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Possible contract proposal between CSU, CFA

Agreement puts CFA strike on hold

By Stephen Curran

A nearly seven-month-long battle between California State University faculty and administration has finally come to a close.

On Saturday, the CSU Board of Trustees and Chancellor Charles Reed unanimously supported the proposal put forward by the CFA's negotiating team. The contract remains tentative until CSU faculty and trustees vote on it, but it meets many of the goals previously in contention, said Bill Ferrer, Cal Poly CFA president.

The agreement achieved nearly all of the CFA's objectives and Ferrer said he expects it will be passed.

"I think it's a good contract," he said. "It achieved most, not all, of our goals."

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Departments look to students to help allocate proposed fee funds

By Chrystal L. Anderson

Student voices will speak volumes in allocation of proposed fees, if the fee proposals pass. Department heads are hoping that student participation will ease the process of incorporating the new fee increases.

But each individual college and department differs greatly on how to create a system, how to systematically select student representatives, and who will work out new systems for money allocation.

Aerospace engineering is one department that has already selected its representatives. Many other departments are still working out the details, or are waiting for the referendum to pass before taking action.

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2002 Primary Election Results*

Member of the State Assembly, 33rd District
Laurence Houglgate (D) 43.26%
Abel Maldonado (R) 35.34%
Superior Court Judge, Office #4
Charles Carson 3.14%
Jacqueline Frederick 23.69%
Dale Gustin 2.23%
Walter Millar 4.74%
Terrance O'Farrell 12.10%
Betty Sanders 18.49%
John Trice 39.36%

Assessor
Tom Bordonoaro 51.21% Dick Frank 48.06% * Numbers as of 11 p.m. Tuesday.

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Houlgate gets another shot

Poly professor runs for assemblyman again, Krebs prosecutor wins judgeship

By Dawn Rapp

Cal Poly professor Laurence Houlgate won the democratic ticket for state Assembly in Tuesday's California primary.

Houlgate, a philosophy professor, took 67.77 percent of the vote, beating Merily T. Karr's 35.31 percent.

Houlgate will now go on to campaign against Republican incumbent Abel Maldonado for state Assembly in California's 33rd district. Houlgate ran against Maldonado two years ago and lost, but looks forward to running a different campaign.

"It feels great to win the Democratic nomination," he said. "I'm going to emphasize different issues this time. I think we need good, high-wage jobs if we're going to keep our young people here."

Houlgate also plans to push issues such as education and health care. He said he believes people in San Luis Obispo aren't

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Speaker warns of printing pollution

By Sarah E. Thien

Printing, publishing and packaging, some of the nation’s largest industries, may not be able to continue business as usual much longer.

The sustainability of print was the topic of a speech given Monday night by Don Carli and sponsored by the graphic communication department.

Carli is the founder of Nima Hunter, a consulting firm, and the creator of a study entitled “Sustainability and the Greening of Print.”

According to a pamphlet produced by the graphic communication department, the print industry employs more than 10 million people and generates at least $1 trillion in annual worldwide revenue. Despite the growing use of electronic mediums such as the Internet and e-mail, the use of paper products in the United States is increasing.

According to the 1998 U.S. Postal Service annual report, in 1998 mail carriers delivered 5.2 million tons of bulk mail.

“Far from becoming a ‘paperless society,’ our consumption and disposal of printed material — in publications, office communications, signage and especially in packaging — has grown exponentially, and as we know it today, printing’s continued growth at such rates is not sustainable,” Carli said in a press release.

The printing process is heavily dependent on petroleum, making the pulp and paper industry the third largest industrial user of fossil fuels. Carbon black, used to produce black print, is derived by burning petroleum to make soot, Carli said. The industry is also the largest user of water per ton of product, and millions of trees are turned into paper every year, he said.

At Cal Poly, the issue of sustainability in print is a concern to the graphic communication department, said Harvey Levenson, department head.

“We have been addressing this issue in various classes for years,” he said, “but now we are ready to take a really proactive position in supporting these efforts.”

The printing press in the GRC department uses oil-based ink and standard paper. However, the department recently received a donation of a digital press from Heidelberg, a printing company based in Germany.

The new press eliminates the need for chemicals, aluminum plates and film in the printing process and is a step in the right direction, Levenson said.

Carli gave various suggestions for increased sustainability, including increasing cooperation between the print and agriculture industries.

“There are crops that can be used to produce precursors for plastics and other materials that today we derive from petroleum,” he said.

Carli brought Natureworks plastic products as an example of a new class of packaging products. Natureworks is made by Cargill Dow LLC and is a plastic-like material made from a corn base. The FCC designated the material as a new generic fiber, the first new generic classification of the century, according to the company’s Web site.

