This week, KCPR is asking for donations to replace decades-old equipment to improve broadcast quality.

Elizabeth Engelmann

Cal Poly's radio station is hosting a pledge drive to raise money for new equipment to improve broadcast quality.

KCPR, 91.3 FM is a non-profit station run solely by volunteers. The station is set to get a new transmitter in September that would enable broadcasts to reach twice as many people, but there are many other items that are needed.

"Most of the equipment is decades old," said Meghann Chall, KCPR business director and environmental engineering senior. "The high-quality equipment we do have needs repairs. Hopefully the new transmitter will improve the standing of the station."

Unlike past auctions, people will not have to call in to bid on items. With a donation of $25 or more, the person's name is entered in a drawing for different prizes. Some of the items include personal drum lessons from Drum Circuit, and a compellation CD. Donations less than $25 are accepted as well.

"We made a compellation CD of recordings from show sessions of local bands and others that were passing through town," Chall said.

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Dean said to cheer, "Governor, keep your promise to the children of California and fund public schools. We don't need any more corrupt Republicans in office in this country!"

While many Democrats heaped praise and plaudits on Schwarzenegger as recently as a few months ago, they teased Saturday to stay united in their efforts to block his agenda.

"The governor has declared war on the state of California," proclaimed Assemblywoman Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park. "He declared war on us, and I declare war on him."

It was an extraordinary reversal of goodwill toward the celebrity governor, a self-described GOP moderate who until recently was deemed by many observers to be politically indestructible.

Signs of Democratic animosity toward Schwarzenegger abounded throughout the cavernous convention hall from omnipresent red and white posters declaring "Stop Arnold's Arrogance!" to bobblehead dolly depicting the governor in a pink dress with an automatic rifle strapped to his shoulder.

A slickly produced videotape mocking Schwarzenegger's campaign fund raising and fondness for cigars was played to laughs.

"Voters gave Arnold Schwarzenegger a chance when he became governor, they gave him high ratings and bungled to what he had to say," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco. "Now they see that what they thought they were getting is something quite different."

Meanwhile, two of the Democrats angling to oust Schwarzenegger in 2006, Treasurer Phil Angelides and Controller Steve Westly, took indirect jabs at one another over who has the message and credibility to make the best run.

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they are only setting up us for failure.

Less than half of students who entered a CSU in fall 2004 as first-time freshmen were competent in both English and math.

David S. Spence, CSU Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer, said in the past three years student aptitude in these subjects has decreased.

"Proficiency in these subjects has reached a plateau and therefore new measures need to be taken," he said.

"We here high hopes for the EAP and know it will increase proficiency among incoming freshmen." "It's wrong for Democrats to go along for the sake of getting along." Angelides said at a budget "town hall meeting" as Westly sat listening nearby.

"It is wrong for us to wring our hands and say, 'hey, the governor's popula, he's a big celebrity, maybe we're the ones who ought to change our ways.'" For his part, Westly took aim at Angelides' endorsement of tax increases and suggested that Democrat must fashion a more positive message to attract disenfranchised voters. "We must do more than bash Arnold if we want to win," Westly said. "We've got to get smart about branding, we are the party of innova-
tion, we are the party of accountability, and we are the party of investing in this state's future." A former eBay executive with a multimillion dollar personal fortune, Westly's entry in the race this week has already shifted the dynamic among the candidates. As Angelides showcased several high-profile sup-
porters, including Sen. Barbara Boxer and Pelosi, Westly spoke of "thinking outside the box" and stressed the need for the party to modernize.

"We have to be the party of jobs, not the party of taxes," Westly told the crowd.

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LOS ANGELES — A man delivering the Los Angeles Times was fatally shot early Sunday in an apparent robbery, police said.

Noel Amador Ortiz, 56, was shot in the face at about 5:45 a.m. while delivering papers in South Los Angeles and died at the scene, said Kenji Sandoval, police spokesman.

A car loaded with undelivered copies of the Times was found near the body, said Sgt. R.I. Johnson.

SANTA BARBARA — Hundreds of students and dozens of professors circulated petitions protesting a decision by Westmont College not to renew the contract of a minority professor.

About a third of the school’s 1,300 students asked for the reinstatement of Jonathan Cordova, a 49-year-old girl who disappeared a week after investigators found Sarah her home, the sheriff said Sunday.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A Providence detective was killed with his own gun at police headquarters Sunday by a suspect who was not handcuffed and managed to get hold of the weapon, the police chief said. The killing of James Allen, a 27-year veteran, came after a series of attacks that raised concerns about the security of the weapon, the police chief said.

WASHINGTON — Almost 11 million children in developing coun-
tries die before age five, most of them from causes that are preventable in wealthier countries, the World Bank said in a report released Sunday. About 2,000 of these children die in a week, said Francois Bourguignon, the bank’s chief economist.

