**Parnell, Anderson move to run-off**

**By Cynthia Neff**

The final ballot count for this year's ASI elections ended in a run-off between Jake Parnell and Kaitlin Ayers and Alison Anderson and Wendy Martin.

A hash fell over the UU plaza as the results were read around 8:45 p.m. Thursday. Parnell and Meital Mancuri huddled when they heard the results, and Anderson was reduced to tears. "I prepared myself not to cry if I lost, but not the other way around," Anderson said to a friend.

**2002 ASI Election Results**

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A total of 3,135 votes were cast, roughly 18.5 percent of the student population.

**Editor's note:** To view the results and full story of the Board of Directors race, visit www.mustangdaily.calpoly.edu

**Group sues CSU over housing plans**

**By Dena Horton**

If you build it, they will come. Cal Poly's Housing Cooperation (CPhC) hopes so, anyway. CPhC has plans to break ground on a new housing project specifically for faculty and staff at Cal Poly. The site, known as H-8, is located on the corner of Highland Drive and Highway 1. It is one of two sites on Highway 1 that CPhC has plans for and hopes will show renovated faculty and staff that it is affordable to both live and work in San Luis Obispo.

"There's definitely a pent-up demand for housing for faculty and staff," said Linda Dalton, CPhC's chair and Cal Poly's vice provost of Academic Affairs. "Takin' those recruits establishes a very strong area.

Even with a recognized shortage of housing, there is a group of people who aren't so excited to welcome H-8 into their neighborhood.

An organization now known as Neighborhoods North of Foothill (NNOF) is suing the California State Trustees for what they consider "notable" problems with the plans for the new housing.

"The university needs to address the problems," said John Lynch, NNOF president. "Our concern is that they get taken care of before the project is occupied."

**NNOF and their concerns**

With about 200 members, NNOF formed last year and includes people from other areas besides those north of Foothill.

"There were groups that organized themselves as well," Lynch said. "There are a lot of concerns, not just with housing."

Besides their most recent involvement with H-8, Lynch said NNOF has also been involved with the city regarding a number of issues facing San Luis Obispo, including neighborhood ordinances regarding parking, derelict housing and affordable housing.

"The university said the housing will be for faculty and staff," Lynch said, "Our concern is that they won't put it in writing."

Dalton said CPhC is committed to providing faculty and staff housing to attract "quality" people who will "stay and keep Cal Poly's reputation for quality."

One of NNOF's main concerns is with the traffic on the corner of Highland Drive and Highway 1. Lynch said that traffic is an issue now and that the H-8 development is an already problematic area.

"(Highland) is the principle entrance to the community," Lynch said. "The level of service at the intersection is below standards. The intersection needs to be improved."

**Professor, university pursue provisional patent for flexible bolt**

**By Collin Hester**

 Engineers are constantly looking at ways to improve existing designs or products by increasing their strength, quality, reliability and efficiency. After a great deal of research, testing and thinking, sometimes an engineer’s innovative ideas and concepts will lend to an entirely new design or product—an invention.

Over the past two years, mechanical engineering professor Saeed Niku and a team of mechanical engineering students devised a flexible bolt, referred to as the Flexibolt, which is capable of joining two parts at a time. This invention, which has been filed for a provisional patent, could have numerous applications in robotics, construction, machine design and seismic stories.

"It can be used in either attaching or for tightening purposes like any other bolt where surfaces are not parallel or there's a mismatch of holes between two different parts," Niku said. "It can be used in applications of lateral movement, meaning that a part may move in a particular direction or in opposite directions."

On March 14, Niku, along with mechanical engineering students Chris Kaminaga and Dean Mathis, presented prototypes of the bolt at the March Madness for the Mind exhibit in Washington, D.C. The yearly event gives students from across the nation the opportunity to show off their latest inventions.

It is sponsored by the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance (NCIIA) and is held at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History.

Last fall, Niku recruited Mathis, a mechanical engineering graduate student, to build the prototypes based on their input and ideas. Mathis used the mechanical engineering principles of bolts and screws to create the Flexibolt.

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Weathers

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High: 69° / Low: 48°

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High: 71° / Low: 46°

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The Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) Agricultural Initiative at Cal Poly has made great strides this year and continues to win new prospective Cal Poly students. What makes this program unique is that the Cal Poly Agriculture Initiative is the first program that was selected by MESA to target agriculture.

