Money can’t buy love, but can it earn votes?

"I’ve spent almost all of it—I guess I won’t be getting the new stereo I wanted."
—Amy Luker

"I really don’t think the students want someone to buy the election."
—Matt Lardy

All of my campaign expenses have been financed by others. I haven’t really spent much of my own money.
—Travis Hagen

Secretaries inching toward reclassification

Cal Poly departmental secretaries who picketed the administration in January are moving closer to getting the updated job classifications they demanded.

"It took longer than we thought," said Alice Gold, a secretary in the physics department. "But I expect there will be quite a few reclassifications."

Thirty-eight of Cal Poly’s 51 departmental secretaries — all women — filed gender-bias grievances in November. The grievances requested that the departmental secretaries be reviewed for possible reclassifications to administrative operations analyst (AOA) status, which would include pay raises. Departmental secretaries make $2,077 to $2,997 per month depending on rank, while the lowest-ranking AOA is paid $2,387 per month.

The secretaries picketed after their grievances were rejected twice. About a month after the picketing, administration officials formed a four-person committee to review the secretaries’ requests for new job classifications.

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Smart disappearance leads to Senate bill

The 1996 disappearance of Cal Poly student Kristin Smart has inspired a bill which would regulate campus police investigations.

Sen. Mike Brown, D-Napa Valley, introduced the Kristin Smart Campus Safety Act of 1996 to force universities to call in local law enforcement when a violent crime occurs on campus.

Smart vanished May 25, 1996, from Cal Poly’s campus. Her parents, Stan and Denise Smart, told a special Senate committee in November that campus police botched the investigation, waiting a month to call in the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department.

“Our office has been involved with this bill on many levels,” said Willie Guerrero, a legislative aide to Thompson. “The genesis for this bill was the Smart’s testimony at the campus safety hearing.”

The Senate Education Committee approved the bill 12-0. According to Guerrero, the bill faces several more votes before reaching the Governor’s desk by July or August.

“This bill is a very delicate thing even though it passed 12-0,” Guerrero said. “We have worked closely with the CSI, the California Police Chiefs Association and the State Sheriffs’ Association to address the issues raised at the hearing.”

Denise Smart believes the law changes could have changed the outcome of her daughter’s case.

“It may not have made a difference for Kristin, but it would have made a huge difference in the mental anguish we’ve been put through," she said. "We couldn’t have had answers that week. Instead of months of the pain of not knowing what happened."

Kristin Smart, 19 at the time, was last seen at about 2 a.m. as...
Clinton opposes cutting bilingual education

By Cassandra Burrell
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Clinton administration officials, including the president himself, will travel to California to speak out against Proposition 227, a ballot measure that would dismantle the state's bilingual education programs.

Replacing a multiplicity of bilingual education programs with a one-year course of instruction taught mostly in English would leave schoolchildren without needed skills, including ones that will help them find jobs in the future, Marshall Smith, the Education Department's acting deputy secretary, said Monday.

"The best data that we have, the best research that we have suggests that the one-year immersion structure ... is a major mistake," Smith said. "The movement under way in California is not based in sound policy or research."

Instead, the administration is calling for an alternative strategy—setting the nationwide goal of limiting most children's participation in bilingual programs to three years. Clinton will speak out on the issue in California, but it was unclear whether he will do it during a trip there this weekend, White House spokesman Barry Tuval said.

In a written statement, Education Secretary Richard Riley said Proposition 227, also called the Unz Amendment, "is not the way to go. In my opinion, adoption of the Unz Amendment will lead to fewer children learning English and many children falling further behind in their studies."

The three-year limitation would be a goal, not a requirement, Riley and Smith said.

"Individual differences and circumstances may cause some children to take longer, but a goal of learning English within three years is reasonable," Riley said.

Gov. Pete Wilson said Monday he had not decided whether he favors the proposition but "I'm strongly leaning that way." He accused President Clinton of using the issue to play politics.

"I frankly think he has no business..." Gold said the secretaries expected a lengthy review process.

"There are no disgruntled feelings at all," she said. "We worked very well with human resources, and we have reported back regularly to the secretaries. We are happy things are moving forward."

