**Students to ASI: address minority enrollment drop**

By Calvin Liu
Daily Staff Writer

Several students made a passionate appeal to the ASI Board of Directors at Wednesday's meeting, demonstrating the need for a minority outreach program. The room was uncharacteristically crowded with 75 student onlookers. Some expressed their dissatisfaction with ASI's failure to address next fall's expected minority enrollment decline.

"ASI officers seem to ignore the facts...that this campus is racist, ignore that fact that, by design, Cal Poly doesn't want us here," said biology junior Carlos Arreche. "It's not an accident that this is happening. ASI has proved over and over and over again, lack of support for multicultural clubs...that they don't want us here as well."

In her report to the board, engineering senior Victor Glover presented a proposal to help resolve what she said was a crisis situation. "I've got 45 tattoos on my body, because that's how many black students have been accommodated to Cal Poly for next year."

Glover said, "Zero are going to come because they're the top of the black students that have been accommodated. Why would they come here?" "One of the ways that we at large see we can deal with this issue is through the development of an ASI student outreach and retention center," Glover continued. "That's the one thing. That's the one thing that we can do.

This new outreach center would collaborate with campus organizations, such as the Multicultural Center, to provide funding for scholarships and outreach programs, Glover said. It would also try to recruit students from Plan projects to interest, and assist them in succeeding academically.

"No matter what type of standards we have, we need to achieve more because of our failure to address past fall's expected minority enrollment decline."

 (**Baker addresses students in forum**) **Bio bird specimens stolen**

By John Holland
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Projects requesting Poly Plan funds for the next year must have final proposals in to the President's office today to be considered for the grant.

For each program that asks to get some of the Cal Poly Plan funds, a project director must turn in a proposal describing the project's merits. The criteria are specific, and the project directors are competing for limited funds. The proposal should include the project's monetary and material needs, how it has fared in the past and to what extent outside funding might be available to help with the implementation.

In order to be considered for funding, each proposal must fit into at least one of the three categories:
- Advanced Technology and Equipment
- Instructional Programs
- Advising and Career Services

If a proposal does not fit into one of these three groups of improvements, it may be invited to participate in a formal review. After this process, the Poly Plan Review Board decides which proposals will be funded through Poly Plan money.

**A trip into Hagen Land**

Chair of the Board candidate tells tales of childhood, collegehood and life as a traveling outreach specialist and motivator

By Josie Miller
Daily Life's Chef

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From Zimbabwe to Poly: student brings African culture and ideals to campus

By Jessica Niland
Daily Staff Writer

A 10-month international exchange program turned into a four-year journey into the heart of Africa for E nglish senior Henry Trotter.

"I had no ideas. I'd end up staying for four years; I thought I'd be back when the program was over," Trotter said. "But the Africa really grew on me. So I ended up staying until I ran out of money."

It was Trotter's fascination with African issues that led him to begin "Vafambi," an African American discussion group, after returning to Cal Poly this year.

Trotter's African adventure began when he went to Zimbabwe in 1994 with a study abroad program. He said his interest in Africa started with a love for reading.

"Through literature I started to get the feeling I was a little insulated," Trotter said. "I began to realize there was a larger world than what I knew."

Trotter grew up in Camarillo and came to Cal Poly in 1992. He took African-American literature classes, which increased his interest in Africa. He said he decided to find out why he felt that way and to make a stronger connection to Africa, and after two years at Cal Poly, made the trip to Zimbabwe.

Ten months was simply not enough time for Trotter. So he decided to travel throughout Africa, researching African literature and history. He hopes to eventually get a master's and Ph.D. in African-American literature.

Trotter traveled to 17 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa, as well as the Indian Ocean Islands. During that time, he worked as a high school literature teacher at a school for boys, and as a waiter. While he was in Africa, he read more than 400 books as part of his research on African literature.

"I was surrounded by black friends in Africa, and he still has strong emotional attachments there. I even asked him to be the godfather of her child."

"When she asked me (to be the godfather), I thought 'what a tribute to friendship, what an honor for me,'" Trotter said. "I didn't know anyone thought that highly of me."