Bret Harrison, director of the MESA Agricultural Initiative, said MESA is a University of California program that mainly emphasizes agriculture, math, engineering and science.

Harrison said that MESA chose Cal Poly in 2000 as a natural fit because of its lean-by-doing philosophy. He said that his job is to attract pre-college-age kids to agriculture.

The MESA program has been placed in several schools that are in an educationally disadvantaged or rural area.

"There happen to be a lot of minorities there," he said. "Often in these communities, there are no role models. I saw kids literally expected at 16 to quit school and work. With MESA, I saw kids and families realize that there is more possible in education."

Harrison said there are about 300 students in the pre-college level pipeline in California. These students are 50 percent Latino, 25 percent African American, 10 percent Native American and 15 percent other. They can enter as early as first or second grade, but most of the students are in the sixth to twelfth grade level. The goal is to get these students to take rigorous courses by the twelfth grade in order to be able to compete and meet college-levels requirements.

Harrison said that in California, 50 percent of all high school students go on to college. Ninety-one percent of students participating in the MESA program go on to get a college degree.

"The program is open to any one," Harrison said. "It is a major victory when a kid goes to college. What we want is to give these kids the tools they need to be qualified in order to make choices in life."

There are currently about 30 Cal Poly students who were in the MESA Agricultural Initiative program in high school.

"I see those students on campus all the time. They are great kids that come from incredible backgrounds who have defied the odds," Harrison said. "I feel really blessed to have this as my job. It is really rewarding."

MESA is funded by the state and some private industries, and is a hands-on program that focuses on in-depth and innovative activities. According to the MESA Agricultural Initiative Web site, the MESA Agriculture Initiative is the recipient of a Kellogg Foundation CFI (California Food and Fiber Futures) grant that is used to train advisors in soil science and provide soil science teaching kits to MESA middle school advisors through 2003.

Rocío Pineda, an agricultural science sophomore, is a Student Outreach Coordinator on campus. She said that when Harrison first asked her about the position, all she could think was "Where do I sign?" Pineda said that Harrison does several workshops with high school teachers.

"He shows them how to determine pH levels in soil and how to make cheese," she said.

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By Sierry Zwald Fish

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"We try to make innovative things for other people — that's what engineers do."

Dean Mathis

engineering student

Engineering 234 — Philosophy of Design — which discusses design process, product design and design creativity.

One of the class projects requires students to work together in teams to create an innovative product as if they were entrepreneurs,

"Each team comes up with new products and new ideas, and one of them was to design something that was eventually called the flexible bolt," Niku said.

Once the students created the original concepts and designs, Niku said he proposed the first prototypes of the bolt to the NCIIA to seek funding for further development.

The NCIIA and the Lemelson Foundation eventually awarded the Flexibolt project $10,400 to go toward building and testing more-detailed prototypes and the travel expenses required to attend the exhibition in Washington, D.C.

"It's a lot of fun," Niku said. "Not because there's a possibility of commercial success, but it is fun to work with the students and to see something hopefully become a new, useful product for someone."

Middle school students competed in the Soil Science Contest at the Junior MESA Day Finals in April at UC Irvine. The event was sponsored by the MESA Agricultural Initiative.

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See more about the MESA program on the MESA Agricultural Initiative Web site.
National Briefs

NBA star indicted by grand jury for murder

TRENTON, N.J. — A former New Jersey Nets star, Jason Williams, was indicted by the Hudson County grand jury Wednesday on charges that he fatally shot a homeless driver at his house in February and then tried to mislead investigators by making the death appear to be a suicide.

Williams, 34, was charged with aggravated and reckless manslaughter, hindering apprehension, witness tampering, evidence tampering, fabricating evidence and aggravated assault. If convicted, Williams could face up to 24 years in prison.

A spokesman for Williams said he would plead innocent "at the appropriate time."

Williams has been free on $270,000 bail since February. He has not yet entered a plea.

The indictment said Williams was recklessly handling his 12-gauge double-barreled shotgun at his New Jersey property when it fired and shot Costa Christofi, 55, in the chest. Williams was giving Christofi and other guests a tour of the property when it fired.

