Budget, hiring key issues at Senate meeting

By Stephen Curran

A proposed hiring freeze will not have a negative effect on tenure-track faculty at Cal Poly, said President Warren Baker at an Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday.

Concerns about the freeze came after Gov. Gray Davis ordered Cal Poly to pay $8.3 million in its budget for the upcoming academic year. System-wide, these cuts represent a $55 million reduction.

However, as enrollment at the university continues to grow, a lack of money will result in a decline in the quality of education, many faculty feel. Currently, Cal Poly is 520 students over its target enrollment for this academic year. This makes the university between 25 and 50 faculty position short, Baker said.

Math professor Harvey Greenwald said that these strategies represent many of the themes done in the early 1990s, noting the state's most recent recession.

In an effort to combat the surplus of students and the deficit of faculty, students will be asked to vote on a college or department-based increase in fees. However, this increase in fees does not guarantee that students will be able to get into any of the over-enrolled classes they need. Greenwald said, in a Jan. 14 e-mail to Baker, on the first day of classes, he remembered 19 people trying to add a Math 242 class he teaches, a section, with only 35 seats.

Baker said if such a fee increase were passed in one college and not another, it would take effect only in the college in which it was passed.

"My greatest fear is that the students might approve this increase in fees and still not be able to enroll in the classes they need," Greenwald said in the e-mail. "In effect, you will be paying more and getting less."

However, POWER does not currently have any way to measure the amount of demand for certain classes, he said. And until it does, it will be difficult to assure that students will be able to get heavily requested general education and support courses.

For the proposed fee to successfully address issues of graduation rates and retention, it is important for students to remain involved, Baker said.

"Relining on a solution from the state is not going to solve it for us," Baker said. "It has to be characterized as student-driven. It has to be a solution that funds are going to suit them best."

The College of Liberal Arts will be holding a forum for students today at 11 a.m. in Bldg. 38, room 203. The Academic Senate will meet again Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Union U220. The Academic Senate Executive Committee will meet again Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. in UU 220.

ASI resolution shaped to promote respect

By Whitney Kobrin

A resolution was passed Wednesday at the Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors meeting that promotes respect for all Cal Poly students by focusing upon harassment, intimidation and discrimination, said ASI representatives.

An inside source stated that the resolution was written in response to posters designed by Cal Poly College Republicans that may have suggested violent and racist messages against Afghans and Muslims, and a Web site that referred to members of the Progressive Student Alliance as "the enemies within," during fall quarter this year.

Cal Poly administration did not take down the files based on the club's First Amendment rights.

Greg Van Dyke, agriculture representative, expressed concern about certain wording within the resolution which could abridge freedom of speech if the document was passed in its entirety.

The portion reads: "ASI encourages the student body and student organizations to promote equality, respect, civility, and tolerance for all cultures and belief systems in our campus community."

Van Dyke said encouraging the student body to form opinions in a specific direction, such as promoting tolerance, respect, etc., would be an infringement on First Amendment rights, and would limit the ability to converse freely, a resolution ASI stated earlier within the document.

Alison Anderson, engineering representative, said promoting civility was something that ASI already encouraged.

Similarly, Steve Johnson, liberal arts representative, said promoting a positive learning environment for Cal Poly students is the job of ASI, and a resolution that would instant respect for human rights was supportive of the mission to enrich the student body.

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Censoring pervasive pornography

By Cory Dugan

While a majority of businesses in the United States and abroad have Web sites accessible through the Internet, so does the ever-so-popular pornography industry.

As surprising as it might seem, the marketing of porn is a multi-million dollar business, which is growing rapidly by the second. Is this right?

Just anyone be able to put up naked, vulgar pictures and videos on the Internet? Or, would excluding this right be a violation of freedom of speech, which enables people to express themselves, even through porn.

Several Cal Poly students were asked to ponder such questions.

Free access?

Food science senior Michelle Mendocino said she thinks the problem with porn is so pervasive that there is no way to censor access. People looking to use these sites to download pictures or videos know how to find them, she said.

Mendocino said that no matter what sort of censorship laws or restrictions the government might try to enforce on pornography and the Internet, it will not be a solution.

