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 demanding satisfaction to the ASI student outreach and retention center.

The room was uncharacteristically crammed 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 fact that this campus is racist, ignore that fact that, by design, Cal Poly doesn't want us here," said biology junior Carlos Arrerdondo. "It's not an accident that this is happening. ASI has proved over and over again, by its lack of support for multicultural clubs...that they don't want us here as well."

In his report to the board, engineering senior Victor Glover presented a proposal to help resolve what he said was a crisis situation. "I've got '45 tattooed on my brain, because of 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 only thing."

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 limited funds. The proposal directed an ASI student outreach and retention center.

"No matter what type of standard we're going to go give this speech at the Knights of Columbus speech contest," Hagen said. "Hagen, now 23, clearly remembers the prompt, "What does the Pope's visit to America mean to U.S. Catholics and what does it mean to you."

"Hagen's mom had just gone to see the Pope at Laguna Beach as a mother and son sat down and drafted a speech. Hagen gives the credit to his mom: "My mom wrote the speech. I mean, I sat next to her."

"So the seventh-grader stood before the Knights of Columbus and started to speak."

"I didn't really care that much was to go give this speech at the Knights of Columbus speech contest," Hagen said.

Bio bird specimens stolen

Several preserved bird specimens and a bison skull were stolen from the Fishers Science Building this week. Cal Poly police reported the theft on Wednesday, and 10 mounted raptors were reported stolen Monday. Two other bird specimens were reported missing from the Biology Department's Collection Room last week.

The specimens are property of the federal government and had been available for students to study during lab time—even on weekends and nights without supervision.

Biology professor Eric Johnson, also known as the "bird man" to some colleagues, said he and many students are extremely upset, and he's spent hundreds of hours preparing the birds to be used for study.

Other missing species were an adult northern harrier, an adult sharp-shinned hawk, an adult and a young Cooper's hawk, an adult red-tailed hawk, and a juvenile Cooper's hawk.
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 Eastern and Southern Africa for English senior Henry Trotter.

"I had no idea I'd end up staying for four years, I thought I'd be back when the program was over," Trotter said. "But then..." Trotter grew up in Camarillo and came to Cal Poly in 1992. He took African-American literature courses, but didn't know anyone thought that highly of him.

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 such a strong connection to Africa, and after two years at Cal Poly, he made the trip to Zimbabwe.

Ten months was simply not enough time for Trotter. So he decided to travel through out 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.

Trotter said he made many wonderful friends in Africa, and he still has strong emotional attachments there. One friend 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 Jarchelle Hannah. She is half 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."

Hannah 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, bedrolls, all-male dormitories and even with the local huts on some of his travels.

"He traveled through some areas of unrest in Africa such as Rwanda, Ethiopia and Burundi. He said at times it was a very troubling and frightening time."

"In Burundi just after the civil war," Trotter said. "It was the first time in my life I had ever seen a dead body."

Renée Cromer, psychology sophomore, met Trotter through the Multicultural Center this year. She describes him as "very intense about issues that he cares about."

"His trip to Africa really enlightened him. It showed him a lot of insight into the African culture," Cromer said.

Cromer said she thinks Trotter often takes people by surprise because he is well versed on issues people don't expect him to be because he is white.

"Sometimes people don't understand where he's coming from until they sit down and talk with him," Cromer said. "He is willing to deal with a lot of issues other white people don't deal with."

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"But no one has ever said anything negative to me."

Trotter's name is "sojourners" in the African language Shona.

"I thought Vafambi was a good metaphor for what we are trying to accomplish here," Trotter said. "In terms of being sojourners of the mind and spirit, and of issues of African-American concern."

Trotter said the response to the group so far has been overwhelmingly positive. There were more than 70 people at the first meeting earlier this quarter. Trotter said there were people of many different ethnic backgrounds in attendance.

"This group is not meant to be a therapy session where people hash out their feelings for each other," Trotter said. "We want this to be an intellectual period where people can talk openly and ideas can be shared without having it become a big emotional session, which many times is what inter racial interaction breaks down to."

