Calif. Secretary of State visits Cal Poly

James Mellor

California Secretary of State Bruce McPherson gave a speech in the University Union Friday, encouraging Cal Poly students to participate in the upcoming special election on Nov. 8.

McPherson, a Cal Poly alum, stressed the importance of voting in upcoming elections and encouraging Cal Poly students to vote in the special election Nov. 8.

"Last November, in the presidential elections, only half of those in that age bracket were even registered to vote and only half of those who were registered voted," he said.

McPherson emphasized every vote counts and gave several examples of elections that were won by a single vote.

"It happens somewhere all the time and it probably will in November in California," he said.

The special election will contain a ballot measure to require戢in in state elections, only half of those registered voted.

"In particular, for the 18 to 24-year-old vote in California there is a very poor turnout of those who are eligible to vote who cast a ballot on election day," McPherson said.

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Welcome

Propositions, some of which may directly affect Cal Poly students. Proposition 76 deals specifically with the state budget and school funding by adding a new spending limit, giving the governor greater power to cut state spending and change how the minimum funding level is calculated for schools and community colleges.

"Proposition 76 could have a potential impact on the budget," McPherson said. "There could be mid-year adjustments to the budget that has been passed by legislature and signed by the governor."

Although the event was supposed to be non-partisan, some spectators did not see it that way.

"I was a little concerned at the end, Bruce (McPherson) did a great job staying right down the middle of the road," local democrat Mark Buchanan said.

"But when we started doing question and answers what we were getting were very partisan responses. Those were straight, party-line, governor responses on those propositions, Buchanan said.

"Students here are smart and knowledgeable enough, they'll make the right decisions, but this should have been a non-partisan event," he added.

However, ASI President Telor Middlestadt said the event remained non-partisan.

"I personally felt (the event) was respectfully conducted in a neutral fashion," Middlestadt said.

"The Secretary of State's keynote presentation was not pointed towards any of the measures in the ballot, totally regarded student participation and electoral process," he said.

When you open up to question and answer, you have no control over what students will ask and what the representative will say," he said.

"I don't think you can avoid a certain level of bias in the response, but I think he was very respectful in not addressing specific questions that might have revealed those partisan positions."

Other spectators agreed with Middlestadt in that the event was fairly represented.

"I was glad to see the secretary of state come out and was encouraging people to vote and didn't seem to have any partisan opinion on the issue and was just trying to inform us," said Pete Keegan, a political science and environmental studies student.

The last day to register to vote was Oct. 24, however, those who are already registered can find the nearest location to cast a ballot at www.omarvote.org/CA/id.

James Gentry, a manufacturing engineering senior came out of curiosity.

"I just wanted to hear what (Havens) had to say. I think that typical college student's view on alcohol is pretty skewed and I came to see if I could un-skew that," he said.

There were even students from San Luis Obispo High School.

"I am a member of Friday Night Live, an alcohol awareness club and just came to check out the speaker," Katie Rehkuether, a senior said.

Campus Catering provided a light lunch that was followed by short skits by Peer Health Educators Mary Peracca and Frank Warren and a skit by Vines to Wine. Havens then held an hour-long lecture called "Training for Leaders." The day was finished with activity stations, where students could play games like Twister and Ping Pong with Beer Goggles (goggles that blurred their vision).

Bees

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The Arroyo Grande bee keeper took action by killing the next generation of bees and introducing a docile European honey bee queen into the infested hives to counter the aggressive characteristics of the Africanized bees, Settevendemone said.

The Americanized bees were introduced to the Americas by a geneticist that was hoping to create a honey bee more suited to tropical conditions than the European bee. He imported the bees to Brazil in 1956.

The bees began their northward journey covering up to 300 miles per year.

The Department of Agriculture considers the following counties infested: San Diego, Madera, Tulare, Imperial, Los Angeles, Kings, Inyo, Kern, Ventura, Riverside, Orange and Santa Barbara. Residents and bee keepers in these areas have adjusted to living with Africanized bees.

Alcohol

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His "zero, one, two, three plan" proposes that some nights students should not drink, such as when they are sick, tired, haven't eaten, their parents are coming or they have a midterm. But, there are other nights, he said, when a student can drink. He suggests to drink only one drink per hour. Lastly, the plan advises to drink no more than two nights a week and never drink more than three drinks per night. These guidelines, he explained, would help students drink more responsibly.