The causes include acute respiratory infection, diarrhea, measles and malaria, according to the report — called World Development Indicators.

IN OTHER NEWS

PICO RIVERA — It’s not easy living on Dork Street — just ask Mario Suacido.

“I had a resume kicked back because someone thought I was kid-ding,” said Suacido, who has lived on the street in this suburb about a twelve miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles for eight years.

Enter Avetisian, who moved there 18 years ago, said she might have thought twice if she had been a sign in those days marking the road that is tucked into what is still a semi-rural section of town where people keep goats and chickens in their backyards.

“I didn’t know the name until my husband and I were signing (mortgage) papers,” Avetisian recalled. “I was pretty shocked when I found out.”

Still, most residents say they have learned to grin and bear the dork jokes.

“It’s pretty funny,” said Clyde Parr, who has lived on Dork Street for eight years. “When I go to cash a check at the store, people ask me if I’m a dork.”

There’s no record at City Hall explaining how the street got its moniker. It first appeared on a Los Angeles County tract map in 1936.

— Associated Press
Rumor:
ASI Student Government officers will be sent on a free vacation if the Referenda pass.

Fact:
The only benefit ASI Officers will receive from a yes vote is the satisfaction of knowing they served the student majority, which asked for improvements to ASI-managed facilities.

Rumor:
ASI has spent more than $500,000 in mandatory student fees to create campaign materials for the Referenda.

Fact:
ASI has spent approximately $25,000 on campaign materials, all of which came from (non-student) UU revenue and private donations.

Rumor:
ASI has hired an independent consultant to run the referenda and manipulate student opinion.

Fact:
All campaign materials and messages were developed by ASI students and staff without input from a consultant. All decisions regarding the campaign and materials were approved by student leaders.

Rumor:
ASI pretends to listen to students and then does whatever they want to.

Fact:
ASI Student Government made the decision to hold the Referenda based on information from a survey conducted fall 2004 in which 66% of the student respondents indicated that they would be willing to pay more for improvements to ASI-managed facilities. If student desire had not been so strong, Student Government leaders would not have moved forward with the Referenda.

Rumor:
ASI Student Government leaders want you to vote 'YES' on the upcoming Referenda because they want a pay raise.

Fact:
Student Government leaders support a vote ‘YES’ on the Referenda because they want students to continue to have a say in the way their facilities and student fees are managed. They believe the majority of students want campus life at Cal Poly to be as excellent as the academic reputation.
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Beat Globo Gym

Greek Week’s dodgeball tournament culminated in a final match where Pi Kappa Alpha dominated Lambda Phi Epsilon. Above, Nu Alpha Kappa members launch red balls and prepare to bring their opponents a rubber smackdown.

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There was once an average girl who went to an average American university. She returned home after her freshman year at college with an A average and her professor's didactic vision about redistribution of wealth. For this reason, she informed her father that she would not come to college.

"No way!' I earned it money paying for this education, so he asked his daughter a few questions.

"So sweetie, what were your grades like this quarter?"

"All A, I got a 4.0," she replied.

"And your roommate," her father asked, "how did she do?"

"Oh Dad, she ditched a lot and never studied. I think she failed all of her classes," she said.

Her father leaned forward in his chair. "What if the university decided to take two of your grade points and give them to your roommate? That way, you will both get a 2.0 and everything will be fair," he said.

"No way!" she exclaimed. "I worked hard for those As and I earned that 4.0!"

Content, her father eased back in his chair and said, "Welcome to the Republican Party.

I heard this story awhile back and I think it is the perfect illustration of the problems created by redistributing wealth. Republicans believe that hard work and perseverance should be rewarded, not punished. Given that we're in a way of determining which students have been successful at learning the material. A successful college student has opportunities in the real world to make a living and have a comfortable life. Students who come to college to learn will have fewer opportunities.

Similarly, every citizen in this land of opportunity has a chance to become a productive member of society, but students who come to college to learn and improve their chances of success are often those who have the least initial opportunities.

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Softball

Allen replaced her in the third inning and eventually took the win. Cal Poly's Cheyly Souster hit a double deep into the outfield, scoring the Mustangs their second run of the night. But two innings later, Brittnay Hyams hit a double that scored three Tigers increasing Pacific's lead by three runs.

Not to be silenced, Mustang Cheyly Souster's triple soared over the corner fielder's reach scoring a run. Souster later scored on a sac fly.

By the end of the game, the Cal Poly pitching staff allowed 16 hits.

The Mustangs offense only mustered up four hits.

Cal Poly's softball coach would not give a statement after the first game, but Brian Kolze, head coach of Pacific's team, was pleased with his team's pitching.

"Our pitching didn't start very strong," Kolze said. "But it certainly finished the game for us."