When Trotter left for Africa, he was involved in a serious relationship with Cal Poly student Jachelle Hannickel. She had a passion for African-American, and Trotter said that he and she feel a connection when it comes to African-American issues. He said being away from her for so long was "brutal."

"We both knew we were free while I was gone," Trotter said. "But our hearts were there for each other the whole time."

Hannickel is now a teacher in San Jose, and Trotter said they are enjoying getting to know each other again in a slightly less long-distance relationship.

"I enjoyed the independence I had while I was in Africa," Trotter said. "But now that I've had it, I know what I'm missing and I don't want it anymore. I'm definitely ready for a serious relationship."

Trotter's trip was entirely self-funded. He said he was able to get around fairly cheaply. He stayed in hostels, brothels, all-male dormitories and even with the local home owners. He found it "fun to deal with a lot of issues other white people don't deal with."

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In addition to finding speakers and doing publicity for Vafambi, Trotter is on several other planning committees for the MCC. He also enjoys reading and playing the synthesizer. Trotter has traveled to other parts of the world including Europe and southeast Asia.

Trotter's own background is English, Irish, German and Dutch. His relatives come from 10 countries, and he said he always felt some distance from those relatives.

"I don't feel a connection to the south, because I never lived there," Trotter said. "They have values there I don't jibe with at all."

However, Trotter said his trip to Africa made him more appreciative of his relatives, because in Africa there is more of an emphasis on the extended family.

"I'm trying to resolidify connections with my family members," Trotter said. "Being in Africa made me realize they are the only people who you can be sure will stick by you."

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Trotter said his trip to Africa helped him mature a great deal. He said it has made him more serious student, and he is more focused and aware of his goals.

Trotter's future plans include going back to Africa to do graduate studies at the University of Nairobi. He plans to get a master's in African Studies, and a Ph.D. in history concentrating on African. He said he hopes to someday teach at the collegiate level.

A video slide show of Trotter's trip will be shown in the MCC on Tuesday, April 21 at 5 p.m. It is part of a series being sponsored by the MCC called "Africa: It's our struggle too."
"I don't think any of us care about the Coke vs. Pepsi issue, but this issue extends to the Sports Complex and the Poly Plan, too. Students weren't allowed to vote on these issues until money had already been decided upon.

--Jessica Powell
Member of Cal Poly's ASI "For Women" chapter.
I\'m sure the student who wrote the Prince Charming article is a very sweet young woman. However, your darling little, supply only about your impending nuptials freaked me out! I know you were sin­
ning when you wrote it, and you probably should have just sent your son to your own campus or maybe your grandma and left it at that. Or, maybe I should just keep my mouth shut.

But alas Princess, you didn\'t and I can\'t, so here goes.

1 have a cautious comment for just about every word you wrote, I will limit my reply to just a few.

Women have been clawing their way out of stereotypical fairy tales that make us sound like silly little girls for a long time. You wrote that your young Prince treats you like a Princess. Well, I\'ve got news for you Snow White; you are not a Princess, you are a grown woman and you are about to embark upon a very serious ceremony. You are going to stand in front of God, your friends and family and pledge your life to this man. Those little faults and quirks you so cherish today will eventually drive you to divorce court, statis­
cally you are doomed. I don\'t deny your intelligence, my dear. So for a little extra burden you\'re assigned to go to the library and research the success of marriages for your age group. The results are startling; just about every percent will FAIL. Those are pret­
ty grim numbers. Oh, I am sure you think that will not be your scenario, just about every woman I know who has been divoreced certainly did not think it would happen to her.