After Havens finished speaking, Peer Health Education held the first of three raffles for iPod shuffles. Kinesiology freshman Nick Berger won.

"I'm on the tennis team and had to come anyway, but I'm really glad I did," he said.

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Place in SLO: Poly Canyon

If You Could...
— travel anywhere, where would it be and why?
Africa. How cool would a safari be!
— talk to anyone, dead or alive, who would it be and why?
Abraham Lincoln. I would ask how he found the courage to stand up for what you believe in, against all odds.
— buy any car, what would it be and why?
I would buy a 1967 Mustang. Classy, yet fun.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Democratic leader said Sunday that presidential adviser Karl Rove should resign because of his role in exposing an undercover CIA officer, and a veteran Republican senator said President Bush needs "new blood" in his White House.

NEW DELHI (AP) — A little-known group that police say has ties to Kashmir's most feared militants claimed responsibility Sunday for a series of terrorist bombings that killed 59 people in New Delhi. Authorities said they already had gathered useful clues about the near-simultaneous blasts Saturday night that ripped through a bus and two markets crowded ahead of the Hindu festival of Diwali, one of the year's busiest shopping seasons.

OAKLAND, Afghanistan (AP) — Two U.S. soldiers have been charged with assault for allegedly punching two detainees in the chest, shoulders and stomach at a military base in Afghanistan, the military said Sunday.

BRIEFS

OAKLAND (AP) — Police arrested two men and seized an estimated $2 million in axaine, authorities said.

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OAKLAND police Sgt. Sharon Williams said the drugs were likely bound for illicit drug "supermarkets" in the city's high crime areas.

One suspect was arrested in Daly City and another in Richmond on Saturday. The suspects' names were not released.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A small概括 of the events that defined the year is below.


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This Week

Featuring "A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT"

Tuesday, November 1
8:15-10:45 p.m. in Cherwin Auditorium — FREE

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Students' literary excellence honored in "Byzantium"

Editor's note: This is the last of a two-part series on "Byzantium."

In a showcase of poetry and fiction "Byzantium," Cal Poly's student-produced literary arts magazine proves to be a channel of creative expression and a chance for writers, editors and writers who get published in it.

"We take pride in the celebration of the excellence students have to offer," said Kevin Clark, English professor and advisor of "Byzantium" production.

Clark also said that like many other successful Cal Poly endeavors, Byzantium was founded as a senior project 15 years ago, was created by an undergraduate student and has since "grown considerably," he said.

Once finished, the journal will be unveiled during Open House weekend and exhibits poetry and fiction of 12 writers: six poets and six fiction writers who won an annual creative writing contest held by the English Department for all majors, said Jessica Barba, English senior and Byzantium's co-editor.

"Many would be surprised to know that some of the winners are engineers, chemists, architects and artists," she said.

The journal is described as a "tribute to the English department. Within its bindings and pages lies something tangible to display the excellence Cal Poly writers have to offer academic and literary communities across the nation alike, especially for graduate school consideration."

"The students who are published in Byzantium not only get the attention and prestige of winning an annual creative writing contest ... but they will have a concrete example of their work that they can show to prospective graduate schools, employers, etc.," Barba said. "It's an honor that great poets and creative writers to be published in any shape or form."

Clark said the journal highlights the future success of the writers published in it, and the work can go far to become an actual "prediction of those successes," he said.

Tedd Pierce, English professor and performer at "A Night of Fiction and Poetry" — a fundraiser held last Thursday for the $8,000 needed to satisfy the steep production costs of "Byzantium," said the book was "lavishly produced," and it is also an excellent opportunity for not only those published in it, but also for those who have the opportunity to produce it.

Barba agreed by saying and she is extremely honored to be one of two editors for the journal. To her, "Byzantium" represents not only the excellence in the Cal Poly community of writers, but also as a long awaited goal of her own.

"The first time I saw a copy of Byzantium was when I came to Open House as a senior in high school," she said. "I was so impressed by the quality both of the work inside the book, as well as the people who put the book together, that I told myself when I came to Cal Poly I would do whatever possible to get involved with the creation of it."

Being a part of traditions is also a factor in the honor those involved in "Byzantium" gain, Barba said.

The other student creators who also play pivotal roles in the journal's final product are Shawn Magee, English senior and Byzantium's art and design editor, and creative director Alex Christman.