"Porn on the Internet has been going on since the Internet started," she said. "I am not by any means a supporter of the porn industry, but I am a supporter of freedom of speech, and I feel if this industry is censored, it would be a huge step back." Censoring the industry, he said, could add to the excitement, a couple 'strokers' took advantage of the moment to elicit a few laughs.

The spark of the Olympic spirit

By Davis Bryan

Davis Bryan, a resident of San Luis Obispo, walks in memory of her son, Gregory Bryan, Wednesday. She was preceded by a procession of police vehicles and fire trucks. Coca-Cola made its presence known by handing out 'I Saw the Flame' flags to spectators. To add to the excitement, a couple 'strokers' took advantage of the moment to elicit a few laughs.
Vulture causes short city power outage

By Bryan Dickerson

Power went out for an estimated 4,200 Pacific Gas and Electric customers in San Luis Obispo on Tuesday when a vulture got entangled in a power line. According to PG&E, the disruption in service occurred at 7:40 p.m. with most of the power restored within two hours and complete restoration at 11:41 p.m. Downtown San Luis Obispo looked quite different than it usually does on a Tuesday night, with businesses closing, traffic lights shut down and a brilliant night-time sky more visible.

"The first thing I noticed is you could see the stars really well," said Gabriel Kapchick, an architecture junior. "It was pretty surreal because the only lights were the headlights from cars, but I didn't really notice until I got to an intersection and some cars stopped, but others kept going through the intersection."

The 7-Eleven on California Boulevard closed for about two hours, but the business loss was minimal and his refrigerator inventory wasn't at risk, manager Ron Wreesman said.

"When the refrigerator shut down, we closed down so things stay as close as 35 degrees as possible," Wreesman said. "I'd take three to five hours of a higher temperature to make the milk taste bad — doesn't affect the quality of the beer."

Nate Cramton, a mechanical engineering sophomore, said the lights of his apartment dimmed twice for two to three seconds then came back on. Then he headed downtown.

Three dead in Virginia school shooting

By Fredrick Kunkle and Craig Timberg

A failing student allegedly shot three people to death and wounded three more Wednesday at the University of Virginia. The shooting left the school's campus in shock and left law enforcement officers wondering whether the attacks were a case of a paranoia-driven manhunt gone out of control.

One of those fresh faces was L. Anthony Satin, a senior in the pre-law students' association. The others were active in the university's pro-life group and were known to law enforcement officials.

The school was founded by community leaders eager to revitalize a region left decimated by the decline of the coal industry. Built in a refurbished junior high school near Cranberry's small downtown, Appalachian had begun to live up to its promise, bringing fresh faces and economic activity.

"Here's a case where the victim was the child's father and Johnathan spent a lot of time with the child," Eller said.

As for parents to dodge responsibility,

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"Allowing these filters to be installed in a family's computer decreases the active involvement, necessary in a child's life," Eller said.

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Bombed consigliore given maximum sentence

NEW YORK — A man convicted last July of federal charges for his role in a failed millennium bombing plot was given the maximum sentence of 24 years on Wednesday. The plot was to detonate a suicide bomb during millennium celebrations at the crowded Los Angeles International airport.

Mukhtar Housani, 32, an Afghan man living in Canada, was convicted of supplying fake IDs and $1,200 to two others involved in the plot. He was acquitted on a charge that he aided the airport bombing plot in particular.

Housani declined to speak before the sentencing, but through his attorney he requested the minimum sentence of 17 years.

Two other men involved in the plot, including one that had reportedly been trained in terrorist camps financed by Osama bin Laden, are still awaiting sentencing. The matriarch of the plot, Ahmed Ressam, could face a sentence of up to 130 years.

The bombing plot was foiled when Ressam was arrested at Port Angeles, Wash., while trying to enter Canada with a tank full of explosives in December 1999.

— Associated Press

Female medical pross cleaner than males

NEW YORK — In most health professions, female employees wash their hands more often than male counterparts, according to a new study at Southern Cross University. In their institution's critical care unit, male health care workers washed their hands one-third less often than female workers after having contact with instruments, or a patient who had blood or excretions. The findings are consistent with findings by the general population women and girls are more likely than men and boys to wash their hands in a germs-filling situation, like using the bathroom.

