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who in September 2005 accepted an offer to be the university's new provost and vice president for academic affairs, has withdrawn his agreement to take the position, Cal Poly President Warren Baker said in a recent e-mail to the Cal Poly faculty.

Harris was scheduled to begin in July 2006, succeeding Paul Zingg, who in 2004, became the president of the University of California, Chico in 2004. The interim provost is Robert Derweiler.

"While I believe this was a difficult judgment, 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, Derweiler has agreed to continue executing his current duties as interim provost and academic vice president.

"Under Derweiler's continued leadership, I expect Cal Poly to continue to thrive and I urge you to give him your full support," said Baker in the e-mail.

According to the e-mail, Baker has asked the Advisory Committee that originally contacted Harris concerning the position, to resume a search for a new provost.

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 reconsidering 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 Champús Market. They offer hamburgers, drinks, salad, 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).

"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 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 Cusman, associate director for campus dining.

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Dining

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

"The university has had an agreement with the Foundation for a long time," said Vicki Stover, associate 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 better by using an inspector to check that groups are using proper sanitation and safety, so more groups are beginning to see the effects of it. "Previously we didn't have anyone 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."

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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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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 setting over proposals for bringing back the still-ruined city.

Bush dropped 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 Small Business Administration loans, problems with homeowner 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. Joel Kaplan, deputy budget director, said the administration expected the deficit for this year to top $400 billion, 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 it 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 are still abandoned wastelands of uninhabitable homes and sidewalks pilled with moldy garbage. Barely a quarter of the city's former residents have returned yet and it's not clear how many more will.

Stampede breaks out among pilgrims at hajj stochastic ritual

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

Salah Nasrawi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINA, Saudi Arabia — Muslim pilgrims tripped over luggage while hurrying to ritually stone the devil Thursday, causing a crush that tram­pered 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 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 beat 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.

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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 community) on Tuesday night to watch an environmental documentary and 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 focused on the relationship between humans and the environment. Jones encouraged students to approach faculty about issues on campus that may be environmentally unsound.

"It's neat to see Cal Poly: NEXT and the gathering of ASI clubs, especially for sustainability," said Daniel Spencer, a business marketing senior. "It is important to create a connection between decision makers and students, between clubs and clubs," said Werikhe, Middletost, ASI president.

"It's neat to see Cal Poly: NEXT and the gathering of ASI clubs, especially for sustainability. The more people involved, the better," said Daniel Spencer, a business marketing senior. "Cal Poly: NEXT and Sustainability Month continue through January. A Transportation and Mobility Design Workshop will be held Saturday from noon until 3 p.m. in room 220 of the University Union. The design workshop, which aims to develop improved campus mobility, will be hosted by Otala College of Business and The Center for Sustainability in Engineering.

\[\text{Diversity editor: \text{Marieca Mendonca}}\]

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Astral Weeks’ beautiful, unorthodox

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 patented quips. 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 esclamation point of this very type of album. I have never heard anything so beautiful, stylistically coherent 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 the exclamation point of this very type of album. I have never heard anything so beautiful, stylistically sound.

This isn’t anything radical or jolting on this album, rather its genius is undeniably 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 rocking 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 purity of an unimagined day. 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 face and try to sing along. You will fail — and will then realize the genius.

"Astral Weeks" is a simply arcane experience, of which I believe to be one of the top five albums of all time.

RATING:

TRACK PICK: No. 6, "Madam George."

"Astral Weeks" is p\text{roof of musical genius.}
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sports section should cover all sports

I have been pretty disappointed in the Mustang Daily sports section so far. Why has the sports section been so unbalanced? The Cal Poly men and women's swimming and diving teams have been greatly recognized in previous issues; the school paper. They are dedicated athletes and intelligent individuals. The softball team has won the GPA award among all men and women's sports for the past two years; how have these teams not once been acknowledged in print? For these reasons, I am writing to you to request coverage from your sports section.

Bream McDonald

Thoughts on homosexuality

As a reader of your paper, I have seen that there are some articles about the topic of homosexuality. However, I believe that more should be written about this issue from a personal perspective. I would like to share my thoughts on this topic.

Chris Davis

editing junior

Is he just another Nixon?

Regarding the comments in the Oct. 20 issue about Richard Nixon, I think that your article focused too much on the political aspects of his presidency. As an American, I think it is important to understand the personal and psychological factors that influenced his actions.

Ethan Weitz

 Fundamentalists versus homosexuals

While I agree with the general idea that fundamentalists and homosexuals are not compatible, I believe that a more nuanced approach is necessary. It is important to recognize the complexity of both sides and to approach the issue with an open mind.

