Questions remain in flier controversy

By Sonia Slutzki
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Reginald Jones' speech last Wednesday dealt with the issues of rebuilding communities, and of individuals taking it upon themselves to fix their current situation instead of relying on government.

The nature of his speech can be perceived as controversial. He was a black speaking against the Democrats. He said many civil rights leaders did not do what they are said to have done, and black leaders today, such as Jesse Jackson, do not have the black community's best interests in mind.

Yet, the controversy surrounding Reginald Jones' visit, sponsored by Cal Poly College Reps — Public Relations (CPR), started long before he had even arrived in San Luis Obispo.

Many audience members attended the speech hoping to find resolution to their anger.

"What caught my attention were all those fliers posted around campus," said Angeligan Lassey, city and regional planning senior. "Especially the one that said, 'In yo whitey.'" At the end of the speech, Anon Browning, a city and regional planning senior, showed Jones the controversial flier after his speech.

"I was upset," Jones said in a phone interview. "I think that anybody who knows me knows that doesn't represent me."

Another controversial flier encouraged students to boycott "this Uncle Tom," and to "spread the word about this conservative sell-out."

Andrew Streenan, a mechanical engineering freshman and the advertising chair for CPR, said the point of the campaign was to get people upset.

"We wanted to draw people who normally would not want to go to one of our events," Streenan said. "We have to be somewhat controversial."

But not all the fliers designed by CPR members were meant to touch the campus community. Most club representatives did not agree with the content of these fliers. The designer of the second controversial flier has not been identified.

"The controversial flier in question ('In yo face whitey') was not approved by the club and was not copied or hung up for the first wave of advertising," Streenan said in a letter to the editor.

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Study: CSU faculty paid less than counterparts

By Whitney Kobrin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Despite a possible three-year contract settlement between the CSU system and the CFA announced Saturday, many are still concerned about the increasing salary gap between CSU faculty and faculty from other comparable institutions.

Alice Sunshine, a communications specialist for the California Faculty Association, said the California Postsecondary Education Commission reported a 2.7 percent growth in the salary gap during the current school year.

This year, the CPEC estimated a 7.9 percent gap between CSU faculty salaries and those at similar colleges.

Even with the across-the-board 2 percent salary increases proposed in contract negotiations, the gap would widen to 10.6 percent by next year, according to the CPEC calculations.

They're "Wheel" watchers

Students get to live and learn in artificial Earth

By Audrey Amara
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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By Katrina Telfer  
Sustained by the Very User

Weather WATCH

Checking out the news, weather, and campus-wide announcements can be done with a few clicks of the mouse. MyCalPoly is a Web site that gives students access to personalized bookmarks, local news sources and even a number guessing game.

Cal Poly students, faculty and staff with an e-mail alias and Central UNIX password can use MyCalPoly by visiting http://my.calpoly.edu, and there are on-screen instructions to help first time users.

MyCalPoly has been available since the beginning of the school year, but many people know about it, said Chris Stavros, a Web strategist with the university.

Brian Miller, history sophomore, said he likes the premise of the Web site.

"I've never heard of it before today, but it sounds like it would be really helpful to a lot of people if the word was spread about it," he said.

Stavros said that an effort was made to get the word out to incoming freshmen about the portal, but not many of them know what it is.

Jenny Stone, an agricultural business freshman, is one of these people.

"I've heard of it, but I'm not sure exactly what it is," she said.

MyCalPoly was MyCalPoly's first Web portal. A Web portal is a Web page, or pages, which combines access to information and services from different sources into a single, easy-to-use, user-based interface. Each service is presented as a channel to users, who are able to select the channels that meet their needs and organize them within the portal, Stavros said.

"It is a great tool to use to find out what's going on in the community," the portal provides a framework that minimizes the work of creating new Web applications and that provides a common means of exchanging information to improve the continuity of data between them.

The combined budget for the portal project for the 2000-01 and 2001-02 fiscal years is approximately $50,000, plus staff expenses (currently a team of five). MyCalPoly is based on a free technology called UPortal, which was developed by a group of higher-education institutions called the JA-SIG.

This free technology has allowed Cal Poly to invest the majority of the budget into the development of new custom applications (as opposed to framework or infrastructure costs). Alternatives to UPortal can cost $10,000 or more for the framework license, which does not take into account the cost of content development or implementation and maintenance, Stavros said.

Future plans call for a significant expansion of the list of available channels, including contributions from many other groups across campus. Users can anticipate the release of new services such as classified ads, Web surveys, personal information management, system status and many others over the next six to eight months, Stavros said.

For more information about MyCalPoly, or to learn how to become a contributor or application developer for the portal, students can contact Sunshine at 756-6733 or cstavros@calpoly.edu.

