With the ASI election less than a month away, it's time to start examining the issues that must be addressed. First, has research been done to determine the opinions of Cal Poly students on the campus? The university was given a $1 million bonus, but was it worth it for the people?

Presidential Candidates
NATHAN MARTIN

Establishing relationships with private entities has issues that must be addressed. First, has research been done to determine the opinions of Cal Poly community? Take the Pepsi/university agreement for example. Was information gathered from students, faculty and staff regarding their preference of vendors on campus? The university was given a $1 million bonus, but was it worth it for the people?

Chair of the Board Candidates
AMY LUKER

The participation of private organizations in public education institutions such as Cal Poly can contribute greatly to our education. I feel that this is best accomplished through continued donations from a variety of private organizations and not necessarily through select contracts with a few companies. The generous donations from outside industries have helped make Cal Poly a nationally ranked university. The goal of these company donations has been to increase our fundraising efforts.

For the first time in three years, students will have a choice when electing ASI Chair of the Board. Candidates Travis Hagen, Matthew Larady and Amy Luker will vie for an office that has had only one candidate in recent years. With official campaigning starting in less than two weeks, candidates are stockpiling their armories with goals, platforms and leadership qualities. All three candidates agree on one point: The communication gap between students and directors must be bridged to put students at the root of Board decisions.

The candidates, however, differ on how to use their authority. The Chair's role is to moderate, oversee and provide resources for the directors that sit on the ASI Board. Elections Committee Adviser Bob Walters said. The Chair creates and works with committees, but can only vote on Board issues to upset a tie. The candidates need 50 percent plus one vote to win. "Any time there's three candidates the probability of a run-off is pretty good," Walters said.

TRAVIS HAGEN

Agricultural science junior Hagen said he will use his authority to set policies rather than micromanage. In other words, the Board needs to set, not postpone decisions, he said.

The actions Hagen has in mind include, "a better balance in the academic quarter." This means making course syllabi available on-line and in the library reserve room and posting teacher evaluations on Cal Poly's home page. His "better balance" would also mean implementing a rating system in the class schedule to denote the reading and writing load for each course.

"This gives a simplistic view of class demands before you CAPTURE," Hagen said.

Outside of academics, Hagen believes Cal Poly should restore a cornerstone tradition to set it apart from other universities. Hagen said when he asks students, "What's your favorite Cal Poly tradition?" most have no response.

"I want to set up a tradition task force to investigate 50 universities across the country," he said.

The Board would then put ideas for a Cal Poly tradition to a student vote.

Hagen wants to use Cal Poly's industry connections to attract influential speakers to campus. The speakers' forum would "give us exposure to new ideas and success," he said.

In regard to Board operations, Hagen said he wants meetings that work and summer training sessions that prepare directors for their individual roles.

He brings to the campaign the skills he gained as national secretary for Future Farmers of America (FFA) in 1995. Speaking to more than 400,000 students in 40 states and meeting with top business leaders, Hagen has knowledge of public speaking and management.

With this expertise, Hagen now offers consultation to four state departments of education in various leadership seminars for students. He believes these experiences, in addition to his commitment to serving students rather than

Minimum wage increase

More than 400 students employed by Cal Poly are missing out on California's new $5.75 minimum wage. A provision in the order that raised the minimum wage on March 31 excludes state employees from the increase, so Cal Poly's minimum-wage workers — primarily students — are still being paid $5.15 per hour.

"The increase doesn't apply to employees of the State of California," said Carol Clifford, Cal Poly's assistant director of payroll services. Clifford said Cal Poly employed 12,052 students in March, and only about 20 percent of Cal Poly's student employees are paid minimum wage.

"Supervisors can give pay raises when they want to," Clifford said. "In my office, I give student employees a raise after they have worked a certain number of hours. Other departments go through performance evaluations to determine pay raises for students."

Although some non-student employees are paid minimum wage, the bulk of Cal Poly's minimum-wage workers are students, Clifford said.

Sarah Smith, an English junior, works in the Kennedy Library. She is upset that students and other state workers are being excluded from the minimum-wage increase. "If it is a state-mandated law, everyone should have to follow it," Smith said. "It's hypocritical to make laws that other people have to follow if you don't have to follow the laws yourself."

Smith started working in the library for $3.15 an hour in September. After working 200 hours, her pay was raised to $5.25, still below the state minimum wage.

