Faculty union decides to postpone a strike

By Bryce Alderton
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly faculty isn't going on strike, at least not at the moment. Approximately 135 faculty members, including professors, administrators and counselors, voiced their opinions Tuesday night at a meeting headed by Phil Fetzer, Cal Poly California Faculty Association representative and physics science professor.

The consensus was one of anger toward California State University Chancellor Charles Reed and a desire to become active in letting the public know that CSU faculty needs to be involved more.

Some ideas mentioned included faculty

- "I want the faculty to think this thing through and come back in two weeks to vote on it."
  —Phil Fetzer, faculty union president

What happens to students if a strike vote is approved?
By Rena L. Sripromagon
Mustang Daily

Classes for students at Cal Poly will likely not change if striking occurs on campus.

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Some students don't walk alone

SLO's missing students makes a few change their habits

By Dina Chatman
Mustang Daily

Three San Luis Obispo women are missing and women can still be found walking alone with headphones on in the middle of the night. Common safety concerns have led local organizations to organize a safety fair April 9 at the Vets Hall.

"There are a whole number of presentations that are going on throughout April and May," Mike Kennedy, of the Cal Poly Police said. One such program is the Safety Awareness Fair on April 9. The program will be held in the Vets Hall and is being jointly presented by a coalition including Cal Poly, Cuarto, and the Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo Police Departments.

A variety of safety information from local organizations, including Scared Safe, the Rape Crisis Center, Crime Prevention Units, and other vendors will be given. All organizations will also be available to answer questions and instruct students on how to foster a safer campus environment.

The program begins at 6 p.m. and is scheduled to last until 8:30 p.m.

Although many safety issues will be covered, it is important to know that the night will not be devoted to updating the public on the disappearances of Sandy Noshock, or Crawford. "The focus is on crime prevention," said Pat Harris, coordinator of Cal Poly women's programs. She said many people are not aware of the safety programs available to them in the San Luis Obispo area. "She said that's why community

organizations are coming together to inform the public. "We believe that the issue of safety is a community issue - it's not a subject that needs to be on one campus or another."

The program will help foster a higher degree of security in the San Luis Obispo community, a feeling that has slowly eroded away with the disappearances of the three San Luis Obispo women.

"Knowledge is power," said Cal Poly public safety investigator Ray Barrett. "What we want to offer the community is a chance to become aware of the resources they can use to ensure their

own safety."

"If anything can come from these tragedies," Kennedy said, "it's that people can become safer - whether at school, at home, or while traveling."

Many women are buying pepper spray to arm themselves against any possible danger. Kennedy said pepper spray can backfire on the person using it. "It's like any defensive weapon," he said. "It could be used against the victim if the perpetrator got hold of it.

One useful defense against a perpetrator that Kennedy advocates is training in the martial arts.

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Knowledge is POWER: Cal Poly public safety officers and community officials are sponsoring a safety awareness fair April 9 at the Vets' Hall in San Luis Obispo.

Bill looks to boost roller coaster safety

By Andrea Parker
Mustang Daily

A new twist to a California law may make amusement park rides safer, even in the "happiest place on earth." Assemblyman Tom Tokofskon, D-Antioch has reintroduced a bill that calls for safety inspections by independent engineers of all amusement parks in the state. This proposal follows a fatal accident in Disneyland on Christmas Eve when a metal chute from the Columbia sailing ship flew into a crowd.

Since 1960, only carnivals and non-permanent amusement rides require state inspection. The Walt Disney Co. lobbied against state regulation for permanent parks because it has its own safety systems and is subject to local building codes.

Tokofskon first proposed the amendment in 1997 after a
TV shows help missing girls' cases
By April Charlton
Mustang Daily

Programs like "America’s Most Wanted," "Crosswalk Mysteries," "Good Morning America," and "Lear" can reveal new information about San Luis Obispo's three missing college women.

"America's Most Wanted" has featured the case of missing Cal Poly student Krystal Smart twice and Rachel Newhouse once. The program aired the Newhouse case March 6, after being withheld three times. The March 6 program also featured the story of Smart. Her story originally appeared on the program shortly after its debut in 1996.

Most recently the program aired the story of missing Caucsa College student Aundria Oawford on Saturday evening, March 27.

According to reports from Police Capt. Tom Bradshaw, campus faculty and officials developed the airing of Crawford's case on "America's Most Wanted." The producer of the program said he could not be reached for comment.

