Drag queens entertain, help raise money for AIDS

By Ryan Becker
Daily Staff Writer

When Rich Ellis decided to participate in California AIDS Ride 5, he knew he would have to spend months training for the 560-mile bicycle trek from San Francisco to Los Angeles. This weekend, though, Ellis became more concerned with his dancing abilities than his stamina on a bike.

As part of the professional drag show he was organized to fund his AIDS ride participation, Ellis took to the stage Friday night with three drag queens. Although Ellis didn’t dress in drag, his lip-sync dance thrummed applause from the sold-out Centerpoint Theatre audience.

AIDS-Rider Rich Ellis gets a little smooth from Savannah at Big Sky Cafe before the show. Daily photo by David Wood

New Chancellor faces ongoing issues

By Ryan Becker
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly administrators, students and faculty expect a smooth transition between the outgoing Cal Poly Chancellor Barry Munitz and his successor, Charles Reed. Reed served as the interim chancellor from October by the California State University Board of Trustees and will officially begin March 1.

"We have a chancellor who, very much in agreement with the strategies of Barry Munitz and the board," said Ken Swisher, spokesman for the chancellor’s office. "He wants to continue the way we've been going.

Reed has been chancellor of the State University System of Florida since 1985, which serves 220,000 students at 10 public campuses. As CSU chancellor, Reed limits it oversaw 34,000 students at 22 campuses.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker doesn’t expect California’s larger system to be a problem for Reed.

"The issues are essentially the same—you just add a couple extra zeros," Baker said. "He is the first CSU chancellor with experience heading a large public system.

Baker is optimistic about Reed’s ability to help close three major CSU funding gaps—faculty compensation, enrollment and technology.

"Reed has been very successful in Florida in garnering taxpayer support," Baker said. "His role of bringing funding will have an enormous impact on students. If we can close the enrollment gap, that means more classes for students.

Baker said Reed supports California Education Technology Initiative (CETI), a proposed joint venture between the CSU and four communications and technology firms. Final approval of the proposal has been delayed until Reed's first board meeting in March.

"CETI will essentially take the technology issue off the table so we can focus on faculty compensation and enrollment," Baker said.

Baker said raising base pay for faculty should be a high priority and noted that Reed strongly favors a performance-based system of salary increases.

James Zetsche, president of the Cal Poly chapter of the California Faculty Association, hopes the new chancellor will revitalize the Performance Salary Step Increases (PSII) program. The PSII policy requires faculty to apply for raises and does not allow salary increases based on performance. Since going into effect three years ago, the program has fueled a debate between faculty and administrators.

"There should be something from the chancellor’s office," Zetsche said. "PSII has destroyed morale on this campus. Performance pay does not function.

Zetsche said PSII, which was approved under Munitz, unfairly rewards faculty members who are involved primarily with research. "Teaching is placed below research in this approach," Zetsche said. "Research takes a professor out of the classroom. PSII hurts cooperative attitudes and rewards individual achievement.

Zetsche also emphasized the
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**TOP OF THE AGENDA**

**January 12-18**

**MONDAY**

Get your pens and creative thinking caps on! SLO Nightwriters writer's group will be having its monthly meeting tonight in the community room of the SLO City/County Library, 995 Palm Street at 7 p.m. This month the featured speaker will be author Bill McWilliams who wrote "A Return to Glory." McWilliams will talk about the complex research process he experienced while writing the book. The meeting is open to anyone with a passion for writing, editing, publishing, reading or storytelling. For more information call 549-9656.

David Smith will be playing at Backstage Pizza at noon.

Jereb Coven, associate dean of undergraduate education in the College of Communications at Pennsylvania State University and convener for dean of the College of Liberal Arts, will be on campus today and tomorrow for interviews. An open forum is planned from 11:10 a.m. to noon Tuesday in the Staff Dining Room.

NAMA (National Agri-Marketing Association) will have a resume workshop today at 6 p.m. in building 10, room 206.

**TUESDAY**

The Cal Poly Military Science Department will be offering a seminar to give an overview of the FULL Tuition Scholarships available through the department and to walk through the application process. You are eligible to apply if you are planning to enroll for fall quarter 1998. There are two seminars this week. The first one is tonight at 6 p.m. and the other is Jan. 16 (Friday) at 1 p.m. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. For more information call Captain Rob Wooldridge at 756-7682 or 756-7689.

NAMA (National Agri-Marketing Association) will have a general meeting today. Pizza will be served at 5:30 p.m and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in building 8, room 123. New members are always welcome.