Elizabeth Ahlen-Anderson, assistant coordinator of the MCC, said that Trotter is "open minded and blends well with students of mixed backgrounds."

Ahlen-Anderson said Trotter is driven to perfection. She said he is totally reliable, and he is working on a number of projects for the MCC in addition an 18-unit load this quarter. Ahlen-Anderson said she thinks Trotter's discipline comes from having to deal with a lot of issues other white people don't deal with.

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Vafambi, the name of the new discussion group, means "sojourners" in the African language Shona. 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."
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FORUM

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honor society, Alpha Tau Alpha. "Isn't that a case of repeating curriculum with extra-curricular activities? Their goal is to increase the admission

"One thing that people don't want to, it's just that there's not any money just sitting around." "had been part of the department's collection for at least 30 years.

"I don't think any of us care about the Coke vs. Pepsi issue," he said. "We plan to have parking

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"This is still being considered," he said. "We're trying to focus on this value of diversity, the (con­ struct until after it was

The Multicultural Agriculture Program, begun in 1993, but Program Director Bob Flores said it didn't

"We signed a business (deal) outside the Coke/Pepsi deal," said Baker, "along with an agreement that we would not reveal the fund­ ing to the public until after it was

"As for the sheep unit, it isn't handled the increase during spring," Baker responded. "Parking already exists adjacent to where the complex will be. Plus people will be able to enter at Highland Drive (east of the railroad), and at California Boulevard and Grand Avenue entrances.

"I think any of us care about the Coke vs. Pepsi issue," she said, referring to Cal Poly's deal with the Pepsi Corporation last summer. "We have the bev­ erage company exclusive rights to campus. The Coke deal, but this issue extends to the Sports Complex and the Poly Plan, too. Baker added that the complex and the Poly Plan had issues on these issues until money had already been decided upon.

"We plan to have parking structures in the spaces the area is used to. The time the complex is com­ plete so cars will not have to travel through the perimeter," he said. "It is also available only during

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I'm sure the student who wrote the Prsoe Charmlnng aric is a very sueh young woman. However, your darling little, sup¬ curry about your impending nup¬ tials freaked me out! I know you were sin¬ c恶ly interested when you wrote it, and you probably should have just sent your time and your guess¬ 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.

I have a caustic comment for just about every word you wrote, I will limit my reply to a few zingers. 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 drop away to divorce court, statically you are doomed. I don't deny your intelligence, my dear: So for a little extra bonus assignment go to the library and research the success of marriages for your age group. The results are staggering: just about 10 percent will FAIL. Those are pretty grim numbers. Oh, I am sure you think that will not be your scenario, just about every woman I know who has been divorced 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¬ tising focus of the multi-billion dollar wed¬ ding industry is because it is not about them. Even your sunflower-baring Timothyl 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 very differ¬ ent, we women love all the pomp and cir¬ cumstance minimum wage has and yet we are the ones responsible for open¬ ing up the library on Saturdays (which has not been done for the last several years) and the longer hours on Sunday. The extra staff mentioned in the library hours article, mainly work the day¬ time, from 7:30 to 5:00. It's mainly the student workers who are responsible to help our fellow student out during the extended hours, not the' extra staff that has been hired. It would have been nice if Mr. Davis, the Library Dean, would have earmarked some of that money to help student emplo¬ ees who could at least make minimum wage, but anyone who was at our holiday ban¬ quet during the winter break knows how he really feels towards us. He stated that those of us students who were there were just there for a "free meal" and that the pseudo-tournament in the library that takes place during the banquet for the employees to enjoy, would not be open to staff anymore. He even left off thank¬ ing us all for our hard work, but he thanked everyone else in front of the guests.

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This complaint comes from more than just the library students, it comes from any student employee who is paid by the state, not Foundation. It is up to our respective departments to approve our raises, but most everyone who claims they don't have the money. That should have been planned for two years ago when the minimum-wage raise was approved.