"Denise Smart, Krystal's mother, feels opening the girls' stories to the public is the best way to get people to remember information that may lead to a break in the cases.

"This is the way it would be amended at the information you get, what people remember," Smart said. "People always think somebody else has already told you the information you must have.

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tem allows administration officials, not colleagues, to decide merit pay raises based on first-year teaching performance and for those decisions to be made by fellow faculty.

The voting at Cal Poly will be open to all faculty regardless of mem-

STRIKE continued from page 1

The recent discussion over a possible strike throughout the California State University system has led students to wonder what will happen to classes in case of a walkout.

"If there’s a strike here, I think that there’ll be a disruption of the students," said union president Phil Petzer, union president at Cal Poly, said the university has no immi-

de plans for a strike. He said the salary negotiations process could last through next winter.

"At the moment, there is no strike, but if there were, the students, including myself, would want to know what would happen to our classes... it would be affect-

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"She feels I meet the description of the girls."

Now Richardson understands why her parents remind her to be safe.
"My mom has always been cautious and now I see it paying off.

"Some students haven’t told their parents about the missing women for fear of what they would say.

"My mom would want me to go home," said engineering freshman Sandra Fernandez. "If it were one girl missing, it wouldn’t matter. But after they began disappearing, it did.

When electrical engineering junior Patricia Chavez first came to Cal Poly, she wasn’t worried about her safety on campus. After the number of disappearances began climbing, she grew more concerned.

"I don’t feel safe after all those things happened. I think there are parts of the campus that need more lighting, and there should be more cops around.

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World-renowned singer headlines PAC’s fund-raiser

By Joellen Smith

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An internationally acclaimed singer, will make his first California appearance at the Performing Arts Center this Sunday night. Thomas Quastoff, a German bass baritone, was recognized in the professional music world in 1996 when he won a musical competition in Germany. His U.S. debut was at the Oregon Bach Festival in 1995.

He was featured in People magazine early this month and during “60 Minutes” last November. Quastoff’s concert serves as the PAC’s annual fund-raiser.

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By Ryan Miller

Mustang Daily

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Music to my ears

A lot of people spend spring break driving, or at least annoying the driver in the backseat of someone else's car. Perhaps you had a less than pleasant experience. Did you spend hour upon hour blindly staring ahead into space in uncomfortable, unbearable silence. Or perhaps you wish you had.

I spent the majority of spring break singing songs to myself in my car, and I'll tell you why: the radio is broken. Some would argue, "So are your vocal chords you had," but you know what? You weren't there, Baby. And the people that were are now in the hospital.

Not only is the radio broken, and for this, renders the entirety of my Volvo to nothing more than a large, high-maintenance paper-weight that can be ticketed if you put it in the wrong place. Driving up and down the West Coast can be a lonely, lonely thing without the help of the Beatles or Radiohead. My cassette, now rendered as obsolete as 8-tracks or an Atari 2600, an unused like an empty canvas. So when my deluxe W8S surround sound THX speakers went on the fritz, it was all I could do to keep from selling the car.

However, the hours and hours spent in the dead silence of my car just may have rendered me a thorny genius (and I really mean this). I know I am not the only one who makes up songs on the spot. I am just not making a living at it. If I could, maybe they'd ask me to show up April 9 with Sugar Ray and Oars.

Not only am I an improptu singer/song-writer, the lack of radio in my Volvo has rendered me a man inspired. Some would say insane, but I think inspired (Chevron station. Yes, even Kirland pa can yet to know I'm a poetic genius).

It wasn't long until the Poly reps" came knocking on my (car) door and you see me walking backwards across campus. But if I had things my way, I'd only give drivers tours of the campus.

Nate Pontious is a journalism junior who doesn't get many requests for rides home anymore.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A war that's not ours to fight

Editor:

President Bill Clinton has authorized the U.S. military to engage in air strikes against a country with whom we are not at war, to end a centuries old ethnic conflict which does not threaten the United States, in a part of Europe in which we have no national self-interest. Why? Why are American soldiers being sent off to do this Balkan war? Bill Clinton has answered: "It's a moral imperative." The President's "moral imperative" is motivated entirely by the desire to sacrifice American soldiers as global policemen. The essence of his policy is: "We have a duty to prevent any more atrocities from occurring precisely because we do not have a national interest in Kosovo." Yet, a foreign policy that abandons our self interest is doomed to fail and can only result in tragedy. Already one U.S. plane has gone down and despite hundreds of sorties by U.S. and British fighters, Niboljad Milosevic has increased his assaults on ethnic Albanians. Milosevic knows he has nothing to fear from us. When our legitimate interests have been at stake, such as with Iran and Osama bin Laden, America has demonstrated that it is only a paper tiger. Given America's past failures to defend its interests and the inherent sacrifices of the current action, the bombing of Serbia is doomed to fail.