**WEDNESDAY**

Come see musician David Ross at Backstage today at noon.

**THURSDAY**

Interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Cal Poly, Harry Sharp will be interviewed today and tomorrow on campus. An open forum is scheduled from 11:10 a.m. to noon today in the Staff Dining Room.

**FRIDAY**

Trip the Spring is playing at Backstage at noon.

**SUNDAY**

The San Luis Obispo Symphony will present its annual Bach 'N Bowl-a-Thon from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mustang Lanes in the U.U. For more information call the symphony at 543-3533.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On Jan. 17, 18, 25 and 26 the City of Morro Bay Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring the production of an amateur skate video at the Morro Bay Skate Park. Skaters and rollerbladers can come out to the park on the Embarcadero at Coleman Park. Admission is $1. The finished video will be shown on Feb. 6 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Morro Bay Community Center. For more information call 772-6278.

Special Olympics of San Luis Obispo County is looking for volunteers interested in helping with an athletics (track and field) training program that began Jan. 10 and continues each Saturday for the rest of the month. Contact Special Olympics for more information or questions at 544-4444.

Jan. 16 is the deadline to sign up at the Cashier's Office for the Writing Proficiency Exam at the Morro Bay Skate Park. Skaters and rollerbladers can come out to the park on the Embarcadero at Coleman Park. Admission is $1. The finished video will be shown on Feb. 6 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Morro Bay Community Center. For more information call 772-6278.

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Poet Laureate speaks at Poly

Robert Pinsky provided insight into the working of a poet's mind Thursday.

Daly Staff Report

United States Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky proved himself to be as eloquent a public speaker as he is a poet when he entertained a jam-packed Cal Poly Theatre Thursday evening.

The audience assembled early and a feeling of anticipation set in while the seats quickly filled with the young, old and everyone in between. Pinsky's deep, smooth voice filled the room as he made an impromptu poetic commentary about his water bottle.

This insight into the mind of a poet—always observing, always making connections—allowed some understanding of the process through which Pinsky creates the poems he later reads.

After the 45-minute reading, Pinsky fielded questions from the audience, which first wanted to know what the Poet Laureate is.

Chosen by the Library of Congress, the position is "a two-year sentence," Pinsky said with a laugh. Originating in England, the Poet Laureate wrote for the families of the reigning monarchs, Pinsky explained.

In the United States, the job includes planning special literary events and working with the Librarian of Congress to introduce new poets to the library's collection.

"The laureateship has become much more active," said Pinsky, also a teacher at Boston University's graduate creative writing program and is currently the poetry editor of the Internet magazine "Stat." He has also written five books of poetry and a best-selling translation of Dante's "Inferno."

They reflect that "nothing is singular. The human experience is always repeated, yet is always new," said Mary Kay Harrington, who introduced Pinsky to the audience. Harrington is the coordinator of the writing skills program and helped bring Pinsky to Cal Poly.

"Most of the money raised by riders goes to the cause, but it doesn't directly benefit (San Luis Obispo)," Ellis said. "I didn't want that to be an issue, so I decided to try and raise $5,000 instead of $2,500."

Ellis said proceeds over $5,500 will be donated to the San Luis Obispo County AIDS Support Network, the first time the community has directly benefited from an AIDS ride.

"This is just a little perk for the performers," said Charles Myers, owner of Big Sky. "Our customers get a kick out of it. It just makes the place more fun."

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Ellis will leave San Francisco on May 31 and arrive in Los Angeles on June 7. About 2,500 people will participate in the ride.

To sponsor Rich Ellis and the California AIDS Ride, call (213) 993-7628 or write to California AIDS Ride, c/o The Center, P.O. Box 2955, Los Angeles, CA 90051-0955.

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Bryan S. Ridley

Court case regarding the issue of homosexuals showed with material wealth and admiration. He goes on to say that "Poly dollars" are "grooming to be" those "whiny white women" who have a "tact element of racism in their whiteness." I am not sure what horrible sufferings Mark experienced in his lifetime to make him such a bitter, hateful person, and I honestly don't care.

What I do care about is his staggering ignorance and the fact that he chose to inflame it enth with everybody within eyesight of a Mustang Daily. His letter was nothing more than a whiny, racist temper-tantrum. What kind of an asskne lie could produce a stance like "black men are far the most oppressed, the most discriminated against, the most degraded, but attention black men takes attention away from the whiny white woman.

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You also decided to attack Take Back The Night, the Women's Center, and the hundreds of people fighting against sexual violence. I am one of those people who has chosen to join the men and women who struggle to raise awareness and bring change in relation to sexual violence.