"I feel kind of powerless," Smith said. "I was thinking of getting another job. I'm moving off campus..."
Tuesday that will allocate almost $1.4 million to city programs, housing and public services like homeless shelter operations and homeless day center operations. The money will also fund public facilities like street drainage improvements, disabled access to buildings and historic museum improvements, to identify streets in neighborhoods with traffic problems. Some of those streets are in close proximity to Cal Poly. If the program is approved, residents in improvement areas may have to pay $810 to $200 per household to be included. This criteria has been heavily debated within the council and has yet to be decided. Mayor Allen Settle said he was concerned about the fee because he didn't want to scare away the public's support. Supervisor Peg Poind said the council should think it would be unfair of the city to charge residents of neighborhoods for traffic problems, which she said were the city's fault. Poind encouraged the council to go out into the neighborhood to get people's opinions rather than have residents come out to the City Council meetings late at night. The council did not reach a decision on the traffic abatement proposal, and postponed a vote until a future meeting.

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than his own political career, make him a better choice.

What does Hagen envision after a year as Chair of the Board?

"I see Cal Poly with a new tradition," he said. "I see students more informed."

Hagen encourages students to vote because the outcome of the election depends on what you want."

MATTHEW LARDY

Candidate Matthew Lardy, a biochemistry and microbiology junior, said he believes students should vote to protect their money. Lardy has served two years on the Board as a director from the College of Science and Mathematics. He said his service has taught him how to run a fair and balanced meeting. As Chair next year, Lardy would use his authority to guarantee students' right to voice their opinions to an open audience. Also, Lardy plans to streamline Board meetings. He wants to push more important issues to the front of meetings and allow for flexibility in meeting structure.

Lardy promotes increased campus housing, parking and safety. He wants the Board to have a louder voice regarding these and other student problems currently handled by university administration. This means creating joint committees with both administration and student representatives, he said.

Although Lardy favors expanding campus services, he opposes putting the financial burden on students. Instead, he wants to find wasted money in ASI programs and better manage it, he said.

As Chair, Lardy said his door would always be open. His concern would be to protect student interests, he said. I'll be the only Chair that has the courage to stand up for students," he added. "I'm not a group thinker. I'll provide a different look and a different way."

Lardy's intention after serving for a year as Chair is to "see ASI establish a better relationship with students."

His ideas include posting Board meeting agendas on-line and through e-mail. Also, he supports purchasing a monthly page of advertising in Mustang Daily to outline Board issues. In addition to his current Board of Directors position, Lardy is a member of Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity, the American Chemical Society and the Student Health Advisory Committee.

AMY LUKER

Luker, an industrial engineering senior, differs from her opponents as to the authority of the Chair. "The Chair of the Board has to be unbiased," she said. Her campaign emphasizes student-director communication and Board management rather than detailed specifics.

This year, Luker served on the Board of Directors as a representative from the College of Engineering and as a member of the Budget, Advancement and Internal Review committees.

"I got to discover what ASI can give to the students," she said about her ASI involvement. With the Budget Committee, she learned how and where money flows and how much students benefit from ASI programs.

Luker's goal is to teach directors by example. She said she wants to empower the Board to communicate with students, to leave their circle of government and Board management rather than detailed specifics.

"Directors need to know that

can make a difference," Luker said. This means teaching Board members how to balance the city's business side of their jobs with student advocacy, she said.

She plans to train next year's directors in May, rather than letting them start fall quarter unprepared. Luker learned the need for early training from the Internal Review Committee's investigation to determine if ASI is accomplishing its mission. In addition to her work with the Internal Review Committee, Luker wrote a resolution against the Saturday finals proposal and assisted a resolution for more campus lighting. As Chair of the Advancement Committee, she has focused on finding money for ASI from outside sources, especially alumni.

As Chair next year, Luker said she wants every student to know his or her representative. An improved ASI web page, she said, would show directors' pictures, their stances on issues. Changing Board meetings to Tuesdays and Thursdays would allow for more media coverage, and changing the meeting place would invite more students to attend.

Luker said her heart and mind are the only things best qualified her for Chair.

"I have the most experience in showing that I can get it done," she added.

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quality of education. However, I think that the goals of the companies change when commercial partnerships involving contracts come into play. The goal is no longer solely to contribute to education, but now industry is concerned about making a profit. CETI, for example, locks students into a contract for ten years with Microsoft, Hughes Communications, GTE, and Fujitsu, which inhibits donations from other companies such as Hewlett Packard who provided many of the terminals we use today. Partnerships should be approached very cautiously by ASI to insure that we always protect the best interest of the students at Cal Poly.

TRAVIS HAGEN

Every day we look for ways to enhance the educational resources of our campus. With the sweeping advancement of technology, it is of paramount importance that we continue to excel in providing students more educational opportunities at no extra cost to them. The Cal Poly system doesn't always have the funds and ability to keep up with the demands of progressive education. It is therefore a logical and beneficial step to partner with industry firms, which will some-day employ Cal Poly students, to allow for our education to stay progressive with technology.

The goal of CETI is to provide access, support, and training of new technological advancements for all students and faculty. Students stand to benefit with upgrades in technology, new computer software, and a telecommunications infrastructure, all provided without a student fee increase.

