Governor's new budget calls for higher student fees

Amanda Retzer

Taco Bell grilled stuff burrito — $1.99. Quarterly campus parking pass — $90. Ten percent increase on student tuition if the governor's state budget is approved — $325 more per student each year.

California State University students could be dishing out more dough starting this fall if a new budget proposed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is approved. The plan relies on receiving $1.3 billion from student fee increases, an amount that was paid by the state last year. However, this year the state administration is holding out its coin jar to students. "It's a tax on students. It's the state administration's responsibility to cover higher education and make CSU students a priority," Associated Students Inc. President Todd Maki said. "The public institution was founded to be accessible for the average person to get a higher education.

Many of those who oppose student fee increases are looking to the state to buy out the fee hikes to take the burden off students. "If the government can pay for education then that's how it should be," said Dimitri Antoniou, an environmental management professor. "It's hard enough to send students to universities so this would probably just discourage more individuals.

However, budget supporters said students should contribute more to their own tuition. "Student fees are the approximate amount that would cover faculty salary and benefit increases."

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Avocados are the most impacted fruit on campus, contributing to an estimated $26 million worth of damages countywide.

Tristan Aird

Avocado fruits were likely damaged more than any other crop growing on campus as the result of cold weather throughout January. Cal Poly orchard production manager Mark Welch said last Friday. Welch estimated that roughly 90 percent of the avocados and 10 to 25 percent of the citrus fruits on campus were damaged because of temperatures that dipped into the 20s in mid-January, contributing to an estimated $26 million worth of damages countywide. He added, however, that the exact figures will not be known until insurance adjusters from Fresno visit Cal Poly sometime this week.

"I'm hedging that prices will be going up for our returns for the fees," said Welch, who manages about 60 acres of crops on campus. Low temperatures in San Luis Obispo for days from Jan. 11 to 24 were no higher than 37 degrees, according to Weather.com. Three of those days had lows in the 20s, including a low of 22 degrees Jan. 14.

"We didn't have cold weather like over the hill in Paso Robles," Welch said. "At least we would heat back up. For Cal Poly, it was really cold. I think what helped us is we had orchard heaters placed throughout the citrus and avocado.

The orchard heaters primarily helped salvage citrus fruits other than the 15-plan acres of lemons.

"The 10-to-25 percent estimated damage is for lemons," he said. "It seems like all the other fruit we have is fine. The lemons don't have orchard heaters.

Welch said Cal Poly was not hit as hard across the board as agriculture in surrounding areas.

"We're actually, in better shape than Cayucos and Morro

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Environmental reporter to tell 'The Truth' on global warming

Andrew Revkin, a 12-year reporter for The New York Times, will present "The Truth: Our Impact on the Environment" in Chumash Auditorium from noon to 1 p.m. today.

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Devan McElaine

Acclaimed author and New York Times science reporter Andrew Revkin will be appearing on campus for a presentation entitled, "The Truth: Our Impact on the Environment."

Revkin, who has reported for the New York Times for 12 years, will focus on humanity's growing impact on the environment. The free presentation will take place from noon to 1 p.m. today at Chumash Auditorium in the University Union.

The presentation will be a part of CP Next Generation Sustain, a two-day Associated Students Inc. sponsored summit that spotlights the growing concerns of environmental sustainability and diversity for generations to come.

"Climate change is a huge breaking story, it's just on a century-long time scale," Revkin said. "We are at an amazing time in this planet's history."

"In 1968 there were 3 1/2 billion people on the planet, today there are 6 1/2 billion mostly in India and China. Many of them would like to burn coal, have a computer and they should. The question is how do we facilitate the needs of everyone."

Instead of showing apocalyptic consequences of human impact on the environment, Revkin takes a more balanced approach.

"It's my job to weed through (extremes)...catastrophe draws short-term attention, which is good, but it also polarizes the issue. You can't impose urgency on someone, urgency is built through concern," Revkin said.