Natureworks has the same attributes as plastic, but is natural and completely biodegradable.

Consumers can help encourage change by investing in companies that are a member of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, Carli said. The index focuses on sustainability companies and funds.

For more information on the study, visit www.greeningofprint.com.

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National & International News

**National Briefs**

**Rate of gonorrhea infections in the United States stabilize**

**ATLANTA** — The national gonorrhea rate has levied off, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Tuesday. But health officials say that there are some unacceptable pockets in the United States where the rates continue to rise.

Overall, the gonorrhea rate rose 9 percent from 1997 to 1999, but stabilized in 2000, the CDC reported. But of the 20 cities with the highest infection rate, 13 continue to have an increased rate.

In 2000, the national gonorrhea rate was 131.6 cases per 100,000 people, a decrease from a rate of 132 in 1999.

In the five cities that already had the highest rates — Kansas City, Mo., Buffalo, N.Y.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Birmingham, Ala.; and Detroit, Mich. — the infection rate of gonorrhea rose more than 25 percent.

In Atlanta, Washington and Chicago, the rate dropped more than 20 percent. The CDC is planning to study these cities in order to determine which prevention methods were effective.

The usually transmitted infection can be diagnosed quickly and treated with antibiotics. But if it is not discovered or is left untreated, the infection can cause chronic pelvic pain and infertility, or even facilitate the spread of HIV.

— Associated Press

**Middle East**

**SGW, Afghanistan — A village in Northern Afghanistan may soon be completely submerged. Floodwaters have been rising slowly in the town, due to a river that became clogged by debris that was sheeted off an adjacent mountain from last weekend's powerful earthquake in the Middle East.**

At least 100 people were buried when the rubble fell. So far, four bodies have been recovered. About 100 mud-brick homes, a mosque and a cafe were also demolished by the tons of fallen rock.

Villagers spent much of Tuesday trying to salvage belongings and timber beams from their flooded homes. About 100 homes have already been submerged or collapsed when their bases eroded, said village elder Abdul Ahad. A doctor is not included, all 1,000 of the village's buildings could be underwater within two days. Twenty-two tons of food were airlifted to the village of Zow by helicopters from the U.N. World Food Program late Monday. U.N. officers will also send earth-moving equipment, said a U.N. spokesman.

Pakistan said that while it will consider extradition, it will also reserve the right to try Sheikh in domestic courts.

The United States has no extradition treaty with Pakistan, but lawyers may find a legal way for Pakistan to hand Sheikh over.

The United States has offered a $5 million reward for information leading to the capture of Pearl's killers.

— BBC News

**South Pacific**

COOLUM, Australia — Tavola, a tiny island nation northeast of Australia, is under threat of sinking as sea levels rise due to climate change. Within 50 years it could be totally washed away, said Tavola Prime Minister Kokoa Talake.

Talake has announced that Kiribati and Maldives, two other island nations in the area, may join Tavola and take legal action against major polluting countries. Australia would be the major target of action in the International Court of Justice.

At a Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Australia on Sunday, Talake has claimed that the islands have already been partially submerged, despite scientific studies that suggest there has not yet been any discernible rise in sea level.

The country of Tavola is a group of nine tiny islands with a population of 11,000 and covers a little more than six square miles. No point on the islands is more than 14 feet, eight inches above sea level.

Tavola has hired two law firms from Australia and the United States to look into taking action against the countries considered most liable, the greenhouse gases that are blamed for global warming.

Tavola is considering taking action against tobacco-, oil- and car-manufacturing countries in addition to the country of Australia.

— BBC News

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Giford.

**Get the 411 on your college fee proposal**

**Be an informed Voter**

Cal Poly has earned a terrific reputation for the quality of its academic programs. In order to sustain and enhance the quality of these programs, each of the six Cal Poly academic divisions has proposed a fee initiative. Students will vote on these college-based fee proposals on March 13-14. You can learn more at: http://studentaffairs.calpoly.edu/fees/. If you have any questions or concerns that have not been addressed, please feel free to contact us anytime at vpsa@calpoly.edu or 756-1521.

**Know where to go on March 13th and 14th**

- Sierra Madre Residence Hall
- Engineering (Bldg. 13)
- Architecture breezeway
- Business Breezeway
- University Union Plaza
- Business/UTC Breezeway
- Dexter Lawn
- Graphic Arts/ Air Conditioning/Comp Sci (Inner Perimeter)
- Union Center
- Fisher Science
- Ag (Outer Perimeter Road)
- Library
If you are hungry and looking for a hot meal for a great deal...