Police said Williams and Pena had been in a relationship for at least five weeks.

Pena called a friend at about 7:30 p.m. Monday and left a message saying he was OK, but not where he was or whom he was with. They also said that Hadim had called her family about 3 p.m. Tuesday and asked them to feed her pets. She also gave no information about where she was.

About two months ago at the same high school, police said another female teacher was accused of having a relationship with a male student, but the student denied it and no charges were filed.

Two weeks ago, in nearby Riverside County, a 28-year-old female teacher resigned after being investigated for having sex with an underage student and giving minors alcohol. She is awaiting charges of unlawful sex with a minor and contributing to the delinquency of minors.

— Los Angeles Times

 Executionee denied prosthesis

AUSTIN, Texas — Authorities Tuesday executed a one-legged murderer after denying him a request to be fit with a prosthetic device so he could walk "like a man" to his execution.

Rodolfo Hernandez, 52, was pushed in a wheelchair to his execution. Hernandez' leg was amputated below the knee last summer, due to complications caused by diabetes.

Hernandez accused the state of refusing to fit him with an artificial leg because of the $8,000 price tag. Prison officials said he was denied the prostheses due to a recurring infection.

Hernandez was executed for the 1985 murder of a Mexican immigrant.

— Los Angeles Times

International Briefs

Europe

LONDON — Remote-controlled "robots" can be directed to make left or right turns, run, climb and jump through the use of electrical probes the width of a hair, which is implanted in their brains.

Movement signals are transmitted to the rat's brain by a radio receiver that is strapped to its back. The radio receiver is transmitted signals by a computer.

The rats, who can be steered up to 500 yards away, could soon help find buried earthquake victims or dispose of bombs, scientists said.

The electrodes stimulate the "bed-good" center of the rat's brain and cerebral centers that process signals from its whiskers.

There are also plans to fit the trained rats with satellite positioning tags and train them to seek out human bodies or explosives.

Scientists admit that the new technology brings up ethical issues, but argue that the rats live normal lives when not wearing the backpacks and have the same life expectancy.

— Reuters

South America

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — "Human Resources," a new game show in unemploymnt-stricken Argentina, is contesting the "difficult process of elimination before the winner is presented — a contract for employment."

"Human Resources" representatives said they are proud that they are providing their audience entertainment and employment opportunities commonly.

Producer Hernán Frato said the three-week-old show has already received hundreds of contestants for each job. One position for a hairdresser got 400 applicants.

The number of contestants for each job is whittled down to the top candidates who are presented to the hiring company. The company then chooses two to go to the studio backlot.

Contestants then pour out their heart and souls — revealing the intimate details of their lives — in order to persuade the audience to choose them for employment. The contestants must also prove to the audience that they can do the job by going through a number of demonstration points.

— BBC News

UCA faculty remembers riots

By Andrew Edwards

AURORA, Colo. — (UPI) — Los Angeles burned.

Bricks were thrown through windows.

Busineses were looted.

The National Guard was deployed to protect the city from some of its own citizens.

Millions watched Los Angeles tear itself apart on television. Others had a closer view.

Jorja Prover, professor of social welfare at University of California, Los Angeles and a Los Angeles native, was then a member of the faculty at University of Southern California. During the downtown violence in Angeles, a student rushed in to announce that the police charged in the Rodney King bearing had been acquitted. Prover remembered her reaction.

"It was basically fighting back the tears," she said.

Later, at 7 p.m., an LAPD officer informed her that the campus was being evacuated. Instead of leaving, she continued grading exams before heading to Martin Luther King Hospital.

She will never forget what she saw when she left campus.

"I walked into a war zone," she said.

She did not see fires or violence, but the scene was one of total disor-

der.

"People were running around like cr
ey... they were in a state of panic," she said.

She spent the entire night volunteering as a counselor at the hospital's emergency room. She would continue working there for five days.

According to Prover, the hospital, like several South Central churches, became a place of safety amid the vio-

lence. Many at the hospital were not physically injured, though there were emotional issues to address.

They needed someone to "hear them," Prover said.