Before we take the action step of creating these partnerships, we should hold educational forums so Cal Poly students can raise concerns, receive answers to their questions, and voice their opinions. In fact, if anyone would like to learn more about CETI, check out the web site: www.ceti.calstate.edu. Cal Poly students deserve the best possible preparation for their professional endeavors and partnerships are a means to accomplish this.

MATT LARDY

As we all know, money is hard to come by. Anytime where the students can pick up a few dollars from private industry, in the way of grants, research funding, or student aid, we should. As far as I am concerned, ASI should go out of its way to secure these types of dollars for our students. Money with few, or no strings attached, should never be passed up on. To students faced with ever increasing tuition costs, these funds provide shelter from the financial storm on the horizon.

As an ASI Director, these new types of funds are exciting. And, as your ASI Chairman, I will push the upcoming board to embrace the private industry partnerships that we have on the table and I will look towards the horizon for new partnerships in our future.

We can all agree, that Cal Poly needs funding. Without aid from other sources, we will suffer. Our students will no longer have the state of the art equipment needed in our respective fields. We will not be able to produce continual student success in our future. For tomorrow, we must embrace these options.

To read all the stories, profiles and opinion pieces that Mustang Daily has run about the ASI election, or to see a list of candidates for all the ASI positions, check out www.calpoly.edu/asi-jumiller.

If you have any issues that you'd like to see the candidates address, please e-mail jumiller@calpoly.edu.

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most effected?

Second, are we willing to "sell out" and facilitate the monopolization of products and services on campus, ultimately destroying competition and raising prices? The first years I was on this campus, the only place to buy books was at El Corral book store. I thought the prices were high, but this was college. Not until competition came on the scene did the prices drop.

Finally, who's benefiting more from the relationship; the business or the university? These private contracts must be scrutinized to ensure that the university is getting the long end of the stick. Businesses are not stupid and that is why they are waving tempting deals in our faces.

Bottom line: take these questions mentioned before and apply them to all private contact scenarios, keeping in mind the best interest of the Cal Poly community.

DAN GEIS

We pride ourselves on our "polytechnic, hands-on education. Labs, technology, and information systems help make that possible for students of all majors. However, this intense education is not cheap.

Just as with the Cal Poly Plan, the University is searching for ways to maintain and expand our hands-on learning style. Partnerships are one way to do this. They can provide resources, funds, and state-of-the-art technology for our students. This was the purpose of CETI.

The problem with partnerships arises when students aren't included. The Pepsi deal, a partnership which brought a lot of money to Cal Poly, was swept through in the summer with little student input. ASI was not a "partner" in their partnership. Consequently clubs were hurt and students were rightfully angry.

Partnerships like CETI may help us to improve the quality of our education. Student fees are high, and resources need to be located in other ways. However, if students are not included as partners, then we cannot insure that they are directly benefited. I would support partnerships with the private sector that directly benefit students, and directly involve their input. As Cal Poly grows into the 21st Century, our labs, computers, and resources must grow with it.

NEEL "BUBBA" MURARRA

Cal Poly has been a partner in many public-private partnerships. These partnerships have provided the University goods and services at a better rate than we would have otherwise received. We are already exceeding the Pepsi agreement, and would have other-wise received even more state money or student fees.

The key to these partnerships is, and will continue to be, to safeguard the University and Student rights. When entering into long term agreements such as CETI (10 years) students need to be fully consulted to insure that they don't get left "holding the bag." Student opinion and input is the most important factor because we have the most to gain and lose from these agreements.

With CETI's far reaching effects, it is vital that we have plenty of time to examine all of the details. It is important that the agreement take place with student consultation and involvement. The PEPSI agreement is a corporate sponsorship that took place during the summer without enough student input. In this case the students should have had a larger role in the decision making process.

As long as the partnerships formed have educational improve-ment as their core goal we should consider their existence as a means to further the mission of Cal Poly.
The incidents in the past few weeks have concerned me. The slaughter at Jonestown and more recent reports on child abuse and sexual abuse committed by children and teenagers are startling. More and more child-teenie mothers are dumping their newborn kids into trash dumpsters and back alleys and more children are committing acts of violence against each other.

This forces me to ask some questions. Where is our race headed? Is this what we have to look forward to? If we aren't killing or abusing our children, they are killing each other and committing random acts of violence against each other.

Is more of this coming as we as a race have to look forward to in the future? Have we lost trust in our very children? Can we expect that they can no longer act decently and respectfully? Is this right, when we look in horror at the things our children are doing to each other and us? Is this how we were taught to behave?

I hope that all of you are asking these questions, too.

There must be a reason for all this chaos. There must be a reason why unwed teenage mothers are abandoning their newborns. There must be a reason behind the kids' actions at Jonestown.

I think it is because long ago we abandoned our children as a species, we abandoned them on them. Maybe we don't realize that they are following in the footsteps of their mothers, they take our actions and复制 adults and their actions whether they are wrong or right. Adults have a huge influence on their lives.

