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Students influence CSU policy making

By Karin Driesen
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

Associated Students, Inc. President Sam Aborn and Cal Poly President Warren Baker are two Cal Poly representatives helping to shape the way students participate in the development of new California State University system and campus policies.

"There's no where it's guaranteed that students have a say," Aborn said. "The California State Student Association (CSSA) has been trying to get students the right to be at the table, not just a privilege.

CSSA, an organization of which Cal Poly is a member and that represents about 370,000 CSU students, created a document over summer outlining the student's role. Aborn said CSSA, Chancellor Charles Reid then formed this committee, officially called the Advisory Committee on Student Participation in Policy Development.

The committee includes three campus presidents, two vice presidents for student affairs and five student representatives from various campuses.

The committee has already met once and started planning for its recommendations to the chancellor. It will meet again on Jan. 23 and likely draft a policy recommendation soon after that. The CSU trustees would then adopt it as an executive see POLICY, page 6

Campus police get new tracking system

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhart
MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

At Cal Poly, students have fun. Sure, they go to class and work, but they also have parties, hang out at the bars downtown and go on weekend trips. Especially on long weekends, especially on long weekends, especially on long weekends, especially on long weekends, especially on long weekends. Especially on long weekends, especially on long weekends, especially on long weekends, especially on long weekends, especially on long weekends.

Sometimes, however, in the rush to leave town, students forget to tell someone where they are going and when they are coming back.

"It's fairly common that someone will take off for the weekend and forget to tell their roommate," said University Police Chief Tony Aeilts.

As roommates and parents get worried about the missing student, they call the University Police to file a missing persons report.

"Ninety-nine point five percent of the time, (the student) just didn't mention it to anyone," Aeilts said.

With the installation of the University Police's new TRAK (Technology to Recover Abducted Kids) system, the missing student can be found quickly, eliminating the worry that arises when students just disappear for a couple of days.

TRAK is a system used by police and law enforcement agencies across the nation to find missing people. The system is very user-friendly, said Fred Mills, communications and records coordinator.

Basically, University Police will scan a picture of a person into its computer, enhance it and have the ability to create a full-color, high-resolution wanted poster or missing persons flyer. The image can be sent to any fax machine or computer that is also hooked up to the system. TRAK is organized into groups, so that with a click of a button, police can transfer the image to a grouping of highway patrolmen, government agencies or even media.

In the case of a student who has left for the weekend without telling anyone, Aeilts said that police working on the highways could be notified to watch for the student.

"TRAK could send out information to all the police agencies along the way," he explained. "All the police units surrounding San Luis Obispo would immediately have a picture of the missing students and be able to recognize them should they drive by.

Another example of the system is in use concerns suspicious people on campus. Mills said the University Police could take a picture of the suspicious person and, using the TRAK system, immediately create a flyer to send out to all law enforcement agencies in the area.

"People have the ability to have this written record," he said.

While TRAK may seem similar to e-mail, e-mail is slower when dealing with missing people and is often not sent to the correct person, according to a press statement issued by University Police.

Aeilts began working to bring the system to Cal Poly approximately eight months ago after observing how well it worked for other police agencies.

The creation of TRAK by a nonprofit agency called Social Impact of California, in response to the Polly Klaas abduction and murder case that occurred in the city of Petaluma in 1993.

Regarding this case, Aeilts said that radio communication problems could have prevented the police in the area from catching the perpetrator.

"Without TRAK, the Pacific Gas & Electric Patrol would have had the system in place and the officers there would have been able to quickly distribute a flyer of the wanted suspect instead of relying on radio frequencies," Aeilts said.

Consequently, the officers from a neighboring jurisdiction stopped the perpetrator and then let him go, Aeilts said. If the TRAK system had been in place, the police might have been able to quickly distribute a flyer of the wanted suspect instead of relying on radio frequencies.

Mills said the TRAK system would have been helpful in the case of the four horses that were stolen from Cal Poly stables in late September. "If we had this technology at the time, we could have created flyers and attached them to the stables in late September.