After the committee is finished evaluating the AOA's personal descriptions, human resources will collect a description of each departmental secretary's responsibilities.

The departmental secretaries' descriptions will then be compared to the guidelines gleaned from the AOA review. Secretaries who meet the AOA standard will be reclassified, Gold said.

"I'm guessing by mid-summer we will know who gets reclassified," Gold said. "We can't know how many, because that's a human resources decision.

Gold worked on the review committee with Ellen Star, a secretary in the computer science department. Barbara Melvin, associate director of human resources and employment equity, was the president for administration and finance.

"The feedback I'm getting is that it's progressing nicely," she said. "I haven't been told anything to the contrary."

Melvin, a committee member, said it was too early to tell when a decision could be made on updating job descriptions.

"We're right in the tail end of one process," Melvin said. "We have to make that step before the next step can be started. It's still too early."

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Pentagon recommends veteran's body be exhumed from Tomb of Unknowns

By Laura Myers
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Remains of the Vietnam veteran in the Tomb of the Unknowns should be exhumed to determine if they belong to a downed Air Force pilot as his relatives believe, a Pentagon panel said Monday.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said he will decide in the next two weeks whether to grant the request of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie's family to have the remains exhumed for possible identification.

"All we ever wanted was an answer: Is that Michael Blassie or not?" said Pat Blassie, his sister and family spokesman. "And we truly believe it is."

Cohen said he would not decide until his general counsel investigates whether there's any legal obstacle to the exhumation — something Pentagon officials said they don't foresee. In any case, he told reporters, 'I'll have an answer for you in about a week or two.'

"All of my campaign expenses spending about $200 so far. "I haven't had a lot of money to blow on the campaign," Lardy said.

Another student, Paul Flores, said he left her on the way to her building that morning and never saw her again. He is considered a suspect and has refused to talk since initial interviews with investigators.

The Smarts have criticized university police for allowing Flores to move out of his dorm before the room was searched.

"Everyone who goes to that college needs to have an understanding of what happened," said Cohen. "I hope we can enlighten some people with this law. I'm not going to let my daughter be forgotten. I'm never going to stop looking for her."

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she walked back to her dorm room from an off-campus party.

"It would clarify which agency is responsible for handling the problems that came up in the Kristin Smart case," Cohen said.

"If they are resourceful enough to turn in the $25,000 award to the Defense Department, they can help support a program to help students and local law enforcement to spell out which agency will have jurisdiction over violent crimes that occur on campus property. The law would apply to any college receiving public funds.

Cal Poly officials Monday refused comment on the case or the Kristin Smart Campus Safety Act.

Jeff Vaca, CSU Governmental Affairs chief of staff, said the CSU is fully supportive of the bill.

"If something happened again, (the bill) might help avoid some of the problems that came up in the Kristin Smart case."

Dennis Smart hopes the bill will prevent another tragedy.

"Everyone who goes to that college needs to have an understanding of what happened," she said. "I hope we can enlighten some people with this law. I'm not going to let my daughter be forgotten. I'm never going to stop looking for her."
Greek's must unite

Greek life at Cal Poly is on the run lately. It seems that another Greek system is losing ground at Cal Poly and universities nation wide one fatal footnote at a time.

With the resurrgenct of alcohol-related tragedies and Cal Holy's own recent Greek suspensions, it seems that fraternities must unite with a fatal incident at M.I.T, other alcohol-against incidents that would give Cal Poly such a bad name, must take constant care in guarding their chapters' success.

In c?is, The only way Greek life will survive in the present form, students, faculty and administration will have to resist being divided and outlashes of reprisal and punishment.

It is imperative for Greeks to understand that they are a group under scrutiny and, as such, must take constant care in guarding against incidents that would tarnish the name of Cal Poly faculty and administration more "ammmi- nation" than understanding.

Furthermore, as all groups under scrutiny must do, the Greek community must unite rather than become divided on trivialities. The only way Greek life will survive in the future is to stand together. Continued rivalry and feuds of member Greeks will only aid those who would push greek life into oblivion. Unequivocal support is necessary for better student understanding of Greek life.

