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The agreement included a 3 percent pay raise retroactive to Oct. 1 and a 6 percent hike in 1999-2000 if CSU received its requested budget from the Legislature.

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CHOKED OUT: Former pro wrestler the Iron Sheik holds Doink the Clown hostage with an Iranian flag, a maneuver that resulted in The Sheik's win of the highlight match at Saturday's wrestling main event.

Wrestlers rock Rec Center
By Chris Hoffman
Mustang Daily

Even before the action in the ring began, the packed audience of 2,200 was electric, with anticipation as the Impact Wrestling Federation came to the Cal Poly Rec Center Saturday night.

Former World Wrestling Federation champion The Iron Sheik was one of the biggest draws at the event as he took on Doink the Clown.

The Sheik posed for pictures and signed autographs prior to the event. "We want the Camel Church, Iran!" a group of spectators yelled out, referring to the Sheik's finishing maneuver.

"The wrestlers said it was one of their greatest shows for crowd involvement," said Eric Feld, treasurer of the Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity. Alpha Kappa Psi organized the event as a fund raiser. "It was just incredible, absolutely incredible. We were happy with the turnout. It was a great weekend."

Before his match, The Sheik boasted of his strength and spun weights above his head, challenging audience members to do the same.

He offered $500 to anyone who could, see WRESTLERS, page 2

ITS: Open e-mail accounts pose security threat
By Steve Noone
Mustang Daily

Students using Cal Poly's OpenMail e-mail system on the World Wide Web may be giving the next person who uses the computer full access to their accounts.

Users who access their OpenMail accounts over the web may be leaving their mail a single click away from prying eyes if they neglect to click the "Exit" button on the web client, according to Terry Vahey, an analyst programmer for Cal Poly Information Technology Services.

"If you're using OpenMail on the web and if you don't exit, someone will be able to look back and see everything you've ever done," she said. "Other people could easily view your mail or use your account."

Vahey recently became aware that users were often simply closing the browser window or following links off to another web page and neglecting to log-out of the system.

"It's like if you were to use banking on the web — you'd better make sure you log-out or the next person who comes along could get in and transfer money around," she said. "OpenMail is an application just like that — the system doesn't know you're left unless you tell it you're done."

Steve Wallace, a Landscape Architecture junior, was unaware users were required to exit the system.

"I never knew about logging off — usually I'd just close the browser," he said. "It's not clearly stated where to log out or how to do it. Probably most people don't know they have to do that."

If students access the web client with the Netscape Navigator web-browser and quit the program when they're done, Vahey said, see E-MAIL, page 2

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"We are 11.4 percent behind in salary compensation with other institutions across the nation and we felt very strongly that before we moved into a merit pay package that rewarded just a few, we ought to do something that recognized the contributions of the masses," said Terry Jones, president of the California Faculty Association, which represents 20,000 faculty members in the 22-campus system.

More than 4,100 votes were cast at campuses throughout last week, with 57 percent voting against the contract, according to the faculty association.

Officials representing the university system and the faculty union negotiated for nearly a year but had been at an impasse since July. The three-year deal announced in late January was based on a report by a neutral fact-finding panel.

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CSU received its requested budget from the Legislature.

The deal also established a merit pay system twice as large as under the previous contract, but the faculty association had said the merit-pay plan would mean that only those favored by administrators would get substantial raises.

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then mail should be accessible even though their account technically
would still be open.

"Navigator clears the history when you quit — so the next user can't
lick back into your account," she said. "But (Microsoft Internet
Explorer) is weird — it doesn't work as well. IE keeps a record of the
history even after you quit — so it will
show you the e-mail subjects of the last user if they didn't log out."

According to Vahey, ITS plans to roll out a redesigned web client next quarter, which will provide students with new features and a more user-friendly interface, but this update fails to
address the current security issues.

"The new web client has a couple of things that I think are pretty neat — it lets you customize the menus and set up filtering rules," she said. "You can set signature tiles and automatic
responses if you go on vacation."

"One of the neat things is that you can set up multiple inboxes," she said. "We have a computer science student who is on a mailing list for
Microsoft bugs — and he gets about 40 pieces of e-mail a day. With the
new filtering rules he can direct them all into one folder."

The new interface appears to be more graphically appealing and less confusing than the current design, and according to Vahey it should be easier to learn and use. The update
was provided by Hewlett-Packard, the company that developed the
OpenMail software.