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- Feta Cheese
- Shrimp
- Garlic
- Fresh Mushroom
- Green Peppers
- Sundried Tomatoes
- Tomatoes
- Pineapple
- Jalapenos
- Artichokes
- Onion

Try one of these scrumptious ones:
- The Pesto Chicken
- The Garlic Chicken Pizza
- The South Western Chicken Pizza
- The Greek Feta Veggie Combo-Delux,
- The Thai Chicken or
- The Garlic Shrimp Pizza

Salads
- Antipasto
- Garden Feta or Caesar

Cinn Sticks
- Cheesy Bread
- Bread Sticks

Buffalo Wings
- Spicy or Honey BBQ
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getting the right access to health care because of the lack of doctors in the county. He also argued that the state needs to reduce the costs of education and doesn't understand why the state can't pay for more.

"When we pay for young people's education, they're paying us back later on," Houselgate said. One of Houselgate's main concerns is the high cost of tuition at all universities. He said the fees increases need to stop and actually be reduced. California needs to prepare for a rapidly growing population, and that needs to be done at the state level, he said.

In other local races, John Trice won the position of Superior Court judge for San Luis Obispo County on Tuesday, beating out six other candidates. Trice is best known for prosecuting Rex Krebs in the double-murder trial last year. Trice won the ballot with 39.36 percent of the vote. Many county officials had believed Trice would run for Superior Court judge if he successfully prosecuted the Krebs case.

Jack O'Connell won the position for state Superintendent of Public Instruction, taking 68.28 percent of the vote. O'Connell is the former 18th district state senator, representing Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and western Ventura counties.

Other wins included Bruce McPherson for the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor. McPherson received 87.57 percent of the vote. The Democratic nomination went to Cruz Bustamante, who ran unopposed and obtained 97.99 percent.

For a list of all local race results, visit www.slonet.org/~clerkrec/.

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"He's the best candidate out of the three Republicans," Felix said. "He's a businessman, and we need that kind of person to get California turned around." Felix blames Davis for California's $20 billion deficit.

"We need California to be run like a business to get us back on track," he said.

Whitney Market, a business junior, said her vote was also for Simon. "He's economically Republican, but socially liberal," she said. "That's why my vote is with him."

While some Cal Poly students took an active interest in voting in the primaries, others did not.

"I'm not here. I don't think I'm going to vote," said Peter Skinner, a mechanical engineering junior. "I just moved up here, so I'm not registered in (this county). If I had the time or the interest, I'd look it into." Charlie Allnutt, a construction management senior, said he would try to vote, if he is registered in San Luis Obispo County.

"It would be kind of sad (if I didn't vote)," he said. "My roommate is vice president of ASI."

Another student said whom she wouldn't vote for GOP candidate Richard Riordan.

"His ads are all negative," said Maria Garcia, a modern languages and literature senior. "He's just trying to get on (former New York mayor) Rudy Giuliani's bandwagon."

Garcia said she voted for Davis. Several other students supported the Democratic Party. Chris Thomas, an electrical engineering senior and officer of the Young Democrats, said he also voted for Davis.

"I thought I have to vote for the party line anyway," he said, "I think that Davis has done a good job."

This is the first year the state has conducted a "semi-open" primary, in which roughly 2 million unaffiliated voters could have participated in by requesting a partisan ballot, according to the Chronicle. In past years, a blanket primary was employed where registered voters could cast ballots for any candidate regardless of party affiliation.

Young Democrats' Vice President Derek Huerta said he voted for Davis because of what he's done for the state, including his commitment to funding higher education and the increase in test scores from grades K-12 over the past three years.

In regard to Riordan, Huerta said that the candidate "is interesting, because he isn't a very conservative (Republican), and so appeals to a larger amount of people."

If Simon makes it past the primary, Huerta said, Davis would have a much easier time winning, since he views the Republican candidate as more conservative than Riordan, and "voters tend to be more liberal."

The primary race began with three candidates, and Davis increased his chances to face Gov. Davis in the fall. Davis has no major competition for his party's nomination, since last year's scandal involving Democrat Gary Condit, D-Ceres, and federal intern Chandra Levy. Davis spent $10 million on an advertising campaign against former Los Angeles Mayor Riordan, who then tried to turn the negative advertising to his own advantage.

Simon, the unexpected front-runner on the Republican ticket, might have been helped by Davis' attacks on Riordan. However, his jump in the polls did not help his campaign contributions.

When speaking briefly with reporters Monday, Simon stated his intention to focus on the budget and tax cuts, improving education and the state's infrastructure, according to an article in the San Francisco Chronicle.

The third candidate, Bill Jones, spent Monday campaigning in Sacramento. There, he said he is the only one of the three GOP candidates who has been able to deliver strong leadership in office for 20 years.

