Law will protect students from anti-gay remarks

By Melissa McFarland

A landmark decision by Gov. Gray Davis on Saturday will protect students in California’s public schools from discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation.

“I think it’s such an important decision,” English senior Rachel Raymond said. “As a lesbian student, the fact that I’m a woman and an American, less than the fact that I’m gay, is disturbing. I feel like I’ve been acknowledged in some way, as any other student, gay or straight, and that’s huge.”

It was as big a victory for Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl, who spent five years trying to get the law passed, as it was for students. “When the governor called me up on the stage last night (after signing the bill), it just brought tears to my eyes,” said Kuehl, the first openly gay or lesbian elected to the California legislature. “It was a culmination of relief and exuberance — just the sense of how many young people I haven’t even met yet who will benefit from this.”

The law, effective Jan. 1, 2000, will provide harassed students with the same administrative treatment currently given to students protected in California’s Education Code. This includes ethnic group identification, sex, race, national origin, religion and mental or physical disability. Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Connecticut already have similar sexual orientation laws.

Kuehl said the new law will affect both homosexual and heterosexual students.

“It is extremely important that these kids don’t have to go through this horrible discrimination and battle every day just to get the education the state has promised them,” said Kuehl. According to a recent survey of 8,400 students, one out of every 13 claimed they had been assaulted or harassed because they were perceived as gay. The survey, done by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, also found that four out of five of those harassed were actually straight. Those discriminated against were found to be more likely to skip school, drop out or attempt suicide.

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network also conducted a study in which 90 percent of gay and lesbian students reported hearing anti-gay remarks at school. Of these, 36 percent were from faculty and staff.

Downtown plaza to ring in new year

By Jenny Ferrari

A 16-foot, 925-pound clock is scheduled to ring San Luis Obispo into the new millennium.

Arnold Valmo, a contractor and San Luis Obispo city councilman, had the idea of purchasing the $50,000 street clock and donating it to San Luis Obispo County. Valmo said after he proposed the idea, the county wanted to expand the project to include a new plaza surrounding the clock.

Greg MacDougall, capital project coordinator, said the project will be called the Millennium Clock Plaza because the idea is to have construction completed by Jan. 1, 2000. The estimated cost of the entire project is between $100,000 and $120,000.

“We have created a new public space for the plaza on the corner of Osos and Monterey streets, where the existing lawn for the courthouse is,” MacDougall said.

He said the county will construct the 1,600 square-foot plaza.

“It will include tan, mission-style brick and paving, new trees, benches and lighting,” MacDougall said. “The plaza will contribute to the beautiful environment that we live in and love.”

Civil engineer senior Ron Yen said the plaza will be a great gift to the community.

“Everyone will be able to use it, and benefit from its purpose,” he said. “It seems like the new clock plaza will make downtown look even nicer.”

For Valmo, donating the clock was important for him and his family.

“My family and I wanted to give something back to San Luis Obispo, something lasting,” he said. “We wanted to give something larger and visible that everyone will use. The clock plaza will be a place where people can sit and meet.”

The clock will have several unique features.

“The clock will have four faces on it and will have 120 different tunes built into it,” he said. “It will be able to play Christmas music at see CLOCK, page 2
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Christmas time. The clock will also have a Global Positioning System, which keeps the time accurate to the second," Volny explained. Volny said the Downtown Association also plans to create a time capsule that will be buried in front of the clock at the plaza's opening.

Inside Associates, an architecture, interior design and environmental graphics firm, came up with the conceptual plan of the proposed plaza.

The clock is produced commercially by Verdin, a company that manufactures a variety of specialty clocks.

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are named winners.

Rackley's music for the documentary won him a statue made by the same company that makes the Oscar statues. The statue is something Cal Poly's Rackley has composed production music for the Department of Defense after he was appointed Commander for pledging.

Rackley, a construction, management senior and drum major for the marching band, said Rackley rarely tells band members about awards he receives. "He's shy about his accomplishments," Todd said. Rackley has composed production music for CNN, NBC, CBS, ABC and the Discovery Channel. He has written music for "Days of Our Lives," "America's Most Wanted," "Cheers," "Nunes," "Pickfords," "L.A. Law," "All My Children," "General Hospital," "Home Improvement," "Quantum Leap" and "Sesame." He scored productions for the Department of Defense after he was appointed Commander and Conductor of Air Force Bands. He also wrote and produced music for the award-winning Library of Congress series, "Communication: The Human Imperative." "He definitely knows his stuff," Todd said. Since Rackley was hired at Cal Poly four years ago, the marching band has doubled its number of members. "He's brought us a long way," Todd said. "Everybody really appreciates him and everything he's done. The members have a lot of respect for him. He proves to them that he knows what he's doing."

Rackley said the students have made the big changes since he arrived. "The students drive the program," he said. "It's an exciting and electrifying situation to watch the students work."
Rideshare Week coor-
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gaging San Luis Obispo County resi-
dents to bike to work or school this week as one of many alterna-
tive transportation options.