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the CSU system.
Fees have been on the rise for the past few years, and this most recent one would almost double what they were in 2002. CSU undergraduate students would be expected to pay $2,772 a year, $252 more than last year with the new budget. This brought up the question of where the money was going. "Moderate and predictable fee increases help the university system fund operational costs, hire qualified faculty and staff, and grow education programs," Potes-Fellow said.
Nearly $129 million would be used to essentially cover salary and benefit increases for CSU employees. "Comparing apples to apples, CSU employees are underpaid compared to similar universities nationwide," said Michelle Broom, Cal Poly public relations and market coordinator. "It is about retaining quality faculty and staff." The $4.3 billion budget would also dedicate nearly $80 million to account for a 2.5 percent student enrollment growth. About $40 million would go towards State University Grants and financial aid while around $10 million would be spread among academic technology, library improvements, and faculty recruitment of kindergarten through 12th grade math and science teachers. A shortage in highly trained teachers in pre-college education brought the need for extra funding for recruitment. "I think the best thing is funding for K-12 teachers to help get kids to college," said Maki. "And at least some of that money was being used to essentially cover salary and benefit increases for CSU employees."

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Bay," he said. "We were very well protected, but it was cold. The front-protection technique is to water the ground thoroughly before it freezes." Horticulture and crops science faculty member Keith Patterson, who manages the school's crops of grapes, said that watering was the technique that came in handy. Patterson said Friday it does not appear the 12-student-run acres of grapes on campus suffered any significant damage. "A lot of it depends on the health of the plant before the cold weather," Patterson said. "Plants that have been well-watered have a better chance."

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Question of the day:

Should Bush be the ‘decision-maker’ for raising troop levels in Iraq?

“I think he’s overstep-ping his bounds and not adhering to checks and balances. He should keep more of an open mind instead of having it his way and only his way.”

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“I think Bush’s deci-sions so far haven’t made a difference and he has no direction in the path he’s taking. Soldiers are paying with their youth and their lives.”

-Jhana Samuels social science junior

“He is the decision-maker, but he’s making decisions for the minority. He should be less obstinate about his ‘my way or the highway’ mentality.”

-Bryant Larsen mechanical engineering senior

“I don’t think he’s a very good decision-maker. If the war was going well, I’d accept his decisions, but it’s not, so he needs to reevaluate the decisions he makes.”

-Justin Knight computer engineering freshman

“He is the decision-maker, he has the most powerful position in the world. I support his deci-sions because I agree that we need to finish the job that we started.”

-Darlene Robecky liberal studies freshman

Senate Republican challenges Bush on war powers

Laurie Kellman ASSOCIATE EDITOR

WASHINGTON — A Senate Republican on Tuesday directly challenged President Bush’s declara-tion that “I am the decision-maker” on issues of war.

“I would suggest respectfully to the president that he is not the sole decider,” Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said during a hearing on Congress’ war powers amid an increasingly harsh debate over Iraq war policy.

“The decider is a shared and joint responsibility,” Specter said.

The question of whether to use its power over the government’s purse strings to force an end to the war in Iraq, and under what condi-tions, is among the issues faced by the newly empowered Democratic majority in Congress, and even some of the president’s political allies as well.

No one challenges the notion that Congress can stop a war by canceling its funding. In fact, Vice President Dick Cheney challenged Congress to back up its objections to Bush’s plan to put 21,500 more troops in Iraq by zeroing out the war budget.

Underlying Cheney’s gambit is the consensus understanding that such a drastic move is doubtful to succeed.

But there are other legislative options to force the war’s end, say majority Democrats and some of Bush’s traditional Republican allies. The alternatives range from capping the number of troops permitted in Iraq to cutting off funding for troop deployments beyond a certain date or setting an end date for the war.

“The Constitution makes Congress a coequal branch of govern-ment. It’s time we start acting like it,” said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., who presided over a hearing Tuesday on Congress’ war powers. He also is pushing legislation to end the war by eventually prohibiting funding for the deployment of troops to Iraq.

His proposal, like many others designed to force an end to U.S. involvement in the bloody conflict, is far from having enough support even to come up for a vote on the Senate floor.

Closer to that threshold is a non-binding resolution declaring that Bush’s proposal to send 21,500 more troops to Baghdad and Anbar province is “not in the national interest.” The Senate could take up that measure early next month.

But some senators, complaining that the resolution is symbolic, are forwarding tougher bills.

Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer of California, for example, is a sponsor of a bill that would call for troops to come home in 180 days and allow for a minimum number of forces to be left behind to hunt down terror-ists and train Iraq security forces.

“Read the Constitution,” Boxer told her colleagues last week. “The Congress has the power to declare war. And on multiple occasions, we used our power to end conflicts.”