Davis continued to support increased per-pupil spending, which raised California from 45th in the nation to 21st, around the national average, according to the Chronicle article. Davis also promoted his system for accountability, which ranks every school in the state and puts the list on the Internet.

Election observers forecasted that 36 percent of the state's registered voters would cast ballots in the primary, according to the Chronicle. That would be the second-lowest percentage in history, ahead of only the 35 percent turnout in 1994.

WHEREAS, Student fees that serve the purpose of increased tuition should be implemented system-wide with the oversight of Trustees, legislature, and the governor;

WHEREAS, The California State University planning initiative, "Cornerstones", condemns such funding methods stating, "The artificial distinctions between student fees and tuition mean that campus-based fees have become a back-door vehicle for tapping student revenues. The whole system is manipulated rather than managed, inadequately connected to the financial aid system, and needs to be rethought" (CORNERSTONES, Task Force #2 - "Meeting the Enrollment and Resource Challenge", 3/97);

WHEREAS, Eligible students should be entitled to equal access to CSU campuses and to the departments of their choice, regardless of their income status;

WHEREAS, Any new college or campus-based student fees will limit students' educational choices;

WHEREAS, The Cal Poly administration has not established sufficient accounting, auditing, and reporting systems to assure proper expenditure of the money;

WHEREAS, The Cal Poly administration has not given evidence that the Cal Poly Plan $45 per quarter fee already in place has increased the number of classes or graduation rates. The administration had promised 16 new tenure track positions, but since 1994-95, the number of tenure track faculty has decreased by 1; however, the number of administrators has increased by 35;

WHEREAS, The Cal Poly administration is not giving students adequate time or information to make an educated decision; and

WHEREAS, The administration has not properly addressed alternative sources of funding; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the California Faculty Association stands against the proposed college-based fee increase; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the California Faculty Association urges our faculty and students to demand accountability and transparency as a first step in resolving any perceived budget crisis.
Z Pie is ‘Z’ place for unusual flavor

By Amber Hodge

Since the restaurant itself is situated slightly underground, there’s a feeling of being in a wine cellar that provides the quirky atmosphere of an art gallery.

The day, which ranges from clam chowder to red potato wheat to New Orleans shrimp Creole tumbo.

Open five months, Z Pie is a restaurant still new to San Luis Obispo. Owners Kyle and Samadhy Nouri own the first Z Pie restaurant still new to San Luis Obispo. Their parents, Kyle and Samadhy Nouri, are more than just potatoes and delicious, healthy food.

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With fresh ingredients such as basil, thyme, oregano, red wine, pesto, and olive oil adding unusual flavors, it is a delightful experience to eat something flavorful in the form of a pot pie... especially since the recipes offer different tastes from around the world.

For fish lovers, there is Mediterranean salmon with tomatoes, mushrooms, black olives, olive oil, lemon juice, capers, garlic, red wine, and sun-dried tomatoes. All pies are in a mouth-watering, crunchy bread crust.

Potpies are made throughout the day, so they are hot and ready to go for those dining in, or frozen (available in quantities of six) for those who want to take them home.

Offering a relaxing atmosphere, the dining area is filled with wicker chairs and comfy cushions, dim lighting, wine racks and local artists’ work. Since the restaurant is situated slightly underground, there’s a feeling of being in a wine cellar that provides the quirky atmosphere of an art gallery.

Z Pie is a great date place, since it allows for quiet conversations with a friendly atmosphere. It’s also perfect for lunch, since the pies are somewhat small compared to the average burger and fries at Hudson’s Grill. When leaving, you don’t feel overly stuffed with high cholesterol.

The Capoeira photographs that appeared in Tuesday’s ‘Poly Profiles’ section were actually pictures of a karate class at the Rec Center. Capoeira classes are offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the fitness room.

and coffee are also offered. Z Pie is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday until 10 p.m. Located at 1060 Osos St., Z Pie is literally a “hot” place to eat, especially if you’re just interested in seeing why the people “down under” like potpies so much.
Recipe of the Week

Island fruit smoothie

1 small banana, peeled and cut into chunks
2 tablespoons coconut milk
2 tablespoons lime juice
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 cup pineapple juice
1/2 teaspoon ginger, grated
3 ice cubes

In a blender, blend all ingredients until smooth.

Fun FOOD Fact:

Where does Jell-O come from?

Jell-O, the 104-year-old treat that's currently sitting in more than 72 percent of American kitchens, consists of four main ingredients: gelatin, water, artificial sweetener, and food coloring. Gelatin is the stuff that lends Jell-O its weird, not-quite-liquid, but-also-not-very-solid structure.