What is the solution? We must reject the sacrifice of American lives and declare that the United States exists for its own sake. We must return to the idea that our military exists to protect America — not Kosovo automatons, oppressed Albanians, Kurdish rebels, or starving Somalians. We must reluctantly withdraw from this conflict, announce that our military will be used only when U.S. interests are at risk, and uphold this policy consistently. This is the only way to regain our credibility, protect America, and prevent such deadly mistakes in the future.

Don Thompson is a student at Boston College Law School.

Appalling assault on campus

Editor:

Instead of enjoying my last day of class- es on Friday, March 12, I spent it, in a state of utter depression. After having read the small article about the "simple assault" committed on an African American Cal Poly student, I labored through the day, my mind burdened with contempt, spite, and sorrow for the first time since arriving on this campus: absolute tear.

A student had just gone through what has got to be the most devastating experience of her life, simply because she is black. One human being saw another not as an equal, but as something so much so lower that he spat in her face! We don't even spit on our dogs, yet we do it to other human beings. My God, help me! I don't know how to handle this. I cried throughout Friday, today (Saturday) I sit to write with the heaviest weight on my heart. I am sad today. We, as a people, an entity in this universe, have failed at the most basic level of our existence. We have failed each other and ourselves. We are a people of voluntary ignorance, a people who believe ethnic diversity should not necessarily be a part of our education.

Emilee M. Bargoma is a Cal Poly student.

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Editor:
In the Feb. 10 issue of the Mustang Daily there was an article "They came, they saw, they kicked your trash away to the $21 a month and a little weekly collectors that have been collecting cheap way to r your to increase the tor more than ten years. It found and HIV. The study rested liarhatje found the more otten you come in one presidential candidate tor ASI office," by Steve
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Refuse collectors are are an important part of our lives
more rapid and efficient trips

And I  call tor change.
and back problems. Since these collectors limit the amount of time we need to spend around our garbage, then they allow us to decrease these potential health risks caused by extended hauling of refuse. So when the garbage collector makes his work rounds plug your ears for five min­utes, ignoring the noise, and con­centrate on the fact that you are

in Philadelphia, the noise pollution, you

some of us every day.

Editor:
Upon reading "Only one candi­date for ASI office," by Steve
None, it appeared the articles main issue, one presidential candidate for ASI, and the significance was nei­ther new nor enough. After reading his article, one can only assume he was expecting the entire student body to try and think on his level.

My name is Steve None, and I am one of the candidates for the 1999-2000 ASI Executive Board. I am a second-year majoring in the College of Business Administration.

The truth is, I am exceptionally disappointed with the lack of candidates for the presidency. The lack of candidates does not necessarily mean we will have a weak overall student gov­ernment. It makes the assumption the student government is weak because of an apathetic student body. But that is not the case. We have a high number of candidates running for a position in the student government. This means that we have an involved student body.

Mathew Nussbaum is a general engineering senior.

Event parking lot part of student safety concerns

Editor:
This is in regards to the e-mail sent to me, titled "Campus Safety." One of the Cal Poly Safety Plan items is "Avoid vulnerable situa­tions." How nice that Cal Poly is so concerned about student safety. Yet over and over again the student community has a lack of security issues and we are aware of the people in our community who are aware of. We have a strong governing board in place, and we are working hard to make Cal Poly a safer place to live and learn. We need to send a strong, clear message to those responsible for these crimes ... our communities will not tolerate this any longer! All con­cerned parents, code and community members and leaders need to take a proactive stance with this issue. If we do not take immediate action, which one of us will be next? As par­ents, which one of your daughters will be the next to vanish and never come home?

A concerned citizen who, for her own safety, wishes not to disclose her name.
**SPORTS**

**A's youth looks familiar**

*By Ryan Huff, Mustang Daily*

George Bush won the presidency, the Berlin Wall came down, and most of us were in elementary school. OK, well at least I was. I'm talking about the glory days of Oakland Athletics baseball.

