AS! ballots get new look

By Janelle Foskett
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Although far less controversial than the 2000 national race for president, the recent Associated Students Inc. election had its own share of ballot criticism.

Libby Lewis, ASI elections committee chair, said she received several comments about the clarity of the ballots from the League of Women Voters, who worked the polling sites, and from students.

Regardless of the comments, Lewis said it was clear for whom the students were voting.

"The intent of everyone was obvious," she said. "We made sure we counted correctly."

To alleviate the need for future clarification, ASI created new ballots to use for Wednesday's run-off between Brent Vanu and Angie Holscher for the position of ASI president.

"We're using a format that will hopefully be easier to understand," Lewis said.

The original ballots did not have directions printed on them instructing students to bubble in the letter A next to the candidate's name. Instead, workers at the polling sites verbally explained the concept to voters unfamiliar with the ballot.

Even though the ballot directions were explained, Lewis said some voters simply circled the candidates' names and others filled in bubbles other than A.

The new ballots have instructions that read: "To select a candidate, fill in CIRCLE A next to the candidate line number."

Visiting teacher recalls bombing

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

When a bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995, Elsie Wanjohi wasn't the first firefighter to arrive on the scene, nor was she a survivor of the blast that killed 168 people.

Instead, Wanjohi experienced one of America's greatest tragedies as an international student in a small town 55 miles away from the scene.

As the United States looked toward the May 16 execution of Timothy McVeigh, the convicted bomber, Wanjohi reflected on her experiences in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

While she may not have been in the disaster's epicenter, Wanjohi's role was hardly insignificant.

As a Kenyan studying at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Wanjohi sided with the international community at her college in dealing with the disaster. At the time, she lived in university apartments that housed approximately 200 students and their families from see WANJOHI, page 2
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Various countries

Before McVeigh was discovered as a suspect, Wanjohi said news organizations were plastering television with pictures of suspects from outside the United States.

"The first thought that came to everyone's mind was that it came from someone overseas," Wanjohi said in an interview with Cal Poly's Monday Morning, where she was visiting the journalism department.

Fear crept through the international community at Oklahoma State as students worried that they would have to move back to their home countries because of Americans' suspicions of them, Wanjohi said. The impact on the small cluster of international students was huge.

"That shot of time was scaring everyone so much," Wanjohi said. "... It was a crisis ... what do we do with this international community that is so scared?"

The answer was Wanjohi herself. Since she had only moved from her home country of Kenya in 1995, Wanjohi said she was experiencing the same fears as many of her neighbors. But her interaction with the other international students inspired the coordinator of the university apartments to ask for her help.

"When it was thrown to me to help, I wasn't worried about myself," she said. "I was lifting Kenya away." Wanjohi had students not to answer their phones or talk to people they did not want to, but the message she relayed was the most, "You don't have to worry, you didn't do it."

Three days after the bombing, when McVeigh was recognized as a suspect, Wanjohi said the fear of the international community began to subside.

"Once they found out it wasn't an international aspect, they felt it was a lot better," she said.

As the execution of McVeigh approaches, survivors and victims' families once again turn to the disaster that affected the nation more than six years ago.

Wanjohi thinks that there is too much publicity surrounding the death of McVeigh, which does not make the reality of what happened any better.

"Everything holds on that bombing aspect," she said. "It doesn't matter what happens to him, the damage is done."

For Wanjohi, the bombing is an event that had a large impact on her small town but remains part of her past.

After finishing her degree in public relations at Oklahoma State in 1996, Wanjohi moved to Florida. She is currently an assistant journalism professor at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"It was just a small role that I played," she said. "I've pushed it away over the years."

It's easy to make a child smile. A few words of encouragement, maybe a special reward for a special performance. Parents do it all the time, and so do teachers.

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**POLY BRIEFS**

**Senior Project requirement**

Academic Senate will have a special reading of the "Commencement Resolution" today, which would require students to have met all degree requirements (including senior project) before walking in commencement. Students are encouraged to comment about the resolution at today's meeting at 3 p.m. in UU room 220.