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Israelis reject Clinton’s proposal

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israelis turned out in force Monday against the concessions required by President Clinton’s Middle East peace plan, surrounding the high stone walls of Jerusalem’s Old City to protest a proposal to cede its disputed holy site.

"Jerusalem, I pledge my allegiance to you," banners and light projections on the walls declared, looming over a crowd of at least 10,000 that included many wrapped in or waving Israel’s Star of David flag.

Thousands of police mobilized to keep order, and the guardian of an Islamic shrine at the site, fearing an incursion by the demonstrators, denounced the rally as "provocative."

The chief Palestinian negotiator, meanwhile, objects to efforts to formulate a "declaration of principles" that would be based on the Clinton formula and guide future talks.

"We will accept no kind of pressure," negotiator Saeb Erekat insisted, a day after Clinton urged the Palestinians to compromise and not hold out for the impossible.

Erekat and United Nations resolutions calling for an Israeli withdrawal from the Palestinian territories until a return of Palestinian refugees must remain the basis of talks.

In Cairo, a meeting of Israeli and Palestinian security officials with CIA chief George Tenet broke up without result, Palestinian officials said. The Palestinians had demanded that in exchange for a resumption of security cooperation, Israel lift its blockade of Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israel refused, the Palestinians said.

In the Gaza Strip, a 34-year-old Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire close to the Netzarim junction. The army said soldiers opened fire because the man carried a "suspicious" bag and came too close to the soldiers. A clash between stone-throwing Palestinians and Israeli soldiers at the West Bank village of Hares left a 27-year-old Palestinian said he was shot in the chest in a confrontation that started with villagers stoning a settler’s car.

Gunmen ambushed an Israeli car in the West Bank, north of Jerusalem, hitting a 12-year-old passenger in his thigh and elbow, settler spokesman Yehoshua Mor-Yosef said. The army confirmed the attack.

More than three months of Israeli-Palestinian violence has killed 362 people — most of them of Palestinian origin.

Clinton was sending mediator Dennis Ross to the region today for separate talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Clinton, pressing for an understanding before he leaves office Jan. 20, said he hoped Barak’s government in protest of its peace concessions.

"I hope Barak is receiving this message," Jerusalem’s hard-line mayor, Ehud Olmert, said in the midst of the fervent, shouting crowd.

Many of those present were from the religious right, which has long opposed the peace process, but there were exceptions.

A 50-year-old woman in jeans among a sea of long skirts, came from Clovis, a Jerusalem neighborhood on contested land, to condemn a peace process she once supported.

That support ended with the fire that broke out the night, with speeches by former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Police blocked protesters’ plans to link hands around the Old City, barring them from the walls around the Muslim and Christian quarters.

Barricades barred entrances to the Arab neighborhoods.

It was hawkish Likud opposition leader Ariel Sharon’s Sept. 28 visit to the Old City that sparked the near-daily Israeli-Palestinian violence that persists today. Sharon now is running for Aluf, a moderate, for Feb. 5 elections.

"See who is coming, the next prime minister," merchants chanted Monday as Sharon toured a market in Jerusalem, reaching across counters to shake hands.

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Virtual reality technology comes to campus

By Robin Nichols
MUSTANG DAILY ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

For the first time in 10 years, Darric McCormick feels like he is able to walk again.

After a diving accident, architecture senior and former contractor McCormick now uses a wheelchair to get around, but the newly-acquired Immersadesk allows him to virtually use his legs again. The program lets architects and designers walk inside their own plans, in a 3-D environment.

"For me, it's a sense of accomplishment," he said. "It's the same as when I was a contractor, and I could see the phases."

Thanks to a $50,000 grant from Pacific Bell, Cal Poly is able to offer undergraduates use of an Immersadesk, an educational program. Cal Poly is the first university to offer this program to students below the graduate and research level.

The donation came from a fund at Pacific Bell that is geared toward enhancing education. "Pacific Bell has a charitable trust for education," said Eric Johnson, executive director of external affairs for Pacific Bell. "We support innovative use of technology, and that made the funding a good idea."