I would hope that students, faculty and administrators who are not part of the Greek system would take some time to develop an understanding of the role of greek life in general and resist forwarding negative generalizations, i.e. the "frat dude who guzzles beer all afternoon and learns at passing women."

In truth, stereotypes are untrue and unfair to those in the Greek community who are working toward a better Cal Poly. From ASI to community service to public safety, greek life aids our institution in many invaluable ways. I would hope that, in the future, those who persecute the Greeks would reconsider their views and rid themselves of their prejudices regarding the fraternity and sorority system. After all, Animal House was just a movie and, as disturbing as its content might tell you, Greeks are not good-old-boy, club bent on masculine superiority, or for that matter, mean-spirited girls concerned with appearance and gossip.

Once again, Greeks, to sustain their own survival must unite as a unified body via IPC and the Pan-Hellenic conference. Hateful rivalry is no longer a luxury Greek can afford. As a group in constant danger of abandonment, must unite together as a unified body. With rising numbers down at universities across the country and a festive Greek atmosphere in the background, Cal Poly members wonder how to maintain their chapters' success.

Abortion divdes

Bully demands were met last week when a Chicago Federal jury ruled that pro-life activists are akin to racketeers. Applying the RICO law to constitutionally protected First Amendment rights is a stretch, but a given in the decade-long legal battle between the National Organization for Women (the plain- tiff) and Joseph Schiavo in the Life Action League.

The judge, as it was explained by Karen Johnson, vice-president of NOW should send a Racketeer-like shove, so indiscriminate in its far-reaching effects, in the efforts of the Ku Klux Klan and the N.A.A.C.P will feel the chill. Should this decision stand, it is a safe guess that the boundaries for civil rights will now resume to 1964 status.

Civil dissatissens formed this nation. Pro-life activists follow in the footsteps of men and women who objected to British taxes in the 1760's or college campuses decriing the Vietnam War. Anyone who has ever picked up a sign and stood in the streets to protest exploitation should fear this ruling. It is a covert intrusion into a wide array of American freedoms.

Abortion clinic violence is an extension of the determinations within. Both frightened me, but this mayhem and serve needs two voices because the third is already involved: Compassion, not strange-arm tactics, legal or otherwise, will decide the eventual outcome of abortion in this country.

Except for our children, we are a very benevolent nation. Right or wrong, we believe in freedom and a lot of justice. However, a law which would blindly and not divided, not so. Rights, not so, is not a part of a bigger problem. One in which a court system puts more emphasis on the collection of speed ticket fines than child support. And, one where a poor white child in a rich area as the one I live doesn't have the same food and clothes his white peers have.

Before deciding whether a baby's life begins in utero or upon its first wail continues to assume some role with the perception of the culture, and in a dulling sense of reality, stifles reasoning. Decided as justification for our freedom, and how Americans cook it to accommodate the noisy, shows a definite softening of our under-belly.

Mary Alice Allorfer is a journalist.

Worth reading

Editor

Recently I read that ASI has an excess of money due to the overpayment to PERS. I have thought just a little about what they should do with this money.

ASI has decided without a student referendum to raise the fees start- ing Fall quarter 1998. But now, they have this excess money.

They claimed that part of the reason for raising the fees was to pay for the increase in minimum wage. But, because Cal Poly students are state employees, they do not have to pay the increase and thus are not going to do it. So here is my suggestion. Why don't you pay the students more? They deserve it! So instead of increasing the administration which is supported by the UUC, just increase the wages to the actual minimum wage.

Rebecca Adams is a math senior.

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For the second time in less than a year, the U.N. Security Council agreed Monday to maintain sanctions against Iraq but postponed action on calls by Russia and others to scale back wide-ranging inspections of Iraqi nuclear facilities.

That was the result of the Security Council's meeting on Iraq's progress in nuclear disarmament, a move that would effectively put the 10-year-old inspections program on hold. The council adjourned its consultations Monday afternoon to hear a personal appeal by Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sa'dah to end the sanctions.

The decision to prolong the seven-year embargo came despite an unprecedented personal appeal by Iraq's foreign minister to ease sanctions and threats from Baghdad about future cooperation with the U.N. inspection program.

Council President Hisashi Owada of Japan told reporters "there was no consensus" to modify the sanctions. No vote was taken.