Female doctors were found to wash their hands 85 percent of the time, whereas male doctors washed their hands 94 percent of the time. Female ward workers washed their hands almost twice as often as their male counterparts. Female radiologists also had better hand hygiene than males.

But men were not deficient in all sectors. Some male and female nurses had similar high rates of hand washing. Both male and female physical therapist were very vigilant and washed their hands after every observed patient contact.

The study was published in a recent issue of the journal Hospital Infection Control. Authors speculate that cultural differences among the health care workers might explain the differences in hygiene practices.

— Reuters

'Clarks' star wanted

NEW YORK — John Mewes, who played the part of Jay in the Jay and Silent Bob movies, including "Clerks" and "Mallrats," is wanted by New Jersey police for violating his probation on drug charges.

A warrant was issued after Mewes, 27, and his partner failed to show up for a mandatory probation-violation hearing. The hearing was scheduled after Mewes missed a hearing with his probation officer in California. Mewes' attorney, Peter O'Mara, said that he was unaware of the revocation hearing and the sentence was probably due to "miscommunication."

Mewes was sentenced to two years' probation, drug counseling, drug testing, 200 hours of community service, a $1,500 fine and suspension of his driver's license after pleading guilty to charges of heroin possession in February last year.

During a traffic stop on the Jersey Shore, police reported seeing Mewes trying to hide a metal package in his girlfriend's purse, which contained a hypodermic needle. They also found a stash of heroin in the actor's sock.

— E Online

International Briefs

Africa

NAIROBI, Kenya — Last year, about 97 percent of people who died in Kenya were victims of police actions, according to a study reported on Wednesday. In 2001, 43 percent of annual police reports were responsible for 232 deaths, whereas criminals were responsible for 174 deaths.

The study does not specify whether those killed were innocent or criminals who refused to surrender.

Since 1997, 60 percent of the 500 police deaths were caused by police, 19 percent were shot by criminals and one percent were either suicides or accidents.

A police spokesman said that the researchers were trying to malign hard-working police officers and that the study did not represent a true picture.

The study does not mention the number of firearms recovered by police or their success in reducing the crime, the spokesman said.

The study figures were drawn on statistics from five high-crime areas in the country, including Nairobi.

— BBC News

Europe

BERLIN — Norwegians participate in exhibitionist activities more than people from any other country, according to a survey of 6,600 people from 20 countries by a romance novel publishing company.

Sixty-six percent of the 400 surveyed Norwegians said they had sexual encounters in public. Locations included cars, trains, airplanes, beaches, parks, changing rooms, offices and libraries.

Australians came in a close second with 64 percent. Greeks, Swedes and Angolians rounded out the top five. Only 13 percent of the French revealed said they had sex in public, ranking them the lowest. Twenty-one percent of Americans said they had opened emergency urinals.

— Reuters

South America

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad — An unidentified body found in a small room near a patient's ward in a Trinidad hospital an investigation started Thursday. A body was found on the 14th floor of the hospital, police said. A woman was found dead in the hospital, police said.

The body was found in the hospital.

— Reuters

Middle East

KABUL, Afghanistan — Officials are questioning a one-time police officer wanted by the Taliban for turned himself in and offered information Wednesday at the largest U.S. base in Afghanistan, Pentagon officials said. There is no immediate word on how helpful the information will be for investigators tracing the al-Qaida terrorist network.

A police officer is being questioned by investigators that investigators were "jumping with joy" over the prospect of questioning him intensively. The man would not give details on his identity or how he came to the camp. Pentagon officials said that he had supported the Taliban financially, but was not a member of the militia. He did not live in the United States.

Also Wednesday, a fourth plane-load of prisoners left Kandahar for the United States. He was one of the estimated 60 percent of prisoners left Kandahar for the United States.

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Most beautiful places are well hidden, but this one is neither far away nor hard to find.

“We are so privileged to live in one of the most beautiful places owned by a university in California, if not in the world,” said English professor Steven Marx.

Marx is in the process of editing a book that will guide readers through the 10,000 acres of property owned by Cal Poly. “Cal Poly Land: A Field Guide” contains contributions from faculty and staff in over a dozen different university departments.

