Committee searches for new Student Affairs VP; 70 applications in so far

By Adrenna Benjamin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The search continues in selecting a new vice president for Student Affairs. After Juan Gonzalez's resignation last year, the division of Student Affairs has been looking throughout the country for a new vice president. Bell Brewhower is currently the interim.

"We have a search committee in place," said Preston Allen, assistant vice president for Student Affairs. "And we have reviewed over 70 applications so far."

After the applicants have submitted their forms, the committee goes to the first phase, which is an interview process.

"We have to check their references and recommendation letters," Allen said. "After that, we decide on who should be invited to the campus."

Those invited to the campus go through an open forum, which includes students and people from the community asking the candidates questions.

After the interview process is over, the candidates meet with a number of administrators, such as student affairs personnel, university president, academic personnel and community members, Allen said.

"If the police chief, for example, wanted to meet with them, they would have to go and talk to him," Allen said.

The new vice president won't be selected until the middle of spring quarter. Until then they will continue to narrow down the number of applicants.

"I can't really say how many we have narrowed it down to, because we receive applications until the position is no longer available," Allen said. Allen said the criteria the division was looking for were compiled by the see SEARCH, page 2

Dancers receive regional recognition

By Karin Driesen
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

"We had a school without a dance major, Cal Poly was well represented at a regional dance conference last week."

Orchesis Dance Company, received the honor of being chosen as one of the best groups at the Southwest Regional American College Dance Festival in Albuquerque, N.M. March 7-11.

Ten members of Orchesis participated in the four-day conference. Among the 32 groups performing dance pieces that weekend, Orchesis was one of 10 that made it into the gala concert on the last night of the conference.

The group performed "Imminent Combustion," a modern dance piece choreographed by dance instructor Dana Stanton. The festival included classes and seminars on technique, choreography and dance performances by professional dancers from around the country. Classes included flamenco, jazz, hip-hop, musical theater, modern and tap dance.

Dance groups from schools such as the University of California, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, Utah State, University of Oregon and others from the East Coast, College groups performed their dances before panels of three adjudicators, who then critiqued the dances. The adjudication were high-level professional dancers who observed the performances. They gave feedback and suggestions to the dancers.

"It's not really a competition," said Sarah Farmer, an art and design major and Orchesis member. "It was more for having it judged for the dancers themselves."

The top 10 groups that stood out from the adjudicators were chosen to perform as a part of the conference. The top 10 included Orchesis; see DANCE, page 2

UC, CSU seek injunction to protect current energy contract

By Larissa Van Beurden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The California State University and the University of California are accusing their electric provider of attempting to alter contracts so the company can sell power publicly at a higher price, potentially leaving the colleges with higher electric bills. The universities are asking a federal judge for a preliminary injunction against Houston-based Enron Energy Services, asking that Enron be blocked from abandoning the contracts. Enron signed a four-year contract with the colleges in 1998, guaranteeing the universities a reliable supply of power at prices 5 percent below the capped rate created by California's deregulation law in 1996.

Enron and the university systems have different reasoning for why the contracts are being broken. According to a CSU and UC press release, Enron wanted to change the contract a year before it expired by returning the colleges to the electrical power distribution, scheduling and billing systems of Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) and Southern California Edison (SCED). see ENERGY, page 2
search committee after asking different campus units what they were looking for in a vice president. The search committee includes two students and nine faculty and staff. The Student Affairs division consists of Associated Students Inc., Career Services, Health and Counseling Services, and Housing and Residential Life as well as other entities.

"One thing the candidate must have is a doctorate," Allen said. "It's because they deal with areas of academics, get the respect of colleagues and they speak from an understanding of the world."

The requirements the candidates must have include an earned doctorate from an accredited institution, 10 years of progressively responsible management and administrative experience in student affairs as well as other references.

Dewerler is not one of the candidates, Allen said. "Bob has been an outstanding leader for the division," he said. "He receives advice and counsel very well."

Allen said Dewerler wants to get back to the classroom and work with the students.

"He will be teaching history next quarter," Allen said. "Any student would be lucky to have him as a professor."