"Sanctions will not be lifted because Iraq has not complied," U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said. "That was the result of the Security Council's review."

But the United States came under strong pressure from Russia, France, China and others to have the council formally acknowledge Iraq's progress in nuclear disarmament, a move that would effectively cut back inspections of nuclear facilities.

Owada circulated a draft resolution saying Iraq has fully cooperated with U.N. inspectors on nuclear issues but would still be subject to inspections if the International Atomic Energy Agency receives more information about its clandestine program.

Russian Ambassador Sergey Lavrov cited a recent IAEA report that found no evidence Iraq was still secretly building nuclear weapons. China's deputy U.N. ambassador, Shen Guofang, said weapons inspections "should be closed as soon as possible."

France's U.N. ambassador Alain Dejammet said it was too early to lift sanctions but argued that the council should take stock of Iraq's progress in nuclear weapons.

Richardson acknowledged that Iraq had made progress in dismantling its nuclear weapons program but said it was too early to lift economic sanctions or reduce arms inspections.

"There appears to be some progress in the nuclear file," Richardson said. "However, we believe that it is premature to totally close that file without further steps or to end the sanctions."

Owada said he could not predict when the council would decide on the Russian proposal but said he expected it soon.

U.N. arms inspectors must certify that Iraq has destroyed all its illegal weapons, including long-range missiles and chemical, nuclear and biological arms, before the council will lift sanctions imposed in 1990 after President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait.

Despite the favorable IAEA report, the U.N. Special Commission, which searches for the other weapons, reported recently it had made "virtually no progress" over the last six months in verifying Iraqi compliance.

The review is the first since Iraq, under strong pressure from Russia and others to scale back inspections of Iraqi nuclear facilities.

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COUNCIL AGREES TO MAINTAIN IRAQI SANCTIONS

FIVE PLEAD GUILTY IN CUBAN CIGAR SMUGGLING SCHEME

By John Howard

SACRAMENTO — Five people pleaded guilty Monday for their role in an international smuggling scheme that brought 25,000 Cuban cigars into the United States.

U.S. Attorney Paul Sears said four of the five pleaded guilty to conspiracy and violating the Trade with the Enemy Act, which bans the importation of Cuban goods into the United States.

The fifth defendant pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy.

Federal prosecutors said the cigars, worth about $20 each in the United States, were obtained in Cuba and other countries, then smuggled into this country from Mexico in 1996 and 1997.

The cigars were sold throughout California and in Las Vegas at upscale smoke shops, some were sold in New York, Oklahoma City and Idaho, prosecutor Johnny Griffin III said.

One customer smoked about 66,000 worth of Cuban cigars each month, according to a federal agent's affidavit.

Cuban cigars, embargoed along with other Cuban goods since 1963 by presidential order, are generally considered the highest quality cigars available.

Griffin said authorities learned of the smuggling through an earlier investigation in which a cigar-buying businessman cooperated with federal agents.

They were smuggled in several ways," Griffin said. "Some carried them over in a duffel bag. The network was established in Mexico and trucks brought them in four or five times a week."

Some cigars were mailed into the country, Griffin said.

The defendants, all from the San Francisco Bay area, were identified as Joseph Bruce Hybl, 41; Xavier Abrego, 44; Kimberleigh Lavonne Ferm, 39; Julie Ann Chatard, 35; and Jack Robert Bramy, 49.

Bramy pleaded guilty to the sole conspiracy count, and faces up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine. The others pleaded guilty to conspiracy and violation of the trading act, and face maximum penalties of 15 years in prison and $500,000 in fines.

Investigators described Hybl as the ringleader, and Abrego as his top lieutenant and chief operative in Mexico.

Abrego, with Ferm, who is his wife, were arrested last year when they delivered 64 boxes of Cuban cigars to a federal undercover agent at a Sacramento hotel.

The day before, Hybl, with his girlfriend, Clare, were arrested at her home in Belmont. At the time, agent said, they were trying to burn boxes of cigars in the fireplace.

Agents arrested Bramy the same day at his San Mateo home.