"It looks better than the old one — there's less buttons and new pop-up
windows that tell you when you have mail," she said.

The OpenMail system, which became available to all students and
faculty fall quarter last year, currently has about 7,000 users on campus
and is scheduled to fully replace the older UNIX-based system sometime
next year.

"The goal is to get people off UNIX
for mail," Vahey said. "OpenMail is
more efficient and faster. It provides
access from any computer connected to
the web and gives users 20 megabytes of storage space as opposed to
only 2 megabytes on the UNIX systems."

Vahey said the switch to OpenMail was motivated by student demand
and was decided upon in consultation with the Associated Students and
the Academic Senate.

"There was really a demand for a new system," she said. "Students
were really interested in this and demanded it."

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who could do half the number of
spins he could!

When no one came close to win-
ning the Sheik's contest, he addressed
the audience: "Iron Sheik is the best.
Now (you) know why I am Olympic
champion and why I am WWF cham-
pion!"

The Sheik dominated his match
with Donk, at one point choking
Donk with an iron man flag and even-
ning winning with his trademark
canal clutch submission hold.
Donk, however, got a second
chance in the other half of the double
main event, the 15-man overthe
top-corner "Wild Rumble." Donk won
the rumble by being the last man
standing in the ring after eliminating
Impact Wrestling Federation champi-
on Cincinnati Red.

"The crowd was really responsive," Donk said after the event. "It was a
nice clean crowd, no obsequies. You
don't really have that too much these
days. It's a beautiful campus, a beau-
tiful crowd."

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DROP KICK: Hoss Hamidi, Cal Poly business senior and president of Alpha Kappa Psi, drops a thundering kick on Phil Langier of UCSB. Hamidi later won the match with a powerbomb, much to the rowdy crowd's delight.

The crowd seemed pleased over all
with the event.

"It was real cool," said 15-year-old
Joe Kirschner of San Luis Obispo. "I
liked the no-disqualification match,
when he got him with the fire extin-
guisher."

Audience member Jeff Fernal also
liked the event. "The (tag team)
tight was the best fight," he said. "Over
all everything's been good."
Engineering students aid teens from around state

By Julie O'Shea
Mustang Daily

For every high school student who has envisioned a career in engineering or the sciences, Cal Poly’s MESA program is a step in the door. The program promises fun times and encouragement for every teenager who dreams of going to college. MESA, which stands for Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement, was started 27 years ago by a Bay Area teacher to give educationally disadvantaged kids a chance to go to college, said Gale Day, program coordinator for the MESA agricultural initiative.

According to Day, about 30 Cal Poly students volunteered to be MESA facilitators this year. The program allows high school students who come from low income families a chance to work one-on-one with university students. Such interaction gives the younger students a chance to see their potential in the hard maths and sciences, Day said.

Cal Poly MESA students are assigned to a particular high school, where they assist students with science projects and math problems. The tutoring provided by Cal Poly facilitators prepares high school students for entering the university system, Day said. MESA high school students are getting interviewing tactics, encouraged to work in groups and taken on educational projects that are more than their regular teachers. They see what we are doing and they can do it, according to Day.

The MESA program is long standing. "It’s like a pipeline," she said. "The program continues the way up until students graduate from college." Education graduate student Mario Garcia was one of the students the program opened the door for, he said. "I’d do it just to see the smile on their faces." Garcia has been an active facilitator since he came to Cal Poly.

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Senior priority still leaves you with squat

I am not a violent person. I've never actually had a knife or a gun in my possession, or wanted to go postal on my fellow employees. Nonetheless, once a quarter I feel violent urges stir inside me. I feel myself drawn towards the recorded voice of a woman I've never met. I'm talking, of course, about the CAPTURE Lady. For almost four years I have endured the hallucination of CAPTURE registration and my frustration has increased exponentially each quarter. I wake up at the ungodly hour of 7 a.m. (6:59, actually, as if that extra two minutes ever helped) just to listen to a jingle that plays only two songs: "Keep busy keep busy!" and "We're sorry, all dreams are busy..."

Yeah. I feel like I'm sorry. After two hours of hitting "Flash" and "Redial" I find I can actually press the buttons in my sleep. Then there is the joy of actually hearing those million dollar words. "Welcome to Cal Poly's touch-tone information system. Enter an action code..." The joy is short-lived, however, as every request I make for a class is met with one cruel response: "The section you have requested is full, no other sections of this class are available." It matters not that I'm using a senior priority. "Priority" is just a made-up word to give unsuspecting freshmen false hope.