Congress used its war powers to see Challenge, page 4

Zenaida Montenegro: New Chef at VG Cafe

by Melissa Montecuollio CAMPUS DINING STAFF WRITER

Winter Quarter brought many changes to Cal Poly, including a new Sous Chef at VG Cafe (VG’s). Zenaida Montenegro recently left her supervising job at Veranda Cafe to take the position of Sous Chef at VG’s.

Montenegro started working at Cal Poly in Oct. of 2005, first at Garden Grille. She then transferred to Veranda Cafe, doing extremely well in her first quarter there. And now she looks forward to her new job at VG’s.

Montenegro wanted the job because it allowed her to be more creative. Veranda Cafe is limited to primarily serving Mexican cuisine while VG’s has a wide variety of food offered.

This was one of the main factors Montenegro considered when applying for the job.

“I don’t want to make people tired of the same thing,” said Montenegro. She wants people to appreciate the variety of VG’s the same way she does. Montenegro says she can do so many more things at VG’s.

Another reason Montenegro wanted the job was to improve the popularity of Garden Grille, business was declining for VG’s. But it’s Montenegro’s goal to improve the cuisine at VG’s and make it more popular.

“Jove worked here for three weeks and I already hear a lot of compliments,” she said. Although she may still hear complaints, Montenegro works personally to fix the problem.

The VG’s menu is completely new. Montenegro and her team have been working extremely hard to get the new menu ready to be served.

“We’re looking forward to serving a variety of dishes,” Montenegro said. "We want to offer something for everyone."
**State**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A jury convicted a woman of murder Tuesday after prosecutors accused her of poisoning her Marine husband with arsenic to cash in on his $250,000 life insurance policy to finance a luxurious lifestyle.

The jury also found in favor of special circumstances against Cynthia Sommer, 33, alleging murder by poisoning and for financial gain. Sommer could be sentenced to life in prison.

Prosecutors argued that Sommer wanted a more luxurious lifestyle than she could afford on the $1,700 monthly salary Sgt. Todd Sommer brought home.

Sacramento home by the Placer County Sheriff’s Department and the U.S. Secret Service.

**WASHINGTON (AP) —** Stabilizing Iraq will require “new and different actions” to improve security and promote political reconciliation, the Navy admiral posed to lead American forces in the Middle East said Tuesday. Adm. William Fallon, at his confirmation hearing, also told the Senate Armed Services Committee that it may be time to “redfine the goals” in Iraq.

**WASHINGTON (AP) —** Airline pilots will be allowed to fly only until they turn 65 instead of the current mandatory retirement age of 60 under a proposal to be announced Tuesday by Federal Aviation Administrator Marion Blakely. Pilots and lobbyists working on the issue say they expect Blakely to include the announcement in a luncheon speech.

**GHENT, W. Va. (AP) —** An explosion leveled a gas station near a ski resort Tuesday morning, killing at least four people and seriously injuring at least nine others, authorities said. A firefighter and a paramedic were among the injured at the Flat Top Little General Store on Route 19, said Kim O’Brien, spokeswoman for the state Fire Marshal’s office, who provided the casualty figures.

**National**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Assassins struck Shiite worshipers in three Iraqi cities Tuesday, killing at least 36 people in bombings and ambushes during the climax of ceremonies marking Ashura, the holiest day in the Shiite calendar. In apparent retaliation, mortar shells slammed into predominantly Sunni neighborhoods in Baghdad hours later, killing at least five people and wounding 20, officials said.

Hundreds of thousands of Shiite Muslims converged on the holy city of Karbala — where the 7th-century battle took place that cemented the schism between Sunnis and Shiites — beating their chest and heads to mark the death of the Prophet Muhammad’s grandson. The entire city was sealed off, all vehicles were banned, and pilgrims were searched at numerous checkpoints.

POITIERS, France (AP) — Socialist Segolene Royal began her campaign to become France’s first woman president in this bucolic region of Cognac vineyards and farm fields, trying out policies like free birth control pills for schoolgirls and opposition to outsourcing jobs.

**International**

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cut off or put conditions on funding for the Vietnam War and conflicts in Cambodia, Somalia and Bosnia.

"Under the Constitution, lawmakers have the ability to declare war and fund military operations, while the president has control of military forces. But presidents also can veto legislation and Bush likely has enough support in Congress on Iraq to withstand any veto override attempts."

Seeking input, Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Specter, asked Attorney General Alberto Gonzales for the White House’s views on Congress’ war powers.

