Harris declines provost position

Nick COURY
MUSTANG DAILY

William Harris, who in September 2005 accepted an offer to be the university’s new provost and vice president for academic affairs, has withdrawn his agreement to take the position. Cal Poly President Warren Baker said in a recent e-mail to the Cal Poly faculty that Harris was scheduled to begin in July 2006, succeeding Paul Zingg, who in 2004 became the president of California State University, Chico in 2004. The interim provost is Robert Dreweiler.

“While I believe this was a difficult decision, he has concluded that his long-term professional interests require this decision.”
— WARREN BAKER
Cal Poly president

“After further visits to campus this past fall, he concluded that his experiences and aspirations to be involved with major research enterprises were ultimately not a good fit with the provost’s position.”

According to Baker, Dreweiler has agreed to continue executing his current duties as interim provost and academic vice president.

“The university’s leadership, I expect Cal Poly to continue to thrive and I urge California State support,” said Baker in the e-mail.

UU Hour Performance

The Filipino cultural exchange choir “Ating Himig,” which means “our sound,” performed Thursday during UU Hour. The choir explores pieces ranging from today’s hits, classic jams and even native tongue, Tagalog. For those interested in joining the choir, the group meets Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in building 45, room 130.

Campus Dining policy troubles student clubs

Emily LOGAN
MUSTANG DAILY

“It is common knowledge that the best way to get students to attend a meeting on campus is to bring food. Most students will admit to re-considering attending if the flyer says, “Pizza and drinks will be provided!” UU Hour is also packed with students grilling food and selling cheap package deals for the hungry students.

Have you ever wondered where the food comes from? Cal Poly’s Campus Dining policy requires that organizations purchase their food from the university. Campus officials insist it is the best arrangement and that it is purely for the safety of students, but some students disagree.

For nearly 30 years, the Agricultural Engineering Society (AES) has been holding barbecues outside of Campus Market. They offer hamburgers, drinks, salads, condiments, and even meal deals for students. The club prefers to buy the food off-campus on the day of the barbecue, but starting fall quarter 2005, Campus Dining required them to buy their food on-campus.

“As soon as school started, they just kind of sprung it on us,” said Adam Bechtold, agriculture systems management senior and national representative for the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE).

The club is required to submit a form detailing everything they will need, to retrieve the materials, they must go to various campus dining facilities.

“After groups get University approval for an event via an e-plan then they contact Campus Dining who will assist in making their event safe and successful,” said Alan Cushman, associate director for campus dining.

Bechtold said placing a request in advance is difficult since the event happens so often.

“It’s just kind of a hassle,” Bechtold said. “We’ve been trying to get it in the Friday before the event just to please them. We order them and they set them aside for us.”

The reasons for Cal Poly’s requirement...
Dining continued from page 1

that groups purchase on-campus food have to do with two contractu­
al obligations.

"The university has had an agree­
ment with the Foundation for a long time," said Vicki Stover, associ­
ate vice president for administration. "We also have an agreement with
Pepsi to only serve Pepsi products." Stover said they recently have been able to enforce the policy bet­
er by using an inspector to check that groups are using proper sanita­
tion and safety, so more groups are beginning to see the effects of it.

"Previously we didn't have any­
one that could go out and help
groups," Stover said. "If anything, (the policy) has just expanded the
availability to provide food services for groups for safety reasons."

Jeff McGuire, agricultural engi­
neering senior and vice president of
AES, said he does not mind the
inspections.

"Part of the deal is that they want us to keep where we store our food
clean and that's fine, but buying the
inspections.

"They told us it was because the
food is better quality and they know where it came from, but we didn't
see that it was because buying the
food from the grocery store is better
quality," he said. "We don't usually
buy the food until the day of the
barbeque so it's fresh, but we have to
give our order to them a week in
advance so, they're either stockpiling it or buying it otherwise."

AES also had a disconcerting
experience when they went to pick
up their food and discovered that
about half of their hamburger bun
packages were moldy.

"One day we went to go pick
them up and we were looking through
just to make sure they were
good, and half of them were moldy," Bechtold said. "I'm sure they didn't
give them to us on purpose, but I
think they just weren't checking.

"Campus Dining officials were
unavailable for comment.

Since AES has been purchasing
food and drinks from campus,
Bechtold said they have been losing
money.