The 250-page hardcover book, which will be available at El Corral Bookstore in the spring, documents various aspects of university land including wildlife, vegetation, history and archaeology. It includes maps and pictures to guide readers on hikes and tours, and each section contains in-depth description of the individual lands that Cal Poly owns.

With photographs, poetry and text, “Cal Poly Land: A Field Guide” is a collaboration of work from professors from the Cal Poly Land Centennial Project, a group of staff and faculty who promote the care and conservation of university property.

The Cal Poly Land Centennial Project began two years ago as a seminar in which professors taught each other about their specialties. Marx said the project has not just been about educating others — it has been a learning experience for the professors as well.

“What we get out of this is the realization that there is something...
The pope, the Great Wall ... now the PAC

By Renée Shadforth

A six-time Grammy winners, traditional Irish musicians The Chieftains have certainly mastered the studio production of their music. However, it’s their live performances — witty storytelling, use of rare instruments and guest appearances by the famous musicians like Bob Dylan, Sarah McLachlan, and Van Morrison — that has prompted their success. They’ve even played in the world with renewed eyes.

Even though Cal Poly land is filled with extraordinary experiences, including fishing ponds, trails, and botanical gardens, The Chieftains have been nominated for the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, and have performed in front of a sold-out crowd.

The Chieftains are largely responsible for bringing traditional Irish music to the world’s attention. For a group that performs non-mainstream music, their lengthy resume proves that the current media saturation of pop music hasn’t hurt them a bit.

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Artist inspired by colors of the Yukon territory

Audrey Amara  MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Sitting at the wooden table with her hands folded in her lap, the artist Alice Park-Spurr looks content — and so do her paintings. These paintings fill the small studio with color. Blues, yellows and pinks tell the story of this woman's journey to the Yukon — ultimately a journey in self-enlightenment.

Park-Spurr's paintings of life in the Yukon are currently on display through Feb. 15 at the Johnson Gallery and Framing Studio on Marsh Street.

Before she started painting, Park-Spurr worked for Hewlett Packard with her husband in the San Francisco area. After reading a book about the Yukon, her husband persuaded her to give up their "normal" life and start a new life up there.

The next year, she and her husband traveled to the Yukon to start building their new home from scratch. "I trusted my husband and wanted to try something different," she said.

They purchased five acres of land 20 miles away from the nearest town or neighbor. In order to get to their property each day, Park-Spurr and her husband had to travel across a lake. In the summer, they used a canoe, in the winter — a snowmobile.

Together they built a small log cabin, cutting down, hauling and constructing every piece of wood with their bare hands.

"Everyone thought we were crazy because we were (literally) going nowhere," she said.

That was in 1980. Since then, the couple has been spending half of every year at their handcrafted Yukon home. It was the Yukon landscape that inspired Park-Spurr to begin painting.

In 1988, she started painting with watercolors. She became more seriously involved with art when she attended classes at a nearby community college, followed by another five years at graduate school.

"In undergraduate school I was really struggling to find my style and voice," she said.

Park-Spurr enjoyed graduate school more because there were fewer guidelines that came with the tests and papers. Without these restrictions, she could concentrate on her artwork, much of which is inspired by Zen.

"Zen isn't a religion or philosophy, it's just a way of life," she said.

Park-Spurr attended the Zen center in Berkeley for approximately one year in 1994. Now she creates her own Zen.

"The body, mind and soul in my paintings are the same as Zen," she said.

In the Yukon, Park-Spurr said that people live a simpler life. A window looking out to the lake serves as a television for her and her husband.

Outside, a greenhouse sits near the couple's cabin. Produce grown there is their main source of food.

This different way of life is one reason that Park-Spurr decided to try painting as a career. When Park-Spurr started getting serious about her painting, she and her husband built an art studio on their Yukon property.

"Being able to work in a studio gives her the freedom to plan and control her work," she said.

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**SLO dance studio offers confidence, ’cabaret-style’**

By Dawn Rapp

It’s Tuesday night and 15 women are headed home with their stomachs aching and their legs tired. They have just experienced an intense workout, but this workout is very unique.

