Budget, hiring key issues at Senate meeting

By Stephen Curran
Daily Staff Writer

A proposed hiring freeze will not have a negative effect on tenured-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 cut $8.5 million from 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 570 students over its target enrollment for this academic year. This makes the university between 25 and 30 faculty positions under budget, Baker said.

Math professor Harvey Greenwald said that these strategies represent many of the things 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 out of the overenrolled classes they need.

Greenwald said, in an email to faculty on Tuesday at 1 p.m. in University Union 220. The Academic Senate Executive Committee will meet again Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. in UU 220.

Censoring pervasive pornography

By Cory Dugan
Daily Staff Writer

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? Should 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 gone 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."

Cameron Jones, an architecture freshman, said he agrees with Mendocino’s view on the issue and believes that regardless of any restrictions, the porn industry will just expand.

"I think that human nature will not allow (porn on the Internet) to stop," he said. "Ever since the beginning of time, people have been fascinated with the human body, and now it is just more easily accessible."

Even though porn on the Internet is simple to access with a few clicks of the mouse, there are ways to cut out or filter the information.

Two nationwide laws were passed in 1997 to eliminate the porn computers intended for children. The Family-Friendly Internet Access Act and the Internet Freedom and Child Protection Act are both targeted toward reducing children's access to porn on the Internet. These filters come as software that can be downloaded to any PC or MAC. The software acts to make any pornographic material on the Internet inaccessible.

ASIS resolution shaped to promote respect

By Whitney Koblin
Daily Staff Writer

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

An inside source stated that the resolution was written in response to posters designed by Cal Poly College of Agriculture 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.”

Cal Poly administration did not take down the flyers 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.

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Filters or no filters? But are these filters a good solution to monitoring children’s access, or is it the responsibility of the parents to take a more active role in monitoring what their children look at on the computer?

Cal Poly liberal studies senior Ben Eller said federal laws make it too simple to access with a few clicks of the mouse, there are ways to cut out or filter the information.
Weather Watch

S-LAY FORECAST

FRIDAY
High: 57° / Low: 35°
SATURDAY
High: 60° / Low: 36°
SUNDAY
High: 63° / Low: 40°
MONDAY
High: 60° / Low: 43°
TUESDAY
High: 59° / Low: 38°

TODAY'S SUN
Rise: 7:11 a.m. / Set: 5:16 p.m.

TODAY'S MOON
Rise: 9:53 a.m. / Set: 9:16 p.m.

TODAY'S TIDE
High: 1:05 a.m. / 3.92 feet
Low: 5:40 a.m. / 2.76 feet
High: 11:29 a.m. / 4.95 feet
Low: 6:47 p.m. / 0.20 feet

News

Vulture causes short city power outage

By Bryan Dickerson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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 7:10 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 shutting down and a brilliant night-time sky more visible.

"The first thing I noticed is you could see the stars real well," said Gabriel Kapriclian, 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 a risk, manager Ron Wreesman said.

"When the refrigeration shuts down, we close down so things stay as close as 33 degrees as possible," Wreesman said. "It'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
THE WASHINGTON POST

A failing student allegedly shot three people to death and wounded three more Wednesday at the Appalachian School of Law, a ambitious school created five years ago to bring newcomers and a new way of life to southwestern Virginia's poor and struggling coal-mining region.

The midday attack ended a shooting spree that began before dawn.

"It's the ultimate of ironic tragedies," said Kent Markas, a former Harvard Law School roommate and fellow Justice Department official. "Here's a case where the victim was one of the kindred ... people immeasurable, who saw his life as giving back."

Police said the gunman, Peter Odighizuwa, first went to the school's second-floor offices to discuss his academic standing with professor Dale Reuben. When the conversation ended, Odighizuwa told Reuben to pray for him before walking to Reuben's office about 11:55 p.m. and opening fire with a semiautomatic handgun, police said.

The attacker then shot Thomas Blackwell, a professor, to death in his office before walking downstairs to a lounge where he opened fire again, killing Angela Denise Dales, a third-year-old student, and injuring three others, police said.

