected to have a base-
ball/softball complex, four athleti-
and recreational fields, a new foot-
soccer stadium, picnic areas
and new parking spaces.

A site for the complex is still in
question. Mayor Alan Seltzer has
explored the option of land
owned by UNOCAL near Tank
Farm road but nothing has been
decided yet.

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begin to fill the fiscal hole they dug for the American taxpayers," said Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, who joined Sens. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, Ron Wyden of Oregon, Dick Durbin of Illinois and Paul Wellstone of Minnesota in the letter.

Twenty-four state attorneys general, meanwhile, continued to debate what to offer cigarette makers. The key option is to force smokers to undergo arbitration before they could file a lawsuit, say sources familiar with the discussions. Some states have similar consumer-protection programs, forcing buyers of new cars that turn out to be lemons, for example, to undergo 30 days of free arbitration but leaving them free to accept the arbitrator's award or try for a better deal in court.

Another option is to limit the damages a sick smoker could win, the sources said.

Tobacco companies have proposed paying $20 billion to $30 billion over 25 years and accepting some Food and Drug Administration regulation of cigarette and tobacco advertising in a settlement. But a North Carolina judge ruled Friday that the FDA can regulate tobacco regardless of any deal, and the Supreme Court has said it could file a lawsuit, say sources.

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As well as the GPA requirements, the policy dictates that candidates must have been in attendance at Cal Poly for two full quarters before the term in which elections take place. According to Walters, this requirement makes sure that no candidates are first-year students.

"Essentially, this prevents any first-year students from running, including transfer students," Walters said.

Osman cited more reasons. "It's to make sure that the candidates are adjusted and familiar with their environment," Osman said. "Plus, it gives us enough time to see their cumulative GPA, so there is a connection there, too."

Whiteley, Entzi and McShane have all attended Cal Poly for four years.

The policy also requires that candidates must maintain a 2.0 unit load during the term in which they run for office. Additionally, candidates must also have earned at least 21 units during the 12 months prior to the elections.

The policy also limits under-graduate candidates to those students who have less than 225 units.

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"major" ASI offices, including president and membership in student governing boards, maintain a 2.0 GPA.

According to Tamer Osman, chairman of the ASI Election Committee, the GPA requirement helps to determine a candidate's staying power.

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Christian Faith Center in the South Central area. But at the same time, he added, "I see a sense of pride coming back to the people" that is helped by the construction work.

Residents pointed to growing activism in the black community. "The biggest change in attitude is that people in this community have begun to understand that they must control their own destiny," said Danny Bakewell Jr., a leader of the Brotherhood Crusade, a civil rights group.

Residents exerted pressure on their elected officials to ensure local people got some contracts for the redevelopment jobs, he said. Bakewell's Culver City construction firm is general contractor for the new supermarket.

"We want for our area what other people have in their areas," said Ann Jackson, a 23-year resident of the area who is on the citizen advisory panel that meets with Ridley-Thomas.

Elsewhere in South Central, the African-American Unity Center held its annual April 29 commemoration of the rioting.

"It shows us where we come from, where we are now and where we must go now," said Jarvis Stewart, resource developer and program manager. "And in order to do that, sometimes we have to reflect on the negative."

The organization was six months old when the rioting hit. "We instantly became the focal point in the community," Stewart said. "We gave away $4.2 million worth of furniture and we fed and clothed over 500,000 people." About 100 people a night slept on cots in the basement.

On Tuesday, under a balloon arch, the center held ceremonies for 80 graduates of its free and highly successful job training classes.

Stewart said the South Central community still suffers from discrimination, poverty and crime, while progress in revitalizing blighted areas is slow.

"We didn't wake up one morning and unemployment was at 17, 18 percent. And it will not be down to 1 or 2 percent overnight," he said.

"I'm extremely optimistic," he added. "Because optimism, I think, has gotten us this far."

**Final Exam Question #2**

**The Collect Call**

What's the only number to use for all your collect calls that could instantly win you cool stuff (like hip Planet Hollywood jackets and packs of 24 free movie passes) every hour, every day?

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**Life after baseball**

By Jennifer Cornelius  
Daily Sports Editor  

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