**Get out of fairy tale land**

Response to: "Prince Charming, meet Kelly the college student." April 15

By Mechell A. Vieira

Chrisians live it up!

Editor,

I have an earring. I hug my dad. I have homo¬ sexual and bisexual friends. I am a born again Christian.

What? You can't be a Christian and do these things? That would make you open¬ minded. Exactly.

The fact is I have done everything on Jerry Stone's little shopping list for "life" and the only thing I didn't like was the sushi. I'm not the only Christian who does these "individuality colorations" either. Almost every Christian I know does. Christians know how to live.

Instead of Christian bashing, bringing up every bad thing people have done in the past in the name of Christ, maybe you should consider our point of view.

Mr. Stone says that he has a problem with individuals Christians but with "Christians as a whole." Isn't lumping us all together closed minded? Isn't that exact¬ ly what you told me not to be in Wednesday's paper? Come on, Jerry, live a little.

Everybody gets so down on "Bible-thumpers." Why, do Bible-thumpers thump? Do they like it when people tell them to shut up? Do they live for articles like Mr. Stone? No. They are not trying to "lure" you to do anything. The fact is, they kinda have a problem with people burning for eternity in a lake of fire. They thump because they believe you are going to Hell after death unless you ask Christ to take you to heaven.

You see, (and this is not just to Jerry) Christians know how to live. Do you know how to live?

Nathaniel Wallace is a music sci¬ ence senior

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HAGEN from page 1 about it. I mean, seventh grade, I just wanted to play with my friends, you know," Hagen said. "I ended up winning the contest."

A regional win later, Hagen was in the statewide competition.

"So there I was in seventh grade and I was competing against five seniors in high school, and I ended up taking second in the state," he recalled. "I was hooked. I loved speaking, it was a lot of fun." Admitted to speaking, Hagen joined Future Farmers of America.

"FFA was the premier leadership program within our school, and my dad was also a high school agriculture teacher so it was a natural transition," Hagen said.

Ten years later, Hagen, still involved in FFA, is putting on leadership conferences for agriculture students on the weekends. The agricultural science junior came to San Luis Obispo only to leave nearly every weekend.

"My life here is interesting because I'm doing my classes during the week, but for about the last year and a half, either on Thursdays or Fridays. I'm on a plane. I've been to San Francisco three months, to about eight or nine states, speaking to high school students on the weekends," Hagen said.

The lessons he's taught at the conferences are some he would not doubt put to use in the position of Chair of the Board.

"One of my favorite messages to give is that within a team everybody has a role, and generally we like to find people's weaknesses and play off of those, but really we should be looking for their strengths," Hagen said. "Once we find their strengths, we utilize those kind of talents to be successful within a team."

At these conferences, Hagen leads seminars which help students identify their personality type. He uses the acronym DISC.

"D-personalities are "direct and active, very demanding, with a high drive-factor to win. They don't always work well with people, even though they have good interests in mind. Sometimes they're not perceived as the one who's just everybody's feel-good kind of person."

"I-personalities are "really wild and they're the kind who would be 2 o'clock in the morning, go Let's go to Mexico."

Hagen is a combination "D" and "I."

"I'm really wild and I'm really crazy and I love to hang out with people and I love just to socialize and enjoy that aspect," Hagen said. "But I'm also demanding, demanding of myself, demanding of others around me. I like to win and I like to be competitive, but at the same time I like to mix it with a lot of fun."

Hagen owns his own speaking business, through which he has met such industry people as Ben and Jerry and the CEO of 1-800 FLOWERS.

"I've been fortunate to meet and work with people through my speaking business and those kind of opportunities are unbelievable," Hagen said. "I just get excited, giddy thinking about it."

"Hagen's devoted about half his life to FFA, even taking a year off between high school and college to serve as a state officer. Now he's just about ready to distance himself from putting on conferences."

