Fresno power: Softball goes to Fresno State to play No. 6 Bulldogs, 8

Hard hitting: Columnist sees link in sports, violence, 4

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Winter bids adieu

A Morro Bay surfer enjoys Monday's afternoon sun. It will be mostly sunny today, reaching into the low 70's at the beach. In San Luis Obispo the high will be into the mid-70's.

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Software company funds labs

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Two state-of-the-art computer labs were dedicated Monday at Cal Poly thanks to donations from Sun Microsystems.

The Java Center Instructional Lab and the Java Center Projects Lab will be open to classes from every department for research of Internet applications.

Sun Microsystems donated $150,000 worth of computers, including servers, work stations and software to Cal Poly.

The equipment will be used to help teach students how to create software for the Internet.

The Java Center Projects Lab is located on the east building. The Java Center Instructional Lab is located in the business building.

Cal Poly is one of two universities in the United States chosen by Sun Microsystems to be a charter member of the Authorized Academic Java Campus program. The program encourages collaboration with local industry to give students hands-on experience with Java technology in a realistic business environment.

"Cal Poly has proven itself a leader in applying information technology innovations across a broad spectrum of academic disciplines," said Marc Loupe, Sun Microsystems vice president for finance and planning in computer systems and worldwide sales.

"We feel the program will not only create additional programming expertise for graduating students, but also enhance the interrelationships between students, faculty, administrators and the business community at large," the Cal Poly graduate said.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker and officials from Sun Microsystems, Cal Poly's Information Technology Services unit, and the universities colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design, Business and Engineering dedicated the labs.

Senate vetoes student vote

Most professors want to keep Senate separate from students

By Kara Knutson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The majority of faculty members have denied students' right to vote in the Academic Senate.

Cal Poly's general faculty recently voted 233-132 in opposition of a resolution that would give two students the power to vote in the Academic Senate.

The resolution was set before the faculty during the last two weeks of winter quarter. The Academic Senate voted 21-12, in support of it, but a two-thirds vote of the faculty was needed for the resolution to pass.

Academic Senate chairman Myron Hood said some faculty members disapproved of the resolution because they see the Senate as their voice of expression. Students have the Associated Students Inc. to voice their concerns, he added. Hood said the faculty believes the two should be kept separate.

Andrew Hunt, ASI director of academic relations, said he believes students should have a vote in the Senate. Everything the Academic Senate decides affects students in some way, he said.

"What we decide on the (ASI) board of directors doesn't affect the faculty," he said. "We wanted a vote so we could be on more equal ground."

The Academic Senate is comprised of professors who make decisions on such things as curriculum, registration and grading policies.

Currently, Hunt and ASI Vice President Atron DeFerrari are the designated student representatives who sit on the Senate, but neither has voting privileges in the general Senate.

Hunt can vote within an Academic Senate committee, but his vote means nothing if the general Senate denies a committee measure.

"Sometimes it seems like a waste of my time," Hunt said.

Out of the 24 California State University academic senates, 19 of them allow student representatives to vote.

Hood said some faculty members didn't think students were knowledgeable enough to vote.

"Some people think students aren't informed enough to be voting on curriculum and things that would affect their careers," Hood said.

DeFerrari disagrees.

"We're the best and the brightest in the CSU," he said. "We're told that every day. At other CSUs, students vote. So we should have a vote."

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Poly keeps Sigma Chi decision under wraps

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly Judicial Affairs has made its preliminary decision on the fate of Sigma Chi fraternity, but will not release information until the appeals process is finished.

The Judicial Affairs Board conducted a hearing Friday, and delivered its decision in writing Monday to Sigma Chi representatives. The board is comprised of students, faculty and staff.

The hearing was spurred by allegations that the fraternity hazed and sold alcohol to minors.

"The students in the fraternity have the opportunity for appeal if they so choose," said Polly Harrigan, assistant to Vice President of Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez. "We don't want to comment on an outcome until all appeals have been exhausted."

The fraternity now has 10 working days to file an appeal of the decision. The university then has 10 working days to meet with fraternity members once it receives the appeal. Following that, the board has five days to issue a final decision, which cannot be appealed.

Harrigan said the university has the right to pull a fraternity's charter, but not recognizing the organization in good standing.

Other disciplinary options include suspension, probation or expulsion.

Aside from Judicial Affairs' decision, Harrigan said Cal Poly will assist in the district attorney's investigation against four members of the fraternity if necessary.