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Cinema

‘Life’ is certainly nothing like this

By Renée Shadforth

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

A movie’s success can largely be attributed to Paxton, whom she ends up with by the end of the film. It is a rare treat to see a film that delivers. The plot was predictable from the start, but Paxton somehow per­forms. The child actors are brilliant, and the performances to convey the fear and sus­pense that drives the movie. The cast comes through with flying col­ors. The child actors are brilliant, while McConeaghy demonstrates how a 10-year-old could behave after the most disturbing childhood ever. To top off his behind-the-cam­era talents, Paxton somehow per­fects the portrayal of a loving father, and a homicidal maniac in a single character. The intense score and sound effects are without a doubt the unsung stars of the film. The back­ground music is chilling, while the sound effects during the murder scenes are far scarier than any amount of fake blood could ever achieve. Even the toughest of moviegoers will be scared in completely new ways. It meets the very definition of a suspense thriller, keeping you in a petrified gauze until the very end. The title does not do the film jus­tice. “Frailty” is one of the strongest films of the past year.

Above, Lanie (Angelina Jolie) ponders some new developments in her life. Below, at a labor rally, an inebriated Lanie leads picketing union members in an impromptu rendition of the Rolling Stones song, I Can’t Get No Satisfaction.

Although all students have the right to express support of candidates, they do so only as individuals. This does not constitute an endorsement of any candidate by his/her organization.

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Strong Paxton carries ‘Frailty’

By Don Quinlan

The Daily Cardinal

(U-WIRE) Madison, Wis. — Bill Paxton has never really been known as an especially innovative performer. His resume consists mainly of supporting roles in action/adventure films, with a few dramas sprinkled in for good measure. It surprised this critic that he actually wrote and directed a whole movie, and that’s pre­dictability.

My experience with “Life or Something Like It” was no different. First off, I knew it was going to be hell to try, and anyone who sees this movie with me. At least I only had to fork over for one ticket.

Then, before I left the house, I thought it might be wise to grab a sweater. What do you know? The theater was frigid as can be.

The previous entertained me more than I expected they would, which was an unforeseen twist. However, before I began to doubt my preconceived powers, the movie began.

The plot is predictable from the get go. Lanie Kerrigan (Angelina Jolie) is a self-ab­sorbed reporter for a local newspaper and diarist who spends the entire movie trying to make love to the camera. It was similar to her appearance in “Gone in 60 Seconds” (2000) — it was kind of like watching a Madonna video — with her contrived seductive gances. It’s too bad, since Jolie seemed to have potential in films like “Playing by Heart” (1998) and “Girl, Interrupted” (1999) when she actu­ally is in. Hopefully this film isn’t an indicator of the direction his career is headed.

Perhaps worst of all, “Life or Something Like It” lacks character development. Instead of showing moviegoers the characters’ attributes through their actions, the film depends on what they say to, and about, each other. At the beginning of the film, Perret says to Lanie: “You are one of those people who has to pencil everything in. You can’t live life by every moment.”

As I left the theater, I was left with questions like: How much can a life­long experience — like finding out you have a week to live — affect someone? What exactly is that black line that divides Jolie’s bottom lip into two hemispheres? And finally, how do these predictable films, with repeated formulas for critical disaster, make their way into the box office?

My theories on the last question: Women think, wouldn’t it be delightful if this could happen to me some day? And, their men agree to see the flick because the lead chick is hot (even though, in this case, she looks like a fish), only to be dis­appointed when they reach the box office and find out that the movie te­rated PG-13, and not R, losing all hopes of seeing Jolie in the buff. Basically, this film is for those who find comfort in the same old Mac Ryan-esque movie plots. For me, on the other hand, if someone told me I had a week to live, I’d be pissed that I wasted last Sunday evening watch­ing this movie.
Poly film club offers classic movies at cheap prices

By Jennifer Thomson

It costs $7.50 to see a movie at the Downtown Center Cinemas on March Street. It takes 30 minutes to find a parking spot and costs about $1.50 to park in the construction-only zone parking garage. It's probably about $15 to buy snacks once you're in the theater, and the bathrooms are gross.

Cal Poly students can see a movie for $2.50 by giving away the ending. Cal Poly Television has sponsored all of the films in the series, bringing the grand total of murdery to around 250.