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Hall of Famer Juan Marichal injured in highway car crash

BY JOSÉ MANOLO
Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Hall of Fame pitcher Juan Marichal sustained serious head injuries when his car ran off the highway and crashed late Monday.

Marichal, 60, the Dominican sports minister, was a passenger in the sport utility vehicle and briefly lost consciousness.

Police said weather was not a factor and the accident was being investigated.

Marichal was listed in serious but stable condition with injuries to the head, neck, spine and left leg at Santo Domingo's Armed Forces Hospital, said a hospital director, Pedro Delgado Valdez.

He was later transferred to a center in the capital to undergo X-rays.

"We will keep him under constant observation, but his situation isn't critical," Delgado Valdez said.

The accident happened at 5 a.m. in Villa Altavista, about 30 miles north of Santo Domingo. Police said Marichal was returning to Santo Domingo from the provincial capital of Santiago.

His driver, Bernardino Lopez Ferreras, and a security guard, Eduardo Rodriguez, also were seriously injured and were hospitalized in stable condition.

Marichal's family and government officials rushed to the hospital, where the former star pitcher had regained consciousness, Delgado Valdez said.

Marichal had a 243-142 record while pitching for the San Francisco Giants, Boston Red Sox and Edmonton Dodgers. He had a career 2.89 ERA and won 20 or more games on seven occasions. He pitched a no-hitter for the Giants in 1963.

Marichal was appointed Dominican sports minister when Leonel Fernandez was inaugurated president in 1996.

Fernandez, who was sworn in last Saturday, was briefly hospitalized in the Dominican Republic for diabetes.

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Children's Style Classes Taught by Cal Poly Student

By David Druschel

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Antawn Jamison is giving basketball fans a reason to cheer for the North Carolina Tar Heels.

Jamison, the ACC player of the year last season, is coming off a season in which he led the Tar Heels to the Final Four.

Jamison took quick leap to NBA

Jamison, the 13th player to declare early for the NBA draft on Monday, will decide within two weeks if he wants to stay in school.

Jamison, 21, averaged 22.2 points and 10.8 rebounds this past season.

Smith will advise underclassmen to turn pro if they have "a shot at" the draft top five. The former coach did most of the legwork for Jamison, calling at least 16 NBA teams to gauge interest. He likes what he heard.

Jamison, the school's first national player of the year since Michael Jordan in 1984, said he would get his college degree in African studies after two sessions of summer school, meaning he will graduate two semesters ahead of his class.

"That was the most important thing for me is no matter what happens I have the opportunity to graduate," Jamison said.

"It's a huge decision that the NBA will make," he said. "And they won't make a decision without speaking to the players."

"I am willing to take that chance," Guthridge said. "But I'm willing to take that chance."

Guthridge said Vince Carter will decide within two weeks whether he'll turn pro after his junior season.

"I've never heard of someone backtracking when there's no turning back now," he said. "I am aware there could be a few players who are thinking about it, but I'm willing to take that chance."

"This was a clear lesson," Smith said. "The IOC has decided in the past 10 years to 'the time difference, the programming decisions, the presentation of the program by CBS and possibly the results of the American team.'

"That's the media at work," Smith said. "That's all it is."

The IOC just says no to marijuana, social drugs

John Pound attributed the worst ratings to the Barcelona Olympics, the feature of its prime skiing, the feature of its prime skiing and presentation as real," Smith said. "This was a clear lesson," Smith said. "The IOC has decided in the past 10 years to 'the time difference, the programming decisions, the presentation of the program byCBS and possibly the results of the American team.'

"That is absolutely no doubt that marijuana is included there."

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"We declare new provisions that were not clear enough," Delgado Valdez said.

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“She’s absolutely a work horse. She continues to work hard to get better. She’s a rare athlete. She has speed, power, grace, and all the mental capacity to play and perform at the top level.”

—Lisa Boyer
Cal Poly head softball coach
Cal Poly softball senior center fielder Kelly Sack leads the Mustangs in offense with three home runs and in defense with her golden glove.

By Andy Castagnola
Daily Staff Writer

Center fielders rarely have the chance to reverse fate with their gloves. Kelly Sack, an offensive and defensive force for Cal Poly softball, got her chance Sunday. Sack plucked a home run away from...