Police said Odighizuwa was a Nigerian immigrant who was suspended from the school Wednesday because of his grades. People in the remote mountain town described Odighizuwa, 43, as a father of four who drove taxis in Chicago before finding the remote law school on a Web site.

He is charged with three counts of murder and three weapons violations.

"I went to the Palm Theatre to see 'Amelie,' but there was a sign on the door: 'closed due to power outage.'"

Fred Mills, communication and records coordinator for the Cal Poly University Police, said the only part of campus that reported problems was the Serrano Ranch.

"I'm not even sure it was linked to the power outage," Mills said.

The only other campus-related disruption was KCPR's transmitter, which was without power for the duration of the outage.
Female medical pros cleaner than males

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

Female doctors were found to wash their hands 88 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 of the Society for Healthcare Education and Research. Authors speculate that cultural differences among the healthcare workers might explain the differences in hygiene practices.

— Reuters

'Clerks' star wanted

Las Vegas — Jason 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 girlfriend failed to show up for a mandatory probation-violation hearing. The hearing was scheduled after Mewes refused to appear with his probation officer in California. Mewes' attorney, Peter O'Mara, said that he was unaware of the revocation hearing and that the notice was probably due to "miscommunication."

Mewes was sentenced to two years' probation, drug counseling, and 200 hours of community service, a $1,000 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 major package in his girlfriend's purse, which contained a hydropneumatic needle. They also found a stash of heroin in the actor's sock.

— Reuters

Int'l Briefs

Africa

NAROK, Kenya — Last year, about 90 percent of people who sought care in Kenya were victims of police actions, according to a report released in Nairobi Tuesday. Police were responsible for 232 deaths, whereas criminals were responsible for 23. The study does not specify whether those killed were innocent victims or criminals who refused to surrender.

Since 1997, 60 percent of简介 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 research was intended to aid police in handling future confrontations. The study did not mention the number of persons injured per police action.

— Reuters

South America

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad — A rumors spread on the island that a student, who was last seen with a girl, was going to be arrested by the police.

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

The study's figures were drawn on surveys said they had sex in public, months or how he came to the camp. Pentagon officials said that he had supplied the Taliban financially, but was not a member of the militia. The man would not give details on his identity or how he came to the camp. Pentagon officials said that he had supplied the Taliban financially, but was not a member of the militia. The man would not give details on his identity or how he came to the camp.

South Africa

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

A statement said that violators of the ban, production tell to 185 tons in 2001.

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Middle East

KABA, Afghanistan — Cultivation of the opium poppy and the trafficking of opium as its derivatives, including heroin, was banned by the new Afghan government Wednesday. The Taliban had issued a similar ban in 2000.

Afghanistan is one of the world's largest producers of heroin. Ninety percent of heroin in Europe comes from Afghanistan.

A statement said that violence would be dealt with "severely."

But the country will seek help from donors to fund crop substitution programs to help farmers convert their farms from the poppy to other crops.

Production of opium in Afghanistan rocketed during the Soviet war of the 1980s. Muslim rebels used opium to finance their efforts. The practice continued to thrive under Taliban rule reaching a record of 4,500 tons in 1999. After the latest seizure fell to 138 tons in 2001.

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It's silent. The sky is blue and clear. Rich emerald-green grass carpets the miles of rolling hills. In the distance, the setting sun is reflecting off the silver seawater.

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," containing 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 an in-depth description of the individual "spots" 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
MSU, Mustang Daily arts editor

A s 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 famous musicians like Bob Dylan, Sarah McLachlan, and Van Morrison — that has captured their success. They've even plied for the pope.

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.

They were the first musicians to perform on the Great Wall of China, their work has appeared in the films "Far and Away," "Circle of Friends," and "Rob Roy," and they've performed on "Saturday Night Live" and NBC's "Today." And now they're returning to Cal Poly.

The Chieftains have been summoned back to the Christopher Cohen Center for a performance tonight at 8 p.m. with Canadian fiddler Natalie MacMaster and local step dancers.