The funds for the remainder of the $100,000 purchase price came from a variety of sources. Cal Poly was given a discount from FakeSpace, the Immersadesk manufacturer. There was also a Poly Plan grant and a donation from the computer science department, said Tom Fowler, a professor of architecture.

The Immersadesk creates the 3-D experience while the user is wearing glasses, through which the design is projected. Pinch gloves allow the user to pick up and move items in the design.

"As you're looking at the design being projected through the stereoscopic glasses, it is surrounding you completely," Fowler said. "It's the equivalent of holographic projection, with the hologram jumping past you and surrounding you."

This full immersion lets designers pick up on problems before the construction stage of a project.

"There's window heights, the size of columns and beams that look good on paper, but once immersed, the dimensions are too big or take away from (the) interior," McCormick said. This allows users to walk through a completed building before anyone steps onto the lot, he said. This eliminates some changes once construction has begun.

Since there is only one Immersadesk available at Cal Poly, the machine will not be available for individual class use. It is being used for research and is still being used to test how people benefit from and interact with the machine. The Immersadesk is being held in building 14, room 232.

In the future, Fowler said there are going to be many opportunities for students in regard to programs like Immersadesk.

"We're looking for more funding to have more of a range of low to medium uses of virtual reality," he said. "Hopefully we'll get money for another Immersadesk and a public display system."

There are also plans for an "Immers visualization Research Center" on campus that would pull together the department of architecture and computer science, as well as the Immersadesk technology. Fowler said he hopes the center would be built within the next five years. He hopes to collaborate with other disciplines in the coming years.

"Immersive education can go far beyond the applications of architecture and computer science, as well as the Immersadesk technology," said Fowler. "It is a far more powerful tool than we thought," he said.

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Sigurd Meldal, computer science department chair, collaborates with architecture senior Darric McCormick (wearing 3-D stereoscopic glasses) to navigate through McCormick's design project using the Immersadesk.
Ignorance taints perception of homeless, needy

There I was, sitting in the diner of a train station in Lisbon waiting for my overnight departure to Madrid, when I was able to enjoy a slice of processed beef between two stale, off-white buns, when three individuals sat at the table adjacent to mine. They were discussing the beggars they encountered in Toronto. This interested me. One berated about how he likes to shake the loose change in his pockets when he walks by "bums" and tell them how he has no money to spare. I stopped in mid-bit, appalled by how much humor this person found in poverty.

Then, in his growing moment, he remarked aloofly with a touch of nationalism, "Working never crosses their minds. Why don't they just get jobs?"

You see: this person, like many Americans, is guilty of blatant ignorance. We live in a capitalistic nation. We are trained to be staunch, individualistic workhorses, bettering our own situations and excelling in our careers. This, naturally, creates competition.

For example, Bob is an engineering major. He wants to do his best but he can't secure a great job after graduation. He is competing with many other engineering majors across the country. Not all of them will get their jobs. Some, perhaps those who haven't stellar academic records, will get pushed down the economic ladder and never to get the job they desire. At the ground level, the lower class is born. By remaining capitalistic, we will continue to push others down this ladder. It seems no one moves up. Unfortunately, this means our economic system helps create the poverty, not necessarily the person's absence of will to work. Some call the impoverished lazy, but that is a ridiculous assertion. In fact, I'd like to know just how much anyone expects a homeless person to get hired without a job.

When you go to a job interview, you know you must make a good impression. You dress up nice and neat, make sure you are articulate and show that you are the right person for the job as opposed to the other applicants. How do you expect an individual without nice clothes or simple hygiene implants to get hired with ease? If we are so turned off by the homeless, can we honestly expect an employer to feel otherwise?

There seems to be a lack of awareness of the poverty problem in the United States and a lack of compassion often showed by its citizens and government. When we pass someone in need, can we not at least offer him or her some help? The majority of us can easily hand over the $5 bill in our pocket and just cross over to the ATM to pull out another $20 for ourselves. It is not the case with the homeless.