The club was initially started in 1997 by giving away the ending. The club president, Jim Lapour, said that since the fee referendum passed they would be able to help the club bring more films to campus. "The school has put a lot of money into film here at Cal Poly," Lapour said. "But many people say they want a film club and then they don't come. I don't understand it."

The club has had a showing every week. He said that he tries to get people to come to a theater production than a movie and doesn't understand why. "You can't rent a movie for $2," Lapour said.

Despite the club's lack of funds and small turnout, Lapour is determined to continue showing films each week. He said that he tries to show both well-known and unknown films.

This week the club will feature "The Cook, The Thief, His Wife, Her Lover," by Peter Greenaway. Films are shown each Wednesday at 6:10 p.m. in the PAC, room 124.

For more information, contact the club at calpolyfilmclub@gmail.com.

Cinema

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'Jason X' should be 'X'ed off your list

By Sara Howell

Although some movies review unraveled the whole plot and ruin the fun by giving away the ending. That won't happen in this review because I didn't stick around for the ending. Cross "Jason X" off your list of movies to see - it's a waste of time, money and ultimately your brain. Required to store the memory of this hideous film.

"Jason X," the 16th movie in the "Friday the 13th" series, holds little of the appeal of the previous episodes (actually, I think that all of the sequels since the fifth one have sucked). The only theme carried on from the predecessors was the display of new and innovative ways to kill people. Topping the list for this movie was dipping someone's head into liquid nitrogen and then smashing her face off. "Jason X" had the highest death toll of any of the movies in the series, bringing the grand total of murdery to around 250.

The movie, directed by Jim Isaac, takes place in the year 2455. In 2008, Jason and an unknown scientist named Dr. Lowe (Jonathan Potts), when faced with the advances of more than 400 years still present no match for Jason. After he is blown apart by a terminator-like Fem-Box (Kay-Ems, Lisa Ryder), he is transformed by modern technology into — drum roll please — über Jason. Yes, it is true, the writers of the script were so obsessed at the time of authoring that they actually created über Jason — a half-metallic hybrid of the serial killer.

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You have two choices!

Walk all the way to your next class with your eyes shut or sit in the back of your next class with your hands over your ears.

Would you rather be blind or deaf?

I would, without question, prefer to be deaf, because I wouldn’t walk to class with my eyes shut and it’s very difficult. Not being able to hear is very difficult as well, but I believe seeing is more valuable than hearing.

Imagine ordering food from a waitress at a restaurant. She’s taking your order and you’re thinking, wow, she sounds really cute! As soon as she takes your order and leaves, your immature and rude buddies start talking about how fat she was and how she could play middle linebacker for the 49ers.

That’s how life would be if you were blind. You wouldn’t be able to see what’s going on around you. And you’d always question if things are really the way they seem.

As a deaf person, you can see your surroundings, know where you’re going, know who you’re talking to, and see colors, animals, people, the sky, and just see life in general.

A blind person can’t do all that. Sure, a deaf person can’t hear, but that’s fine because communication can be learned in other ways, such as sign language.

The biggest loss, as a deaf person, is the privilege of listening to music. As a blind person, your losses are much larger.

There are too many beautiful things in this world that need to be seen. There aren’t as many things that need to be heard.

The sounds of the ocean, airplanes, firecrackers, animals, and people are awesome, but they are not a necessity.

Sight is a necessity because without it you can’t live as ordinary a life as you might be able to without hearing.

Don’t get me wrong; losing either one would be difficult.

The loss of hearing can come in many ways. A common disease that leads to deafness is otitis media, which is an infection in the middle ear that creates increased pressure. Trauma, infections, and even environmental factors can also cause someone to go deaf. Tinnitus is a disease that occurs when a person is exposed to consistent loud sound.

I could only imagine how life would be different because I don’t know anyone who’s blind or deaf. Imagine living in bed with your girlfriend or boyfriend and not being able to look at them in the eyes. You have your sense of feeling and hearing, but not being able to see the person you love isn’t easy.

On the other hand, being in bed and not being able to hear the person you love doesn’t sound as bad. It doesn’t sound good, but at least you can still communicate in other ways.

The most common way of communicating with the deaf is through finger spelling. Every letter in the alphabet has a sign. You can spell out words by using finger spelling to sign the letters.