"I'm getting a little old to relate to the high school students and I still enjoy it and I love it, but it's time to concentrate my energies and efforts on serving another kind of student, and that's the Cal Poly student," Hagen said. "It's time to step aside and let the younger generation of the people who have done what I've done come in and fulfill that position."

"I'm traveling others to excel at what they do - it's enough to make a guy feel a little proud."

Hagen's musical side.

"I love to play piano. It's always my form of venting my frustration, but I don't have one up here."

Hagen said. So in place of a piano he picked up a guitar, asked a friend for some pointers and started strumming away. Though he's quick to point out his lack of musical talent "I'm a terrible singer and I would say I'm short of guitar skills," Hagen played acoustically at Mother's Tavern with a friend one night after Monday Night Football late last year. He also frequents a little place called Last Stage West that has a welcoming microphone and LPG.

Not only does Hagen strum-up tunes, he also dreams up words to go with them. Hagen spends his summers as a foreman for a construction company.

"I got nothing to do but sit on a scraper or sit on a dozer for 12 hours a day, so I start sitting there and I start humming and writing songs," Hagen said. "I'll mainly write real-life songs. It's just funny. I'm talking about drinking Coors Light in the middle of the night or whatever little rhymes I can come up with."

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"There is nothing more impressive, and more powerful, than students helping students, and students unity for the improvement of their university," Zingg said. "Diversity improves this university...! We've got to realize that diversity is the foundation of quality at this university...! I hope that the partnership of purpose and promise that is at the bottom of this proposal is a partnership that ASI and the student body in general will join."

"We've got to realize that admissions selection is only a part of the issue," Zingg said. "It's much, much, much. It's retention, it's the kind of university-wide effort that must occur. It's not going to occur by creating one book or a single piece of legislation."

Glover said he would begin attending ASI workshops and meetings to help create the program.
We've played inconsistent this year. We haven't found a groove. I don't have the answer for why we haven't.

---Lisa Boyer
Cal Poly softball coach

McArthur. Knipfer had pitched a complete game against the Mustangs but had only one hit allowed. McArthur allowed only one hit through the 11th.

The Tigers had a chance at winning the two-hour thirty-minute game in the 8th. Pacific's Melinda Lancaster was attempting to score from third on a fly ball that was hit by teammate Sara Jones. Mustang centerfielder Kelly Sack caught the ball and rifled a shot home to tag-out Lancaster to complete the double play and end the inning.

The Tigers finally got to Knipfer in the top of the 12th with three singles that scored two runs. "We started to lay off her (Knipfer's) pitches to try to get more outs," Tiger's head coach Rodgers. Rodgers pitched a complete game against the Mustangs.

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"We started to lay off her (Knipfer's) pitches to try to get more outs," Tiger's head coach Rodgers. Rodgers pitched a complete game against the Mustangs. Mustang hitters could only muster to drive the ball out of the infield three times and collected only one hit. Rodgers stood up to her 0.84 ERA, second best in the Big West.

Mustang pitcher Kelly Smith gave up three runs on five hits. The loss leaves her with a 5-9 season record. Cal Poly will tangle with Sacramento on Saturday and once again with the University of Pacific on Sunday.

Knipfer said after the second game that the goals the team set out from the start can still be attained, but coach Boyer is aware of one obstacle: "We are running out of time."
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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.
• Basketball 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.

Softball drops two more

By Jose Garcia
Daily Staff Writer

April 15 proved to be a double-taking 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 Mustang’s, who are 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.”

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Cal Poly second baseman Tracee Carlisle races to beat the throw to first base. The Mustangs travel to Stockton this weekend.

Baseball heads north for Big West series

Daily Staff Report

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 Beiden 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 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 Bland led the Mustangs going 2-for-4, scoring two runs and driving in two runs.

Last weekend, the Mustangs picked up two out 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 Sacramento put together a five-run eighth inning. One hornet scored on a wild pitch. Brandon Marshall hit a two-run home run and Mike Donohue belted a two-run single.

Cal Poly’s rally fell short in the bottom of the ninth, producing two runs on Tanner Trooper’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.

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.