Now for the sobering news — gelatin is made up of a protein called collagen that's found in cow and pig hides, hooves, horns, and connective tissue. To make Jell-O, collagen is boiled down, chemicals are added, and then the collagen is extracted. So Jell-O is pretty much off limits for a vegetarian diet.

According to the official Jell-O Web site, a box of Jell-O gelatin is sold in thousands of American kitchens, consisting of four main ingredients: gelatin, water, artificial sweetener, and food coloring. Gelatin is the stuff that lends Jell-O its weird, not-quite-liquid, but-also-not-very-solid structure.

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Eating Right

By Wendi Lelke

Group projects are due, the last round of midterms exams are on, finals are coming up in a couple of weeks, and you are just too busy to sit down and eat a well-balanced meal. In other words, you're "eating on the run." We all do this at some point in the quarter, and for others, all quarter long. But eating on the run shouldn't become a habit for several reasons.

People who eat while in a hurry tend to eat more than if they calm and sitting down. Eating too fast may also increase the risk of developing gastric reflux (heartburn) or nausea.

There are some solutions to eating on the run and indulge in not-so-healthy food items. Try some of these tips before you head out the door without a meal plan for the day:

- Prepare veggie snacks ahead of time. Peel some carrots and chop some raw vegetables such as celery sticks, peppers and broccoli. Add some peanut butter to keep you satisfied in between bouts.
- Cold, fresh sandwiches are a great way to get a vitamin-packed meal without all the added calories and fat. Pack whole fruit in your bag before leaving the house — choosing the right fruits requires zero preparation; amount of extra calories. Side-salads, fruit cups, a side of rice and beans or veggies are available at most restaurants, when you're in a hurry.
- If you're on campus, you can still satisfy your cravings with healthy foods. The Avenue has yogurt, dried fruits and nuts, salads, made-to-order sandwiches, stir-fry veggies with rice and burritos. Backstage Pizza offers a salad bar so you may create your own salad with garlic bread or breadsticks. Campus Market is a mini grocery store right on campus. It provides a variety of fresh salads, made-to-order sandwiches, refrigerated foods such as pre-made burritos, frozen foods and breads.
- Even though it's that time of the quarter when the world is on your shoulders and you feel like you can't even stop to eat, proper planning and healthy food choices will help your body and mind make it through finals week.

Wendi Lelke is a kinesiology senior.
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Tracking down foreigners should be done wisely

Since Sept. 11, we keep learning about government programs to protect our country from future acts of terrorism. With new security measures already in the works at airports, the government is now planning to spend millions of dollars on tracking visas.

Sure, it sounds like a good idea. After all, two of the Sept. 11 hijackers were here on extended visas, and one of the alleged hijackers was here on a student visa and never turned up for class. It's good to take precautions in situations like this and even investigate those who show up for class and those who over-extend their visas.

With our economy falling due to the last acts of terrorism, the question is: How much more money will the government spend on “protecting the country”? In October 2001, President George W. Bush signed the USA Patriots Act, which provides $36.8 million to set up a computer system to collect current information on the nation’s 600,000 foreign students. He also mentioned that the government would intensify its efforts to track down tourists and business travelers who overstayed their visits. That alone is costing the government $13.3 million in the first stage of an “exit-exit” system that moderates foreigners coming in and out of the country.

With the new budget being released for 2003, Bush has proposed that $34.2 million be added to continue building the high-tech computer system. That is a lot of money. Once you compare it to the amount earned by employees doing the same work, it seems like even more.

The Immigration and Naturalization Services has 2,200 agents allotted to enforce immigration law in the United States. Therefore, the government is planning to spend a whole lot of money even though it only has 2,200 people to do such a time-consuming, important job.

I will believe that it is a good idea. But it’s just an idea. However, I do not think that 2,200 individuals will be able to keep an eye on the hundreds of thousands of people entering our country every year. People should need to look at individuals with visas, see if their visas have expired, and see if there has been any suspicious behavior.

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Everything regarding airport security is still not finalized, yet the government is jumping to a new project. Last week’s Air India flight should be an example of how airport security isn’t even solidified yet. That flight was escorted into New York due to London personnel reporting a suspicious passenger after the flight took off. Part of the reason why things aren’t finalized with airport security is that there are not enough people or enough money.

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People can buy Chanel sweaters, jewelry, books with pet names, and get astrological charts and homeopathic remedies made for their cats. I, too, have spent a fair amount of money on “designer mice” for my two cats. I usually purchase such items to ease my feelings of guilt for lack of quality time spent with the kittens. Pets really don’t appreciate the money spent on them—they really prefer a designer mouse to a ball of toys! They appreciate these lavish accessories even less once they’re dead.