Typically, the waiting list to design "Byzantium" is three years long. Christman said, but when the first designer dropped out, Christman was asked to fill in and he immediately "latched on the opportunity," he said.

"It is a beautiful portfolio piece and an invaluable experience designing and producing a book," Christman said. "I love book design and wanted to do something big for my senior project, and Byzantium is just it!"

Magee said Christman is an excellent choice for the journal's design element, and that he will be able to take the design to compliment the creative expression of his fellow artists.

"I really trust that he will create a design that will make this book beautiful and still showcase the great writing inside," he said.

Christman said that he wants to take a design focus that will shed light on the writers within the book, stressing importance on the contents inside rather than its cover.

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2-PART SERIES

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

1. "DON'T" have a house party to attend! Make it out to Frog & Peach's Halloween Party tonight. There will be live music by Pond Rock and Sko. And if you come at 5 p.m., play a hand of poker at the Texas Hold'em Tourneu.

2. Rather get some fake-milk on the dance floor? Make it out to Mother's Tavern for their Halloween party tonight. Register for the costume contest between 6 and 9 p.m. and you may win up to $500 in cash prizes for the "scariest," "funniest," "most original" and "most stupendous" costume.

3. Chat with author Lemony Snicket online Tuesday at 2 p.m. Hosted by CP NewzLink, the chat will focus on his most recent book "The Penultimate Peril," which is part of Snicket's "Series of Unfortunate Events." Visit www.cpnewzlink.com, click on "Enter Chat Room," enter your e-mail address as the login name and type "LEMONY" in as the password to begin chatting.

4. ROCK out to the sound of The Juliana Theory Wednesday at Downtown Brew. The all-ages show starts at 8 p.m. and will also feature Jamison Parker. Tickets, $12, are available at Ticketweb and Boo Boo Records. Don't forget to pick up the Daily on Wednesday for a full-story on the band and their recent album "Deadbeat Sweetheart.

5. NETWORK, learn and listen at the Financial Management Association's next event, featuring Apple CFO and Cal Poly alumnus Peter Oppenheimer. Held in building 3, room 213 from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oppenheimer will talk about Apple, career and internship opportunities and more. Lunch will be provided.

6. "LET" me see you one, two, step" with Cal Poly DanceSport Team this month. The team will hold three beginning nightclub 2-step lessons from 8 to 9:15 p.m. in building 5, room 225. Come to the first session this Thursday and attend the next two Nov. 10 and Nov. 17.

7. CHECK out "Art After Dark" Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. in downtown SLO. The event, sponsored by The San Luis Obispo Arts Council and The Tribune, will have 11 galleries and nine other venues displaying local art.

8. FEEL like taking a drive to Santa Barbara? Well, make it out there Sunday to catch Damman Jr.'s "Gong" Marley at the UCSB Hub. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Advanced tickets are $21 and $23 at the door. For details, call 893-3536 or visit www.sbsp.ucsb.edu. Or sign up to participate in the ASI Craft Center Winter Craft Sale. ASI is currently seeking artists in selling art from jewelry to pottery and more at the sale in the UU Plaza scheduled for Nov. 30 to Dec. 2. Artist applications, available at Ticketweb and Boo Boo Records. Don't forget to pick up the Daily on Wednesday for a full-story on the band and their recent album "Deadbeat Sweetheart."

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10. LASTLY, the Daily would like to wish everyone a happy, but safe, Halloween. Remember to wear reflective clothing, bring a flashlight and always travel in groups.

Poly Poetry

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN from the Mustang Daily

Madeline and JP with their feather-haired pumpkins.

How William Whalen, an aerospace senior, shows his Cal Poly pride.

Psychology seniors Diana Youngquist, right, and Natalie Pope, left, gave their pumpkin too much to drink.
From Polyratings to Gap, it is a race to the bottom

R egistration for winter quarter began last Thursday. If you're like me, you have a list of web bookmarks at hand: one for POLER, Hall.com, and Polyratings.com. Conceived by fellow computer scientists, Polyratings is the premier source for professor evaluations and indispensable when choosing classes. But this little tool has major implications for our curricula.