I think somewhere along the line, we are regarding them as children and starting to regard them as adults.

To solve this problem, I suggest that anyone out there who plans to be a parent in the near or distant future, first think about how their actions weigh heavily in shaping their own children?

George Lawson is a journalism junior.

Propositioning you to vote in June primary

Editor,

I urge your readers to prepare for the June 1998 primary Voters are asked to decide on eight ballot measures. They are listed below but particularly watch the following Propositions 223 to 227.

Proposition 219 is a constitutional amendment that mandates state and local ballot measures apply in the same way in all parts of the state affected by the measure, even if an individual part of a jurisdiction has rejected the measure.

Proposition 220 is a constitutional amendment that permits superior and municipal courts within a county to consolidate their operations into one under the approval of a majority of the local judges in the county.

Proposition 221 is a constitutional amendment that would give the state commission on judicial performance authority to discipline court commission- ers or referees at its discretion, just as it does for judges.

Proposition 222 is a statute that would create a new crime of aggravated second-degree murder of a peace officer and fixes the penalty as life in prison without the possibility of parole. Also it would prohibit convicted murderers from earning conduct credits to reduce their sentences.

Proposition 223 is an initiative that requires school districts to limit administrative costs to 6 percent of all federal, state and local funds received.

Proposition 224 is an initiative that prohibits state agents from in areas such as highway construction to contract out public services to private contractors over the objections of public labor unions.

Proposition 225 is an initiative statute calling on California's electors to help enact a U.S. Constitutional amendment to impose term limits on members of Congress, U.S. Senate and three terms for representatives.

Proposition 226 is an initiative requiring that all employees must annually give their permission to labor unions and employers before their dues or wages can be used for political activities.

Proposition 227 is an initiative statute that prohibits bilingual education and all school instruction will be only conducted in English but limited English proficient students will be given one-year English immersion classes before being put into regular classes.

Allen K. Settle is the mayor of San Luis Obispo and a political science professor.

Minorities losing interest? Editor

This letter is in response to the article in the April 7 issue of Mustang Daily by Calvin Liu. By far the most alarming significance of the Prop 209 article is that the number of minority applicants has dropped. Please notes the word applicants. My concern is that just because it is no longer required to prove students on an ethnic basis, they lose interest and do not apply. Have ethnic students come to feel that they need affirmative action in order to get admitted, so they just don't try.

Jason Brandt is a mechanical engineering junior.

Check your facts, omnivore Editor

This is in response to Eric Samuel's letter, "Childdish Arguments Don't Make the Grade." I cannot believe that someone who is attacking another's arguments would not even take the time to check his OWN facts!

In the letter, Mr. Samuel states "I like beef. I like rib. I like burgers, but as a 'carnivore', I am still disappointed..." I would like to inform Mr. Samuel that humans are NOT carnivores, they are omnivores. The definition of a carnivore is an animal that only meat. Apparently do not know a single human that eats meat!

In fact, there are very few land animals that are carnivores. It really isn't that hard to pick up a dictionary and check your facts before you write a letter to the newspaper and make yourself look stupid.

Anna Engelbrektson is a biology freshman.
Robert Reynolds, nationally known and respected watercolor artist and Professor Emeritus at Cal Poly, has an exhibition at the Johnson Gallery and Framing Studio through May 9.

His paintings of local scenery and other areas constitute his first exhibition in nearly four years.

Formerly the department head of Cal Poly's art and design department, Reynolds has published books and has been featured in many watercolor magazines including "The Artists Magazine" and "Watercolor Magic." His book, "Painting Nature's Peaceful Places," has been one of North Light Publications' best-selling art-education books.

For the past 10 years Reynolds, who has been selected to be the commemorative artist for the 1998 KCRA Wine Classic, has been concentrating on capturing the particular essence of a place. He shows the natural beauty of a place, where nature predominates, then reveals something more. He reaches the soul of the place and touches the peacefulness, the harmony, the glimmer the qualities that endure in our memories but cannot be described in words.

In an artist's statement, Reynolds explained what makes art a success.

"California is blessed with an abundance of great natural beauty. Ultimately it is not the subject manner that determines successful painting; it is the matter in which one envisions and interprets the subject," he said.

Reynolds, who graduated with honors from California's Art Center College of Design, portrays unique scenes from San Luis Obispo but communicates humanity's connection to the earth. Scene of

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by Andy Castognola
Arts Weekly Writer

Not often do Gen-Xers get advice on slacking off, drug etiquette and satisfying their mates from 50-year-old hippies.

Doug De Bias, however, boldly tackles such touchy issues in his new book, "Coming of Age in Babylon."

He has no fear of opening subjects people often keep closed.

"Everybody's afraid to write this book," he said. "I took a shot."