"Not only are they great musicians, they're great showmen," said Ralph Hoskins, director of Cal Poly Arts. The enthusiasm doesn't end with Hoskins. During last year's sold-out show, the crowd was dancing in the aisles, Hoskins said.

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Cal Poly Arts director

3,200 acres of land, called Swanton Ranch, in Santa Cruz County.

However, the book's primary purpose is to serve as a guide for walkers and a coffee table book, said art and design professor Mary LaPorte, who supervised students in designing the book.

"We wanted to come up with a book that was informational and could be used as a learning tool," she said. "We added fun things like trivia and facts to make it more interesting."

While LaPorte found her inspiration for the design in the hard work of others, Marx found his in the knowledge that very few people know about the valuable natural resources Cal Poly has to offer. A very small number of people who work at or attend the university realize that the land is such an asset, and that it is an important part of Cal Poly's heritage and future, he said.

"Reading and understanding the landscape means appreciating it more and enjoying it more and knowing more about it," Marx said.

Chipping's motivation was driven by wanting to help people experience their surroundings.

"People need to re-engage with nature, and if you give them some tools it will make it more interesting when they take a walk," he said, and will probably keep on looking at the world with renewed eyes.

Even though Cal Poly land is filled with extraordinary experiences, many people are not focused on spending their time outside, Marx said.

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This is especially true because The Chieftains go through members more than pop songsters go through their so-called "images."
Artist inspired by colors of the Yukon territory

Audrey Amara
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Stepping at the wooden table with her hands folded neatly in the center, 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 Howard 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.

"I traded 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 (briefly) 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 colors.

"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 gave Park-Spurr a little more freedom by enabling her to paint in a more comfortable setting.

In her studio, Park-Spurr is able to capture on canvas the way she feels when she sees her subject — nature right outside her door.

"Seeing on a daily basis such pristine beauty, it was almost automatic for me to finally explore these memories in my work," she said.

Park-Spurr describes the memories depicted in her artwork as coming from this never-ending drive to express herself. However, "unsatisfied" is one word that does not describe Park-Spurr herself.

"Once you get satisfied you lose interest," she said.

A press release from the Johnson Gallery and Framing Studio, where Park-Spurr's paintings can be seen, describes her work as "half-seen visions of the colors, the longchanging weather conditions that are etched into her mind in the Yukon through her artwork.

A slide presentation by Park-Spurr will be held on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Johnson Gallery and Framing Studio.
By Dawn Rapp
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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 teaches middle-eastern tribal-style dance, a form of belly dancing, every Tuesday at American Dance of SLO. "This is not your mother's belly dancing," Donnelly said.

"But it's not just belly dancing that draws students to this unique studio. There are 70 classes offering 10 styles of dance, including hip-hop, modern, tap, ballet and belly dancing."

The American Dance studio, formerly known as Pat Jackson's American Dance, has been in existence for almost 30 years. Owner Lissa Beck said all ages are welcome. Currently, their youngest dancer is 2 years old and their oldest dancer is 70.

Beck bought the dance studio in May 2000 after the original owner, Pat Jackson, died. Not wanting to see the studio close down, Beck decided to run it. Although she is not a dancer herself, Beck had seen the benefits of dancing firsthand. All of her children attended the dance studio while Jackson owned it.

"I'm glad I got to keep the studio going, keeping (Jackson's) memory alive," Beck said. "It's been very rewarding for me."

Beck now runs the studio with the assistance of her daughter, Camy, a Cal Poly graduate. She attributes its success to her daughter's marketing skills, the Director Leslie Baumbarger. Baumbarger is one of the original American Dancers, and she new choreographs and directs the competing teams.

"Our goal is that (the students) can go into any studio in the country and be a strong dancer," she says.

American Dance of SLO has 402 students and 16 staff members, 14 of whom are instructors. Dancers have performed at the FormerMarket, 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 just 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 Spear, a 15-year-old Arroyo Grande resident, has been dancing since she was 5, and came to the American Dance Studio a few months ago.

"I wanted to get better at ballet," Spear said, "I think this place has good teachers and techniques."