Free markets, often characterized by perfect information and competition, can create a phenomenon called The Race to the Bottom. Sometimes, with the objective of reducing costs or increasing sales, producers will coddle each other by racing to the bottom, toasting ethics or proper standards aside. We witness to this phenomenon every day when we turn on our TV and watch news, shows and sitcoms that pandeer to the lowest common denominator. Some activists point to globalization as another trend that highlights this race. For example, when a clothing retailer like Gap Inc. outsources its manufacturing abroad, it will seek to produce at the lowest cost. Candidate countries establish “Special Economic Zones” to compete for Gap's business, one-upping each other in the process. Countries may dismantle regulations against pollution or labor standards in order to compete. In essence, countries race to the bottom to win over Gap's business.

Polyratings provides an illusion of perfect information, thus creating a market for professors where there arguably shouldn't be one. Like eBay's auction marketplace, students get used to hand-holding and expect their academic lives to mimic the always-on, instant responsiveness of their wired lives. Nurturing student-teacher relationships is what makes Cal Poly unique. We should not replace such a relationship with a client-customer relationship.

Finally, don't forget that political leanings, foreign accents and even the body odor cloud can affect the reliability of the ratings. This shouldn't be construed as a tirade against Polyratings. I'm heavy a case for the students of Cal Poly, my alma mater. Polyratings will remain a valuable tool as long as it's used properly. Review the comments and not just the numerical ratings. Bear in mind a body odor cloud can affect the reliability of the ratings.

The students of Cal Poly can make a difference by helping us put pressure on our legislators to vote in favor of higher education. The time is now to make our voices heard and keep the CSU system accessible for all Californians.

Khaled Hal Saad
Computer science senior and Mustang Daily columnist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Life on the Central Coast is great if you can afford it

I am as distressed about the lack of funding for higher education as is ASI President Taylor Middlestadt. I hope students don't think that faculty and staff are profiting at their expense. We went for 3 years without a pay increase, and the 3.5 percent salary boost that was just granted falls short of keeping up with inflation.

The fact that our employee salaries are increasingly uncompetitive makes it difficult to hire and retain people. My department lost a faculty member several weeks before the quarter started partly because of salary and cost of living considerations (the 70 percent pay increase to move to industry was enticing).

I understand that public safety officers on campus are underpaid relative to others in that line of work, so we train people and then they leave for other law enforcement jobs.

To make a deteriorating situation even worse, Congress is evidently on the verge of cutting back on Pell and other forms of financial aid for needy students (as well as trimming Medicare and other programs for the poor).

How is the Bush administration going to fund the trust to award more tax cuts to the rich? And those people really don't care all that much about public institutions and the underclass, since they can send their children to private schools and pay health care costs out of pocket.

Jay Devore
Statistics professor and chair

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Come on Cal Poly, make your voices heard and represent us

On Thursday, October 27th, myself and six other representatives from Cal Poly attended a CSU board of trustees meeting in Long Beach. We were part of a statewide CSU student movement to prevent the continued unfair taxation of students through tuition increases.

Every school in the CSU system was represented. Almost 200 of us packed the meeting room to hear the board discuss and vote on the "06/'07 budget. Several students spoke to the board and delivered the message that we are fed up with exponentially increasing tuition.

Those 200 representatives, however passionate, are not enough to change the current regime. The CSU is currently a two-tiered system. We, the students, are the ones who are profiting at their expense. We don't think that faculty and staff are profiting at the students expense.

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The Mustangs also were without the services of redshirt freshman running back James Noble due to an ankle injury, also suffered in the Montana game. Junior Jeremy Konaris replaced Noble and finished with 20 yards on five carries.

Sophomore running back Jonathan Barai notched eight tackles.

Nick Coromelas kicked 36 and 36-yarders to give Cal Poly a 17-10 halftime lead.

The two teams combined for 311 total yards of offense in the second half. Cal Poly gained 131 yards on 41 carries. Junior Alex Garfio led the Aggie ground game with 23 yards on 11 carries.

Junior nose tackle Cdiris White added six tackles, including two solo. Big West teams now focus their efforts on winning the automatic berth in the Pac-10.

The C!al Boly women’s team finished fifth in the final standings of the regular season in Mustang Stadium, beginning with Eastern Washington for homecoming on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 4 p.m.}

On the women’s side, UC Irvine ended UCSB’s two-year reign as conference champ with a great performance from its senior leaders and youth.

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Football
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The defending Great West Conference champs are 3-1 in conference games.

UC Davis became the first team to pull out of the series to win at the Aggies are now 16-13-2 in the last six games of the series with Cal Poly.