Allen said he wishes Dewerler was coming back, but understands the need for him to go back to the classroom.

"If we could clone him we would," Allen said.

They said such a move would free Enron to sell power previously intended for the universities at higher prices on the spot market.

The CSU’s annual electric bill is approximately $40 million, and its natural gas bill is $20 million. It generates approximately 10 percent of its total power needs through its own cogeneration plants.

Although the colleges would have to buy power from the financially strapped California power companies, they wouldn’t actually be paying higher prices. Enron said the universities will still be guaranteed the price provided in the contract until it expires in March 2002.

Officials from both the CSU and the UC said being returned to state suppliers could cost an additional $132 million to $297 million over 10 years. They estimate that they have saved $30 million under the Enron contract.

Even if they were to stay under the Enron contract, the universities would have to go through the re-bidding process again next year because the contract ends.

"The real issue here is direct access," said Richard West, CSU executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer. "They want to change the billing process, and we don’t want that to happen."

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, direct access was a major part of the state’s deregulation plan, and was originally intended to lower prices for consumers by allowing companies to compete with the utilities. But the state legislature recently passed a bill that could suspend any new contracts under the direct access program because it was concerned too many customers weren’t using the utilities.

Marty Sunde, vice chairman of Enron, told the San Francisco Chronicle that he was "shocked" by the lawsuit and believes it is driven by fear of the unknown.

"We absolutely, positively are honoring our contract," Sunde said. "The universities have a 5 percent discount off the frozen tariff rate."

Sunde told the Chronicle that Enron isn’t pulling out of its contracts, it’s just finding a better cost alternative to keep them in the game.

Cal Poly officials aren’t sure how or if the problems will affect the campus.

"They’re (Chancellor’s office) not releasing any information to us," said Ed Naretto, director of facilities services. "They just tell us to pass on any questions to the Chancellor’s office."

West said that even if the universities had to pay more for power, student fees wouldn’t be raised. He said it would be covered by tax-based state funds.

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More than just a simple sore throat

By Robin Nichols
MUSTANG DAILY FEATURES EDITOR

He couldn't get up from the couch the whole weekend. Architecture senior Peter Tax was coughing, lethargic and could hardly swallow. With a senior Peter Tax was coughing, lethargic and could hardly swallow. With a

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headache and painful muscles, he knew something was wrong. The diagnosis of tonsillitis came as a surprise.

Tonsillitis is the inflammation or infection of the tonsils, which are located at the back of the throat, and is caused by both viruses and bacteria, according to The Voice of St. Patrick's Day this Saturday. But what about on your plate?

According to the American Dietetic Association, green on your menu may be the key to healthful eating and disease prevention. Dark green vegetables—like spinach, kale, ramp and mustard greens, broccoli, asparagus, and others—are rich in phytochemicals—a possible key to disease prevention.

Phytochemicals are the full array of chemicals found naturally in plants. These chemicals may explain why people with high intakes of plant foods have lower incidence of disease. Not only do dark greens come with phytochemicals, many offer a whole other assortment of health benefits.

One example is broccoli, which is an excellent source of calcium as well as folate. Until researchers know the complete answer, try to incorporate several dark green vegetables into your regimen.

And, dark green veggies are loaded with vitamins and minerals — something we need everyday. So celebrate St. Patrick's Day by eating your greens!

Shelby Wilson is a nutritional science senior and a Peer Health Educator.

Tonsillitis is an inflammation of the tonsils, and symptoms vary. Above, the tonsils are shown in relation to the other oral structures.

Tonsillitis outbreaks usually occur during this time of year, when more people have common colds and allergies. This disease can resemble other illnesses, such as mononucleosis or strep throat in three to five days, and it you're in the throes of a cold. In 2000, 64 percent of people had common colds

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Confront all homophobia to eradicate it

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r the course of this quarter, I've attempted to analyze the interactions of the gay and les-

bian community. The great majority of you have been open-minded and attentive. Hopefully, I have chal-

lenged you to introspectively examine some of your posi-

tions on this matter.