His intention is to shake 18- to 25-year-olds out of their comfortable circles and off their straight and narrow paths. He said the key for people of this generation is to unlearn what parents, teachers and preachers have ingrained in them.

Once young people have shaken their foundations, they can start expanding their knowledge. If you're white, learn about other cultures, he writes. If you're heterosexual, learn about homosexuals. If you're wealthy, find out about lower economic classes.

Leave the comfort of "The Bubble" and observe yourself in the context of all other humans, he stated.

"It is no sin to be a knowing resident of The Bubble; the shame is in being unknowing and uncaring," De Bias wrote.

As he encourages youth to widen their perceptions, De Bias often slips into his hippie mindset.

"Strive toward harmony," he said in his chapter on comparisons and contrasts, "be a part of the music."

His peaceful, 1960s feeling emerges again when discussing the value of humility.

"Humility," he writes, "enables ever­
generations to coexist and understand­ ing."

Through his occasional hippie lingo, however, readers will find a wealth of wisdom. In his frank discussion of sexu­
ality, De Bias explained differences between the sexes and what young people can do with those differences.

De Bias reassures that the mess of mixed messages, men impress their mates in all the wrong ways, and women flux disappointed.

Understanding gender differences will free young people from the cycle, he believes.

Knowing how to enjoy life will also free young people. In fact, lackking is encouraged.

"Don't let the shoulder­
ers ruin it for you," he wrote. "I mean, what is the rush? He wants young people to seek bal­ance and never get locked into a busy life.

De Bias is just as blunt in his advice on drugs. The best drug law, he wrote, is for you to decide what to put in your body. He admitted, "Nothing is more fun than dancin', drinkin', jokin' and tokin.'"

His advice: "Don't get hurt, don't get diseased and don't get caught."

The flip side of freedom and opportu­
nity is responsibility, he warns. Although Gen-Xers are finally in charge, they should not expect themselves to handle it alone.

De Bias hopes parents of this genera­tion can learn from his words as well.

"What women want is love, sweet love, and SATISFACTION," he writes. But satis­faction is no easy task for men to give. They would rather conquer nations and build huge monuments than face their inadequacies, he proposes.

Bernard 4-Tet jazzes up SLO Brew

Will Bernard will return to SLO Brewing Co. next Tuesday night with the new group Will Bernard 4-Tet for a per­formance that should deliver excellent jazz.

Last year, Bernard played to a sold­out crowd at SLO Brew with 1997 Grammy-nominated group T.J. Kirk and legendary guitarist Charlie Hunter. This time around he is flanked by Rob Burgess on a Hammond B-3 organ, Scott Amendola on drums and John Shufflett on bass.

The group has a new CD out on the Verve/Antilles label entitled "Medicine Hat." Bernard said the new album con­tains bayou boogie, classic jazz, Oakland funk and worldbeat beauty.

"I think 'Medicine Hat' is a provoca­tive title, open to many interpretations," Bernard said. "A medicine hat could imply something that alters your body chemistry and affects your state of mind."

A graduate of Berkeley High School's jazz program, Bernard is considered to be one of the Bay Area's finest musicians. He said his high school to college years were very important to his develop­ment.

"During high school, I got into inte­writing music...I thought I'd learn more about music by studying classical music rather than by studying jazz," he said.

Bernard first found success as a member of Peter Apfelbaum's Hieroglyphics Ensemble, recording the albums "Signs of Life," "Luminous Charms" and "Jodoji Brightness." He later joined T.J. Kirk with which he recorded "T.J. Kirk" and "If Four Was One."

Around 1993 Bernard was playing in 15 bands because the demand was there.

"Suddenly everyone was playing jazz in all the clubs...I was loving that," he said.

Will Bernard 4-Tet will be at SLO Brew on Tuesday, April 14 at 9 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for $10 from Boo Boo Records in San Luis Obispo or for $12.50 at the door.
Legacy: a tribute to Fleetwood Mac's Rumours

As punk rock exploded in the underground and disco dominated pop radio, Fleetwood Mac's hippie studio rock united a diverse audience. Many artists contributed including Elton John, matchbox20, Tonic and Sister Hazel.

“We got sick and tired of being disappointed by all our favorite bands’ new albums. So we decided we should form our own band. Then at least we’d know there’d be something coming out we could look forward to,” said Jeff Darien, singer, songwriter and guitarist.

Marc Cohn: Burning the Daze

Mark Cohn won a Grammy for “Best New Artist” in 1991 for his single “Walking in Memphis.”

After taking four years off, Burning The Daze is his third album and represents his most self-revealing effort. Daze was co-produced by John Leventhal.

Marc Cohn, T lo McCarty, M ac*!