**Kreb's case in deliberation**

Both the prosecution and defense have rested their cases and closing comments are scheduled to begin today. The jury is also expected to start deliberating. Kreb's faces either life in prison or the death penalty.

**Balloons**

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new ballot telling voters which line to bubble in to vote for Vann and which line to bubble in to vote for Hacker.

"We wanted to make it easier and faster," Lewis said. One question asks students if they voted in last year's elections. The other question asks students if the new ballot is easier to understand than the ballot used in last week's election.

The election will be held Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at five locations: Dexter Lawn, Rec Center, University Union, Fisher Science and the Ag Bridge.
The Internet may provide a wealth of resources for completing class assignments, but cyberplagiarism can also encourage unethical behavior in academics.

Recent studies indicate that approximately 10 percent of all students may be plagiarizing on every written assignment they complete, according to www.plagiarism.org. The latest figures from plagiarism.org reveal that more than 200 Web sites exist solely to help students to copy and share each other's work. "Plagiarism is a serious violation of expected student behavior that can result in disciplinary action, according to Cal Poly's 2001-2003 catalog. Many students, however, are not interested in using or paying for such services.

Psychology senior Christine Wolcott said she was shocked when she learned students could purchase pre-written term papers online. She said a classmate told her about the services in fall 1998.

"I couldn't believe that people would actually pay for a paper instead of just doing it themselves," Wolcott said. "I would never consider buying a paper.

Web sites that offer pre-written essays and term papers consider time as one factor for students who purchase the materials online. The site Evil House of Cheat, at www.echow.com, claims its essays "can help in many ways to help you come up with ideas, for research or for when that deadline is reaching. He said two of the incidents problem. The problem was that the student discipline. she had downloaded the essay from the Paper Store's database consists of more than 20,000 research papers written by full-time, trained professional contractors.

While the Internet provides students access to essays and term papers, other Web sites, such as www.plagiarism.org, offer professors assistance in checking for plagiarized work.

Students who plagiarize are at significant risk at Cal Poly. According to the summer schedule, Cal Poly students who use another person's ideas or work as their own, without proper attribution to the source, risk expulsion or suspension from the university. The Office of Campus Student Relations and Judicial Affairs handles issues of academic dishonesty and student discipline. The Internet, however, may not be necessary to confirm a suspected case of plagiarism.

Cal Poly English professor James Cushing said he has dealt with three cases of plagiarism during his 24 years of teaching. He said two of the incidents occurred at Cal Poly. In one case, Cushing said the vocabulary in the essay was inconsistent with the student's vocabulary. The student was unable to explain some of the words when Cushing asked her about the essay. The student admitted that she had downloaded the essay from the Internet.

Cushing said the Internet was not to blame for the incident. "The Internet made it somewhat easier for her to plagiarize that paper," he said. "But the Internet was not the problem. The problem was that the student probably shouldn't have been taking the class in the first place."

By Laura Vega

Online research sites present ethical dilemmas
Silicone is steroids for beauties

**Miss Universe**

- **Advantages:** Provides plastic surgeons with a steady source of income.
- **Shortcomings:** Is non-biodegradable.
- **Best Use:** Serves as a flotation device.

If a movie were to be made about this year's Miss Universe pageant, the most creative minds in Hollywood could not write a script as absurd as the one currently playing itself out in Puerto Rico, the site of this year's festivities.

The rumor mill is running at full tilt this year, with a couple of notables: one is that Miss France used to be a man, another is that Miss Brazil has had 19 surgical procedures.

While the Miss Universe pageant has its share of controversies, with a pregnant contestant and an underage competitor another year, these situations are certainly unique.

The question of whether or not Miss France was formerly a man is still up in the air. She denies it vehemently, although some people have cited her large hands and a scar on her forehead as evidence that she had undergone a sex-change operation. Pageant officials did a thorough investigation, including a full physical by a doctor who deemed her a female.