The most refreshing responses to my columns have come from people who recognize the injustices we face today and want to know what they can do about it. As I am deeply committed to turning thoughts into action, I feel it would be best to share ideas on how we can end homo-

phobia in our society.

First of all, know where your local elected officials stand on the issue of gay and lesbian equality. Contact your state assemblyman, Abel Malakoff, your congressional representa-

tive Les Carps, and your district state senator Jack O'Connell. As your con-

stituent, you are entitled to know what positions they hold on this matter, and the reasoning behind those

stances. When they are up for re-election, you will know who to support.

For example, it may surprise many of us to learn that George W. Bush publicly said he would not hire a gay person to work on his campaign or in his White House.

This kind of statement is seen as problematic, not only by gay and lesbian Americans, but to their friends, family, and co-workers as well. Considering the close outcome of the election, this kind of reaction could have likely swayed enough voters to change its result.

Another way to make an impact is to join an organization that is working on behalf of gay and lesbian equality. The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is one of the largest and most effective political groups that focuses on this issue. According to their mission statement, HRC is working to create an environment in which "lesbian and gay people are ensured of their basic equal rights and are able to be open, honest, and safe at home, at work, and in the community."

More information is available at their website: www.hrc.org.

On a local level, you can take part in Cal Poly's Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals United (GLBU). The GLBU plays an active role in providing a voice for the political, social, and educational aspects of equality. Membership in the GLBU encompasses all genders, ethnicities, and sexual orien-

tations. It is an accomplishment for a campus that is all but devoid of diversity. Meetings are held weekly — the time and location can be found at www.calpolyclub.org.

However, the most effective statement you can make is to simply confront homophobia, and treat it as unacceptable. Where someone tells an essential lie, tell them that you don't find it funny — and they shouldn't either. Don't associate the word "gay" with "bad" by saying "that's so gay.

Don't tolerate the use of the word "but" in social settings any more than you would tolerate the use of the "n-word."

These ideas might seem like small, insignificant efforts that might go unnoticed. However, if everyone took these steps, we'd see some of the most radical progress in our nation's history, and we could truly end homophobia in a single day.

Dartmouth Medical School recently con-
ducted a survey that found tobacco use was featured in an average of 95 percent of the 25

biggest box-office hits released each year from 1980 through 1997. Of the 250 movies that were studied, Dartmouth found that 217 of them featured tobacco use. The idea that

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bad smoking were "My Best Friends Wedding," "Men in Black" and "Last

Box Scout.

Madeline Dalton, the study's co-author and a professor of nutrition and public health at Dartmouth, and the filmmakers need to know that kids are watching and modeling their behavior after what they see in the movies.

Dartmouth may have found how many movies display smoking, but they are only giving numbers and do not delve any deeper than that. There are many different meanings and reasons behind how and why smoking is used in the movies. I am sure this is not something Dartmouth took into consideration.

As mentioned before, Dartmouth found the movie "My Best Friends Wedding" to have a high incidence of smoking throughout the film, especially by the main character, played by Julia Roberts. However, the message given about smoking is actually a negative one. Smoking is often associated with the stereo-

typical "bad girl" image for women, as it was for Roberts in this movie. And, who gets the guy in the end? It was Cameron Diaz, who didn't smoke and had the sweet and innocent image. Isn't this actually giving a negative connotation to smoking?

In 1997, the U.S. Lung Association labeled "Titanic" as one of the worst movies for smoking. They even go it what they call the Hackaday award, which is given every year to the movies with the worst por-

trait of tobacco.

Jin Stone, in an article in The Ottawa Citizen, explains the prevalent use of smok-

ing in the movies.

"DeCaprio smoked because his character was a free spirit, and Winslet smoked because her character was rebelling," he said. Moonstone added that movies make suchynn images as smoking add details to a per-
ung, and are therefore a part of artistic freedom.

"And, of course, smoking often doesn't mean anything except that this character smokes," Stone said. "Susan Sarandon is rarely without a cigarette in the current release of 'Bulldog,' all this tells us about her character is that she smokes a lot."