The enhanced CD requires you to install QuickTime which comes in pretty handy for downloading off the Internet. When you click on the icon for the album, you get a computer-animation commercial for 911 Records (that’s expected, they did put it together) then you get a picture of Jesus and the Devil driving in a car.

There are different links that feature a help function, an interview, two short films, the band’s music and an on-line service.

Kudos to 911 Records for making an okay album into a pretty stimulating album, if not sonically, then at least visually.

“...in a world obsessed with material wealth and physical beauty, the musical group Ultrahorse dares to peel back the society’s glossy veneer and expose the human frailties that both empower and cripple us.”

The two short films em:}stion courtesy of A A o n d o  Gonzalez

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Los Angeles band Ultrahorse’s new album, “The Pleasure and Pain of an Automobile,” has a multi-media enhancement.
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size Ultrahorse’s view on plasticity. The first film, “Natural’s Not In,” is an infomercial featuring a scientist who claims to be able to do any surgery ranging from penis enlargement to elbow smoothing to “anti-oxidizing epidermal treatments.”

The second film, “Prison,” shows a woman extremely unhappy with her body, due to the body images she’s force-fed from her television. “Prison” had some really cool computer graphics that nailed home Ultrahorse’s point.

The album had some catchy tunes, such as the horn-filled opening track “Telecom” or “Immune.” Immune’s intro and vocals sound like an old, mid-80s Love and Rockets song, and its chorus sounds like Weezer with an extremely distorted guitar strumming about four chords.

“Landfill” had a cool groove, but the laid-back drum beat that was kicking never really changed, even when the song was obviously tightening up. But everyone can bob their head to a laid-back drumbeat, so the song worked.

The song writing was very good, but at some points it seemed like there was just too much going on. For instance, in “Moonshine,” there is a distorted guitar, some whacked-out electronic noises, an acoustic guitar strumming in the background and an organ. It gets to be a little cluttered.

If Beatles-inspired song arrangements (I can handle that), mostly electronic drum beats (I hate that) and feigned British accents (I really hate that) are your cup of tea, then by all means make sure you pick up “The Pleasure and Pain of an Automobile.” And make sure it’s the enhanced version, so it won’t wind up in the used section within a week.

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Morro Bay, the Los Osos Estuary, our indigenous wildlife and California’s sensational landscape have all been captured in watercolor by Reynolds’ ability.

In 1986 he was commissioned by the U.S. Postal Service to illustrate Hearst Castle for use on a postal card stamp. Every year, Reynolds holds summer painting workshops in the High Sierra at Bear Valley.

The Johnson Gallery and Framing Studio is located at 547 Marsh St. Viewing the art is free.

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Another new event will be Friday's "Carnival Night" offered to residence hall and Poly-admitted students. The event will take place in the Rec Center at 8 p.m. and prizes will be awarded.

Also new this year will be the club sport exhibition on Saturday for Rec Sports, including one-hour exhibition games of ultimate-disc Frisbee, men and women's lacrosse, women's water polo, gymnastics, hockey and rugby. The men's lacrosse national championship game will be held from 1 to 3 p.m.

Saturday will feature concession booths, demonstrations by campus clubs, the carnival, the University Union Plaza Fair and the main stage events. Two redwoods, one at 12 p.m. and another at 5 p.m., will be held, and the annual tractor pull will be at 1:30 p.m.

The main stage on Saturday will include performances by Cal Poly Cheer, the Filipino Club, the Chinese Student Association Lion Dance and "The Long Show," put on by the Society for the Advancement of Management.

New to the Open House tradition, but familiar to the days of Poly Royal, will be the addition of a concert held outside of the Kennedy Library with poetry readings and local band performances.

Another program implemented this year is a kid's club scavenger hunt on Saturday for children ages six to 12.

Justus said that rain or shine, Friday's events will take place.

The Open House committee is still unsure what the game plan is if it does rain.

According to Justus, the Open House studio event costs more than $20,000 to put on. Some grant money includes: $3,000 from Foundation, $1,500 from San Luis Obispo County and $1,500 from Student Affairs. There is also a subsidy of $5,000 from ASI.

Each college will be contributing, its own special attractions to Open House.

On Saturday, representing the College of Liberal Arts, there will be a Wind Band Festival Concert in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) put on by the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra and Jazz Bands. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and tickets start at $8. They are available at the box office in front of the PAC ticket office.

The College of Engineering will be hosting a "Night of Business" on Thursday night, according to Jere Ramsey, the college's director of student services. Current business students have been assigned as hosts to potential business majors, and there will be a bonfire at Acha Beach after the Farmers' Market for the newcomers and their hosts.

Afterward, the prospective students will spend the night with their host to get the "real experience of being a Cal Poly student," Ramsey said.

On Friday, the College of Agriculture is having a barbecue lunch in the Ag Circle for all prospective majors, as well as the tractor pull.