Mary Donnelly, a Poly graduate, attributes its success to her daughter’s managing assistance. Her daughter, Carrie, now choreographs and directs the competing teams.

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American Dance of SLO has 402 students and 16 staff members, 14 of whom are instructors. Dancers have performed at Farmer’s Market, “Christmas in the Plaza” and “First Night,” a New Year’s Eve celebration.

One of their most recognizable performing groups is SLO Ors, a dance troupe of mostly college-aged girls and lyrical dancers. The studio is also the home of the Gilbert Reed Ballet, a professional ballet company that recently performed “A Christmas Carol” at the Performing Arts Center.

Students at American Dance are of all types, some desiring to dance professionally and others participating for fun. The various dance forms and different styles of the instructors attract dancers from all over the Central Coast. Randi Speart, a 15-year-old Arroyo Grande resident, has been dancing since she was 3, and came to the American Dance Studio a few months ago.

“I wanted to get better at ballet,” Speart said, “I think this place has helped me.” Mary Donnelly.

American Dance differentiates itself from other local studios by offering its students experience outside of the area and by offering non-traditional dance classes. They offer weekly classes with special guest instructors, and they often travel in order to provide the dancers with more exposure.

In the last few years, their dancers have competed all over the country, as well as in Austria and Russia. American Dance stresses confidence and positive attitude in their lessons. In Donnelly’s middle-eastern belly-style dance class, the students often travel in order to provide the dancers with more exposure.

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American Dance of SLO offers student discounts and is open Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 543-4409.

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Opinion

Who would have guessed that a state known for being ahead of the times for 40 years late in adding numbers to highway exits? Although the rest of the country has already enjoyed this convenience for many years.

Commentary

California will finally add numbers to correspond with exits on highways, and it’s about time.

Up to this point, California has managed to avoid the federal law that requires highways to be numbered, sibling exemption from the last Supreme - it’s a money issue. Anyway, I wonder why it was such an issue, that California didn’t go in the handbook to begin with.

How many times have we all gotten directions to somewhere but the directions weren’t quite clear? Instead of giving an actual street name for an exit, we hear something like, “go past the giraffe with the flowers in front, and exit the highway three exits past that, then turn left at the big oak after the second stop sign. There’s house on the right... I don’t remember the street names.”

The confusion that our only hall-coherent Chucks cause will finally be exactly clarified once each exit is assigned a number. Directions will be much more consistent, and if you’ve got our exit, we won’t have to guess at whether our surroundings look familiar. Instead, we will be able to look at the map of the next exit and see if we’ve passed out number.

Police officers and emergency medical technicians, fire officials and Bob Self having to guess at a location. The numbers will be clearly marked and will appear frequently. This is better for officials to find and assist people promptly.

Letters to the editor

Men, there is such a thing as self control

Editor,

In response to Aaron Lambert’s “Appreciating beautiful women comes naturally” (Jan. 15), when he mentions the hor­ rorable junior high days. I’m wondering if he still stock there. My goal, men, there’s a thing called self control. I will be the first to agree with you that beautiful women are not instantly visually glued to every man. That, beautiful, and appealing as well, does this give in hot-blooded men? I think that self control is an absolute must. Only ogle and fantasize about them? Yes, that is the natural state of things, but one must ask, just because something is natural, is it right? When we were infants, our natural instinct was to cry until we got what we want. Why? Because we were helpless. Adults, we’re col­ lege males.

We are no longer helpless. We cannot excuse this tendency to visually roam by say­ing it’s natural. You say it takes a real man to inhibit these tendencies. Well, I say it takes a real man to have the strength to deny himself of some selfishness every once in a while. While we were infants, our natural instinct was to cry until we got what we want. Why? Because we were helpless. Adults, we’re college males.

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Self control is an absolute must.

The mustard is off your head, not your hormones.

Jan. 16), Chick’s play-by-play will always exist. Because Britney Spears is the epitome of what he wants in a girl, he is not satisfied by ogling other women. Do I agree with you that beautiful women are just beautiful because of Britney. Be a man - use your mind.