Please, give a little heart in the needy. Regardless of where your contribution goes, keep in mind that you are changing the life of someone who may have couldn't help themselves. I promise you won't be sorry.

Michael Deem is a philosophy junior.

Free speech is one of the most ambiguous and hotly contested issues in the United States. The very mention of these two words can evoke the most basic of emotions in people. Free speech arguments tap into ideas of our nation and our liberty, moral decline and decay and the possibility of horrible futures in which the human mind is imprisoned, unable to freely express thought and emotion. We, as Americans, believe in free speech. Unfortunately, we, as Americans, don't really understand free speech.

The Supreme Court recently agreed to hear cigarette companies' challenge of a federal appeals court decision to uphold Massachusetts' statute tobacco advertising regulations. Any legal matter involving the regulation of any type of media automatically dredges up free speech arguments. Advertising, however, is a bit different.

The regulation banned tobacco advertisements, particularly billboards, from within 1,000 feet of elementary and secondary schools and public playgrounds. Cigarette retailers are also required to keep tobacco products out of public reach and post any tobacco advertising in the store above the eye-level of most children.

The reasoning is obvious. Posters glorifying smoking have no business being anywhere near places where the majority of the population is children. Massachusetts, like many other states, is attempting to cut tobacco use by minors.

Movie companies have gravely bent to similar requests and demands. Several studios have eliminated showing previews for R-rated movies before movies geared toward younger audiences.

Tobacco companies argue that it is their right to advertise wherever they want. They say that if their promotions are truthful, no one can tell them how or where to advertise. After all, Camel cigarettes already had to abandon its cartoon mascot, Joe Camel. What next? Parring a health warning from the surgeon general on every carton? The premises lie in different ideas of freedom. Advertising is not free speech, it is paid speech. If I own a publication, I can decide what advertising I will or will not allow to run. I may be biased. I may be unfair. I may be completely wrong, but it's my prerogative to decide. Similarly, I can't just construct a billboard in my backyard, advertising whatever I want. There are zoning regulations and restrictions against such things as visual pollution.

Commentary

Advertising isn't free speech

Cigarette companies that want to advertise most elementary schools are wrong. Such actions are akin to promoting bars or strip-teases in front of toy stores or ice cream shops.

The tobacco industry is not guaranteed the right to put billboards wherever they want, regardless of how truthful their ads are. Children, more than anyone, are extremely susceptible to the bright colors and catchy slogans of commercials and signs. The more a child is exposed to an advertisement, the more likely he or she will develop some sort of attachment to the product.

Commercials for R-rated movies are not run between Saturday morning cartoons. Budweiser posters are not proudly displayed in the pediatric section of a hospital. Tobacco companies don't have the right to put large pictures of cigarettes near playgrounds.

In this society, there are rules, and with our rules, they're chosen.

Ryan Miller is the Mustang Daily opinion editor.
The Cabinet makes the president

The down of the new millennium has passed; President-elect George W. Bush's inaugurations day draws near. The transition of presidencies takes place following hundreds of meetings with current White House and Congressional members and the ever popular choosing of the Cabinet. Bush has been carefully selecting advisers and secretaries to complete his 2001-2004 administration.

Bush's cabinet announcement was retired General Colin Powell to be secretary of state. This is no surprise to anyone, considering Powell served under former President Bush during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Powell has a strong history of excellent leadership and patriotism. He was born and raised in New York City as a son of Jamaican immigrants. He graduated from the City College of New York and gained entrance into the United States Army through ROTC.

In the U.S. Army, Powell served as an officer in the field in such places like Vietnam, Korea, and White House. Serving as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under former President Bush during the war, Powell, along with other high-ranking military officers, including General Norman Schwarzkopf, pushed the Iraqi troops out of Kuwait in one of the nation's greatest victories.

General Powell is the kind of person that I would want in almost every political and military position. He is intelligent, honest, serious, caring and, above all, he is this country's best leader. He possesses many qualities that presidents in the past have lacked.