There will be a chemistry magic show all day Saturday performed by Philip Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, in the Fisher Science Building. The chemistry department will also have a glass blowing exhibit on Saturday.

The College of Engineering will host "Robodentoria" on Saturday, a robot contest put on by the Computer Society and the Computer Engineering Program. The contest will be held in the lobby of the Poly Science and Engineering East Faculty Office Building and will be televised all over campus.

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summer. There is a high level of awareness regarding olestra in the food science and nutrition department on campus. Professor Louise Berner said she tries to tell her students the pros and cons about olestra.

"I tell them what it is," Berner said. "I point out that some or most other approved fat substitutes are primarily carbohydrate-based, this one is not — it is fat based. It looks like fat and tastes like fat and you can fry in it. It is the only one that could replace frying oils now. This is unique so far. It has no calories. It goes in one end and comes out the other." This is because studies show olestra is undigestible by the body.

Berner also tells students about the side effects problem with vitamin and nutrient absorption. She said some carotenoids are considered anti-oxidants and some of their health benefits are not fully known.

"The FDA has concluded that this effect is insignificant. Many people are interested in the long-term outcome," she said.

Berner is concerned about the possibility of expanded use of olestra in other areas.

"In the limited use that it has been approved for so far, which is basically snack foods, I do not see a big problem," Berner said. "My long-term concern is if it gets approved for more uses, and particularly with kids who need more nutrients. Olestra does not make potato chips nutritious, just as food with fat is not automatically not nutritious. I would like to see people eat balanced meals in moderation, including things like potato chips."

Susana Swadener, registered dietitian and lecturer, shares many of Berner's concerns. She has also heard from some of her students who have experienced some of the pregnant mothers.

"I do not think it is a horrible thing, of course I do not think that eating olestra is going to be a great positive thing for people," Swadener said. "I had one person who had horrible cramping, and she had only eaten a small pack of chips," Swadener said.

Swadener said she tells her students: "It is okay to have fun foods. I do not think it is a horrible thing, but do not eat a lot. I would be cautious. I would try it," Swadener said.

Swadener said that fat substitutes and low-fat foods can be useful, particularly for people with health problems that require diets limiting fat and calories. She expressed doubts about these products' overall benefits.

"For the general population, it does not seem to help. With all these products out there, we are still getting fatter," she said.

Studies reported by the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition website of a table-top sweeter that was tested safe, but asked: "Do we need that many sweeteners?"

Cal Poly students may notice sucralose replacing other sweeteners in their diet soft drinks and low-calorie-containing foods, while the olestra-containing foods, "Olestra is totally synthetic and fake. I think companies are preying on people that are trying to lose weight. They are not focusing on health. I think when people see things low in fat, they are going to eat it in excess."

Not all students agree with using substitutes instead of the real thing. "I wouldn't use it. I use sugar and I prefer whole, natural foods," said English junior Shannon Gilliam.

Besides diet soda, sucralose can be used to make other reduced-calorie foods, such as cookies, cakes, ice cream toppings, fruit and pie fillings. Sucralose also be available as a table-top sweeter to use on fruit or in a cup of coffee.

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have shown that so far, the body has been able to regulate the amount of creatine stored and passed through the kidneys with ease.

Denver Broncos' tight end, Shannon Sharpe, could care less. "I don't care if you get five Ph.D.s, I don't care if you get seven strength and conditioning coaches to tell me otherwise," Sharpe told ESPIN. "I believe it works for me."

But what happens to a person who does not have a strength trainer or fitness adviser to turn to, what should they look for?

General Nutrition Center employee, Jason Bohd said that a bottle of "pure" creatine should contain the words: "Independent Lab HBCE analysis.

"What this means is that the creatine product has been tested and is proven to be almost pure," he said.

Bohd said more than 50 percent of GNC customers looking for a food supplement purchase creatine. Many of GNC's customers are young adults and students. Physical education senior Casey Cowell has been using creatine for quite some time.

"I'm not scared because it is naturally occurring in the body," said Cowell. "But I guess they just don't know. I mean testosterone is naturally occurring in the body, but I don't think it would be a wise idea to take high doses of that."

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to person. Folklore or not, many people believe in creatine's power. An article in Baseball Weekly reported that "at least 100 major leaguers— including Brady Anderson, Mark McGwire, Gary Sheffield, Darryl Kile and Ken Caminiti — use creatine as part of their weightlifting regimens."

Still, not everyone believes creatine is all it is cracked up to be. Club officials for the San Diego Padres urged players to discontinue the use after what they called an "epidemic" of hamstring pulls. Other reports have surfaced saying creatine is responsible for muscle pulls and tears. None of these reports have been able to directly link creatine to the injuries, and some medical professionals question the accuracy of the reports.

"I think it is more of a situation where the person becomes overzealous with their workout, pushing too hard and too heavy," said Cochran. "The injuries could be due more to simple human error than anything else."