For a while it was in vogue to freeze dry your pet, a more life-like representation than traditional taxidermy, but eventually with too much humidity, kitty would start to melt and eventually decompose.

This year, scientists in Texas announced they’d successfully cloned a cat. Genetic Savings and Clone, the company doing the research, hopes wealthy pet owners will use its future service and consequently bypass the grieving process of losing a cat. All major media outlets ran a story on the kitten, dubbed CC for carbon copy, who now joins the ranks of mice, cattle and sheep as cloned animals. Since pictures of fluffy, kissable cats tend to be good PR, the public reaction did not delve into the ethics of cloning, but resounded with a buzz “Ahhhh, how cute.”

CC is a first because it was cloned, not in hopes of cancer fighting, feeding the hungry or producing stress-resistant wool, but in hopes that someone grieving for the loss of their own kitty would shell out thousands of dollars to bring their pet back to life. CC is not a great step forward in newly discovered applications of science, but a crass commercial capitalization on a segment of the population who tends to be a little “off.”

When I look at pictures of myself when I was a child, I have the resources. The one constant in life is change, and part of that change involves losing ones beloved animal and pet and new friends entering our lives. Each pet is different in its own unique way, like the experiences of life; and although we’d all love to control what happens, when we do that, we are short-changing ourselves in the larger mysteries of life and experiences of life.

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"You can get your Playboy at the same time as your trail mix."
Opinion

Letters to the editor

Will too little sleep kill?
Editor,

While reading Andrea Ceballos's commentary on the right amount of sleep ("The right amount of sleep is such a relative thing," March 4), something struck me as funny. The article stated that men and women who sleep eight hours a night were between "12 and 13 percent more likely to die." Maybe I read the article wrong, but if I only sleep six to seven hours a night, am I not going to die? The article also said, "Men who sleep 10 hours a night had 41 percent greater chance of dying, and women who sleep 15 hours had a 41 percent greater chance of dying compared to those who only slept for six to seven hours." Again, do the people who sleep for six to seven hours have a chance to escape life and not die?

Kate Rose Hall is an animal science sophomore.

Club should apologize
Editor,

The letter titled "Republican club clears up controversy with flurts" (March 5), which was an "official statement" from the CPFR, did not clear up any controversies in my mind, but added to it. Call me a cynic, but I find it hard to believe that the CPFR, the same club which is synchronous with controversy, was innocent in the fact that they just happened to run off copies of the "unap­proved" flurts promoting the Reginald Jones talk, and then happened to post them all over the campus. I have to band it to the CPFR, the flurts were effective, but don't insult my intelligence and the rest of the student body's by pretending this wasn't a purposeful action. Instead of trying to justify what you have done, you should have taken the time in your statement to apologize to those on campus who were offended by your actions, albeit purposeful or not.

Matt Taylor is a history senior.

See event for yourself
Editor,

Isn't it typical of the far left and those who make a career out of attacking Republicans to try to spin an event great? The College Republicans brought to campus a dynamic, influential speaker (Reginald Jones) that your natu­ral friends would never put you. We offered another perspective to students for Black History Month. We are depicted as racists yet the club is more diverse than the campus. Furthermore, we fund-raised a very large sum of dollars to bring a BAL­ANCE to campus that the school does not offer. We united to make a positive difference on campus. We wanted to bring a BALANCE to the discussion. The event itself was nothing more than a show up, sick it up, and even more impressed by the reception audience, where he won over the opposition.

The CPFR club will be showing an encore presentation of the speaking event at our next meeting (March 12), so everyone can come to their own conclusions.

Our Web site has more informa­tion: www.cpolygop.org. Thank you to our supporters, go Bush, and God bless America.

Brent Vann is a political science senior and president of the Cal Poly College Republicans.

Porn is more offensive
Editor,

In response to Barry Hayes, who is "puzzled" over OneTruth sales, ("Bookstore should not sell one reli­gion's materials" March 5), it's about free market and profit. There are foundations of America and school bookstores from sea to shining sea.

Objective statement: El Corral is neutral religiously. I bet 52 pushups that there are plenty of books and/or magazines advocating for religion and atheism in store. As a Christian, I despise porn. I'll admit that given the power I would do everything in my rights and kick its fat head, if the industry had a head. Porn is sold at El Corral, and therefore I ask them to PLEASE CEASE selling porn, they have every right to sell. This despite the fractured and obvious effects porn has on men, families and soci­ety and the blatant disrespect for women and love. It's inappropriate. Contrast this with OneTruth clothes sales, which cause no harms. No, being offended is not harms. Stick it up, all you politically correct doo doo heads. Don't let the fact that some­one believes whatever and has an original way to market it on campus upset you. The skinny of it all is there is a big enough demand and no reason for this neutral bookstore not to sell. With enough demand, any religious affiliate would be sold in the next aisle. Other beliefs just need some applied creativity and entrepreneurship. Those little fish with legs are kinda tunny, and offen­sive to boot! Come up with money­ making items and they'll sell here. And that's... OK.