"We were making about $50 per
Thursday and now we're losing
money," he said. "We usually sell
our meals for $3 and now, with the way
things going, we'll probably have to
bump it up."

McGuire said the food on campus
costs considerably more.

"It varies anywhere from about
10 cents a patty more," he said. "The
sodas are about $3 to 4 dollars a case
more and water is probably about $4
to $5 dollars a case more."

McGuire said it bothered him that he can only purchase Pepsi
products on campus, which are
about 20 percent more than alter­
native products not available on campus.

According to the Campus Food
Services Policy, food is separated
into two categories that should be
stored and prepared in specific ways
to keep them safe and sanitary. These
are "low hazard foods," such as
chips, cookies, crackers and soft
drinks, and "potentially hazardous
foods," such as cheese, meat, salads,
iccream and baked goods.

Low hazard foods, which do not
need to be stored in temperature­
controlled areas, are commercially and
individually packaged and are to be
dispersed in the original container.

Potentially hazardous foods, such as
AES's hamburgers, must be stored
and displayed, refrigerated or heated.

The policy also prohibits food from
being prepared off-campus, such as
baked goods.

"We really want the groups to be
successful, so we provide them with
this information," Stover said. "It's
something that a group may not
have a knowledge of."

"We just want to make sure that it's
done safely and that the students who
consume the food will be safe also.

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Foreign language funding raised

Sarah Brown

PRINCETON, N.J. —
President Bush announced on
Thursday that he will request
$114 million from Congress to
expand foreign language training
across the country.

The National Security Language Initiative is
designed to increase national
security by raising the number of
Americans learning strategic lan­
guages like Arabic, Chinese,
Russian, Hindi and Farsi from
kindergarteners through the univer­
sity, level and into the workforce.

The announcement came dur­
ing last week's State Department
summit attended by 133 higher
education leaders, including
President Tihman.

Bush described the plan as a
"broad-gauged initiative" to bol­
steer the country's defense, diplo­
mary and educational institu­
tions, as well as encourage other
countries to adopt more democ­
ratic governments.

"The best way to do that is to
have those of us who understand
languages like Arabic, Chinese,
Russian, Hindi and Farsi from
kindergarteners through the univer­
sity, level and into the workforce.

The initiative will also fund a
financial aid program for students
who pledge to take a govern­
ment job after graduation.

Another component aims to pro­
duce 2,000 advanced speakers of
critical languages by promoting
graduate-level education.

Funds will also be used to
increase the number of foreign
language teachers and offer more
international education training
seminars. Other plans include
providing additional Fulbright
funding to recruit 300 foreign
students to teach at U.S. colleges
and expanded language immer­
sion programs for Americans
studying abroad.
WHO SAID THAT?

The scientists of today think deeply instead of clearly. One must be sane to think clearly, but one can think deeply and be quite insane.
— Nikola Tesla

Cats are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a function.
— Unknown

Wordly Wise
cavort: to prance; leap about; caper

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Movie: "Sound of Music"  Hobby: Sleeping and "out-playing" my X-Box  Quote: "Go home"  Season: Summer

Either/Or...

Coke or Pepsi: Coke  Boxers or briefs: commando

Other

— Shout Out: "Holla to all the LA crew, LANDSCAPE!!"
— Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Owning a landscape architecture business
— If you could be any animal which would you be and why? A giraffe because as food becomes scarce I can reach above everyone and munch.

Namaste
Bush visits ravaged New Orleans

Jennifer Loven
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — After a three-month absence from the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast, President Bush offered a fresh commitment to the region's long, expensive rebuilding and spoke optimistically about progress in a New Orleans seething in rage and spoke optimistically about the region's long, expensive rebuilding.

Bush stepped in on two of the towns hardest-hit when Hurricane Katrina slammed ashore Aug. 29 — New Orleans, the majority of which was flooded after levees failed, and Bay St. Louis on the Mississippi coast, most of it shattered into sticks by the punishing winds.

The president liberally laced remarks in both places with references to the many daunting problems that remain — a lack of housing in New Orleans, the slow pace of rebuilding and problems with homeowners insurance payments, the urgent need for bridge rebuilding.

"People in faraway places like Washington, D.C., still hear you and care about you," he said in the gymnasium at St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis. "I recognize there's some tough spots ... We're going to work to make them as smooth as possible."