American Dance differentiates itself from other local studios by giving their 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 attitudes in its students. In Donnelly's middle-eastern tribal-style dance class, the believes women gain a deep respect for the heritage as well as female bonding. They dance as a group and have no solos. "A lot of women enjoy the camaraderie we have together," Donnelly said.

Donnelly's authentic style is considered less flirtatious with more female empowerment. She believes much of the belly dancing the public sees is more of a "cabaret-style" than the traditional styles of the dance. American Dance of SLO has helped Donnelly raise awareness for this style of belly dancing.

Beck says she enjoys the constant, unending work of running American Dance of SLO.

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American Dance of SLO offers student discounts and is open Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-4409.
Letters to the editor

Men, there is such a thing as self control

Editor, Mustang Daily

In response to Aaron Lambert's "Appreciating beautiful women comes naturally" (Jan. 15), when he mentions the hor­monal junior high days. I'm wondering if he's as self control­led as he claims to be. Just kidding, I could never in my wildest dreams be that selfless. But it is interesting to see how he is trying to emulate his sparkling spirit. With that in mind, I find that most of what he said was a flat-out lie. Yes, they are attractive to many men, but that doesn't mean they are easy to please.

When I was single I liked to look at girls, but I never thought of them as the ultimate female, but more as a source of entertainment. With that in mind, I can't help falling in love with the idea of weddings. In the future, when I do walk down the aisle, the same friends who sit in my room at night and get teary-eyed watching a movie wedding will be there watching my wedding dress come true. But in the meantime, I will still get all emotional when we look through a bridal magazine or talk about weddings...

Bridget Graf, Indiana University

Art & features editor

Every girl envisions her wedding

(E-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — It's a well-known fact that most girls dream of the big day. Laura, a 19-year-old junior at Indiana University, said, "I've been thinking about my wedding since I was little. I want to get married that is so attractive; it's the whole idea of it."

Rachel wants her bridesmaids to wear a shade of pink, and I wouldn't trade her for any of the aforementioned women. In fact, under Mr. Lambert's logic, I can't think of anything that I want and do that I'm not already dream­ing myself.

It's true that guys are visual, hence the popularity of such things as Victoria's Secret commercials and Playboy, and the like. But, is something that is impossible to believe that it can be completely satisfied by one woman? When I was single I liked to look at girls, but now that I'm married, I have the woman I want with her depth of personality, gifts, beauty and truth, and there is nothing that can be satisfying by ogling other women. Do I notice beautiful women? Sure, but I'm not going to be satisfied by ogling other women. Do I notice beautiful women? Yes, but I don't go ogling them. I think that's what he called "appreciating beautiful women," which is simply looking at a girl and not even dreaming about her path.

I'm not saying that guys are not visual, but I'm saying that guys are not visual in the same way as girls. To say that guys are visual is like saying that girls are visual.

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Classified ad manager

Appreciating beautiful women

Everyone appreciates beautiful women. They are an attractive part of human society. For example, Jennifer Lopez, Britney Spears, and many others have been portrayed as being attractive to many men. In fact, they are attractive to many men, but that doesn't mean they are easy to please.

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Some Afghans mourn end of Taliban rule, fear instability

By Pamela Constable

WIRE 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 or quietly contemplating the headstones that relate the history of Taliban heroes. One tall stone slate, flagged by flapping bamboo poles and carved in Afghan Pashto, honors Yar Mohammad, a former anti-Soviet fighter and later a Taliban governor of several Afghan provinces. The tribute recounts the high points of his life and death:

"He studied religion since childhood... He struggled against the Russians for many years... He was imprisoned but freed by the order of God... He was an expert user of fighters and later a Talihan governor... He was killed by the old criminals and terrorists; they were part of the people, and there are thousands of them everywhere," he said Khatira, 18, a student. "I hate guns, and I only want to study. I was born in a time of fighting, and I never saw any stable conditions except with the Taliban. In the time of extremism, I could study safely. Now I can't." Many residents said they wished the U.S. forces stationed here 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 Taliban leaders and fighters at Kandahar's Taliban cemetery. Many people here rue the demise of the Islamic militia, because it brought security to their lives.