It's the 10th anniversary of the 1989 San Francisco Earthquake.

**YOUTH:** As shortstop Miguel Tejada, center, is greeted by teammates after hitting a 3-run homer this spring off White Sox pitcher James Baldwin, and he has a lot of potential for the 1999 season.

On the mound, Kevin Rogers (left) pitches, not the歌曲 brings expenses to an immature club. The out of the 1998 record last season. The one left-handed starter the staff had a perfect 11-0 record at the Oakland Coliseum.

Ron aluminium Tom Cendotti returns for a second season in an Athletics and will be in the pitching rotation with other right-handers, Jimmy Hansen, Gil Heredia and Mike Quintin.

What preview would be complete without including sensational first baseman Jason Giambi? He's hit at least 32 with 14 home runs and 32 RBI in Triple A and Double A last season. He received the 1998 Baseball America Minor League Player of the Year Award after being drafted by the Oakland in September. Romantic players — put him in your fantasy baseball league! He doesn't cost a lot of money!

Associated Press

**GIANTS**

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New owner Rupert Murdoch bought in several new names this spring, including manager Davey Johnson and catcher Todd Hundley.

Hundley is set to lead-off and play left field. In the offseason, Oakland also acquired veteran Tim Raines, who will add experience as a back-up outfield.

The A led the American League in errors last season, and defense will be a key of the team wants to attempt at a wildcard run into the postseason. Fourth-year manager Art Howe will rely on veterans Phillips, Raines and Rogers to lead this young club.

The Athletics, a team that most sportswriters pick to finish last in the West Division, will kick off opening night against the Yankees.

**DODGERS**

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The Dodgers now have the personnel to trade for an experienced backup catcher with a strong arm, such as Mike Lieberthal, who has already been upset by a keeper in town.

Los Angeles is now San Francisco, and the club is expected to attempt at a wildcard run into the postseason. Johnson loves to tiddle with his roster, often using a computer to figure out the statistically most productive lineup. It worked in Baltimore, Johnson's last club, where the Orioles increased their run production by 243 in his first season as manager.

However, that would mean manipulating the batting order and platooning players.

There is already the traditional Dodger discussion this spring. Paul Maguire has complained that he deserves the cleanup spot in order to take up more RBI. In addition, Gary Sheffield is in a constant need of an attitude adjustment. With the most of them and the unpredictable Kevin Brown, who already had a broken bat in a minor league spring with a bat, it seems as though Johnson has the unenviable task of preventing Dodger Blue Bloodshed in the clubhouse this season.

Despite problems, the Dodgers have too much talent to not contend for a division title. With the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Dodger fans are expected to try and win the division. As long as Johnson's calculator works its usual magic, the Dodgers should be headed toward a National League Championship Series showdown against the Braves.
The San Diego Padres look like a completely different team than last season’s National League Championship squad. Living Kevin Brown, Ken Caminiti and Steve Finley to free agency, as well as trading away Greg Vaughn and Joey Hamilton, this year’s edition promises to be a completely different ballgame for their predecessors’ accomplishments.

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The Padres will need production out of the fifth slot from Ruben Rivers who has had a highly touted prosjx. for years. Finally, the baseball world will see what this guy can do in a full-time role.

Huston street and playing third base — George Arias. Who?

Since starting catcher Carlos Hernandez is out for the season, the Padres will note Greg Myers, Jim Lemirte and newly acquired Phil Nevin — from the Angels — behind the plate and in the seventh spot. Myers provides the defense while Lemirte and Nevin add much needed power.

And, for the third year in a row, San Diego will have to settle for shortstop Chris Gomez and mediocrity at its finest, Bart Giamatti. As for the starting rotation, the first two spots are solid with Andy Ashby and Sterling Hitchcock, who both bag out of a spectacular position. If they can pitch the way they did in the playoffs, the Padres could have two 20-game winners.

The third slot is extremely shaky with Woody Williams, acquired from the Toronto Blue Jays. Williams is at best, a #3 pitcher with a ERA ever better.

The success of the team may very well be in the performance of the fourth and fifth starters, respectively Matt Clement and Stan Spencer. These rookies, who only have seven starts between them, need to pitch well. Otherwise the rotation will stumble after Hitchcock.

Clement is one to watch, as many experts compare his pitching style to Kevin Brown, due to his 93 mph sinker.

Yet the Padres will be able to hold on straggling starter with a strong bullpen, including Brian Boehringer, Randy Myers and the league’s most dominant closer in Trevor Hoffman, who comes off a #3 save season.