"I always want to be an optimist, so I want to believe there is a genuine commitment to close the gap, but I'm not seeing evidence to support my optimism," Fetzer said.

The chancellor's office did not return numerous attempts to contact it.
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Proposal to raise smoking age to 21 in California

SAN FRANCISCO — A drive is in the works to raise the legal smoking age in California from 18 to 21.

The bill, proposed by a Santa Rosa obituary writer, will be introduced this week, state lawmakers said.

The California Medical Association voted unanimously to urge the change at its annual meeting in February. The American Medical Association has endorsed raising the legal smoking age to 21 since 1997.

In 46 states and the District of Columbia, the legal smoking age is 18. It is in Alaska, Alabama and Utah.

California's anti-tobacco laws are already the strictest in the nation. It is the only state that bans smoking in bars and private work places. It is one of two states that forbid tobacco advertising within 1,000 feet of schools.

The State Legislature is expected to raise the cigarette tax from 87 cents to $1.52 a pack this year — the highest in the nation. California spends $135 million a year on its anti-smoking campaign — also the highest in the nation.

Studies show that at least 90 percent of smokers start before 21.

Since 1995, California's teen-age smoking rate has fallen 41 percent.

On the other hand, the air raid was part of a series of weekend attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip by Israelis, in retaliation for four Palestinian attacks that have killed 22 Israelis since Saturday.

The Israeli attacks killed 16 Palestinians, including the wife and three children of an Islamic militant leader. A doctor whose ambulance was hit during rescue efforts was also killed, and three of his colleagues were wounded in the incident, said the ambulance company.

Israelis said that the ambulances approached a checkpoint at high speed. Israeli soldiers opened fire, leaving the ambulance to run them down. The military said that the ambulance then exploded, raising questions about what might have been in the vehicle. The Israeli army has blamed that ambulance has been used to smuggle weapons and guns.

Palestinians say that soldiers have been firing indiscriminately at ambulances.

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The book is believed to have been worth $1,500 when it was first published. It is now valued at $80,000.

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International Briefs

Middle East

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israeli helicopters fired on a building in the Gaza Strip by Israeli Defense Minister Donald H. Rumsfeld. The grenade evidently ricocheted off of the helicopter and did not strike anyone. The agents said their work was related to Cheney's visit.

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Photos indicate water on Mars

By Robert Cooke

WASHINGTON — Although scientists are well-convinced that Mars once was wet — blessed, perhaps, even with an ocean — few imagined that the water might have flowed across the rocky surface quite recently, in terms of geologic time.

Now, based on photos sent home by an American spacecraft locked in orbit around Mars, planetary scientists at the University of Arizona argue that water did gush from deep fissures they've spotted near the planet's equator. And they think these gushers were active as recently as 10 million years ago — a mere eye-blink in the planet's history.

In a research report published in Geophysical Research Letters, Devon Burr and Alfred McEwen described images of deep fissures that stretch 600 miles or more across a lava-covered area called the Cerberus Plains. Some water, they added, may still be hidden there, absorbed within porous...

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Enter the universe of Capoeira.

A blend of martial arts and dance from Brazil, Capoeira has been taught through classes at the Cal Poly Recreation Center for the last two years and now includes approximately 30 students.

"Capoeira means everything," said Ryan Anderson, master, or master, of the group. "It's a complete art form. It includes fighting, music, and it's very sociable. It's all about communicating and cooperating with other people."

Capoeira fighters, often called players, attack and retreat, kick and flip, but the participants hardly ever touch each other. However, by the time the one-hour performance is over, players have cuts, bruises and bloody elbows both from the pavement and from the "fight."

Anderson, a Cal Poly graduate, had the idea to start a group at Cal Poly after learning Capoeira from a master at Capoeira Mandinga in Berkeley. He and a few of his students teach classes three nights a week for participants of all skill levels.

Capoeira is approximately 400 years old. African slaves brought it to Brazil and, since they were not allowed to practice it, disguised the martial art as a dance-like game. Anderson said. Opinions differ on how the sport evolved after it arrived in Brazil.

Although it was illegal from its inception until the 1930s, Anderson said he believes that Capoeira evolved as a form of street fighting used mostly by the lower-class citizens of Brazilian society.

"Being a Capoeirista is traditionally a bad thing," Anderson said. "Thieves, burglars, robbers and murderers frequented Capoeira. Being a Capoeirista was like being a bum."

It wasn't until the 1930s that the Capoeirista was like being a bum. "I've been in the United States for 11 or 14 years," Avila said. "I felt like I was too Americanized, and I wanted to find out about Brazilian history and culture and what drives my people. Capoeira incorporates a lot of aspects of Brazilian life."