Stone said there is also a return to smoking bad guys, and a cigarette has come to stand for villainy. He gave the example of the movie "Rambo," where the only characters who smoked were the kidnappers.

Dartmouth's survey does see some sub-

stantial evidence. However, more needs to be looked at than the numbers alone. Many movies today are portraying smoking in a negative way. Maybe the numbers of those movies need to be looked at. Smoking is a part of life — a huge portion of the population partakes in this habit. Who shouldn't movies reflect this reality? Many people complain that movies are often not authentic.

Sometimes an actor or actress must smoke to persona certain a character correctly. There are other types of media that chil-
dren and teenagers are exposed to every day that consistently warn about the health risks of smoking. For instance, "Truth" com-
cils are shown on television about every half-hour. These began in 1997 when Florida won $13 billion from the tobacco company. The governor of then, Lawton Chiles, insisted that teens run their own anti-tobacco pro-

gram. Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) was born, and then allowed teens to come up with the commercials. Teen-agers are receiving both sides of the smoking issue equally. If they see smoke, it more than likely has nothing to do with the images from the media. There are just as many promoting young people not to smoke as there are showing smoking as "cool."

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Conservatives do vote with intelligence
Editor,
Ethan Pratt’s ignorant and elitist editorial on Monday (“Smarter people make better citizens.”) March 12) insulted me. You see, Ethan seems to think you must not be intelligent if you don’t vote his way.
In fact, he seems to think you cannot be intelligent without being highly educated, which must surprise many quite intelligent people who, for whatever reason, never got to go to college but are smart, hard-working, successful and (God forbid) productive people.
He also makes some broad generalizations that just cannot go unchallenged. Apparently, he idolizes the counter-culture of his parent’s, but that same counter-culture is probably the most overrated and selfish phenomenon in the history of this country.
While the college “educated” elites were dodging the draft or trying to think their physicals so they could smoke dope and find their inner self, those who were not as fortunate or as affluent were dying in their place.
There is no honor in what that counter-culture did. It was radical, destructive, self-absorbed, and morally inert. The only good thing to come out of the 1960s was civil rights.
Also, his electoral college theory is quite off the mark. The fact is, Ethan, those blue states were due to large numbers of inner city poor that are pandered to and EXPLOITED by the elitist left (read YOU).
You can call the red states stupid, redneck, racist or whatever you want, but it doesn’t make it true. Believe me, we DO think, and that scares you, because it gets in the way of the socialist utopia you so desire, and you need US to fund it.
The fact is you don’t have to be overeducated to be intelligent. I am probably at or near as smart as you, Ethan. And guess what?
Although I’ve learned quite a bit in my college years, and have had some great professors, the fact is, I learned more about the values that affect my everyday life, like teamwork, leadership and how to get a job done in four years of football and wrestling, and 13 weeks of Marine Corps boot camp than you will ever be privy to know, and more than I could ever get in the classroom.
So go ahead and think we’re stupid. Go ahead and go to your intellectually liberal social events, and mock us with names you know aren’t true but seem funny to your elitist, “intelligent” thinking. But remember, you can think you’re better than me, or smarter than me all day. Because ignorance is bliss, and if that’s what makes you happy, so be it.
Mike Burchett is a math senior.

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"I'm not a 100 percent, but this definitely helps my decision on returning," he said. "I'm pretty confident, as long as the recruiting goes well. It's all about the players we have coming in." 

At the press conference, Bromley spoke on the importance of recruiting and getting the right players to fit in at Cal Poly - players that value education as well as athletics.

"It's not the number of TV appearances or the size of our arena," he said. "It's the education they're getting, if they can get to Cal Poly, and the quality athletic experience to go along with it."

Bromley received a three-year contract, and said that would be enough time to reach the next level and compete for the conference championship.

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Today's Adhazard sport because it tests physical fitness and mental toughness, and the competition is really only against oneself," he said. "The triathlon offers the opportunity to test the limits we set on ourselves."