Sports

Monday, April 18, 2005

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Golf coach confident in teams' chances

The Mustangs are currently No. 3 among the nine men's golf squads in the Big West going into the conference tournament

Rebecca Laman Mustang Daily

The men's golf team will have a chance to test its talent against Big West golf teams in the upcoming Big West Conference Championships held April 25 to 26 at Tijeras Creek Golf Course in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Over the course of two days the team will play 54 holes: 36 holes Monday and 18 Tuesday.

Cal Poly is currently ranked third among the nine men's golf teams in the Big West.

The first place finisher in the tournament will receive an automatic spot in the NCAA National Tournament.

"I would say our chances of winning are quite good, the team is probably playing better now than in the fall," golf coach Scott Cartwright said.

Cartwright said that playing in unfamiliar venues was the strongest challenge for the team this season. In preparation for the tournament, the team has structured their shots based on the venues by focusing on very narrow short holes for more specific shot making.

Cartwright said that a championship win is not only a chance for advancement to the NCAA Tournament, but also a deciding third factor on their winner of the Big West Player of the Year based on who finishes highest in the championship.

Junior Travis Bertoni, who was see Golf, page 7

On fire and to the Championships

The Mustangs finished up the regular season with their ninth straight win. Next up, the Big West Conference Championships

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly men's tennis team got their ninth win in a row defeating UC Riverside, 4-3 in a Big West conference match, Sunday in San Luis Obispo.

The Mustangs are now 14-11 overall and 1-2 in the Big West.

Cal Poly won only one of the doubles matches to lose the doubles point but managed to win four of the six singles matches to pull out an overall victory.

In doubles action, John Nguyen and Brett Van Linge won their ninth win in a row and improved to 10-1 on the year.

Andrew Cohen 6-4, 6-3 at the No. 4 singles match.

Van Linge's streak of consecutive wins ends at 11 in a row and is now 12-5 on the year.

Next, the Mustangs will travel to Palm Springs for the Big West Conference Championships, April 21 to 23.

The Cal Poly men's tennis team also defeated UC Santa Cruz, 4-3 Saturday.

Cal Poly won all three doubles matches and split the six singles matches.

In doubles action, Nguyen and Van Linge defeated Matt Seeborg and Matt Brandt, 8-6 at the No. 1 doubles match.

In singles action, Van Linge defeated Shane Templeman 6-2, 7-6 at the No. 3 singles match.

Previously, the Cal Poly men's tennis team defeated Sonoma State, 7-0 to sweep past weekend and continue their winning streak.

Cal Poly won all three doubles matches and all six singles matches to cruise to a 7-0 victory, the first 7-0 victory of the year for the Mustangs.

Travis Crawford and Davey Jones teamed up to win at No. 2 doubles.

Pacific's offense overpowers Poly pitching

The Cal Poly softball team was swept in three games against the University of the Pacific last weekend.

Sunday's game against the Tigers ended 4-3 despite a heroic attempt at a final inning comeback with two runs by the Mustangs.

The Mustangs dropped the first game 7-4 and the second game 11-4 Saturday, Cal Poly pitcher Robyn Kontra took the loss in a complete game that put her record at 16-5 overall.

Pacific's starting pitcher Natalie King was replaced in the third inning after giving up two runs early in the game. Pitcher Kristen

see Softball, page 7

Women's tennis assistant coach Paige Billingsly

Both men's and women's tennis teams are gearing up for the Big West Championships heading in opposite directions.

While the men have won nine matches in a row, the women have stumbled through five late-season losses.

The Mustang Daily caught up with Paige Billingsly, the assistant coach for Cal Poly women's tennis team, who talked about the teams' upcoming conference tournament.

Q. — So when did you first become interested in tennis?

A. — As a young kid, I played all sports, and I started tennis when I was seven.

Q. — Is there any specific goal you have for yourself in the coming years?

A. — I think my goal is to become a Division I college tennis coach, to lead a Division I program and to be a highly competitive top 10 program.

Q. — Is there an obstacle that you have encountered this season?

A. — For me it is enjoying the moment. We worked all season to perform well at the Big West Conference Tournament, so I think we really need to focus on keeping things in perspective and just putting all we have into it. It is about enjoying the experience. That goes for me as well as the team. There is nothing else we can do but try 100 percent. You have to have a good attitude while you put everything into it.

Q. — What are you involved with when you are not on the court?

A. — I play golf with my family, and I love helping people, like working with the special olympics. We do tennis with them, or whatever they have going on.

Q. — You played Stanford earlier this week, and although you lost the match, was there anything you were able to take away from the game?

A. — We competed really well, and Stanford is the top rated team in the country. I think it is good to play against the top, and see how they compete. Stanford competed for every point, and it was interesting to see, for our team, that no matter who we are playing we go all out. They stick to their strengths, and that is a good thing to look at and to learn.

Q. — Are you currently a student as well at Cal Poly?

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