According to ABCNews.com, the rumor that has been confirmed is that Miss Brazil has gone under the knife of a plastic surgeon 19 times. Among her enhancements are collagen injections in her lips and silicone implants in her breasts, cheeks and chin. Miss Brazil makes no excuses for her surgeries and says that many other contestants have undergone alterations, but are less open to admitting it.

The issue raised, of course, is whether a contestant who has had plastic surgery should be allowed to compete. Since most of my writing is done for the sports pages, my lefthand mind can do little other than dwell everyday in a life of sports analogy. In this particular case, plastic surgery would be analogous to a professional athlete using steroids.

The point of plastic surgery is to take a less than perfect body and turn it into the ideal, providing a distinct advantage over competitors. The Miss Universe Web site refers to the pageant as an "international organization that advances and supports opportunities for these role models."

Athletes who use steroids to gain an advantage over their opponents are not viewed as role models, neither should pageant contestants who have had plastic surgery.

Athletes that use steroids cease to be professional athletes; in almost every sport of athletics, competitors are banned from using steroids. Similar standards should be set for Miss Universe contestants. Any woman who has had plastic surgery should be banned from competing.

There are many things these women do to prepare that are perfectly acceptable. Competitors in beauty pageants often employ coaches who teach them to sing and dance to perfection, to say just the right thing in interviews and to stand and walk with the right posture. Many spend hours in the gym trying to sculpt the perfect body; that's fine, but plastic surgeons can't do the work for the women. Not every athlete will have the natural ability to achieve greatness, nor will every woman have the natural beauty to win a pageant. That's part of life.

The Miss Universe crown should go to a woman who combines beauty, intelligence and the other qualities making her worthy of the title. Let's judge women based on their merits, not the merits of their plastic surgeon.

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Want to meet your GE literature requirement in a new way? Cal Poly will offer English 251 as a fully online class during summer quarter 2001. Great Books Online is not a lecture class but a reading and learning environment on the Web. You will have a chance to discover Web resources in the classics and to create a new world for classical literature. Computer based instruction is not for everyone, however; you can see a sample course outline and decide if it is for you.

Go to www.calpoly.edu/~morth and follow the link to the Blackboard Web Site. Instructor: Michael Orth; you will be sent information about the course site upon registering.

Hum 250: Computer Applications in Liberal Arts (F1 in prior GE: 4 cr)

Use word processing, presentation, spreadsheet, imaging, and other software to produce professional quality documents. Discuss ethical and phenomenological issues related to computing, and learn ways to make your computer do what it promised it would do: make Information processing more efficient and your life easier! ALL online!

Instructor: Diana Bernstein; you will be sent course site information upon registering.

Bus 346: Principles of Marketing (4 credits)

Bus 346 is a basic course in marketing that examines marketing's role in society and management of the product, promotion, pricing, and channel strategies of the firm. Prerequisite: A grade of C- or better in all of the following: ECON 222, STAT 252, and junior standing or the equivalent or permission of instructor.

You will be responsible for your own learning, through reading, real world exercises, case studies, and working with a group of students to develop a marketing plan for a real company of your choice. Your participation will be online so have your written communication skills polished and ready to go!

Instructor: Brian Tietje; email kmcfall@calpoly.edu for call number and information.

Psychology x201: General Psychology (E1 in prior GE and D4 in GE 2001: 4 credits)

Psy 201 is an introduction to the psychological study of human beings: applications of research in psychobiology, learning, motivation, personality, development, social behavior, psychopathology, and psychotherapy.

The course tries to answer the question: "Why do people act the way they do?" In addition to reading assignments and extensive Web notes, there will be streaming video clips of experiments and examples of psychological principles in action. Check out this Web page for a few examples of what we will be covering: http://clo.calpoly.edu/~csiem/Online/

Instructor: Chuck Slem; you will be sent course information upon registering and must have 56k speed modem or higher level of net access.