Joe/ Roland's attitude ruins relationships

Editor, Is Cal Pol's Mustang Daily so desperate for reader response that our editor would print such swine's words as Mark Roland's whining opinion of women? Mr. Editor, do you so lack creativity that you found it necessary to slobber over your readers with Roland's drivel? With your opportunity to communicate pearls to thousands of minds, why did you waste precious space on piddie?
term and fulfill their common agenda for better schools, better health care and rebuilding the bonds of trust between people and government. 

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Capps said in Congress she would make education her top priority by rebuilding and modernizing schools, reducing class sizes and raising national education standards.

Capps has the experience of being a leader for 20 years and said: "There is a role for the federal government to help with the rebuilding of crumbling classrooms and the offering of technology to students to prepare them for the 21st century." Capps' platform also includes fighting to protect California's coast, water and air quality, preserving Medicare, and allowing all Americans to receive affordable, quality health care and to choose their own doctors.

Capps signed a pledge that stated she would serve no more than three full terms in Congress if elected.

"I will go to Congress for a period of time, I will do the work there, and I will come back and live out my life among the people," she said on KSBY. "I'm not a career politician. The three-term limit is just fine for me."

Capps has served as a public school nurse on the Central Coast and as a professor of early childhood development at Santa Barbara City College.

In addition to these candidates, Libertarians Robert Bakhaus and Ted Roosenberger, and Republican Robert Legvold have also declared their intent to run for the Congressional seat.

A low voter turnout has been predicted for this election, so remember to get out and vote. Jan. 13 and make the students' voice count.

Matthew Ceppi, ASF executive vice president, said communication with students will be a critical issue for the new chancellor.

"Ceppi hopes Reed will rely heavily on student input, especially with potentially controversial issues such as CETI."

"We have a really open communication line, and ... the chancellor's office has seemed to value what we have to say," Ceppi said. "Communication is going to be the biggest key."

Youth summit a snoozer

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importance of raising base pay.

"I would like to see what the chancellor thinks full professors should get," Zetzsche said.

According to Zetzsche, the salary of full professors at Cal Poly is $62,000, well below the $74,000 they would make at comparable universities.

Still, Zetzsche believes his concerns will never come across the table.

"I'm feeling a lot of bureaucracy," said Rojas.

"I'm feeling a lot of bureaucracy," said Rojas. pulling out his legal pad, filled with the names of community activists who wanted to get involved in various projects.

Meanwhile, the 400 or so teenagers who attended were disappointed that adults did most of the talking in the formal settings.

"It seems like grown-ups organized this," complained Lynda Lau, 15.

"I wanted kids to have more involvement, rather than just listening to grown-ups talk," said Somnang Sin, 18.
Swimming and Diving splash by Northridge

The Mustangs dominated the 1000-yard freestyle, earning the top three spots. Jan Pyka came in first in the 200-yard individual medley with Eric Wyles two seconds behind for second. Pyka and Wyles also finished one-two in the 200-yard breaststroke.

All together the Mustangs outswam Northridge 139-79.

On the women’s side the Mustangs continued to dominate the meet. Marti Hall touched first in the 1000-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle. Kim Jackson also had a strong showing taking first in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard freestyle.


WRESTLE from page 8

7 major decision over Mark De Guepuno at 167 and Mike French won his 100 pound match 5-1 over Zhakoros Dobrula. Craig Welk, who is ranked No. 11 in the nation in the 150 pound division, also posted a win for the Mustangs with a 10-2 major decision over Alan Kral.

Edfors was able to win the dual with Cal Poly on the strength of momentum built after two close wins, according to Mustang head coach Lennis Well.

The two pivotal matches seemed to be Hayman’s loss to Rafael Vega at 134 and Hart’s sudden death loss to Kevin Walsh at 167. Vega won the match in the last five seconds of the competition, 6-5, and Hart lost a 4-2 decision.

“Those were two matches we should have won,” Well said. “Those losses changed the complexion of the entire match.”

Cal Poly’s Jesse Reta did manage to knock off Ryan Shapart 4-2 in overtime: Welk continued his winning ways with a 9-3 decision over Tim Olczewski; Brian Bowles defeated John Moore 10-0; and Mcgee won again, this time over Todd Ford 3-2.

The Mustangs went on to defeat North Carolina 29-7 to stay alive only to lose to 16th ranked Cornell 22-15 later Saturday night.

Welk remained undefeated at the meet pinning Cornell’s John Fogerty and decisioned North Carolina’s Tony Poplano 12-3.