Now I'm wading up pieces of Kleenex into little balls and wondering if the CAPTURE Lady's address is listed in the phone book. Then I frantically search through the course catalog looking for any class I can register for to help me graduate sometime before my 15-year-old sister. Also, the only classes left are Hungarian Folk Dancing and Small Rodent Husbandry. No, I'm left with the grim knowledge that I, along with 200 other students, will show up to my required classes on the first day with plastic pens and cash slips for the helpless professors.

No doubt the preceding story is familiar to all of you. Perhaps one day someone will lose their sanity and self control in a wave of violence that can only be blamed on a registration system so mean it causes an otherwise peaceable person to be filled with malice and rage. Maybe only when the death toll mounts will the system be changed.

For now, I try to see the good that comes out of the CAPTURE system. We can see Darton's theory of "nurture" of this "fitness" in action. Students who graduate from Cal Poly have to work hard, not only to pass their classes, but also to get into them. CAPTURE has taught me that only by ingenuity and resourcefulness will I survive in this world. I have learned to have friends hold classes for me, I have learned how to use the phone in my sleep. I have learned that when a teacher says "I will not accept any add to this class," they really mean "stay longer than all the other hopefuls and I'll let you in."

It's a small consolation, but I strongly glad that CAPTURE has made me stronger, and even gladder that the CAPTURE Lady is not listed. I know, I checked.

Jamie Rudolph is a speech communication senior.

LETTERS

The rules behind the ASI Student Employee Discount

Editor:

At Darton's column "Bite the Bagpipe" at Cal Poly, Feb. 24, mistakenly stated all Associated Students, Inc. employees get a ten percent discount on all the food they consume on campus. This is not the case.

Not all ASI employees are eligible to receive a discount card, only ASI student employees, members of the ASI Board of Directors, Officers and Executive Staff. The discount card is not accepted at all restaurants on campus, only Julian's and BackStage Pizza. ASI is the "Handles" for the University Union in which these two restaurants are located. The ASI Student Employee Discount Card is a long standing program developed by ASI many years ago. Other businesses in the University Union, such as the Craft Center, Escape Route and the game area also accept the ASI discount card.

Kathleen Pennington is the promotions director for Campus Dining.

Put the Poly Plan to a vote

Editor:

What have the proponents of this scam forgotten to tell us? That this is only the beginning of future student fee increases? Will it stop at $150 per quarter? There's no guarantee that they spend all of this money they will not ask for more.

What about other fee increases?

University Union fees are going up. Parking fees are going up. Book prices are going up. Health fees possibly going up. Food and beverage prices still going up.

And who knows what other cost increases may adversely affect your (my) pocketbook in the near future? Housing? Transportation? State tuition?

Everyone that I have talked to would like to see this student fee increase propos­al be put to a vote. Otherwise, many of your classmates may not be here in the fall.

David A. Livingston is a Cal Poly student.

A vote in favor of the Poly Plan

Editor:

I know that there has been so much hype about the Cal Poly Plan and I am sure that everyone is sick of hearing the sales of this intense issue, but I am so tired of sitting back and listening to both sides that I am going to speak in favor of the Cal Poly Plan. I am a financial aid student and work to pay my tuition. I have little money at the end of the week, but then again, at the end of each week, I am thankful that I am here at Cal Poly and that I am receiving the prestigious education others dream about. If a $135 dollar increase means that I can still buy a better education, then I am for the raise.

We argue that the money on this cam­pus disappears and an extra $153 dollars will vanish also, but you and I know that is outgoing college students, we spend countless dollars outside of school every weekend, so what $135 dollars do we gain, seriously?

If I wanted to save on an education, I would have gone to a junior college and then transferred to a university later. To raise an issue about avoiding the increase of fees is understandable, but this is Cal Poly and if we want to keep our reputation ahead of the other campuses, sometimes things just cost a little more money.

Melissa Andorsen is a recreation administration freshman.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

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Maggert a dramatic winner of Match Play

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Jeff Maggert will not forget he was remembered as the player who could never close the deal. Call him the comeback kid of the Match Play Championship.

A hand-back runner-up in 13 times since 1993, Maggert showed the grit of a champion under the intense pressure of match play on Sunday, chipping in for birdie on the 19th hole to beat Andre Maguet and win the $1 million first prize, the richest in tour history.