The White House said the federal government's costs for rebuilding are driving up the deficit for this year, up $60 billion from estimates made the month before Katrina hit.

Bush promised Gulf Coast residents that his administration is learning the lessons of its too-slow and much-criticized response to Katrina. "We want to know how to make things better," he said. "I just want to assure you, we are, we are."

In New Orleans, especially, the president played booster in chief. Before a colorful mural of jazz musicians, a riverboat, masked Mardi Gras revelers and crawfish, he suggested it as a great place for a convention and as an attractive tourist destination with "some of the greatest food in the world and some wonderful fun."

Bush praised the city's success in getting services like electricity and water mostly on line, said new federal tax incentives will encourage businesses to create jobs and insisted stronger promised levee protection will make the city both safer and more attractive for investment. All those things, he said, will help turn New Orleans back into a "shining part of the South."

"I will tell you, the contrast between when I was last here and today is pretty dramatic," a smiling president said before meeting privately with local government officials and small business owners.

But many of New Orleans' neighborhoods still are abandoned wastelands of uninhabitable homes and sidewalks piled with moldy garbage. Barely a quarter of the city's former inhabitants has returned yet and it's not clear how many more will.

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**Stampede breaks out among pilgrims at hajj stoning ritual**

Saudi ambulances gather at the site where pilgrims stampeded in Mina, Saudi Arabia on Thursday.

Salah Narawwi

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MINA, Saudi Arabia — Muslim pilgrims tripped over luggage while hurrying to ritually stone the devil Thursday, causing a crush that tram­meled at least 345 people to death in the latest stampede to mar Islam's annual hajj.

Saudi authorities have sought for years to ease the flow of increasingly mammoth crowds, but the tragedy only underscored the difficulty in managing one of the biggest religious events in the world, which this time drew more than 2.5 million pilgrims.

The deaths on the final day of stoning came a week after another hajj disaster — the Jan. 5 collapse of a building being used as a pilgrims' hotel that killed 76 people in Mecca.

In the stoning ritual, all the pil­grims must pass a series of three "pillars" called al-Jamarat, which repre­sent the devil and which the faithful pel with stones to purge themselves of sin.

The site in the desert of Mina outside the holy city of Mecca is a notorious bottleneck in the week-long pilgrimage and has seen dead­ly incidents in seven of the past 17 years, including a stampede in 1990 that killed 1,426 people and one in 2004 that killed 244.

"I heard screaming and ... saw people jumping over each other," said Suad Abu Hamada, an Egyptian pilgrim. "Police starting pulling out our bodies. The bodies were piled up. I couldn't count them, they were too many." Bodies covered in white sheets lined the pavement near the ramp where the stampede occurred, and emergency workers rushed the injured away on stretchers. Police cleared part of the site, but thou­sands of pilgrims continued the stoning ritual.

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An earthly flick

Holly Burke

Making a difference in the environment often begins in your own community. More than 20 students came to the San Luis Lounge (UU coninuity. More than 20 students participate in a discussion led by Tom Jones, dean of Architecture and Environmental Design. The movie, “Environmental Ethics: Examining Your Connection to the Environment and Your Community,” was originally intended for an 11th-grade science curriculum, and focuses on Goldman Environmental Prize winners. The Pulitzer Prize is awarded annually to a person in each continent, who has made giant strides in environmental conservation. In the film, all accomplishments began with small grassroots methods of environmentalism in each person’s community.

Students agreed that a forum needs to be created where students can communicate about such issues. January’s “Cal Poly: NEXT” program was designed to ignite conversation between students.

“It’s neat to see ‘Cal Poly: NEXT and the gathering of ASI clubs, especially for sustainability.” — DANIEL SPENCER

business marketing senior

Poly / Poetry

Wood Day

When we have never gone away
The river bends and it strays
To where we lie sad and angry
On the wooden floors
Wanting a colorful encore

She says, welcome back,
She says, yeah it’s been a while,
It’s been a while

But the night is still young,
The sun sets, lights to the gone
The winds blow far out
Past how far we can see

The air we breathed that night,
Invades our lungs in a push, a shaving game
Opening screen doors to sunlight, and
Opening our lives in houses on the plains

— Nick Courney
Journalism senior

Astral Weeks’ beautiful, unorthodox

Though a challenge to sing along to, Van Morrison’s ‘Astral Weeks’ is proof of musical genius

Gino Macaluso

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Do you ever get down about how most albums that come into existence are extremely easy to sing along to? Not, OK? This just happens to be yet another one of my untamed quirks. Sure, it’s nice to sing along, but it is much harder to write lyrics and music that are delivered in a way that is entirely yours.