Some Afghans mourn end of Taliban rule, fear instability

Abdul Haddi, car dealer in Kandahar

"We are so confused and worried. There are gunners everywhere, and there is no stability." Abdul Haddi, a car dealer in Kandahar, who is a foreign country. They were our Muslim brothers and we weep for them, said Shirzai, a controversial figure who held the same post in the early 1990s during a period of arbitrary violence and lawlessness. Although some Kandahari residents supported the Taliban's radical interpretation of Islamic law and practice, even moderate Muslims here have expressed nostalgia for the Taliban's strict control of crime and violence, and many said they would willingly sacrifice personal freedoms 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 we have the freedom to listen to music, and nobody bothers us about wearing beards, but music does not put food on the table. We prefer extremism to instability." At a nursing school at Mir Weiss Hospital, female students and teachers expressed grave concern for their safety. Saying they feared being accosted and molested by gunmen, they begged the school's director for door-to-door bus service so they wouldn't have to walk or wait outdoors.

During the Taliban era, the school received special permission to teach girls after agreeing to follow strict Islamic rules, with no music or parties, and special curriculums bringing veiled students to class. Now, the girls said, the atmosphere inside the school is more relaxed, but the conditions outside are far more frightening. We are so confused and worried. There are gunners everywhere, and there is no stability." Abdul Haddi, car dealer in Kandahar

Inside a prison ward for weeks, even the soldiers guarding the grounds said they strongly disagreed with the government's decision to suspend all food supplies to the detainees after they refused to surrender. "It is a shameful violence to stop their food and kill them slowly. Every Muslim in the world has sorrow for these men," said guard Akhtar Mohammed, 40. "We want a moderate Islamic government, but not one that will sell the Koran for dollars." The Arab prisoners, he added, "are dying but they are happy, because they will go to paradise." The Taliban militia was made up largely of ethnic Pashtuns from this region, and many Kandahari families lost their sons to the fighting. Others are trying to find male relatives who they fear were killed or imprisoned in the U.S. assault. Hundreds have sought help from the local office of the International Committee of the Red Cross, which has access to prisoners detained by the interim government and the U.S. military. Not all these relatives supported the Taliban, and some bitterly blame the Islamic militia for their loss. Only a minority of Taliban fighters were volunteers; most were conscripted and sent into battle.

Women mourn at the graves of Taliban leaders and fighters at Kandahar's Taliban cemetery. Many people here rue the demise of the Islamic 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?" wept 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 vowing that if the new government fails to establish peace and security, the now-invisible and apparently vanished Taliban movement could 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 Mohammad 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 doesn't bring stability, they can come again and capture Kandahar with­in days."
Creativity blossomed all over the Bureau of Indian security at the Office of Management and the CSU Chancellor Charles Reed can imagine his own contract. In 1999 Reed imposed his own contract on the Bureau. Once this occurs, jobs are possible. These could include any- thing from formal training 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 would decide what type of action to take. "When faculty can't get a con- tract, 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 on the Bureau. In the following month the two factions came to a contract agreement and union rep­ resentatives say a strike may be a possibility once negotiations cease.

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"That's up to the faculty, and we certainly expect they won't do any­ thing that would harm the system," she said.

One of the main issues in con­ flict is faculty salaries. Originally, faculty wanted about a 6 percent "across-the-board" raise — mean­ ing all faculty would get a boost in their base salaries. But when Gov. Gray Davis signed the budget last summer, only a 2 percent raise was allocated. Potes-Fellow said the faculty still are trying to secure a bigger salary boost, even though the state budget does not provide for it. "They need to understand the current budget squeeze," she said. "There are some things the CSU system is unable to offer because of that." Smith said CFA has accepted the 2 percent raise — which would amount to $21 million out of CSU's budget. But any extra money left over from providing raises to facul­ ty the CFA wants to see go toward other forms of compensation, such as lecturer health benefits, stipend for assistant professors and chair­ man-poty.

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