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By Matt Sterling

While speculation for a replacement head coach for the Cal Poly men's basketball team had the program looking all over the country, athletic director John McCutcheon chose to go with someone in his own backyard — interim head coach Kevin Bromley.

Bromley was officially named head coach at a Tuesday press conference and was handed the reins of a Mustang team that went 9-18 last season and was forced to deal with the midseason resignation of head coach Jeff Schneider.

Bromley took over after the resignation and went 4-12, but did lead the team to the No. 8 seed in the Big West Tournament. In the tournament, the Mustangs fell just short of an upset of No. 1 UC Irvine, losing 71-66.

"It has been a difficult situation this year, but we have some quality young men in this program," Bromley said. "And we will continue to build and have the right building blocks to take it into the next three or four years." McCutcheon said that he went to the team to tell them that they had the right building blocks to build on.

"We have full support from the team. Everybody wanted Bromley back — there's no doubt about that," McCutcheon said.

Jamaal Scott

Big West Freshman of the Year

Before being named interim head coach Jan. 10, Bromley served under Schneider for six years. In that time, he was an assistant and associate head coach. Prior to Cal Poly, Bromley spent time at Southern Utah and Cal Poly Pomona.

Bromley took time afterward to emphasize what the Mustangs must do as they move forward.

"I went into McCutcheon to tell him that I would really love him to stay because it was really hard for him to come into the middle of the season and take over a team like this," he said. "We have full support from the team. Everybody wanted Bromley back — there's no doubt about that. We're looking forward to having him as our coach."

"Our young men, when they go in during the summertime, they see Bromley, who was named men's basketball head coach Tuesday, instructs his team at last weekend’s Big West tournament.

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Triathlon team gears up for Wildflower

By Jon Hughes

For many Cal Poly students, Wildflower is a prime opportunity to kick back and party. For Cal Poly's triathlon team, it's not quite as restful, but it's far more important.

The team will compete for the National Collegiate Triathlon Championship at the Wildflower Triathlon, to be held at Lake San Antonio in Monterey, Calif., on May 3. The team will enter around 15 members in the race, roughly the number from the last year. The aura of entrants represents a marked increase in membership for the club, which has seen its number double from last year to more than 60.

Head Coach Rick Elliott, who is also Cal Poly's Associate Vice President for University Advancement, said he is encouraged by the team's large growth.

"We have a great year as far as our membership growing," he said. "We have a strong core group of athletes and leaders." Brandon Drew, public relations chair for the team, said that there are different types of people on the team.

"We have some members who have never raced and some who have raced professionally," he said.

Last weekend, Cal Poly was host to a meet on campus attended by six visiting schools. Among the schools competing were UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara and Sacramento State. Like Sclar from UC Santa Barbara won the men's race with a time of 1:13:38. The race was comprised of an 80-meter swim, a 1-mile bike ride and a 3-mile run. Jessica Gillett, another UCSC student won the women's race with a time of 1:22:08. Top Cal Poly finishers were Nathan Yama at 1:23:05 and Kate Hunter at 1:23:15.

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Ellerbe out at Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Brian Ellerbe will not return as Michigan's basketball coach after being asked to resign by the school's athletic director.

Ellerbe just finished his fourth year as coach of the Wolverines. Athletic director Bill Martin said Tuesday he did not see sufficient improvement in a program that was once among the sport's elite.

Michigan went 10-18 this season and 4-10 in the Big Ten, closing the year with an 82-68 loss to Penn State in the Big Ten tournament. Ellerbe was 62-60 during his stay at Michigan.

"The program and the student-athletes did not make progress over this year," Martin said at a news conference Tuesday in Ann Arbor. "In the year that followed, we didn't see that improvement."

Michigan hired John Beilein to replace Ellerbe. Beilein also was Michigan's athletic director from 2001-07.

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Sports trivia answer:

Who won the NIT Tournament last season?

By Jon Hughes

In 2007-08, the Massachusetts Minutemen were the champions of the National Invitational Tournament (NIT). They defeated the Kansas State Wildcats 64-62 to win the title.

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Yesterday's Answer:

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Congrats Luke Higgins!

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