In his on-line report, researcher Richard R. Knudsen of the University of Memphis attributed some of the claims of the side-effects to "a few people trying to make excuses for things that happen in practice."

"There are no data that show any muscle problems," said Kreider. "The only side-effect is weight gain."

The list of the suspected side-effects of creatine now includes possible muscle pulls and tears, cramping, weight gain, dehydration and possible liver problems.

Reports of liver problems have come with some athletes using the creatine supplement. A few researchers believe this may be an indication of the liver's inability to breakdown the excess amino acid; an no one knows for sure. It is also not certain whether the weight gain from creatine is a result of actual muscle growth, or just water retention in the muscles. This is where many experts are still confused. If water is retained in the muscles, why is it that people are becoming dehydrated? As of yet, no conclusions have been made, but researchers have begun to recommend that creatine users drink a lot of water.

Cochran said when he first heard of people taking an excess amount of creatine he was concerned about the overdosing it would produce in the kidneys. Studies to person Folklon or not, many leaders — includinf! Brady & others — have reported that "at least 100 major mustang daily. mustang daily

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Creatine offers muscles in a powder, Olean takes the fat out of fat and Sucralose subtracts the calories from sugar. Substitutes allow students to dabble in diagnosing an altered diet... but are substitutes safer than the real thing?

**Fake fat adds no calories to food**

By Leslie Stevens  
**Diet Doctoring**

Modern science's latest diet miracle has arrived in local stores in the form of olestra, a new "fake" fat. According to olestra's creator Procter & Gamble Co., the fat substitute looks like, tastes like and cooks like ordinary fat, but adds no fat or calories to foods.

Unfortunately for some consumers, olestra can have some nasty side effects. It can cause stomach cramps and diarrhea. It also interferes with the body's absorption of Vitamins A, D, E and K. Doctors are concerned that olestra may reduce absorption of some carotenoids.

Olestra, which is being marketed by P&G under the trade name "Olean," has been available in San Luis Obispo markets since late February. It was initially available only in limited test markets. P&G began advertising Olestra nationally during this year's Winter Olympics.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has required P&G to add Vitamins A, D, E and K to all its products containing olestra to compensate for the effects of the fat substitute on the body's absorption of the vitamins. The negative effects of olestra on carotenoid absorption are unclear, and the FDA is requiring further study in this area. Carotenoid nutrients are present in foods like carrots, sweet potatoes and green leafy vegetables. They are believed to aid the immune system and to help prevent some cancers, heart disease and eye problems.

The FDA requires that all products containing olestra carry this consumer warning: "This product contains olestra. Olestra may cause abdominal cramping and loose stools. Olestra inhibits the absorption of some vitamins and other nutrients. Vitamins A, D, E and K have been added."

The FDA approved olestra for limited usage in snack foods in January 1996 and required P&G to monitor its usage by consumers over a 30-month period. The FDA will publicly review the results of the olestra studies this year.

**FDA approves sugar substitute**

By Jeremy Roe  
**Daily Staff Writer**

There's now another new calorie-free alternative to sugar. The product, called surculose, a sucrose-based sweetener, has recently gained approval by the Food and Drug Administration to be marketed in the United States.

Surculose, 600 times sweeter than sucrose, is already being used in countries such as Australia, Canada and Mexico under the brand name SPLENDA. Surculose is manufactured by McNeil Speciality Products, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson.

Unlike aspartame and saccharine, other sugar substitutes, surculose is derived from natural sugar and can be used in baked goods as well as soft drinks. Surculose also has other advantages. It does not cause tooth decay or cancer and scientific tests have shown it tastes remarkably like sugar.

Surculose won approval April 1 after the FDA tested the product in more than 110 studies, one of the most rigorous set of tests the FDA has ever done on a new food product. The product was tested on humans and animals to identify possible toxic effects including carcinogenic, reproductive and neurological effects.

"No such effects were found, and the FDA's approval is based on its finding that surculose is safe for human consumption," according to a statement prepared by the FDA.

By the year 2000, many food manufacturers will have added surculose to the list of sugar alternatives in low-calorie products like diet sodas and low-fat cookies.

However, Carol Martel, a spokesperson for Coca-Cola, says Coke isn't going to be using the new sweetener in any of its products for a while. "We don't have any plans to use surculose in the immediate future. That doesn't mean we won't keep our options open," she said, adding, "We applaud the Food and Drug Administration for approving yet another sweetener by the FDA because it makes more products

**Pounding the power powder**

By Jaime Zaffoletta  
**Diet Doctoring**

Athletes are always looking for a way to enhance their performance and reduce fatigue. Some believe they may have found the answer.

Creatine, or creatine monohydrate, is one of the newest additions to the world of food supplements. Though little research has been conducted on its long-term effects, it also seems to be one of the safest, most effective supplements available.

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