The district attorney is charging four fraternity members with nine counts of hazing and one count of alcohol to minors.

"The university will comply with requests from the DA's report," she said.

The preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 18.

Poly Reps adds to staff

Sixteen students were chosen to be Poly Reps for the 2000-2001 academic year. They will join the 14 existing Poly Reps members to help promote the university to prospective students.

The new members are: biological sciences sophomore Melanie Bondic, forestry and natural resources junior Alan Callaghe, agricultural science senior Amy Christensen, biological sciences junior Joel Conn, computer engineering sophomore Anas Oue, business junior Veronica Gaff, speech communication junior Kirey Dadd-Hansen, business junior Jane Donnelly, economics sophomore Laura Faller, computer engineering sophomore R'iane Fernandez, architectural engineering sophomore Ducka Force, mathematics junior Taryn Lee, human development senior Virginia Micel, child development junior Laura McGall, biological sciences sophomore Michelle Montgomery and political science sophomore Kathleen Off.

Three additional students were chosen as alternates: mathematics junior Amber Stoba, business junior Keith DeMartini and journalism sophomore Cynthia Nott.

The students were selected after they were screened for academic qualifications, completed an application and were interviewed by staff members of Student Affairs, Admissions, Alumni Relations and current Poly Reps members.
Microsoft violates antitrust laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Humbled a proud giant of the computer age, a federal judge ruled Monday that Microsoft Corp. violated U.S. antitrust laws by keeping "an oppressive thumb" on competitors during the race to link Americans to the Internet.

In a sweeping verdict against the empire that Bill Gates built, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson said Microsoft violated the Sherman Act, the same law used to crush monopolies from Standard Oil to AT&T.

He concluded that the company was guilty — as the federal government, 19 states and the District of Columbia had alleged in a case that began in May 1998 — of "unlawfully tying its Web-browser" to its Windows operating system that dominates the computer market worldwide.

"Microsoft placed an oppressive thumb on the scale of competitive fortune, thereby effectively guaranteeing its continued dominance," Jackson wrote.

The verdict affirms Jackson's previous ruling in November that the software giant is a monopoly, one that illegally used its power to fully compete and stifle innovation, hurting consumers in the process.

The judge's ruling can be appealed, delaying its impact for years, and Gates said the company would pursue that avenue.

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Hood said he was disappointed in the results of the faculty vote.

"I was in favor of having the students vote," he said. "I was disap­pointed the faculty didn't go along with it. They are always asking stu­dents to get involved and this would have been a marvelous way." DeFerrari and Hunt both said the faculty referendum came at a bad time. Since the faculty voted during the winter quarter, DeFerrari and Hood did not have time to get their message to the faculty.

DeFerrari said if he gets the oppor­tunity next year, he will bring the issue of student voting rights back to the Senate.

"We've got a good case together," he said. "There are a few improve­ments that could be made, but the package we put together was pretty bulletproof."

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**Soy beans**: sold dry or fresh, add to soups, stews or casseroles. The popular bean is called “edamiva,” which can be found at any health food store.

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"Violence involving athletes is anything but new. While it may seem that the media constantly scrutinizes these athletes, more often than not it is the media that helps these athletes cover their dirty sneaker tracks. Ty Cobb, a baseball Hall of Famer, once seriously injured a mugger and left him for dead. It was never reported. Two of baseball’s greatest heroes, Mickey Mantle and Babe Ruth, were notorious drinkers and womanizers — this, too, was overlooked by the media and fans alike. Ruth reportedly once missed a game due to a venereal disease, but according to the media, it was nothing more than a bellyache.

No matter which way you slice it, violence is a large part of the sporting world. Players are paid well to do it, and fans pay well to see it. If the NFL resorted to playing touch football, the same critics who criticize the violence would no doubt refund their season passes. We, as fans, cannot allow a few athletes with notions of invincibility to rain the pastimes of our nation. It is time to hold these athletes responsible for their actions, but also time to realize that every time we buy a ticket, a jersey or an autograph, we are in a way responsible for building up heroes that might not live up to our expectations. Just because we give these athletes material wealth, there is no way to ensure they also encompass the moral values we believe in.

Christian von Treskow is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.
Letter to the editor

Personal responsibility is key in hazing issues

Editor,

I have followed with interest and disgust the recent coverage of the Sigma Chi hazing disaster in the Mustang Daily.

Though commentary on this occurrence has come from many points of view, some of which differ widely, none of them have addressed what seems to be a glaringly obvious consideration: that of personal responsibility.