Nainoa Kalama is a business junior.

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will be representing a broader cross-section of students," Cooper said. "I want (the students) to know that this is their committee—not the faculty's and certainly not my committee.

Students are in favor of the election, but some have reservations. "I think it's fair," said Brandon Metzall, an architecture junior. "But it will be the same people who always participate."

Broad student participation in the College of Agriculture is key for its "But it will be the same people who always participate in decision making, there would be no new ideas," she said. "This way, students who are less involved can help decide how their money will be spent."

Spending money in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) will prove to be an intricate process. During the first year, decisions would be made at the department level. It would be up to the department heads to make the final call on how money will be spent, said CLA Dean Harry Hellenbrand.

Each department will be asked to form a committee of at least three students and one non-voting faculty member, he said. However, the permanent plan calls for student participation at both the department and college level. Department committees would create a "needs" list of expenditures for the following fiscal year. A student committee at the college level would work with the dean to explore how each "need" list would be funded.

The English department is choosing to use the election process, said department head Douglas Keesey. The students will choose who they want to represent them in deciding how to spend their money, he said.

Department Head Diann Long said that in the political science department, students will be chosen from clubs to represent student suggestions. Some students think that the clubs are the most informed and can make a better decision.

Pam Thiessen, a political science senior, said, "I would think that if the clubs are representative of the political science department, then they would be a good decision of opinions."

The department sent an e-mail survey to solicit information from political science students, Long said. The math department has not decided how to proceed with forming committees, Department Head Kent Morrison said. However, an advisory body of students from the Math Club and Kappa Mu Epsilon, which usually helps in curriculum-related decisions, could possibly be chosen to represent the math department, he said.

Some math students feel that this is a fair way to proceed with the committee. "I think the (Math Club members) are more familiar with the issues," said Amber Stin, a math senior. "And the people who would run for election would be the same anyway."

Economics Department Head Alden Shoer said they will solicit as much input as possible from students, but would not guarantee a percentage of student involvement.

"We have an Econ Club and we'll ask them what their feelings are," he said. "And how they would allocate the funds."

The Econ Club is just getting started again, Shen said. The last time the club was active was in 1998. Some business and economics students feel that an election process would be fairer.

"I would think that if students who are not in the new Econ Club want to have a say on how their money will be spent, they should," said Kelly Roman, a business student. "I would want to vote for my representative."

The resolution came following increased pressure on Reed to settle the issue before SUU faculty went on strike. Several demonstrations were held throughout the state. Forschauer, indicating the severity of the faculty's discontent. "Some of our campuses were definitely ready to go," she said.

While many of these enhancements were geared toward improving working conditions for full- and part-time lecturers, they will have positive effects for both tenure and non-tenure track faculty and counselors, Fetzer said.

Copies of the proposed contract will be available in the Academic Senate office building, room 38, later this week. A faculty forum will be held March 13 to discuss possible ramifications of the resolution.

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for Poly to swallow. They held Hall and Nebrival in check and had a second-half 22 points from senior forward David Henry, but still managed to lose the game. Taylor made five shots beyond the three-point arc to give the Mustangs a nine point lead with a pair of four shows with 5:47 left in the game. But Santa Barbara mounted a clamp and went on a 17-5 run in the final 7:42 minutes to take a 66-65 victory. Brandon Fullmore emerged as the hero for the Gauchos with 29 points, including five three-pointers of his own.

On the women's side of the tournament, No. 1 seed UC Santa Barbara (26-3) is favored to win its fourth straight conference title. Led by Big West Player of the Year Kayte Christensen, Santa Barbara will also look to add to their 24-game winning streak and the Pac-10 regular season basketball championship. This year, just as they had the previous three, the Gauchos will look to get past Long Beach State. On February 18, in a game that saw 57 turnovers, 30 of them committed by Poly, the Mustangs emerged victorious. Senior guard Odessa Jenkins led the team with 16 points and six rebounds in the 67-64 victory over Long Beach. Lori Davenport was right behind Jenkins with 15 points and six boards of her own. Carinya Taylor also was in double figures with 12 points.