Although current Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, the first female to take the position, has done an outstanding job for President Clinton, General Powell is by far the best candidate for the job.

Hopefully, General Powell will be able to administer peace between Israel and Palestine. He should also be made a sain in the hall of fame for bringing Afghanistan to surrender international terrorist Osama bin Laden. Bin Laden is responsible for the 1998 U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which claimed the lives of more than 200 people.

President-elect Bush has also announced his choice for attorney general. He chose former Missouri Senator John Ashcroft. Ashcroft graduated from Yale University in 1964 and received his law degree from the University of Chicago three years later. After practicing law for 15 years, Ashcroft served as the state attorney general for Missouri in 1976.

He later became governor in 1984 and was then elected into the Senate in 1994. Ashcroft ran for re-election into the Senate this past November, but was strangely defeated by Governor Mel Carnahan, who died three weeks before the election. Carnahan's wife will fill the position for her late husband.

Bush's choice has already stirred up criticism from the Democratic Party. John Ashcroft is supposedly known for his conservative stance on abortion and lack of support and interest in civil rights and liberal causes.

Marches led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson have already been organized to demand Ashcroft to withdraw in protest of the new attorney general. But Ashcroft supporters insist that he is a caring and sensible person to take the position.

Besides, Ashcroft still has to undergo interviews at the Senate hearing to be confirmed. If enough Democrats decide that he is unfit for the position, they can reject him.

If the Senate does confirm John Ashcroft as the new attorney general, it will help the Republicans carry the burden of the attorney general's office and put justice back in.

He believes John Ashcroft is the man to do just that. Other Cabinet appointees include former deputy chief of staff and secretary of transportation under President Bush, Andrew Card, for chief of staff, adviser to Governor Ashcroft for national policy issues; Condeleeza Rice for National Security Council Advisor; and Governor Tommy Thompson, for Health and Human Services secretary.

Even though I did not vote for Bush, I still believe that a president is only as good as his advisers. With that in mind, the Bush administration won't be all that bad. With General Colin Powell at the helm of the State Department, we as a nation can rest peacefully about international relations.

Colin Powell is one of the few Republicans that I would vote for in a presidential election. New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani would be another. Which reminds me that I am a little upset that Bush did not pick Giuliani for the attorney general position considering that Giuliani helped decrease the Big Apple's murder rate by 20 percent.

The only way we will know for sure is to wait until Capitol Hill. Powell and Giuliani will be good for this country is to wait. That's our only power anyway.

Eric Sprankle, University of Cincinnati, U-wire.

The 21st century and millennium are here - time to bring out the resolutions. My own resolution, which I shall keep, is not to make any resolutions. But I have one to suggest to everyone else: it's long past time to put an end to the phrase "political correctness" out progressives.

When I first encountered the term "politically correct" back in the 1970s, it was used by feminists and gay people to make fun of politicians. They didn't like it. It was a self-congratulatory way of making oneself look better in comparison to radical wackos who went too far. This is no surprise, really, since all the people who used the term were people who had considered radical wackos who went too far by most Americans. They were also being defensive. "He/I might be a gay man who spends his free time having sex with dozens of other men in bathhouses, but at least I'm not a wild-eyed radical who thinks that men should be allowed to marry each other. Let's not go too far!"

In the 1980s, I noticed liberal students discussing the phrase "political correctness" to show how moderate they were. They agreed that racism, sexism and homophobia should be eliminated, but they didn't believe that we should all have to be politically correct.

They were extremely vague about what "politically correct" meant, and couldn't point to anyone who had held up political correctness as a goal.

In the early 1990s, right-wing commentators and activists (who, of course, despise the label "political correctness") accused the "true political correctness on America" (the term, the mainstream media jumped on the bandwagon.