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Taking a stand

They believe in themselves. They believe they can win. And the Cal Poly women's basketball players continue to prove themselves to their fans and their Big West opponents.

The horns trumpeted and drums pounded as the Cal Poly women's basketball team strolled onto the floor of Matt Gym for the third and final game of the Mustangs' Big West Conference opening homestand Sunday afternoon.

An evenly matched game through the first ten minutes it looked like Cal Poly might defeat the University of Idaho, but the Vandals pulled ahead by halftime, and never looked back, capturing the win, 92-76.

The Mustangs fell to 1-2 in conference and 4-9 overall.

The Mustangs stayed up in scoring with the Vandals five minutes into the game taking the lead 11-10 on a jumper by Sherriynn Frazier. Leading 23-18, Idaho went on an 8-0 run, holding Cal Poly scoreless for almost seven minutes. The Vandals, who led by as much as fourteen points during the first half, kept the lead at halftime at 42-28.

Cal Poly came onto the court in the second half with a vengeance. Jackie Maristela sunk both free throws bringing the Mustangs within eight points, 44-52. The game suddenly broke up when the University of Idaho coach was awarded a technical foul after debating a call.

And that call seemed to serve as a distraction for the Mustangs, as the Vandals ripped off an 11-0 spurt immediately afterwards to go up, 63-44 with under 12 minutes to go.

But another bad call by the referees to overturn a foul they had missed gave the Vandals two more points and sparked the Mustangs one last time. At 6:29 Maristela hit a three-point shot and grabbed another quick turnover to silence the Vandals. Seconds later Stephanie Osrrio broke through a four game shooting slump for three points, but it was too little too late for Cal Poly.

The Mustangs continued to creep ahead by sinking their free-throws one after another. Osrrio was able to make one more field goal, and Tracie Ousik put the ball in with a jumper, but it was too little too late for Cal Poly.

Maristela continued her high-scoring week, posting 21 points including 3-of-3 from behind the three-point line. The scoring total marks the third straight game she has scored at least 20 points, after entering the week with a career high of 18 points.

And after scoring just 12 points in the previous four games. Osrrio, the team's leading scorer with 10.2 points per game, finally broke loose for 10 points in a span of only four minutes.

Frazier led the team with seven rebounds. For the Vandals Alii Nieman scored 25 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, while Kelli Johnson chipped in 23 points. Susan WOlf added 16 points and Melissa McDaniell scored 11. WOlf also dished out a game-high nine assists.

On Friday the Mustangs fell to Boise State 74-61. The Broncs opened a 9-2 lead early in the first half before Cal Poly stormed back with nine unanswered points to take a 11-9 lead less than eight minutes into the contest. Cal Poly then went up 14-11, but that was the last time the Mustangs would lead.

Boise State went up by as much as 19 points early in the second half before Cal Poly mounted another comeback run. The Mustangs pulled within nine points on a pair of free throw by Jen. Barboza to make the score 59-50 with four minutes remaining in the contest. That was as close as Cal Poly would get again as Boise State hit its free throws at the end of the game to clinch the contest.

Maristela scored 20 points to lead the Mustangs. The point guard also handled out four assists and had five steals. Bosnia Revisnich knocked in 10 rebounds to lead Cal Poly on the boards.

Four Boise State players hit double figures for the Broncs. Kim Bridges scored 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Boise State to the win. Kellle Lewis had 12 points, Yvette Huf and Tawnya Gray each posted 10 points.

Cal Poly has a week off before hitting the courts in Reno to take on the University of Nevada on January 18.

Senior guard Jackie Maristela goes up for a shot against Boise State in game two of Cal Poly's Big West conference opening three-game homestand. The Mustangs, led by Maristela, defeated New Mexico State in overtime, but fell to the University of Idaho and Boise State. Daily photo by David Wood

Wrestling pushes hard to remain on top at duals

Senior Staff Reporter

Cal Poly wrestling split its four matches this weekend at the Virginia Duals tournament in Hampton, Virg.

The Mustangs 4-5 in dual matches, 1-0 Pac-10 trailed Brown 17-18 going into the final match of the competition, but Mustang heavyweight Gan McGee pinned Brown's Craig Powell at the 6:19 mark to give Cal Poly the 25-18 win.

Five other Mustangs captured victories on the mat for Cal Poly. Alberto Garza won a 9-3 decision over Clay Weisberg in the 174-pound weight class. Cedric Raymon earned a 2-1 sudden death win over Ernest DeLeon at 134 pounds. Joey Hart pulled out a 18-