"In an ongoing operation, you’ve got to defer to the commander in chief," said Sen. John Warner, R-Va., ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee. But the veteran senator and former Navy secretary said he understands the debate over Congress’ ability to check the executive branch.

"Once Congress raises an army, it’s his to command," said Robert Turner, a law professor at the University of Virginia who was to testify Tuesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

In recent decades, presidents have routinely bypassed Congress when deploying troops to fight. Since World War II has Congress issued an official declaration of war, despite lengthy wars fought in Vietnam and Korea.

Congress does not have to approve military maneuvers.

John Yoo, who as a Justice Department lawyer helped write the 2002 resolution authorizing the Iraq invasion, called that document a political one designed only to bring Democrats on board and spread accountability for the conflict.

The resolution passed by a 296-133 vote in the then-GOP-run House and 77-23 in the Democratic-led Senate, but it was not considered a declaration of war.
At 'Ace of Cakes' bakery, as seen on Food Network, the excitement and artistry are for real

Charm City Cakes baker and owner Duff Goldman is shown surrounded by his unique cakes in his workshop Monday, Dec. 18, 2006 in Baltimore.

Ben Nuckels

Baltimore — Spend a few hours at Duff Goldman’s bakery and it becomes clear that the omnipresent Food Network camera crews don’t have to manufacture the dramatic tension that fans of his show, “Ace of Cakes,” have come to expect.

Like Goldman himself, Charm City Cakes, where the ace and his staff produce their fanciful, edible creations, has a relaxed, welcoming vibe. But then crisis intrudes as a Scottish castle becomes, well, a pile of rubble.

“Occasionally we'll have to remake it from scratch,” Goldman said.

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The Audacity of Hope. The second book by U.S. senator and presidential hopeful Barack Obama, highlights the things he thinks America needs to hear. In a way, the book serves as a sort of preliminary campaign outline; he lays out many of his beliefs, as well as the direction he wants to see America follow.

Much like the well-documented speeches he made before the 2004 Democratic National Convention, Obama's book focuses on the idea that Americans can be strong in what they believe, but also willing to debate, discuss, and compromise when necessary. Obama is only one of many current or possible presidential candidates who have become authors; John McCain, Rudy Giuliani, John Edwards, Mike Huckabee, and Hillary Clinton have all written books on themselves. What makes Obama stand out among all of these is his unique suggestions to American citizens. He understands the importance of strong positions, and does not suggest that Americans abandon the values that are important to them for the sake of "bipartisanship."

Instead, he admonishes citizens to think about the issues that matter most to them and stand behind them with more than just their words. He cites the examples of civil rights leaders Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., and John F. Kennedy as people who would not compromise their beliefs, but who were at the same time willing to pay the price for having them.

True to his premise, Obama does not pretend to agree with everyone, and he doesn't at all beat around the bush when it comes to his liberal views. Because of this, his book is more likely to be praised by Democrats as the work of a future leader, while Republicans will undoubtedly still disagree with him.

However, people of all political views can appreciate this book for its call for honest, thoughtful debate in the political realm. Although he disagrees with the current administration's positions on issues from healthcare coverage to the war in Iraq, Obama finds more qualms with what he describes as the "lack of process by which the White House and its congressional allies disposed of opposing views" than the actual stance that conservatives take on such issues. Indeed, he goes on to describe the differences he has with some in the other party as deep but civil ("...as much as I disagreed with Republican policies, I believed they were worthy of serious debate").

Whereas some will be disappointed in his views on issues, most will be refreshed with Obama's idea that compromise is possible without forcing people to abandon views that are important to them. While the book is unlikely to sway conservatives, it could be a decisive factor with undecided voters who want to find a standout among all of the presidential contenders.

While the book gives some insight into Obama's past, readers will want to read his first book, a memoir entitled "Dreams From My Father," for a more in-depth autobiographical account of his life. The purpose of this book is definite— to lay down a different kind of ideology rather then to inundate readers with anecdotes. Still, it highlights enough specific, influential events to make him seem like a credible person that you don't mind curling up with its 400-or-so pages. And while he mostly stays away from his personal life, Obama does delve quite deeply into the specifics of the Senate (think bills, chamber rules, filibusters, etc.); although this could bore some readers, the examples he uses are generally interesting and quite insightful into the true workings of our legislature, and do much to establish Obama as someone who knows what he's talking about when it comes to the government.