Besides all that boring statistical stuff, the reason guys are not a part of the adver­
ise. The focus of the multi-billion dollar wed­
ing industry is because it is not about them. Even your sunflower-baring Timothy would probably rather keep the whole event down to a quick trip to the Justice of the Peace and then a big party afterwards. Face it honey, women and men are equals, we women love all the pomp and cir­
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Asi - can really benefit this campus.
Provest Paul Zungg was also on hand to embrace the student effort.
There is nothing more impressive and more powerful, than students helping students, and students united for the improvement of their university," Zungg said.
"Diversity improves this universi-
y is essential to the definition of quality at this university...I hope that the partnership of purpose and promise that is the bottom of this past partnership that Asi and the student body in general will join."
Zungg also reminded students that increasing diversity on campus would take more than justifying the admissions process.
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Softball drops two more

By Jose Garcia
Daily Staff Writer

April 15 proved to be a doubly taxing day for the women's softball team.
A season filled with frustrating moments continued Wednesday when Cal Poly dropped a doubleheader 2-0, 3-0 to the University of Pacific at home.
Expectations were high at the beginning of the year, but the Mustangs' 17-16 overall and 6-9 in league, are concerned by their lack of consistent play this far into the season.
"We've played inconsistent this year," head coach Lisa Boyer said. "We haven't found a groove. I don't have the answer."

SCORES

SOFTBALL
University of the Pacific 2
Cal Poly 0
University of the Pacific 3
Cal Poly 0

BASEBALL
Cal Poly 6
Fresno State 11

SCHEDULE

TODAY
• Baseball vs University of the Pacific at Stockton at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Men's tennis vs. Santa Clara University at Cal Poly tennis courts at 1:30 p.m.
• Baseball vs. University of the Pacific at Stockton at 7 p.m.
• Softball vs. Sacramento State at Sacramento at 12 p.m.
• Women's tennis vs. Fresno State at Fresno at 9 a.m.
• Fencing exhibition at the club booth all day
• Men's Lacrosse vs. Chico State in the Divisional Playoffs in Mustang Stadium at 3 p.m.
• Gymnastics exhibition in Crandell Gym at 12:30 p.m.
• Men's Water polo "North vs. South" in the Rec Center Pool at 2 p.m.
• Rugby plays an inter-squad exhibition game on Cal Poly Rec Center field at 2 p.m.
• Women's Field Hockey plays an inter-squad Exhibition game on Cal Poly Rec Center field at 1 p.m.
• Women's Lacrosse plays an inter-squad exhibition game on Cal Poly Rec Center field at 12 p.m.
• Wheelmen cycling trials and roller demos at the club booth all day

SUNDAY
• Baseball vs. University of the Pacific at Stockton at 1 p.m.
• Softball vs. University of the Pacific at Stockton at 12 p.m.

THE CAL POLY MEN'S LACROSSE CLUB TEAM FACES CHICO STATE IN ITS FIRST DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF MATCH SATURDAY IN MUSTANG STADIUM AT 2 P.M.

Baseball heads north for Big West series

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The Cal Poly baseball team still isn't perfect, but they seem to be on the right track.
The Mustangs turned around a season that seemed to be heading downhill. Cal Poly is now 14-30 overall and 5-10 in the Big West.
This weekend the Mustangs head to Stockton to take on the University of the Pacific in a Big West three-game series.
Cal Poly is coming off a loss to Fresno State on Tuesday night at Belden Field.
The Mustangs dropped the game 11-6.
The Bulldogs jumped out to an insurmountable lead in the first inning driving in six runs.
The Mustangs finally scored a run in the third inning, but each time they scored the Bulldogs matched the runs.
Fresno scored one in the third and then two after the Mustangs drove in two in the fourth.
By the end of the game, both teams went through five pitchers.
Designated hitter Michael Blond led the Mustangs going 2-for-4, scoring two runs and driving in two runs.
Last weekend, the Mustangs picked up two of three games in their series with Cal State Sacramento.
After winning the first two games, the Mustangs dropped game three.
Determined to salvage the series after dropping the first two games, Cal State Sacrament also put together a five-run eighth inning. One hornet scored on a wild pitch, Brandon Marshall hit a two-run homer and Mike Donnowsee belted a two-run single.
Cal Poly's rally fell short in the bottom of the ninth, producing two runs on Tanner Troeger's RBI single and a fielder's choice by the Matt Bailey which allowed Steve Wood to score.
The Mustangs have 11 games left to play and each one counts to push them into the Big West playoffs.