Erin Crosby
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For students who hate parking on cam-
pus, Rideshare Week can be a rewarding
way to explore alternate transportation.
San Luis Obispo County has designated
Oct. 4-8 as Rideshare Week.
"It is a weeklong awareness of alternate
transportation," said John Donovan, pro-
gram manager for the San Luis Obispo
Rideshare Office.
According to Donovan, each day is a
celebration of a different type of alternate
transportation. Carpool Monday encour-
gages commuters to carpool or vanpool. The
bus will be free to all passengers on Transit
Tuesday, and donuts and hotdogs will be
served for free at certain bus stops. Walking
bus will be free to all passengers on Transit
Wednesday is when people pledge to walk
and work on their computers rather than
going to the office. Lastly, people pledge to
hop on a hike on Bike to Work Friday.
"I take the bus to school just about every
day, so I will be pledging my time," graphic
design senior Keith Aguilar said, "but I think
that Rideshare Week is good (because it encourages) those who normal-
ly drive to find another way of getting
around."
Those wishing to pledge their time may
do so in one of three ways. There are sign-
up sheets in The Tribune and New Times.
People may pledge their time by calling the
Rideshare office or registering on the
Internet at www.rideshare.org.
"We aren't asking for people to com-
pletely rearrange their lifestyles," Donovan said. "We understand that cars
don't perform well in wet environments, so let the top inch or so of the container dry out a bit and allow the container to
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Earth
Students are too adult for tattletale justice

The freshman experience is synonymous with freedom. Cal Poly now has the choice to take this freedom by notifying parents of students who get caught drinking on campus.

Changes to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which grants students the right of notifying parents of on-campus alcohol violations, mean that Cal Poly is at a crossroads.

How do you feel about changing policy to inform parents of students illegal behavior? opinion@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu

Prior to the beginning of this school year, the Kansas Board of Education suggested to teachers across the state that evolution no longer be taught in school. The argument against evolution is based on two premises.

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The first is evolution cannot be proven. The second is the world is too complex to have just "happened." There must have been a creator.

Proving that evolution exists is currently impossible. Most evolution experts are willing to admit the theory of evolution is not infallible. It's simply the most logical and provable theory around. There's an excellent chance evolution is responsible for dinosaurs and monkeys, but in the face of an argument based on divinity, there can be no certainty.

The beauty of religion is that it transcends rational and logical thought. Religious beliefs can be looked at with skepticism or disdain, but they can never be entirely disproved.

On the other hand, religious beliefs cannot be absolutely proven until some form of believable driven phenomena occurs, which does not include the Virgin Mary in a moldy patch on the side of your refrigerator.

Until the time that some god or other ethereal being makes itself known, there are certain things we all must believe for the sake of our collective sanity. Believing in molecules and gravity and outer space is for the best. Someone-somebody might prove these things don't exist. For the time being, we have enough evidence that gravity does keep your car from floating away. No matter what a scientist or a religious guru says, very little can be absolutely proven. Evolution is a prime example. There are holes in evolution-theory that are always being filled in.

As time goes on, the theory of evolution might grow into the fact of evolution. For the time being, however, theory is the closest thing we have to truth.

Evidence in the fossil record suggests Darwin was right, but the decision in Kansas that evolution be eradicated from the curriculum is absolutely terrible. Rather than remove it, though, it would make more sense to present all theories on the Earth's origin to children.

They should present creationism, evolution and any other theory on existence as theories—not as absolute fact—and let the students choose the one they believe the most strongly in. Not teaching evolution at all limits a children's educations. Regardless of truth, it represents an important segment in scientific history and thought.

Besides, the one thing I think everyone can agree on is that there is always room for a little more study of monkeys in curricula.

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After throwing a chance at a touch­
down with a goal-line fumble and then missing a field goal, the Thunderbirds and the game lacked the offensive punch they promised. When the game resumed in the sec­ond half, Cal Poly showed some excit­ement. A 3-4 halftime lead quick­ly grew to 38-6 as the Mustangs scored on their next five possessions, including an 84-yard run by Young. "I am proud of my offensive line and very happy with this team," Young said. "This is an emotional vic­tory for me and all of us.

With the win, Cal Poly improves to 2-2, with both wins coming at home. The crowd of 5,798 stayed to watch the San Francisco 49ers on a 2-point con­version try that would have tied the game.

It was San Francisco's 19th straight win at home, including an 18-0 shutout win in the first game in the history of the franchise, previously known as the Oilers. The 49ers continued a pattern of scoring when they've had to play without their starting quarterback, improving to 7-8 in eight games without Young since 1996, as the backups go right into San Francisco's West Coast offense.

The loss denied the Titans (3-1) the first 4-0 start in the 40-year his­tory of the franchise, formerly known as the Oilers.

Garcia, who started five times in the Canadian Football League before landing his first NFL job, completed 21 of 40 passes for 243 yards, including touchdown throws to Terrell Owens in the fourth quarter and 1 yard to Charlie Garner in the sec­ond. He also scored on a 1-yard boot.