Van Morrison’s ‘Astral Weeks,’ is the exclamation point of this very type of album. I have never heard anything so beautiful, stylish, yet unorthodox and entirely hard to sing along to.

While some might find an album that is virtually impossible to mimic a letdown, I see it as a feat — a feat so brilliant in song structure and delivery that it is easily one of the best albums ever.

The liner notes should read: “Slowly building up to more of the same” that might best describe the album’s unflappable soul.

There isn’t anything radically diverse or jolting on this album, rather its genius is undeniably more subtle. Inevitably, moments of intimate euphoria are found amongst the collective stride of this Sunday-morning-paced album.

The title track, “Astral Weeks” just begs to be listened to, meandering like a rock-skipping child on the banks of some aged river.

“Madam George” is the most beautiful moment on the album, filled with warm strings and a carefully thought-out bass line. The track also possesses some of the best trademark moments (where Van Morrison sounds as if he’s about to vomit, singing from deep in the belly of his throat).

If “Astral Weeks” is the child along the riverbanks, “Beside You” is the skipping rock easily careening along the top of the stream... gliding with the purse ease ever imagined.

Yet another perfectly crafted song, “The Way Young Lovers Do,” it is the most stand-out track of the bunch.

Try and sing along with Van Morrison sometime. Have the lyrics in your hand, and try to sing along. You will fail — and will then realize the genius.

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RATING: 

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TRACK PICKS: No. 6, “Madam George.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ports section should cover all sports

I have been pretty disappointed in the Mustang Daily sports section so far. Last week I happened to stop

by Starks' and was able to chat with Coach Liddell. The Cal Poly men's swimming and diving team has made a remarkable turnaround from the school paper. They are dedicated athletes and intelligently trained. The team has won the GPA award among all male Poly sports for the past two years. That these guys can achieve such success in the water is a testament to their drives. I believe they deserve a little more support from the Mustang Daily by at least publishing when they have some success.

Bream McDonald
January 6, 2006

Thoughts on homosexuality

In my reading of this magazine I am left wondering about who is right or wrong? Or is it the public's right to be able to choose who is right or wrong? As far as I am concerned there is nothing wrong with two incredibly hot women expressing their sexual desires. Chris Davis

England junior

Is he just another Nixon?

Regarding the upcoming debate that will be going on between our current president and Bill Clinton. I have a few questions about this issue. According to a 1980 Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals case, the president of the United States did have inherent authority to conduct warrant less searches to obtain foreign intelligence information. We take for granted that the president does have that authority and, assuming that is so, FISA could not erode on the president's constitutional power. If FISA review court upheld this decision.

Additionally, according to Bryan Cunningham, former National Security Council legal adviser "The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which is the highest court that has looked at this question, has found the president has inherent constitutional authority to use electronic surveillance to collect foreign intelligence. If there is no way to take away that constitutional authority. That's a pretty good argument.

Now while I personally feel it is an absolute necessity to do everything possible to stop the spread of terrorism, that topic is a debate for another time. The important thing here is to take our country straight, and not make someone else's mistakes. There is no law that they pass that this goes without saying. I believe they need to look at some research done on the topic by the different parties involved in this issue.

Sledge

Soapbox Diaries of Slander?

According to Dictionary.com, the definition of slander is..."communciation of the statement injurious to a person's reputation." It seems obvious to me, since I have the second half of the definition to be true, slander is committed just like you mentioned.

I want to focus on the first part of the definition: false statements. I think the president of the United States is not the person to make such statements. If he were, we would have a society that has nothing to do with justice, but with personal opinion. If he were to make false statements, he would have to agree with Jack. However, this of course, is not a normal circumstance.

As far as constitutionality as a case before the courts have expressly ruled and states that the president personally think that there is nothing wrong with two incredibly hot women expressing their sexual desires.

Chris Davis
England junior

Fundamentalists versus homosexuals

During 2004, I had the pleasure of working on campus on Tom Hinkle's local campaign for assembly. His campaign manager was Paul Benton, who is openly gay. I'm straight, and come from a small town, and though I would consider myself a fairly open-minded person, just because of my lack of experience

there. Chuck, and you're blatantly ignoring the fact of the day.