With such a dramatic finish, the absence of Tiger Woods, David Duval or any of the big names in golf was forgotten.

From the first cut of tough behind the par-3 11th, Maggert let the purse and won the ball on it. For a moment, the pressure of match over him and disappeared, and Maggert was able to muck it while he had the cup and disappeared. However, there is a chance that a $2,100 million more than he has ever earned in all of his eight previous seasons on the PGA Tour.

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However, the relay team put their swimmers together to hold their place in the meet.

Another accomplishment for the women came with co-captain Diane Letts' back-to-back events. She placed eighth in the 200 breaststroke and right afterwards took 10th in the 200 butterfly. According to Ferrante, it is rare for a swimmer to place in two events so close together.

"It was really hard, but these are our two best events so we had to swim in them," Letts said.

For the men, Eric Welsh placed third finish in the 100 breaststroke and freshman Matt Putnam's second finish in the 200 butterfly.

"Everyone really stepped up for this meet and our six months of practices finally paid off," junior Jennifer Bullock said.

The Cal Poly women also took second in the 16 possible places in the 400IM.

"Our team had a lot of fantastic swimmers because of the team unity. We were noted for being able to come together, out-perform and do better than we ever could do as individuals," Ferrante said.

The Big West Championships is the end of the season for most of the swimmers. However, there is a chance that a couple will go to the NCAAs.

"Nothing really is final until the season is over, but I am very proud of the team," Letts said.

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Lowly Anteaters swallow tourney hopes

Mustangs' season ends with a disappointing loss at 2-14 UC Irvine on Saturday

By Joe Nolan
Mustang Daily

It could have been worse.

The Mustangs could have been picked to win the Big West Western Division, and then the 6-10 finish place finish would have been an outland.

Well, the Mustangs were picked first and came up really short of that goal.

This was also the first year the Mustangs were eligible for post-season play and were given numerous opportunities for a berth in the tournament.

The final chance came Saturday when the Mustangs simple had to defeat the UC Irvine Anteaters, whose lone win came against the Eastern Division's cellar-dweller, North Texas.

With the season on the line, the Mustangs shot 36 percent and were outscored 51-36 in the second half.

The Anteaters had five players score in double figures, led by Jerry Green with 18 points.

Chris Bjorklund led the Mustangs with 23 points. He also grabbed 10 rebounds for a double-double.

Had the Mustangs won, they would have advanced to Reno because Cal State Fullerton lost to UC Santa Barbara.

The teams going from the Western Division are UCSB, Pacific, Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton.

The Eastern Division will send Boise State, Idaho, New Mexico State and Utah State.

The tournament begins Thursday. The winner will receive an automatic berth in the NCAA's.

Cal Poly 37 36 73
UC Irvine 4 1 5 1  92

Scores by Halves

Cal Poly 13 14 27
UC Irvine 1 2 1 31

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Cal Poly 70 61
UC Irvine 66 61

Cal Poly 74 61
UC Irvine 71 92

Cal Poly 5 7
UC Irvine 4 1

Mustangs say farewell to Griffin

By Jen Stevenson
Mustang Daily

It was an afternoon of goodbyes for the women’s basketball team Saturday as exemplified by a sign on the Mott Gym wall that read, “22 We’ll Miss You.”

Senior Kristy Griffin played her final game (the final game of the year) as a Mustang.

Bearing bouquets of flowers and a huge smile after the game, Griffin said despite the difficulties of raising a family, basketball and school, she doesn’t regret playing her last year.

“I’m going to miss the team, the camaraderie we had,” she said. “We’re all such good friends. The season’s been up and down, it’s been hard since I’ve been trying to deal with so many things. But I’m so glad I came back this year and played, it really gave me a chance to make great friends and just really finish off my career on a positive note.

There didn’t seem to be too much concern over the teams’ 66-63 loss to UC Irvine. The Mustangs were just saying farewell and looking forward to the promise of next season.

Head coach Faith Mimnaugh was more than happy with the team’s performance.

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Jones hopes to put offseason behind him

By By Jayme Fullford
Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly swimming and diving team ended its season with a bang. The men placed third and the women took fourth in the Big West Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend in Long Beach.

“The past four days have been the most intense and enjoyable of my career,” said gathering captain Rich Firman. “I am very proud of the team’s accomplishments.”

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