Armed with (mostly fictional) anecdotes of hapless straight white males victims by black leftist thinkers, all the alarm against the plague of political correctness that threatened to turn American colleges and universities into homeless matronas. The Right had warned for years that if we gave rights to Negroes, before demanding them; it seemed their desires had come true. By now, just about everyone is using "political correctness" this way. Even the socialist feminist Barbara Ehrenreich, who lost her slot as a columnist for Time magazine because of her excessive political correctness, relies on the term to pump down pacifists, other feminists and any other progressive who embraces a position she dislikes.

Once you've declared someone to be politically incorrect, you have established that they are truly politically incorrect, with no further discussion needed. You get to imagine yourself Politically Correct. A brave, independent thinker who goes against the tide, scorns the fads and fancies of the sheeplike mainstream in the knowledge that all right-thinking Americans agree with you. Politically correct is the perfect sound bite, the right-thinking American's equivalent of such venerable Marxist abuse as "enemies of the people," "counterrevolutionary" and "imperialist running dog" - except without the negative connotations as a right-thinking American's opinion should be. Nobody knows what it means, but that's part of its beauty: it means you can't argue with it, let alone prove it wrong, or impose your innocence of the charge.

In my view, using "PC" is a declarative of a person's refusal to engage in serious, reasoned discussion. I don't know or care about my own "political correctness." But I am perfectly happy to be considered an "antisemite," a "feminist" and a "socialist." I am pleased to have company with such PC wackos as Martin Luther King Jr. who embraced the label "antisemite" in his letter from Birmingham jail.

To paraphrase King, Jr. I'd rather be "politically correct" than advocate justice than be "politically incorrect" in the cause of injustice.

Duncan Mitchell, Indiana University, U-wire.
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changes since then.
"They were supposed to be all done last summer, and because of some design changes, we ended up doing it now," Lampman said.

In the same vicinity is the landscape of the circular plaza and entry driveway between the PAC and new parking structure.

Doug Overman, assistant director of Facility Services, said that they have all the main irrigation lines in and the plants ordered.

"If the weather holds up, we should be done in mid February," he said.

The project includes both season and foundation plants and shrubs as well as turf in the center area.

Another project that began during the fall break was an evaluation of the campus lighting fixtures.

Ed Johnson, campus energy coordinator, said that this audit will allow the university to make the fixtures to be more energy efficient. The renovation will most likely impact interior lighting, but Johnson said some exterior fixtures will also be changed.

"Most of the work is done in replacing the fluorescent light -- going from the standard to energy efficient ones," Johnson said.

He said that the new lights will provide a better-colored light, run cooler and reduce energy use in two areas.

"Not only does it save our lighting energy, but it saves our air conditioning demand," Johnson said.

The energy audit should be done in two weeks, and the retrofit is scheduled to begin immediately after that with a planned completion date of June 1.

The project is being financed by both Cal Poly funds and special moneys from the state in light of the current energy crisis. The state hopes to reduce energy consumption on state property before next summer.

Lowe added that there were many other small-scale maintenance projects during winter break.

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order, Aberne said.

Aberne said he hopes the recommendations that come out of these meetings will give students a voice in the future, both in the CSU system and on individual campuses.

"The faculty had a lot of control in decisions on campus, by law," he said.

"The goal is that it, if, for example, we were to have a president or other leadership who ignores the students, we can go to the CSU. President Baker believes a lot in student participation.

"Both students and administrators on the committee are enthusiastic."

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for stolen horses," he said. The horses were later recovered and returned to their owners.

TRAK is becoming more widespread across California, Aberne said. As a result of the Ptilly Klaas case, Santa Barbara County installed nine systems six months ago, he said.

The price tag on the system, which included the price of the computer, a color printer and a quality scanner was approximately $7,600, but University Police only paid $1,250 of that price, Aberne said.

Social Tech paid for approximately $3,700 of the cost. The remaining money came from Santa Barbara Police agencies, which donated $1,250, and Santa Barbara Unvisited Way University Foundation, which also donated $1,250.

"It's a way of being prepared for anything," Aberne said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an early test, President-elect Bush must decide whether to stand by his labor secretary-designee, Linda Chavez, in light of revelations that an illegal alien lived with her for a year and did some housework.