In the two games this year, Long Beach senior forward Crystal Givens had monster games, averaging 20 points and 16 rebounds. All-Conference team member Ekhab Williams also provides a dangerous pressure for the Mustang defense. Goodrich has always fit in. He grew up in a suburb south of Baltimore and played basketball 15 miles away on the urban courts of West Baltimore, where "we were always the only white people in the gym," said Gil Jr., a truck driver. And Robert Johnson provides a rebounding presence. Big time scoring comes from forward Lake Jackson and explosive two-guard Freddie Jones, who's highlight reel is full of jam- bombs. A.J. Johnson, who hails from Lake Lanier helps call the ball up the court better than any team in the nation, and Robert Avery Leeds lead the league in three-point shooting. Oregon will surprise many teams, and it's my favorite dark horse candidate to advance to the Final Four, if not the Championship game. Two words: Go Ducks!

Another team that's not a dark horse contender is Gonzaga. Gonzaga played Cinderella to the last three years by winning the West Coast Conference and then sneaking to the Sweet Sixteen with big upsets. This year, it will be the same, perhaps seeded as high as No. 2 or No. 3 in its bracket, so the team won't have its first three years holding up the traditional basketball powerhouse. So, sit back, relax, and hold on for March Madness.

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Goodrich's adjustment to playing basketball and living on the campus has been relatively smooth. That doesn't surprise him.

"When I walked into the classroom for the first time, everybody's eyes lit up," he said. "It was like, 'What is he doing here?' But now that they know me, it's like nothing. I haven't had any conflicts whatsoever. I feel like I fit in really well.'"

Gill Goodrich

Howard University point guard

It was there, on the courts of the Robert C. Marshall and Oliver recreation centers, where Goodrich developed his flashy playing style and never-back-down attitude. Goodrich says he patterns his game after Jason Williams of the NCAA's Memphis Grizzlies, and he even shares Williams' nickname — White Chocolate.

"He's been around black people his whole life," said Goodrich's father, a former high school basketball coach for 20 years. "Both of us have more black friends than white friends. I'm part of being around the game of basketball."

Goodrich continued to Goodrich's overall value to the team.

"They didn't go out and get him because they thought they needed a white player," said Goodrich's back court mate, Ron Williamson. "They went out and get him because he's good."

Goodrich still gets some good-natured ribbing. In addition to "White Chocolate," teammates occasionally dub him "Milk." Those jokes don't hurt his feelings, he says, but rather help him feel accepted. "I would be worried if they didn't joke around with me," he didn't say.
Anaheim or bust for basketball teams

Men's team will have to face rival UCSB in first round

By Andy Fahey
Mustang Daily Contributor

The Mustangs have been struggling as of late, losing four of their last five. Despite the recent losses, All-Conference Honorable Mention and senior forward Brandon Beeson has put the past behind him.

"The Big West Tournament is a whole new season," Beeson said. "The whole season has been up and down. It's down right now and here's our chance to bring it back up again."

The Mustangs will enter Thursday's match-up hoping the third time's charm, as they lost to both Cal Poly and Long Beach State in the regular season. The winner of that game will advance to the quarterfinals of the Big West Tournament, which will be played March 14-17 in Anaheim, Calif.

"My first goal was to become a Division I basketball player," Beeson said. "I would like it for at least five days. An X-ray and MRI both came back negative."

Jeter finds spring training a pain in the neck

By Ken Davidoff

The New York Yankees catcher will soon have to make a difficult decision: whether to go back to the New York Yankees or stay with the Toronto Blue Jays. Jeter has a mild neck injury and is considering the pros and cons of returning to Toronto or sticking with the Yankees.

Jeter's season with the Yankees was marked by injuries and struggles with the bat. Despite this, he remains a fan favorite and is expected to have a bounce-back year in 2002.

Dark horse teams make us feel 'mad'

March in San Luis Obispo usually comes in like a lamb, and it was no different this year. A mild front swept through the area last week, bringing with it warm temperatures and a chance of rain.

March Madness Weekend is here, and with it comes the heightened excitement of college basketball. The Mustangs are one of the teams vying for a spot in the Big West Tournament, which is scheduled to begin March 15.

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New 'White Chocolate' is first white basketball player at Howard University

By Tarik El-Bashir

(WIRE) WASHINGTON — It sounds like an easy enough assignment for a class of Howard University freshmen. Write a one-page essay about what it's like to be an African American in the 21st century. Easy, that is, for everyone in the class except Gil Goodrich, the first white basketball player in Howard's history, according to the school's athletic department.

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The Bison can earn an automatic bid by winning the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament, which will be held on Monday and Tuesday. The winner of that name will advance to the NIT, where they will play the winner of the Southeastern Conference tournament. The Southeastern Conference tournament will be held on Thursday and Friday.

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