All in all, Obama presents himself as someone who is likeable and trustworthy, even when you might disagree with him. His thoughtful and honest approach to the issues facing the world today establishes him as a viable presidential candidate and as a senator who cares about his country.

Obama's 'Hope' for future shines in new book

Sen. Barack Obama D-Ill., and Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) discuss politics while on the road for the Democratic Party. Both of the senators have written books discussing their ideas for America.
Cal Poly Multicultural Center brings new hip-hop documentary ‘Letter’ to campus

Amanda Retzer

To start off the celebration of Black History Month, the documentary “Letter to the President” will be shown by the Multicultural Center and Student Life and Leadership Thursday at 3 p.m. in the University Union, room 219.

“The film is about how hip-hop helped shape black America following the civil rights movement and it’s from a completely black perspective,” said Brian McMullen, journalism major and president of the Students United by Hip-Hop Culture Club. “It is one of the new waves of black history that isn’t getting a lot of attention in history classes and it’s really interesting to see.’’

The 2005 film follows pressing political and social issues that have affected an often overlooked part of American society: the young hip-hop community. Director Thomas Gibson utilizes emotion and shock to demonstrate the intertwining of U.S. politics and the black community, while looking at controversial issues such as cocaine in inner-city neighborhoods and the U.S. prison system.

“The attitude of the film is provocative and it’s from a strong liberal point of view. It’s definitely an eye-opener. It tells about the history of hip-hop and how it relates to the black community’s struggle,” said Brenton Smith, civil engineering junior student assistant. “It focuses on the hip-hop community after President Reagan’s term in office and the effects of his policies. Hip-hop was used as a voice to speak out against it. It was the black community’s new voice.”

The video takes a strong stance on these issues, and its controversial nature calls for audiences with receptive consciences.

“You have to watch it with an open mind,” Smith said. “It might piss people off, but in my opinion, it’s good because it makes people think and have an opinion.”

Nurtured by Soop Dog, “Letter to the President” features many big-name interviews from historians and celebrities including Quincy Jones, Russell Simmons, Common and 50 Cent.

“One might be more willing to listen if it’s their favorite artist telling them rather than just some historian. You will also get the History Channel on how the hip-hop community started. It is from the viewpoint of the people who were actually there when it started, and the people who wrote it,” Smith said. “It’s better than showing your average Martin Luther King Jr. video that everyone has seen a million times.”

The film is R-rated due to drug content and violent images, and has been referred to as a “hip-hop Fahrenheit 9/11” according to movie review Web site Rotten Tomatoes. It is free and open to the public. Following the film will be an open forum for viewers to express their opinions about the movie and its issues.

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TIME CAPSULE

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• 1936 "The Green Hornet" radio show debuts.

• 1956 First nonstop transcontinental helicopter flight arrives in Wash. D.C.

• 1968 France becomes world's fifth thermonuclear power.

• 1981 Thomas Edison patents motion picture camera.

Last King

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Director Kevin Macdonald and writers Peter Morgan and Jeremy Brock weave an authentic tale that grabs audience members by the throat and pulls them into a world ripe with lies and the stench of death. However, it is Whitaker's portrayal of Amin that makes "The Last King of Scotland" what it is. The film could easily be ignored, or even demonized, due to the highly graphic nature of some of its scenes, but Whitaker's ability to convey a combination of irresistible charm and jarring malice makes the character of Amin simultaneously lovable and detestable.

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Whitaker practically dares the audience inside the film. This tactic allows many audience members who aren't aware of Amin's countless crimes against his country to experience history as it unfolds before them. And while this may make the film a little confusing, it also makes it all the more gut-wrenching and meaningful.

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Truck Runs on Fryer Fat

Melissa Montecuollo

CAMPUS DINING STAFF WRITER

This year, one of Campus Dining's big box trucks has been converted to run on fryer fat for fuel, otherwise known as "Biodiesel." According to Mike Hogan, Campus Dining Facilities Manager, for the next three months, this truck will run on a mix of 20% biodiesel, then switch to 50% biodiesel for a few more months and eventually increase to 100% biodiesel some time near the 2007 graduation this spring. "Biodiesel is harder on hoses and filters than standard fuel," said Hogan. "So those components will need to be changed every quarter; however, the truck should run normally otherwise."