Blind people have very little to no chance to compete in sports. A deaf person has a much better chance to compete in sports because although they may not be able to hear, they can still see the ball and the movements of players.

We, as people, take many things for granted such as being able to see and hear. However, we need to be thankful for everything we have because we all know that at any moment of any day, our lives may change.

As hard as it may be to imagine yourself blind or deaf, let’s not forget about the thousands and thousands of people in the world who are blind or deaf.

Life is about adjusting to change. People who are blind or deaf have made that adjustment at some point, and we can do the same if we head in that direction.

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Opinion

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Being blind is a blessing

I was set up on a date. My friends told me that this guy was my perfect companion and that we had everything in common. I talked to him online and found all of what my friends said to be true. It was the night of our first date when I decided to call him before we met at the restaurant. We ended up talking for hours, laughing and sharing stories. I drove to the restaurant and anxiously hurried in. I crossed the room quickly and couldn’t wait to meet him. I turned the corner, and there he was. My mouth dropped and my heart sank. He was not the Brad Pitt look-alike I had been dreaming of. I knew it was not going to work out, but I politely made it through dinner before making an excuse to leave.

My point is that looks are what we rely all of our impressions on. It is the cornerstone for our decision-making.

To be honest, this scenario never really happened. But, the cold truth is, if that hypothetical date situation had occurred, I would probably have this reaction if I were not pleased with his appearance. I think that everyone who is blessed with the gift of sight would do the same. I don’t actually envy this quality because whether I judge people on first impressions or not, I judge people on first impressions.

I envy this quality because whether I realize it or not, I judge people on appearance—everyone does. Only by being blind would my mind open up to see people for who they truly are.

Kelly Foster is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Such shallow decisions.

A world with sight is a commercial world of advertisements and competition, where everything depends on what we look like or how we perform compared to others. No matter how many times I try to convince myself that I do not judge people on first impressions based solely on looks, I know deep down that I do.

First impressions are always made on looks. Dates, interviews or any first acquaintances are based on what a person looks like.

Television, movies, magazines and clothes all revolve around trying to improve looks to fit in, stand out or make a statement. No matter what the motive is, people who see cannot get away from these societal pressures.

How often do I happen to know someone who is not like everyone else? Jim, my best friend’s brother, has been blind since the day he was born.

He is a junior at Thousand Oaks High School, and he is known by almost everyone. If I ask a student who Jim is, he or she might reply, “Oh! I know Jim; I ran track with him,” or “I saw him sing in the chorus.” Most often I will get the answer, “Jim always talks to me when I see him.”

Being blind, while having drawbacks, does have many unique benefits.

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Candidates will be able to camp-
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Anderson, standing next to
Fernell, voiced her agreement.

"I think we need to keep the
voters turnout up," she said. "It's the
largest voter turnout we've had in a
long time."

Earlier, Anderson had predicted a run-off between two candidates.

"With four candidates running,
there will be [a run-off]," she said.

This year, approximately 18.5
percent of students voted, com-
pared to around 17 percent, with
approximately 2,300 votes, taken
last spring.

"We'll just continue with what we've
been doing," Fernell said.
Baseball team in a rush to defeat 49ers

By Navid Niakan

The Cal Poly baseball team looks to clinch a spot in the playoffs this weekend as Long Beach State comes to Bagget Stadium for a three-game series. The Mustangs (24-23, 5-6 Big West) are in fifth place, two games behind the 49ers (26-15, 8-4 Big West) and three games behind fourth-running Cal State Northridge.

Cal Poly has 12 games remaining, and its players hope to continue improving in each game.

"We've gotten better as the season's gone on," said Cal Poly head coach Ritch Price.

The 49ers defeated the Mustangs in all six games last year and have won nine straight against the Mustangs. Cal Poly comes into the series on a three-game winning streak after sweeping Sacramento State on the road a week ago.

"We feel really good about what we've accomplished in the past week," Price said.

The 49ers, ranked 15th, 20th and 22nd by three major baseball polls last season, have dropped to 22nd by three major baseball polls last season. Price said that won't stop the Big West pitching with a 5.47 ERA, which also ranks nationally in the top 20.