How he deals with the political crosscurrents tagging at Chavez and two other conservative Cabinet nominees will tell a lot about Bush's presidential mettle. So far, the Texan has displayed his famous sense of loyalty -- with just a hint of the political pragmatism that long-term observers say will ultimately guide his decision.

"She's certainly qualified to be Cabinet secretary," Bush told reporters in Austin, Texas, qualifying the lukewarm endorsement with hedge phrases on her account of events "from what I've read" and "as far as I can tell."

Advisers said he built himself wiggle room in case Chavez's explanation doesn't pan out after an internal inquiry. And new revelations could surface now that she's under Democratic scrutiny.

"We are looking to the politics of this, and we will make the decision in a timely fashion," he said. "This is not the kind of thing that we want to drag out."

Bush's advisers say there is a significant difference: Chavez never employed Marta Mercado, they say. She took the woman in as an "act of compassion," according to Bush advisers who were careful to note they were relying thus far on her word alone.

But Chavez warned aides that she did not know Mercado was in the country illegally until the woman had left her home. However, Mercado told The Washington Post she informed Chavez of her illegal status three months after moving in in late 1991. A friend of Chavez, Abigail Thernstrom, told The New York Times it was her recollection that Chavez was aware that the woman was in the country illegally.

Chavez, like the rest of Bush's top candidates, was asked to provide tax histories for domestic help, but she initially did not mention Mercado. Bush aides said, presumably because she didn't consider the woman an employee.

Bush officials are carefully reviewing FBI interviews with Chavez and Mercado, along with their own discussions with Chavez, to determine whether the nominee has abided by the law and been up front with them.

"We are going to gather a lot of facts before we have much to say," said Bush spokesman Tucker Eskew.

Bush's loyalty has its limits. He won't defend somebody who isn't straight with him, associates say, and he has a history of knowing his political limits.

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be decided to leave. He hugged Paul Perone as he came out of
the game, and spoke afterward as if his
mind were made up.

Pitino skipped practice Sunday and asked his wife to join him in
Miami to discuss his next move. Although he has been quoted as say-
ing he would like to stay in the NBA, he already has been named for
col-

lege jobs by UNLV and UCLA.

"He looked at it more personally. He's not getting the job done as a
coach and he wanted more on the

road," said Cedric Forton Antoine Walker, who also played for Pitino at
Kentucky. "He made a decision that's best for him and now he's got to
move on."

In an interview from Florida, Pitino told WZLZ-TV that he had a
"difficult" philosophy. "The fundamentals of basketball weren't necessarily getting through to
the kids."

"I love the guys on this basketball team outside the line," Pitino said.
"Between the lines we had differ-

ces."

Pitino played at Massachusetts, served as assistant at Hawaii and
Syracuse and coached at Boston

University and Providence, two pro-

grams he took from mediocrity to the
NCAA tournament. He spent two seasons with the Knicks, taking them
to the playoffs in 1989 for the first
time in four years.

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ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) - Exac-
tly a year later, the "Music City
Miracle" is still shaking havoc on
the Buffalo Bills.

Wade Phillips was fired for refusing
to give up on the special teams coach
he hired in the wake of the Jan. 8, 2000, loss to Tennessee that eliminat-
ed the Bills from last year's playoffs.

Bills owner Ralph Wilson said Monday he considered the firing of
Ronnie Jones, in his first year as spe-
cial teams coach, "improving for the
improvement of our team."

"Buffalo special teams' record was
among the worst in the National
Football League last season," Wilson
said. "I felt I needed a change and
that my request was reasonable. I
did not want to release Wade, but his
refusal left me with no option."

Jones was hired during the off-sea-
son to replace Bruce DeHaven in the
wake of the playoff loss, decided by a
wild and controversial special-teams
touchdown. With three seconds left in
the game, Tennessee's Frank Wycheck fired an overhand lateral
across the field to Kevin Dyson on a
kickoff return, and Dyson scammed
75 yards to give the Titans their win. The
Bills argued that Wycheck's throw was
an illegal forward pass.