San Francisco wide receiver Jerry Rice had one of the best games of his career, catching 10 passes for 181 yards and a touchdown and scoring on his next five possessions, including an 84-yard run by Young. "I am proud of my offensive line and very happy with this team," Young said. "This is an emotional vic­tory for me and all of us.

With the win, Cal Poly improves to 2-2, with both wins coming at home. The crowd of 5,798 stayed to watch the San Francisco 49ers on a 2-point con­version try that would have tied the game.

It was San Francisco's 19th straight win at home, including an 18-0 shutout win in the first game in the history of the franchise, previously known as the Oilers. The 49ers continued a pattern of scoring when they've had to play without their starting quarterback, improving to 7-8 in eight games without Young since 1996, as the backups go right into San Francisco's West Coast offense.

The loss denied the Titans (3-1) the first 4-0 start in the 40-year his­tory of the franchise, formerly known as the Oilers.
Football blows out Southern Utah, 38-10

By Aaron Emerson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Saturday’s Hall of Fame football game was filled with irony and triumph for both old and new Mustangs. After former Cal Poly athletes were inducted into the school’s Hall of Fame at halftime, the Mustangs scored five straight touchdowns to earn their second victory of the season, 38-10 over Southern Utah University.

Both sides began slowly, but Cal Poly got on the board first with a 24-yard field goal. After each team committed a turnover in its opponent’s red zone, the Thunderbirds missed a 37-yard field goal and trailed 3-0 at the half.

While the teams were in the locker room, Mustangs of yesterday were being honored for their contributions in various sports. Among them, Janet Benford was honored for her track and field accomplishments and Becky Harr was inducted as head coach of the Mustang baseball team from 1972-83. Louis Jackson was honored as the greatest Cal Poly running back prior to Antonio Warren. Jackson, who played from 1976-80, held the school’s rushing record with 3,352 yards. That record fell last season when Warren reached 3,834 rushing yards for his career.

Warten’s record may not last as long as Jackson’s since current Mustang running back Craig Young surpassed Jackson for second place on the school’s rushing list after running for 232 yards Saturday. Young needs only 420 more yards to break the all-time record.

“I’ve been aware of how much yardage I needed to get to these records, but more importantly, I wanted to come out here and win,” Young said. “The records are secondary, but we got the win and the yardage.”

The Thunderbirds, the eighth-ranked defense in division I-AA and seventh-ranked rushing offense, were contained. Southern Utah, which averages giving up only 54 yards on the ground and 228 yards of rushing offense, usually owns the clock. Saturday, the Mustangs controlled the tempo as they rushed for 311 yards on 51 attempts. Young became the first 1,000-yard rusher against SUU this year.

After Thunderbird starting quarterback Matt Cannon went out with a hip pointer early in the second quarter, the SUU offense never recovered. Cannon, who set the NCAA single-season record for yards rushing by a quarterback last season with 141 attempts for 551 yards before leaving the game, the Thunderbird offense sputtered without him, scoring 25 points below its season average.

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Women’s soccer splits a pair, lose non-league match

By Brent Marcus
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly women’s soccer team knows when to lose. The team’s 3-1 loss to San Jose State at home on Sunday will not be good for morale, but the non-league defeat will not hurt its standing in the Big West Conference, in which the Mustangs remain in second place.

Many of Cal Poly’s problems may have stemmed from a long road trip to Texas Friday night where the Mustangs lost 2-1 in overtime, defeated North Texas 2-0 in a conference match.

Gina Oceguera and Michelle George each had a goal and an assist in Friday’s game. Oceguera, who had not played since Sept. 4 due to a knee injury, is the second all-time scorer in Cal Poly history.

Following Sunday’s defeat, Cal Poly head coach 

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MUSTANGS FIGHT TO KEEP HOMESTAND ALIVE

Cal Poly defense
lineman Dan Leahy (No. 93) recovered a first quarter fumble, ending a Southern Utah drive at the Mustangs’ 14-yard line. The Mustangs improved to 2-2 while the Thunderbirds dropped to 3-2.

Spartan midfielder Brandy Apodaca scored again with seven minutes remaining in the first half, putting the Mustangs down 2-1. Apodaca scored once more 20 minutes into the second half, giving San Jose the lead for good.

Crotzer felt other factors contributed to Sunday’s loss.

“The big thing we did not do was get possession,” Crotzer said. “We didn’t support one another.”

The next Big West game for Cal Poly is Thursday against conference rival Cal State Fullerton at 7 p.m. in Mustang Stadium.

**Scores**

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**Schedule**

**THURSDAY**

- Women’s soccer vs. CSU Fullerton
  - at Mustang Stadium
  - 7 p.m.

- Women’s volleyball vs. UC Santa Barbara
  - in Matt Gym
  - 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

- Men’s soccer vs. Brigham Young
  - at Mustang Stadium
  - 7 p.m.