The Mustangs are currently ranked first in the Big West Conference in both batting average (.321) and fielding percentage (.967). The 49ers lead Cal Poly in batting with a .347 ERA, which also ranks nationally in the top 20.

Opponents have scored 113 runs against the Mustangs in the first two innings this season, but that doesn't get the Mustangs down.

"We stick through the game and play hard until the end," said sophomore catcher Kyle Wilson. For the Mustangs, senior outfielder/designated hitter Brian Gant and Wilson have had the hot bats of late. Gant leads Cal Poly in hitting with a .401 average, ranking second in the Big West. Gant had a 13-game hitting streak earlier this season and is currently working on a nine-game hitting streak.

Wilson is batting .357 and leads the team with nine home runs and 41 RBIs. He has 22 multi-hit games this season and had a 13-game hitting streak snapped on April 15.

The Mustangs are 13-12 at home and 11-10-1 on the road, but the Mustangs said it doesn't matter where they play.

"Our confidence as a team is pretty high right now, so it doesn't really matter," Wilson said.

Long Beach also comes into the series with some hot batters, junior infielder Tim Hutting is hitting an 11-game hit streak and hitting .418 overall. Junior outfielder Jeremy Reed is batting .327 and leads the club in RBIs (32) and is the team leader in runs (30) and steals (14).

The 49er pitching has also been solid of late, as Nate Beucher was named Big West Pitcher of the Week, after a 0.82 ERA in 11 innings in the week prior to April 15. The Mustangs said they feel good about where they are right now and hope they can make a late run toward the playoffs.

"It's a special series for us," Price said. "If we win this series, things will get fun.

It's that time of year: Triathlon fever hits the Central Coast

By Collin Hester

The whistle blows, and the triathletes start swimming around the lake. Their kicking feet and paddling arms propel them through the water. Fatigue begins to set in, yet their minds are focused on consistent strokes.

The triathletes press on. They finally arrive at the end of their 1.5K swim and transition to their bikes and sneakers.

Triathlon fever hits the Central Coast as the Olympic Distance Triathlon at Lake San Antonio, located between Paso Robles and King City. The Cal Poly triathlon team is striving to take home some top-20 finishes.

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Wildflower is the only hilly course and an intense 10K run. After prosperous times at last year's Wildflower and at the National Collegiate Triathlon Championships last week in Memphis, Tenn., the Cal Poly triathlon team is hoping to get some top finishes this weekend.

"I think we're going to do pretty well," said mechanical engineering senior and triathlon teammate Dewayne Lucas. "We have some pretty good depth this year, and I think we're going to have people scoring in the top 20 on the girls and guys' side.

Last year at Wildflower, Lucas completed his course in 2 hours, 20 minutes, and said his goal this weekend is to beat that time by 10 minutes.

For the female division, nutritional science junior Jill Tarver placed third last year among the Cal Poly women and ranked 19th overall. Like most of the athletes who participate, she said it's an exciting yet demanding event.

"It's a lot of fun with a lot of teamwork and it's challenging," Tarver said. "I think the team will do very well.

The team's success at Wildflower is the product of endless hours of training and organization throughout the year.

"You take so much time out of your day," said industrial technology senior Brandon Drew, triathlon club president. "You have to prepare so long for just a few minutes of racing and have a couple hours," he said wistfully.

He faces his old teammates Thursday night for the first time this season. He was scheduled to start in Arizona, but the Angels April 3, the day before he filed for divorce from wife Tami Kitter and two days after police responded to a domestic violence call at the family home. Kitter pleaded not guilty this week to two counts of misdemeanor battery and spousal abuse.

Finley said he is grateful for the support of the Cleveland Indians and in particular General Manager Mark Shapiro, who told him to take as much time as needed to attend to legal matters and the care of his two daughters.

Finley, 39, in the final season of a three-year, $27 million contract with the Indians. Life after baseball is rapidly approaching.

He isn't sure whether he wants to pitch next season, but he said he would only play for a contender — "I wouldn't go into a situation where they're rebuilding. I've been through too much of that" — and would probably consider a return to the Angels, even though he still lives in Newport Beach.

"I don't know if I'd really feel comfortable going back there," he said.

However, he said he would consider some work in the Angels' front office in any number of capacities that would not require extensive travel — assisting in the front office, working with pitchers and such.