Capoeira still retains traditions that have been passed down from master to student from the very beginnings of the art form. One such tradition, Avila said, is giving each Capoeirista a nickname based on a certain characteristic they display. One participant's nickname, Moto, comes from his love of motorcycles racing.

A blend of the traditional and the modern, Capoeiristas play music that sounds like African tribal drumming with a Latin influence. Instruments include a bow-like object called a berimbau and a drum, or atabaque. Songs are called out by the participants in Portuguese, Brazil's official language. Some songs tell a story about the beauty of Brazil and the longing that the Capoeiristas feel to return to the country. Avila said. "Other, much older, songs lament about the pains and hardships of being a slave in a foreign land."

San Luis Obispo resident Heather Fitzstrawn and her son, Aidan, said they were enthralled by the group's performance at Farmers Market on Thursday.

"It's so much more spiritual and more of an art," Harris said. "It's also the most difficult martial art I've tried. It takes years to learn some of the acrobatics involved."
The method for advertising in the club is approved by the club and was not copied or controversy with fliers was an unfortunate mistake that this was as an official statement from the club.

Our meetings are open to everyone to the event. Our meetings are open to the public. Please go to mustangdaily@calpoly.edu for the correct format.

Whose eyes are you looking through? Editor,
this letter is in response to Barbara Broaden’s commentary, “Diversity is more than skin color” (Feb. 26). While I agree with you that diversity goes beyond skin color, let’s not get so quick to dismiss it. Horses usually don’t get beat unless people aren’t listening and things are still the same. Let’s be realistic here. We all live in a racially conscious society. Before “we” can accept what’s within, “we” must first accept what’s without. This is what’s at issue when most speak of diversity. No one is saying that there aren’t those, unlike yourself, who can move past these blatant differences, but pick up a newspaper and read about the many who can’t. Let me just say, as a woman of color, this is not the majority of my Cal Poly colleagues. I’ve taken a class in a personal setting that includes the OVLX students from my particular ethnic background. “Expand your horizons. It’s the truly diverse world around you,” for lack of a better description of my emotion, disturbs me. With this in mind, I call for us to try to beat the faculty down and eventually break the union.

They just don’t get it... It’s not mainly about money. Until they do get it (if they ever will), it will continue to be a business as usual. No confidence.

A.J. Buffa is a professor of physics.

Thanks, Doc: student writes in appreciation Editor,
I am writing this to show thanks to a professor who has made up a real difference in my life.

Jonathan Beckett’s guidance has helped me understand the unique gifts that I am blessed with. He has helped me become “enlightened.” I got to college because of doing “some” homework. I have never worked as hard in an institution created to broaden our minds.Though wrestling truly broadens the shoulders, I am not sure if wrestling ever broadened my mind. Frustrated, I met with him in hopes of gaining some wisdom, in hopes of becoming competitive not only as an athlete, but as a student. If I could gain the wisdom, and in time to recover quickly enough in this fast-paced world, the education in which we call school, I might be able to succeed. After seeing my score on my test I realized things will work out, and as high or lower than I wish to them.

I just recently found a passion for being a student through a wonderful instructor who showed me the way.

Westley Tietjen is an animal science freshman.

At least one politician favors keeping term limits
Every election cycle seems to have a proposition or ballot that sounds almost too good to be true. They are funded by special interest groups that cram the airwaves with commercial after commercial singing the praises of the proposition. Today’s election is no different with Proposition 45. Unoubtedly, you have seen the constantly running commercials, explaining to us how important it is to extend the term limits of our elected officials serving in Sacramento. Currently, a person is able to serve six years in the Assembly and eight years in the state Senate. Seems like plenty of time to me, but this proposition would extend the term limits to eight years in the Assembly and 12 years in the Senate. The question you need to ask yourself is, “Who benefits from this extension?” The answer is simple: the politicians! This proposition was written by politicians, for politicians.

As your Assemblyman, I love my job, but I also understand that government is best served by fresh ideas and new perspectives. Because of the term limits now in place, state government is much more reflective of the face of California. There are more women and minorities today than at any other point in Sacramento’s history. Young people in particular should be opposed to any attempt to shorten term limits. Because of these limits, I was able to get elected to the assembly at the age of 31, and I will gladly step down when my time is over. I’ll be happy to get back to my farm and let some new people take the opportunity to represent this beautiful district.

Don’t be fooled by the politicians desperate to hold on to their jobs. Vote NO on Proposition 45.

Abel Maldonado (R-Santa Maria) is the incumbent for the 33rd district Assembly seat.

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to the editor published today. "However, since most of our flyers were torn down soon after they went up, another wave of advertising had to be done." In the process of disinfecting the second set of flyers, the controversial one was mistakenly copied and hung around campus.