Since everyone in the Obiop household has marked their name/fraternity on Gundam Alley, we have concrete reasons to believe that this has never been Chuck's place. Chuck, as you can see, has never been to Gundam Alley. How can you call yourself names of both Louis Obiop if you've never taken the spearpoint out of your mouth and placed your name in the annals of history.

You might ask why we're calling out a man who is well-known for his celebrity status and style. I believe that is important to note that this is not a personal comment. This is a comment on the president's constitutional power. If FISA review court upheld this decision.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL
AT DAVIS

The Mustangs will play a lone non-conference game this week when the team travels to UC Davis for a 7 p.m. game tonight. The Aggies will join the Big West Conference for the 2007-08 season.

The game will be carried live on 99.7 FM - KXYT with Mike Moreno calling the play-by-play. The pregame show for the UC Davis game will start at 6:30 p.m. The game will also be carried live on the Internet at CalPoly.com.

MUSTANGS HOST PURDUE, BOISE ST.

This weekend the Mustangs look to rebound from a loss to Oregon State, but it won't be easy as Purdue and Boise State visit Mott Gym.

Cal Poly is led by Chad Mendes (12.9), Jeff Owens (18.9) and Ryan Halsey (18.6).

The Bodiemakers come into the weekend with an impressive 7-1 record overall, coming off a victory over Brown, 26-18, in the Lone Star duals. The Mustangs are 0-3 against the Bodiemakers all-time, last suffering a 22-16 loss against Purdue Jan. 8, 2006.

Things don't get easier in the second part of the dual meet as the Mustangs then take on Boise State. The Broncos are currently 1-1 overall with their most recent victory coming in convincing fashion over Wyoming, 39-0, on Jan. 4.

Boise State holds the overall lead all-time, 11-5, over Cal Poly. In their last meeting, Cal Poly fell the Broncos 26-15, on Feb. 4, 2005.

The match against Purdue is set to begin at 5 p.m., while the Boise State match begins at 7 p.m.

WRESTLING

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CAL POLY VS. UC DAVIS, 7 P.M. MOTT GYM

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SOUNDING OFF with Garrett Leight

For football fans, 2006 has started off with an astronomical bang. The Bowl Championship Series was not only the best of recent memory, but the best of college bowl games I have ever seen.

From the athletic plays of Ted Ginn Jr. and the Ohio State Buckeyes to the incredible blown kick battle between Penn State and Florida State and, of course, the classic battle between Southern California and Texas, the action was simply scintillating.

Just when you think the football season can't get any better, you realize the NFL playoffs are in full swing.

Unless, of course, you're a member or fan of the Tigers, Raiders or 49ers, then you're simply watching for the love of the sport. Fortunately, I loathe all three.

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Frank Stranzl

The Big West so far has been volatile to say the least. A 9-10 non-conference team (UC Riverside) is off to a 2-2 start in Big West play, including a win against arguably the conference's top team, and Cal State Fullerton lost a home game to Cal Poly.

Players aside, Fullerton and Pacific are still the favorites to win the conference championship. But, as Pacific coach Bob Thomason said during a conference call on Wednesday, it all boils down to the conference tournament in early March.

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The upside: Win vs. Texas A&M, on Jan. 18 the Aggies were undefeated until losing to the Tigers.

The downside: A&M played a cupcake schedule and the win is hardly enough to overshadow loss to Riverside.

Swedish Star: Foreign born talent has been a staple for Pacific coach Bob Thomason, and Christian Maraker (Varberg, Sweden) is as good as they come. Maraker averages 18 points and 9.1 rebounds per game while leading the conference in free throw shooting at 88.9 percent.

Fullerton (8-5, 2-2) - Fullerton entered the season with high expectations, but the Titans haven't lived up to them. With no marquee wins and losses to Cal Poly, Texas-San Antonio and San Francisco, the Titans, like the Tigers, need to run the table just to maintain some hope of an at-large bid.

The upside: 20 is the magic number, the number of wins the Titans will need even to be considered as an at-large team. If the Titans win-out, they have 21 wins going into the conference tournament.

The downside: The smart money says the Titans won't walk through the remaining

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