Despite an early loss at Montana, Cal Poly turned Brennan completed eight of 13 passes for 167 yards and directed a

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**Volleyball stays in playoff picture**

**Frank Stranazl**

The women’s volleyball team rebounded from a crushing loss to UC Santa Barbara last Saturday to keep in their playoff hopes alive, beating No. 23 Long Beach State and sweeping UC Irvine over the weekend.

Cal Poly (15-5 overall, 8-3 Big West) lost convincingly in three games at Santa Barbara last weekend, giving the Mustangs' coach Jon Stevenson some doubts about the team's ability to play at the national level this season.

But the Mustangs responded to Stevenson's worries with a comeback victory at Long Beach State (17-5, 6-2) Friday night. The Mustangs lost the first two games 30-27 and 30-26, only to battle back and win the final three games 30-27, 30-21 and 18-16. “In 36 years of volleyball, it was in the top three matches I've ever been a part of,” Stevenson said. “Long Beach has incredible talent and aways the best in the conference. Nobody in the conference even comes close to them. But that doesn't mean they're going to win every match.”

The win gives Cal Poly a shot at the NCAA Tournament and keeps things interesting in the Big West Conference. Should Cal Poly win out and Long Beach State and Santa Barbara each lose one match, there would be a five-way tie atop the conference.

"This team has reached levels far beyond what anyone would've ever suspected," Stevenson said. "They proved that they are absolutely a tournament-caliber team."

Cal Poly had a .143 hitting percentage in game one and .114 in game two, but was much more efficient in the next three games. The Mustangs hit .279 in game three, .312 in game four and .211 in the final game. In game four, Cal Poly held the 49ers to a .023 hitting percentage.

Kyle Ahlstrom had her best game of the season with 20 kills on the game. Kyla Mulder chipped in with 17, Vanessa Gilliam had 16, and Jacyln Houston finished with 12.

Long Beach State's Ali Daley had a match-high 23 kills. Defensively for the Mustangs, Kristin Jackson had 23 digs while Gilliam and Mulder finished with 14 apiece.

Cal Poly lost in four games to the 49ers on Oct. 1.

**Punchless Poly football loses 20-13 to Aggies**

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

UC Davis quarterback Jon Grant scored from the one-yard line to snap a 13-13 tie with 4:23 remaining as the Aggies held on to beat No. 10 Cal Poly 20-13 in a Great West Football Conference Saturday afternoon at Toomey Field.

The scoring play capped an 82-yard, eight-play drive, highlighted by a 58-yard pass from Grant to junior wide receiver Tony Kays, giving UC Davis the ball at Cal Poly's three-yard line.

Cal Poly had tied "The Horsehoe Classic" at 13-13 when senior free safety Kenny Chicoine returned an interception 59 yards for a touchdown with 14:05 remaining in the fourth quarter. It was Chicoine's first interception of the season. He was among the nation's leaders with seven a year ago.

Senior wide receiver Bianc Smith caught a 32-yard touchdown pass from Grant late in the second quarter to give UC Davis a 10-6 lead.

Emmanuel Benjamin added a 35-yard field goal five minutes into the third quarter to give the Aggies a 13-6 cushion.

With the win, UC Davis improved to 5-3 for the season and 3-1 in the Great West. Cal Poly, 5-3 two weeks ago and ranked third in the nation, has now suffered its second straight loss falling to 3-3 on the year.

**Men's cross country is class of the field**

**Andy Coughlin was second at the Big West Conference Championships.**

**SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT**

The Cal Poly men's cross country team won its third consecutive title while the UC Irvine women's team captured its first crown since 1999 as the 2005 Big West Cross Country Championships were staged at the UC Riverside Agricultural Operations course Saturday.

The Mustangs continued their dominance at the conference meet, earning their sixth title in the last eight years. Cal Poly tallied 24 points as five runners finished in the top 10, led by senior Andy Coughlin's second place showing.

Coughlin ran the 8K course in a time of 24:02.3 and led a pack of three of his teammates who finished within one second and a half of his pace. Junior Matt Johndrud was third in 24:02.8, senior Brandon Collins fourth in 24:03.1 and junior Brian Baker sixth in 24:03.8. Freshman Alex Dunn rounded out the group of Cal Poly scorers in ninth place at 24:17.7.

The other non-scoring members of the team included Luke Llamas in 10th (24:22) and Troy Swier in 11th (24:24).