This is not the only measure Campus Dining is taking toward sustainability. Each week, 6,000 pounds of cardboard is recycled as well as much of the aluminum, plastic, glass, and paper used in Campus Dining. In addition, 300 pounds of produce trimmings and egg shells are composted daily, along with many buckets of coffee grounds. For more than a decade Campus Dining has been among the annual winners in the Waste Reduction Awards Program which recognizes businesses making strides in sustainability.

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Famed actor Sidney Sheldon dies at 89

Bob Thomas

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sidney Sheldon who won awards in three careers — Broadway theater, movies, television — then at age 50 turned to writing best-selling novels about stalwart women who triumph in a hostile world of ruthless men, has died. He was 89.

Sheldon died Tuesday afternoon of complications from pneumonia at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif., said Warren Cowan, his publisher of more than 25 years. "I've lost a longtime and dear friend," Cowan said. "If all my years in this business, I've never heard an unkind word said about him." Sheldon's books, with titles such as "Rage of Angels," "The Other Side of Midnight," "Master of the Game" and "If Tomorrow Comes," provided his greatest fame. They were cleverly plotted with a high degree of suspense and sensuality and a device to keep the reader turning pages.

"I try to write my books so the reader can't put them down," he explained in a 1982 interview. "I try to construct them so when the reader gets to the end of a chapter, or the last scene, he or she wants to read just one more chapter. It's the technique of the old newspaper reporter that I try to use." Sheldon died Tuesday afternoon, leaving the city hang
ingen on the edge of the cliff at the end of the chapter."
Reliving Cal Poly's own 'Black History'

In love the month of February
1 mean it's a really funny month considering we have: the Super Bowl (Feb. 1), Valentine's Day (Feb. 14), Mardi Gras (Feb. 26), and National Education Week (18-24 Feb). and of course, who could forget, it's also Black History Month.

However it is best said that during the month, Cal Poly College Republicans (CPCR) have decided to create Black History Month, a black intellectual, author, speaker, and proud Republican on Feb 21.

Unfortunately, the last time Mason came to our beloved campus, an incident occurred that caused national headlines. (It's now story time.)

Not so long ago (November 2002), a former member of the CPCR, Steve Hinkle, attempted to post a flier in the Multicultural Center (MC). The flier contained the title of the book "It's OK to Leave the Plantation," the name and picture of the author (Weaver), and the time and place for a speech by Weaver. When Hinkle went into the MC to post the fliers, someone (my guess is someone from the CPCR) found the flier to be offensive. They asked Hinkle to leave, and threatened to call the police if he were trying to discuss the flier with the students, Hinkle left peacefully.

So far, it seems like a little misunderstanding, and with a little discussion from both sides, the situation could have been resolved.

Unfortunately, the Cal Poly administration decided to charge Hinkle with "disrupting a campaign event" (although, no event was going on at the time, hmm...). Now, I don't doubt any of you have gone into a bar with Cal Poly Judicial Affairs, so let me explain how it works. Several Cal Poly administrators act as judge, jury and prosecutor. And as a student you are not allowed an attorney.

During the course of the seven-hour hearing, our current and most beloved (please don't hurt me) Corneli Morton, vice president of Student Affairs, made reference to the fact that Hinkle is a white male (blonde hair and blue eyes), a member of the Cal Poly College Republicans, and that his flier created a "collision of experiences," which has "racial implications."

I'm not sure about this hearing but nothing to do with disrupting a meeting, but rather, it was an "anti-student, anti-republican," like "I have to abuse power" type of event. In fact, when Hinkle asked what the heck was "disruption" was during his hearing, the director of Judicial Affairs responded that she couldn't see the relevance of that question. (I would think that when you charge someone with "disrupting something," the definition is slightly relevant, but, then again, I am just a lowly columnist.) Later, she attempted to answer, but joked saying, "Gosh, I feel like I am on Jeopardy!".

If you really want to read the entire transcript of the event, you can go to www.thefire.org/index.php/article/4970.html. It's actually a humorous read.

Anyways, Hinkle was found guilty, and as punishment was to write two letters of apology and attend "therapy" (you know, to get rid of his "racist" attitudes), but instead he decided to get legal help. After repeatedly attempting to get Cal Poly to drop the charges (since it had no case), Hinkle's legal team decided to take the case to court. At this point, the university finally settled and dropped the charges. Oh yeah, and it had to pay $40,000 of Hinkle's legal fees (that's a lot).