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Not every mail thinks Britney is the perfect girl

Editor,

In response to Aaron Lambert’s commentar­ry, “Appreciating beautiful women comes naturally,” Jan. 15. Although I agree with one of the premises of Mr. Lambert’s commentary, that men are visual, I personal­ly do not take heart to being called a Pervert. Spears, Jennifer Love Hewitt, or any of Destiny’s Children for that matter, as being the epitome of what he wants in a girl, he is flat-out wrong. I don’t know what made Mr. Lambert the voice of all males, but that state­ment is flat-out re. Yes, they are attractive women in their own right, and yes, some men do consider them as the ultimate female, but there are definite exceptions. Personally, I have found everything that I want in a girl in my future, Missy Dykstra, and I wouldn’t trade her for any of the aforementioned women under Mr. Lambert’s logic, I can’t think that, and if I do, I’m only delus­ing myself.

It’s true that guys are visual, hence the popularity of such things as Victoria’s Secret commercials and Playboy and the like. Is it somehow impossible to believe that guys can be completely satisfied by only one woman? When I was single I liked to look at girls, but now there is no need to. I have the woman I want with her depth of personality, gifts, beauty, and travel, and there is nothing that can be satisfied by ogling other women. Do I notice beautiful women? Sure, but I’m not interested in them in the way that Mr. Lambert describes. Too often and too easily, all men are thrown into the box marked “attractive Woman Watcher,” and that is simply not true. Although some of what Mr. Lambert said was true, namely that guys are visual, I do not believe their eyes. Do I still ogle? No, instead I feel that I am still on my way to the church, and I have a Funky foot ball field to go. I have the luxury of avoiding any kind of fantasy. For me, wedding details like dresses and churches are easy subjects to discuss; they are stable. For me, wedding details are a great escape. For me, wedding details like dresses and churches are easy subjects to discuss; they are stable.

But I can’t avoid my conventional attraction to a fairy-tale ending. I might not know what I want to do after graduation or what I want to be, but I do know everything I want in my wedding, from music to flowers. In a strange way, it’s almost comforting thought. In the future, where I walk down the aisle, the same men who sit in my room last night and get teary-eyed watching a movie wedding will be the same watching my wedding, dream come true. But in the meantime, we will still get all emotional when we look through a bridal magazine or talk about weddings.

 Eventually, Prince Charming will come along and I’ll get my white dress and diamond ring. Then I can put on a name and a face of my own. Until then, it might be a while you have to kiss a lot of toads to find your prince.

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"His lack of a brain just astounds me."
Some Afghans mourn end of Taliban rule, fear instability

By Pamela Constable

WASHINGTON POST

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Every day, mourners’ slip into the Taliban cemetery at the edge of the city, stooping to caress the smooth white stones covering the graves of 1,000 Taliban fighters who died here in days of battle.

Now that Taliban rulers have been replaced by an interim government, some Afghans fear a hodgepodge of unruly ethnic militias from other parts of Afghanistan, many Kandahar residents are yearning for the end of the previous era, which they say brought seven years of peace, stability and ethnic respect.

Despite the presence of more than 3,200 U.S. troops here, residents from all walks of life said they now live in fear of armed militia members and gunmen roaming the streets. They expressed deep mistrust of the new provincial governor, Gul Agha Shirzai, a controversial figure who held the same post in the early 1990s during a period of arbitrary violence and lawlessness.

Although some Kandahar residents supported the Taliban's rigid interpretation of Islamic law and practice, many modern Muslims here express nostalgia for the Taliban’s strict control of crime and violence, and many said they would willingly sacrifice personal freedom for safety.

"During the Taliban time, you could walk the streets safely day and night. Now we have to sleep with guns for pillows because we can be robbed at any time," said Abdul Haddi, 35, a car dealer. "Now I can’t."

Many residents said they wished for a Taliban leader, such as Mullah Omar in the early 1990s, who they feared would do more to bring law and order to their communities, rather than focusing on hunting Arab fighters, suspected terrorist leader Osama bin Laden and former heads of the Taliban.

To a certain extent, Taliban sympathies here also extend to Arabs who lived here and fought alongside the Taliban against its armed domestic opponents in northern Afghanistan, and who later were killed or wounded in the U.S. bombing campaign.