ANT 360: Human Cultural Adaptation (D4b in prior GE and D4 in GE 2001: 4 credits)

ANT 360 is a course on cultural ecology. Lectures and readings cover populations living in different types of physical environment, practicing various modes of subsistence. In addition, Evolutionary Ecology, where human evolution is discussed from an ecological perspective, is introduced. Slides form ethnographic fieldwork will also accompany some lectures. The well illustrated lecture material will be online.

Instructor: Inui Choi; you will be sent an email with pertinent information upon registering.
Sports

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Toronto (AP) — Scott Niedermaier said he's got no qualms about threatening to hit Domi two games before doing so and even boasting it would be bad enough for a suspension.

In his first public comments since being knocked out Thursday by the Toronto Maple Leafs' forward, Niedermaier said Monday that Domi planned the attack in retaliation for a hit from the New Jersey Devils' defenseman.

"Niedermaier cut Domi over the bridge of the nose with his stick in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinals but was not punished. In the waning moments of Game 4, Domi hit Niedermaier with a vicious elbow to the head. "He said he was going to take a suspension on me," Niedermaier said. "I saw him do it."

In late April. Participants chart their progress on

Kings look to knock Avalanche out of playoffs

DENVER (AP) — Their offense has disappeared. It something doesn't improve soon, the Stanley Cup playoffs could follow suit.

The Colorado Avalanche, Crush the playoffs less than a week ago, are in a precarious position as they battle the Los Angeles Kings in the Western Conference semifinals.

With two straight 1-0 victories, the Kings have erased a 3-1 series deficit to force Game 7 in Colorado on Wednesday night. The winner will advance to face the St. Louis Blues.

"Game 7, who could ask for more?" asked Adam Deadmarsh, traded from Colorado to Los Angeles on April 15. "This is a big one for us to knock the Avalanche out of the playoffs. It would be a great story for our team."

For Colorado, any story that doesn't involve an appearance in the Stanley Cup finals would be a tale of what could have been.

The Avalanche had the NHL's best record in the regular season and feature three likely Hall of Fame skaters among their six, All-Stars.

"We worked all year to get home-ice advantage," Avs coach Bob Hartley said. "It's time for us to take advantage of that. Our leadership and our experience are there. That should be a big positive for us in Game 7."

Playing at home failed to inspire Wild-Card in Game 5, and Kings goalie Felix Potvin extended his shutout streak to 164 minutes, 28 seconds with 8:35 left in Game 6 on Sunday night. The Avalanche offense has been an issue since Chris Drury scored on a breakaway with 1:47 left in the second period of Game 4.

In that time, Colorado has also gone 0-4-3-1 on the power play.

"It's frustrating, going so long without an offensive boost," Ray Bourque said. "We definitely have to break it out of it."

Even when the offense produces, Game 7 has not been kind to Colorado in recent years. The team has eliminated the Avalanche in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals each of the past two seasons, and the Avalanche had the Edmonton Oilers up 3-1 in the first round, Los Angeles has thrived at the most blink of moments.

Scott will be well soon enough to play hockey again."

"I don't know if it's really a place for me to talk about how I feel about what happened or my thoughts towards Tie at all in public," he said.

"I never get bored," she said. "You never get bored."
Scott leaves Cal Poly for Richmond

By Ryan Ballard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The decision is final.

Jamaal Scott is packing his bags and taking his considerable talent and 15.1 points per game to the University of Richmond.

The Big West Freshman of the Year took a trip to visit the Virginia campus last weekend and felt like he had found a new home.

"The school is close to family," Scott said. "It's a really good situation there; they've got some great players and a great coach."

He met with Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley Monday to inform him of his decision to transfer.

Bromley said his response was simple: "Good luck to you."

Jamaal Scott Leaving Cal Poly.

Richmond won the Colonial Athletic Association last season with a 22-7 record. The Spiders advanced to the second round of the National Invitation Tournament. Richmond will join the Atlantic 12 conference next season, joining national powers Temple and the University of Massachusetts.