I don’t know what planet these would-be fraternity members grew up on, but isn’t it generally true on Earth that if you have half a brain you steer clear of activities that could kill or permanently injure you?

If someone said to me, “OK, you can join our secret club but first you have to strip naked and lie in a tub of ice cubes and drink a gallon of vodka!” I’d not only refuse and leave immediately but question the sanity of those making the request. It irritates me to no end when people whine about how they were “forced” to drink large amounts of alcohol so that they became ill. If they were just being verbally coerced, there is simply no excuse for not walking away.

If they were actually being physically forced, or threatened with physical harm, a crime was committed, in which case some type of authority should have been contacted.

Peer pressure can be intense, but people are still responsible for the choices they make with their lives. I feel sorry for anyone who thinks that “we’ll do it for you:” is the only way to have friends and a social life.

Alcohol is not a toy — it is a drug, and in large amounts, a poison. The giddiness and release of inhibitions characteristic of the feeling of being “drunk” are due to the brain’s oxygen supply being diluted so that it cannot carry out its functions properly.

I am aware of the research showing that drinking moderately can result in some health benefits, but moderation does not mean “funnelling,” “chugging,” or taking shots until you can’t even stay conscious, much less stand up. Why people would risk their lives for the sake of popularity is truly beyond my comprehension.

The binge drinking and hazing common in many college social circles indicates to me that those involved are not ready to be out of the sight of their mothers — they are taking advantage of the fact that there are no parents around to stop them from having fun.” All I have to say is that these people should grow up — otherwise they may end up becoming the subject of a Reader’s Digest tear-jerker documentary article.

Anne Corwin is an electrical engineering junior.

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Week last Monday. Wit is on the team's most impressive offensive category, including hits, RBI, stolen bases, and batting average.

Another weapon in the Bulldog arsenal is senior first baseman Angela Cervantes. She was a First Team All-America and First Team All-West Region last season. She was also a pivotal contributor for the Bulldogs 1999 squad.

If the Mustangs hope to keep the game close, they will need to start swinging. At the plate, the Mustangs batting leader is senior Nicole Dang, currently batting .330.

Dusabny believes the win against the Bulldogs might just be what Cal Poly needs. She was also quick to point out the teams have already met once this season so the Mustangs know what to expect. "A win against a team like that could be the turning point in the season for us," Dusabny said. "It would definitely help the team morale."

Since Fresno State is a non-conference opponent, the Mustangs will have to wait until next weekend's three-game series against Cal State Northridge to obtain their first conference victories.

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A while.

The perfect hitter: Tony Gwynn's stroke, Mark McGwire's muscle, Andrew Jones' defense, Eric Davis' heart and Ken Griffey's flair.

The perfect pitcher: Pedro Martinez.


Spend a little cash: The Tribune Co. (which owns the Chicago Cubs among many other entities) recently bought the L.A. Times. The first question asked at the press conference was by Cubs manager Don Baylor. "Can anyone at the L.A. Times get me two millons of solid relief pitching?"

Best place you've never heard of: Right fielder Bobby Abreu of the Phillies, center fielder Shannon Stewart of the Blue Jays, catcher Chris Widger of the Expos and left fielder Magglio Ordonez of the White Sox.

Trendy predictions: The Red Sox will win the American League East.

Shawn Green will lead the Dodgers to the post season and Chuck Finley will lead the Indians to that illusive World Series ring.

Trendy predictions that will come true:

More Rockers: Still living in the 1950s, the 1960s, Texas truck (back, Texas has been accused of one) may be the only place Rocker ever get more support than good of Atlanta.

Encore unlikely: Brian Giles, Kent Bottenfield and Steve Finley.

Wants to be like Mike: When Derek Jeter gets ring No. 4 this October, he'll be only 26 years old. Look out, Mike.

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Softball travels to No. 6 Fresno State

Losers of 12 of 14, Mustangs face uphill battle against Bulldogs

By Christian von Tresckow
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly softball team has one problem: it gets people in scoring position and leaves them there.

The Mustangs have now lost 12 of their last 14 games, including three over the weekend to conference UC Santa Barbara. Cal Poly hasn't experienced a victory in six Big West matchups this season. Head coach Lisa Boyer knows why.

"We're getting runners on base but we're not bringing them in," Boyer said. "The most frustrating part is that we know we're capable."

Boyer went on to describe another problem plaguing the Mustangs.

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