At Mir Weis Hospital, where a half-dozen injured and armed Arab fighters have been barricaded inside a prison ward for weeks, even the soldiers guarding the grounds this week said they strongly disagreed with the government's decision to suspend all food supplies to the detainees after they refused to surrender.

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Women mourn at the graves of Taliban leaders and fighters at Kandahar's Taliban cemeteries. Many people here rue the demise of the Taliban militia, because it brought security to their lives.

"What did the Taliban ever give me except a son who may be dead or in prison?" said Malika, 35, whose 19-year-old was seized in a Kandahar bazaar eight months ago and sent off to fight. She hasn't had word of him since November and now fears the worst.

In Kandahar's cemeteries, however, devotion to the Taliban cause this week was very much alive, with some mourners voicing that if the new government fails to establish peace and security, the now-invisible and apparently vanquished Taliban movement could easily re-emerge to fill the void.

"People are afraid to say the truth now, but real Muslims are not happy with this new revolution," said Mohammad Halim, 19, a cleric visiting the grave of Mohammed Rabbani, a widely respected Taliban commander and official who died of cancer last year.

"Not all the Taliban were crimi­nals and terrorists, they were part of the people, and there are thou­sands of them everywhere," he said. "If this government does not bring stability, they can come again and capture Kandahar in days."
News

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Cal State, faculty continue battle over contract

By Jessica Zisko

(UC-BERKELEY)—The California State University faculty and its contract bargaining team continue to battle for a contract agreement, and union representatives say a strike may be a possibility once negotiations cease.

The California Faculty Association's contract with the system expired in June. Negotiations for a new contract were not scheduled for the spring, but talks failed and the two groups eventually had to go into mediation.

Now, negotiations will head into a fact-finding phase during which a panel of three members will hear issues in dispute and submit a report on possible solutions. However, the panel's recommendations are not binding, meaning CSU Chancellor Charles Reed can impose his own contract. In 1999 Reed chose to impose his own contract, provoking actions for higher pay failed, and tension among the faculty has been evident since the beginning.

If an agreement isn't reached by the end of negotiations, faculty will need to choose between striking or taking a contract.

Once this occurs, job actions are possible. These could include anything from formal letters to asking faculty to perform only their duties "to the letter" of what is required.

Linda Smith, CFA vice president at San Diego State University, said each university will decide what type of action to take.

"When faculty can't get a contract, they find that they have to stand up," Smith said. "Hopefully this time faculty will be able to stand up and, through bargaining, get a contract."

In October, faculty at a CFA board of trustees meeting voted unanimously to ask officers to prepare ballots and procedures for a strike authorization vote, which possibly could be held this semester.

The first time a vote like this was passed was in spring 1999 after Reed imposed his own contract, however, in the following month the two factions came to a contract agreement.

During the first few weeks of school, CFA chapters on every campus will hold informational "strike walks" and ask faculty to perform only their duties. The CFA will release a list of what federal agencies sought in that debate. Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, who leads the Golden Gate Bridge in arguing for an additional $2.5 billion for highway improvements and $2.1 billion for drinking water projects. Republicans attacked Byrd's position as another case of Democratic spending proposals run amok. "War profiteering," Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., called it in a radio interview.

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While most teammates only throw things at each other when they're mad, baseball players Tony Alcantar and Aaron Escobedo have been doing so since college.

Former students together in Southern California, the pair both transferred to Cal Poly, pursuing a friendship and a tradition that began at Santa Ana College. While both Escobedo and Alcantar were All-Americans in community college, Escobedo said, "I had offers to play at big schools after high school, but I felt I could better expand my game at Santa Ana (under Student)."

Both Escobedo and Alcantar feel that coming from a junior college helped to not only mature their game but also allowed the two to grow into responsible young men. They both credit this transition to their coach at Santa Ana, Don Souden. "I have no regrets about going to the junior college," Escobedo said. "I had offers to play at big schools after high school, but I felt I could better expand my game at Santa Ana (under Souden)."

The Mustangs' success is due largely to the returnees, this season looks very bright," Alcantar said.

Mustangs open the season at Hawaii-Hilo on Jan. 18.