Due to the strength of the N.L. West and a poor offense, the Padres will be pushed toward the bottom of the division.

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The Padres will need production out of the fifth slot from Ruben Rivers who has had a highly touted prosjx. for years. Finally, the baseball world will see what this guy can do in a full-time role.

Huston street and playing third base — George Arias. Who?

Since starting catcher Carlos Hernandez is out for the season, the Padres will note Greg Myers, Jim Lemirte and newly acquired Phil Nevin — from the Angels — behind the plate and in the seventh spot. Myers provides the defense while Lemirte and Nevin add much needed power.

And, for the third year in a row, San Diego will have to settle for shortstop Chris Gomez and mediocrity at its finest, Bart Giamatti. As for the starting rotation, the first two spots are solid with Andy Ashby and Sterling Hitchcock, who both bag out of a spectacular position. If they can pitch the way they did in the playoffs, the Padres could have two 20-game winners.

The third slot is extremely shaky with Woody Williams, acquired from the Toronto Blue Jays. Williams is at best, a #3 pitcher with a ERA ever better.

The success of the team may very well be in the performance of the fourth and fifth starters, respectively Matt Clement and Stan Spencer. These rookies, who only have seven starts between them, need to pitch well. Otherwise the rotation will stumble after Hitchcock.

Clement is one to watch, as many experts compare his pitching style to Kevin Brown, due to his 93 mph sinker.

Yet the Padres will be able to hold on straggling starter with a strong bullpen, including Brian Boehringer, Randy Myers and the league’s most dominant closer in Trevor Hoffman, who comes off a #3 save season.

Due to the strength of the N.L. West and a poor offense, the Padres will be pushed toward the bottom of the division.
Baker's boys hope last year at 'Stick' is a winner

By Joe Nolan
Mustang Daily

Call it 3Guts if you must, but Candlestick Park will always be the "Stick" to diehard San Francisco Giants fans.

This is the last season the Giants will call the "Stick" home before moving into Pacific Bell Stadium for the 2000 season. For the mean time, the "Stick" is still the place where the smart bring blankets, the brave take their shirts off at a day game and the Giants play Baker baseball.

Davy Baker has established a reputation as a players' manager who takes risks, angles his lineup up on a bunch and gets the most out of average ballplayers. Oddly enough, it is those qualities which make Baker one of the most respected managers in the game.

Baker has also created an image for the Giants' winners. The Giants won the National League West in 1997 and just missed the wild card spot last season.

So which free agents do the Giants spend excessive dollars on to improve the club in the

L.A. Dodger blue spends big green

By Chris Arms
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The Los Angeles Dodgers might have bought the farm when they signed cash cow Kevin Brown, but the team is counting on a whole stable of starting pitchers to win the National League West Division.

On a team that won 81 games last year without a true ace's leadership, Brown sets up a staff that some say is second only to Atlanta as the best in the majors. Solid at every spot in the rotation, the Dodgers have an underated gem in Chan Ho Park, who could win as many as 25 games this year starting behind Brown. Park shouldered most of the pressure as the Dodgers' best pitcher last year, and without the great expectations of 1998, he should find it easier to focus. Also, Brown excites experience and intensity that will bolster Ismael Valdes and Darren Drecker's shaky confidence.

The bullpen isn't quite as secure, however. While the Dodgers have a great closer, Jeff Shaw, the setup men are mediocre at best. New acquisitions such as Alan Mills, Doug Bochtler and Greg Cadaret will be asked to hold the fort until the earth, but with ERAs of 6.15 (Bochtler) and 4.23 (Cadaret), it doesn't look too promising.

Angels get Mo power

By Adam Russo
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The opening of the 1999 Major League Baseball season can't come quickly enough for the beat-up Anaheim Angels.

In what seems to be an annual event, key Angels' players appear to be spending more time in the trainer's room than on the diamond. Most notably being the 1998 team's Most Valuable Player Gary DiSarcina, who broke his arm before spring training, scratching him from the lineup for the first three to four months of the season.

To make matters worse, 1997 All-Star pitcher Jason Isringhausen had surgery to repair a cartilage tear in his right shoulder, most likely finishing his season. Also, projected starting pitcher Matt Walbeck broke a bone in his right hand, putting him out for a month.

Despite the injuries, Anaheim does have the players to make a serious run at the American