Michael Minahan

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

ISN'T IT TIME TO THINK PAST T-20?

We're calling you out, UCOP champion

Department of Education

Let's take a closer look at the recent controversy surrounding the UCOP champions. The UCOP champions are a group of UCOP officials who have been accused of using their positions for personal gain. However, the UCOP champions are also a group of dedicated professionals who are working hard to improve the UC system.

As a student, I believe it is important to understand the complexities of this issue and to engage in a constructive dialogue about it. We need to ask ourselves: What can we learn from this controversy? How can we use this as an opportunity to improve our system?

By: Your Name

March 1, 2023

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPORTS

Rubber stamp

We have received a rubber stamp from an unknown source that seems to promote a certain viewpoint. However, we have no way of knowing who distributed this stamp or what its true purpose is.

By: Anonymous

March 1, 2023
wildcard weekend was less than amusing with an absolute dominance by veteran quarterbacks over rookie quarterbacks. Which team and time again will prove to be a determining factor, a factor that will continue from this weekend. The divisional playoff round kicks off with an NFC, both matching up the Washington Redskins with the Seattle Seahawks. Shaun Alexander and the Seahawks are coming in as an 18-point favorite and are expected to run all over Laur Arrington and the Redskins defense. However, the Redskins have the defense to stop the high-flying Seahawks offense, and Joey Gibbs is one of the best playoff coaches in history, which was shown last weekend against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. There is one glaring difference that Seattle has to lose, and it’s not their bench behind the center and the Redskins offense can’t move the ball. Seahawks win 24–13.

1. The Saturday night game is set to possibly be the most exciting game of the weekend and easily the most hyped. The mismatch between the New England Patriots and the Denver Broncos has more story lines than the Broncos defeated the defending Super Bowl champions, The Broncos, 28–20 in the regular season.

This however is a different Patriot team than the Broncos faced in week 6. With Richard Seymour and Corey Dillon back the Broncos can expect the Patriot to bring it not being as good as Tom Brady any time soon.

2. Money is on New England, and another Adam Vinatieri game-winning field goal.

Sunday morning showcases Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts and Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Not much to say here as this one should be over in the third quarter.

Bill Cowher is one of my favorite coaches, but year in and year out he’s only got one good team in his career. The Colts win. The Colts will be a force to be reckoned with in the 2006 playoffs and there is no way it’s one and done for them this year.

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The Panthers boast the best defensive line in football with Julius Peppers and Mike Rucker combining havoc at the defensive end positions. This game should be exciting, but expect Jake Delhomme and his offense to outduel Rex Grossman and his offense in a 13-6 victory putting the Carolina Panthers in the NFC title game for the second time in three years.

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day's play will be unblemished.

The "Brown Factor." Bobby and Janael Brown, no relation but downtown, are the only Real Estate team in the school; Bobby putting in 19.5 per game and Janael chipping in with 17.7.

Next Best UC Irvine (6-8, 2-0) - The win over Long Beach State and a 79-63 win over Stanford 79-63 on Nov. 19. However, losses to Dr. Pepper Arkansas-Monticello and Cal State Stanislaus show how volatile the Anteaters can be.

Best Bet: Irvine, like the rest of the teams to be mentioned, has no chance of an at-large tournament invitation. It’s all about pecking for position. In the Big West Conference Tournament, the top two teams need just two wins to take the championship, making regular season success a huge advantage.

Best Bet: Irvine. Drop to a third or fourth seed and the Anteaters will need three wins in order to earn the conference’s automatic bid.

Cal State Northridge (6-6, 1-1) - An upset win over UC in its first game of the season is the teams claim to fame. The Matadors played Long Beach close and a win in their first Big West game then dispatched Riverside by 14 two nights later.

Best Bet: Irvine. Sure Irvine has won games but Cal State Northridge has won games in the conference. The Anteaters are a team on the rise, and the Matadors are not.

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M. BASKETBALL

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.

WRESTLING

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 (12-4), Jeff Owens (18-4), and Ryan Haley (18-4).

The Bodiemakers come into the weekend with an impressive 7-1 record overall, coming off a victory over Brown, 26-15, 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, 2000.

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, Jan. 4.

Boise State holds the overall lead all-time, 11-8 over Cal Poly. In their last meeting, Cal Poly fell the Broncos 26-15, 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.

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 bowl 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 Chargers, Raiders or 49ers, then you're simply watching for the love of the sport. Fortunately, I loathe all three teams.

see Sounding Off, page 7

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

Cal Poly set to host Aggies

Cal Poly's Jessica Eggleston combined for 48 points in two games against Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine last week to earn Big West Player of the Week honors.

Women's basketball player Jessica Eggleston has been on fire lately.

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

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