This season, the Bills fin-
ished 8-8 and, for the first time since the 1997
season, missed the playoffs.

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The sixth-year coach not only fol-

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of students. Schneider has said time and
again, "One of the premier

schools in the country."

And Schneider intends to keep it
that way.

"Coach takes pride in gradu-

ation," Brown added. "He lets us
know every day that grades are more
important than basketball. He takes
our word for it. And we can't lose,
because our grades show if we're
being coached."

Brown said the team studies for
two hours a day in Mustang Hall,
located on the second floor of Mott

Gym.

"It's the same for all the different
sports up there (in the study hall)," he
said. "It's school spirit. You want to
see your school do good. So we
want to encourage one another be-
cause we're all the same team. It's
like we're on the court and we com-
pete for grades. And if we do good, we
brag about our test scores like we
would if we had a good game."

The men's team has seen a
dozens of its 27 games this season. But
the mileage will be worth the gas
money if they make the most im-
portant trip of the year March 8 to 10 and
toll to Anaheim for the Big West
Tournament.

On Saturday, the Mustangs tip
off another road trip, packing their suit-
cases for UC Riverside before travel-

ing to the University of the
Pacific (Stockton) by bus Jan. 17 and
Long Beach State via America Airlines on Jan.
18.

"Road trips are fun when you're
winning," said Rowles, who has
decided that his future is in the
basketball program.

"It's still cool," said Rowles, who
defied the team with 10.7 points a

game. "I got to travel all over the
country and see places I wouldn't see
otherwise, but it can get old. IHOP
breakfast gets to you sometimes and

I like the traveling," he added.

PITINO

"I love the guys on this basketball
team outside the line," Pitino said.
"Between the lines we had differ-
ces."

Pitino played at Massachusetts, served as assistant at Hawaii and
Syracuse and coached at Boston
University and Providence, two pro-
grams he took from mediocrity to the
NCAA tournament. He spent two seasons with the Knicks, taking them
to the playoffs in 1989 for the first
time in four years.

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Women's hoops drops seven of eight

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

After a promising five-game winning streak to start the season, the Cal Poly women's basketball team lost seven of eight games over the break and saw its overall record drop to 6-7.

The team defeated Portland State 49-44 on Dec. 18, for its lone triumph over the break.

Poor shooting was the cause of the Mustangs' recent losses that concluded its non-conference play. Against San Diego State, Cal Poly shot 29.1 percent from the field while allowing the Aztecs to shoot 49 percent from the field.

Idaho State outrebounded Cal Poly 54-31 en route to a 70-43 win over the Mustangs. Cal Poly made only 14 of 50 field goal attempts in the loss. No Mustangs scored in double figures, but forward Katie Paterson led the team with nine points and four rebounds.

Guard Kristy Baker led Cal Poly with 19 points against Air Force last Saturday, but the Falcons snapped an eight-game losing streak to start the season, the Cal Poly Mustangs' 71-63 loss to the Lady Broncos' 71-63 loss to the Lady Broncos.

As a freshman, hopping on a plane and leaving school work behind might be fun, but as the years pass by and the upper division courses pile up in the heat of the Big West, the night before a crucial midterms can be as unsettling as the day of facing conference rival UCSB at the infamous Thunderdome.

"It's hard trying to take 12 units of college courses and go on a road trip. You don't want to, but you have to take your books and study on the road when you'd rather be playing cards or sleeping," David Henry, men's basketball forward.

"You look forward to riding on a plane and it's a different experience. But after your third year it's just like you want to get the flight over with."

And as graduation grows nearer and the upper division courses pile up in the heat of the Big West, the night before a crucial midterms can be as unsettling as the day of facing conference rival UCSB at the infamous Thunderdome.

"It's hard trying to take 12 units of college courses and go on a road trip," added the lanky 6-foot-8-inch, 200-pound journalism junior. "You don't want to, but you have to take your books and study on the road when you'd rather be playing cards or sleeping. The last thing you want to do is school work. But you have a responsibility and you have to take care of business."

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