Those factors weighed heavily in Scott's selection.

"They have an established program there and they play in a great conference," he said.

Scott will be under scholarship next year at Richmond, but will have to sit out the basketball season due to NCAA transfer regulations. He will be able to suit up for the 'Spiders for the 2002-03 season. He will have three years of eligibility remaining.

Before making his final decision, Scott had previously taken a trip to visit the University of Utah. The Utes lost in the finals of the national championship in 1998, but the program wasn't the right fit for Scott.

"It didn't work out for either of us," Scott said in an earlier interview. "I wasn't exactly what they were looking for and they weren't the right fit for me."

The 6-foot 7-inch guard was second on the team in rebounding at 5.9 per game, including three games with 10 rebounds.

He started all 28 games for the Mustangs.

Scott was expected to take more of a leadership role for Cal Poly next season, with the departure of three seniors - all-time leading scorer Chris Folkland, Jeremiah Mayes and Quentin Favors.

Bromley was not naive to the possibility of Scott leaving Cal Poly.

"It changes nothing," he said. "I was already recruiting players at his position.

Scott's best offensive output of the season came on Jan. 8, when he dropped 28 points on Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

Scott came to Cal Poly from Shadow Mountain High School in Phoenix, Ariz. He was the first McDonald's All-American to don a Mustang uniform.

Triathletes compete in Rec Center event

By Whitney Kellogg
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Environmental engineering sophomore Lindsay Koester relatively tossed herself from sleep and pulled her covers back last Tuesday morning. She had a full day of school, but class wasn't her only motivation to get dressed and leave her house. Koester was done with more than half of the Rec Center's three-week triathlon, and she wanted to finish.

"I have to work out in the morning," she said. "If I don't do it in the morning, I won't go."

Koester is one of 173 students participating in the triathlon, a biannual event that the Rec Center has sponsored for four years.

Participants have until May 20 to run 26.2 miles, swim 2.5 miles and hike 110 miles.

Nancy Clark, Rec Center fitness program coordinator, said the triathlon is designed to be relaxed and fun.

"It's a good mix," she said. "Some are hard core and try to finish triathlon, page 7 PHOTOS BY DANIEL GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

SPORTS TRIVIA

Yesterday's Answer:

Nellie Fox led his league in at-bats 12 years in a row.

Congrats Mark Arnold!

Today's Question:

How many quarters of a mile make up the full distance of the Kentucky Derby?

Please submit sports trivia answer to koestert@calpoly.edu

Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the page.

Baseball travels to Stanford

By Mustang Daily Staff Report

The Cal Poly baseball team, desperately in need of a win after dropping its last four games, travels to Palo Alto today to battle Stanford in a crucial non-conference game.

The Mustangs (28-20) were swept last weekend at Biggert Stadium by No. 3 Cal State Fullerton.

Cal Poly can not morn the loss, because in order to beat No. 6 Stanford (15-13), the team must be solid fundamentally.

"We have got to find a way to win," said head coach Rich Price.

"We need to get back on track before the next two series.

The Mustangs just might hold the psychological advantage over the Cardinal, as they beat Stanford 6-5 in 12 innings on Jan. 21 at the inaugural game at Biggert Stadium.

"It would be great to beat them twice," Price said. "They had the weekend off, so they'll be ready for us. We're both trying to play well down the stretch."

Right-hander Greg Roche got the start for the Mustangs. The team has made an agreement to use multiple pitchers, each with a designated amount of innings.

Lefty Mike Gooling takes the hill for Stanford. He is 5-0 on the season with a 2.26 ERA.

With last weekend's sweep, the Mustangs fell to 6-6 in the Big West Conference. They are in fourth place behind Cal State Fullerton, UC Santa Barbara and Long Beach State. Cal Poly faces Long Beach State this weekend in a three-game series at Long Beach.

After that series, the Mustangs play a single home game against San Jose State before wrapping up the season on the road with three games at UCSB.