"It's not an appropriate poster (the one in question) and we would not have agreed with it," said Mark Felix, a political science senior and vice president of CPCR. "It's unfortunate that two posters brought a great evening down."

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Students are given access to most of the areas inside Biosphere 2, but some planning and ongoing research are off limits. Presently, scientists are studying the coral reefs and students do not have unlimited access to the ocean home.

"When we walked by the ocean, we saw the boxes of 'instant ocean' they that use to make the ocean with," Swanom said.

Tourists have even more limited access inside Biosphere 2 than stu­dents. The structure is open to the public for a fee of about $15.

"They are trying to make it more interactive and have a boardwalk for tourists so they can walk through," Swanom said.

Out of the nine Cal Poly students who attended the program, Bailey estimated that half have a major outside of the College of Science and Mathematics.

"Everyone has the same classes and we all learn to work together — our big theme is integration," said Swanom, who lived with roommates majoring in film, anthropology and political science. "Doing this program made me see how we put together an offer for fun in real-life situations," Swanom said.

More for information, visit the website www.bio2.com, or visit the Cal Poly College of Science and Mathematics Web site.

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beds of cooled lava.

The photos they're working with came from the orbital camera aboard the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, which has been circling the Red Planet since 1997. A sec­ond orbiter, Mars Odyssey, recently arrived at Mars, and its first pictures were released last week, showing evidence of hydrogen at the south pole, hinting that water in some form may be there. The Odyssey's instruments had already detected signs of hydrogen on Mars' surface.

What the two astronomers said is that the water now buried in the soil, and probably frozen there as deep permafrost, was released suddenly by volcanic activity and came roasting out in huge floods — perhaps surpassing the vol­ume of Lake Erie.

If it exists on Mars today, it is probably frozen below ground or hidden in caves at the poles.

"One of the reasons why I went was that I wanted to see what kind of man would he portrayed like a bigot, a racist. I wanted to see how he would speak. ... He was bamboozled."

Amon Browning

city and regional planning senior

The stuff about the flies is really unfortunate because it distracts from the meaning of my speech," Jones said.

Lasey said she could take away some valuable things from the speech. "Even though he left out a lot of things, he had a lot of good things to say," she said. "I wish the organiza­tion that brought him on campus had put a healthier, more realistic picture of him."

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"It's sad how one person can mess up," said Jones.

But the one person who showed the most distress was Jones himself, who feared the reaction to the flyers would overshadow the real issues he spoke about.

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Lacrosse takes three games at home
By Dawn Rapp

The Cal Poly women's lacrosse team proved again that it's worthy of its status as national champions, winning all three games played this weekend against the University of Rhode Island and the University of Arizona. Mustang coach Brandon Badgley couldn't have been happier. "They played really well," he said. "One thing about our team this year that makes them really good is that we don't have one specific leader. Everyone contributes equally."

The Mustangs defeated Rhode Island 18-3 on Friday in front of a large crowd at the Sports Complex. The Mustangs dominated the game, not giving Rhode Island any chance to start a rally. Badgley was very pleased with how the women played, especially sophomore Liz Mejia. Mejia scored five goals and had four assists, a season high for the Mustangs. The team also beat the University of Arizona 17-5 on Saturday afternoon and 13-4 on Sunday.

The game was an invitational match up arranged by both school's coaches. Rhode Island's head coach, Gabi Valenzena, met Badgley a few years ago and wanted to schedule a game to return to Cal Poly. "He used to coach at Cal Poly in '95 and '96," Badgley said. "He had expressed an interest in coming out here."
The Mustangs will also travel to Rhode Island to play on April 19. This weekend's top scorers were Ashley Lienhard and Liz Mejia, a senior, scoring five goals in Sunday's game. Badgley said the top defensive player was freshman back student athlete Melissa Coulson. "Coulson" was killing them on defense," Badgley said. "She had 10 forced turnovers."

Coulson said the team is competing better together than ever. "Our team just played really well this weekend," she said. "We really clicked and had good chemistry."

Strong play was also seen from defensive-wings Jill Marshall and Shannon Stover.
The Mustangs' winning record has attracted national attention since the team defeated Army last year in the national championship game. Since winning the title, the Mustangs have gathered recognition from east coast schools that are known to be very dominant lacrosse teams. Coulson said Cal Poly has been invited to tournaments all over the country this year and will be playing Delaware, Brown University and possibly Navy in mid-April.
The Mustangs will play third ranked UC San Diego at the Sports Complex on Tuesday. The women beat San Diego 17-4 in their last meeting and hope to beat them in front of the hometown fans.

"We've played them before. If we win, we guarantee our bid to the national tournament," Badgley said.