Just think, the university could have given out 10,666.66 Lucy's Juice smoothies to us students with that money. But alas, it was wasted by our administration, which was trying to be politically correct, anti-white, and anti-republican. But hey, I still love you guys, I mean, without them, we wouldn't have the pleasant parking spaces, well-lit paths, uncrowded gym, and wonderful tasty and inexpensive food, that we all truly enjoy.

Oh, and if you were wondering what the eminig and mysterious president of our university was doing the entire time, well, he was doing nothing. However, for his actions, Warren Baker won the coveted Sheldon award (2003), an annual award given out by the San Luis Obispo News & World Report to "the university president who does the most harm to students."

Unfortunately, the Cal Poly administration won't try to abuse its power.

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"Under Four" campaign could educate better

Though the campaign has become a familiar part of campus life across all of us on campus. We have all scanned the classroom walls as we tune out our professors and ran across this poster. The message is slapped on every bulletin board, windows, and newspaper advertisement. We are reminded on a daily basis that "the average Cal Poly student drinks less than four (drinks) in one sitting." I have to give credit to the team that came up with this slogan. I mean, I can't turn a corner on campus without being warned of the appropriate drinking limit, and my God, if everyone else is doing it, then I guess I better follow along, right?

Unfortunately, three drinks in each sitting would probably lead me to a coma by the end of the night. With the constant coverage on this issue, it only made sense that I felt comfortable trying to brainwash me, and therefore, I decided to question these little posters.

The average Cal Poly student drinks four drinks in one sitting. Now, the poster doesn't define one sitting, but I am going to assume that it means each bar you visit. In my experience, students have an average of two to three bars in one night, maybe more. That equals approximately nine drinks in one night. Now, I'm not a parent, thank God, but I am guessing that I wouldn't feel too comfortable dropping my child off at college knowing that the average student at Cal Poly quite possibly drinks approximately nine drinks a night, if not more.

Now, I'm not a parent, thank God, but I am guessing that I wouldn't feel too comfortable dropping my child off at college knowing that the average student at Cal Poly quite possibly drinks approximately nine drinks a night, if not more. I'm just not sure this is something we should be bragging about.

Since the campaign began in 2004, students reported a decrease in drinking with 3.9 drinks on average in 2004 and 3.4 in 2006, according to a Cal Poly press release. The survey was conducted on 500 Cal Poly students. This campaign has become a major contributor to the decrease of student drinking, then more power to it, but I just have a hard time believing that students are picturing the "Under Four" poster before they start their next keg stand.

The fact of the matter is that most of us are going to have to learn the hard way. We are in college, which means we are due for our fair share of hangovers, or worse. For many of us, freshman year was a nine-month blur of experiences. Since it is hard to be a better way to educate students about drinking responsibly. Now, after a few and all years after starting college, I still think about the presentations I saw on sexual assault during week of welcome.

Those presentations make me think twice about walking home alone at night or jogging alone when it is getting dark. Why don't we have something this effective for alcohol abuse? I just have a hard time believing that students are chanting the "Under Four" motto in their heads as they head for the nearest frat house. How about we work a little more on educating students about alcohol abuse and stop trying to tell them how much they shouldn't drink.

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Big West Conference), which appears to have shaken the road bug with two wins in its last three road games after an 0-6 start away from Mott Gym.

Shelton averages 8.4 points, 5.4 rebounds and 1.7 blocks per game. Bromley was pleased with the way those who filled in for Shelton performed Saturday.

Cal Poly outrebounded Cal State Northridge, which entered as the Big West's top team on the glass, by a 42-34 margin. "The sign was that (Shelton) has good teammates with high character," Bromley said. "John (Manley), (Derek) Stockalper and Dreshawn (Vance) did a great job on the glass and filled that void."

Those four players combined for 22 points and 23 rebounds. "Dreshawn was active on the glass," Bromley said. "John, Joe and Stock were absolute men on the glass. That's one of our weaknesses right now. To outrebound them was absolutely terrific."

Henry, a senior forward, was one of the first two players off the bench. He came up with four boards, one steal and took two charges in 20 minutes. "It feels good," Henry said at the press conference of the last five games. "We're really excited. We're happy with the way we've been playing but we're not satisfied. We still have a lot of improving to do. We're excited to get back to work."

Henry said a rivalry exists between the Mustangs and Aggies, although UC Davis — transitioning from the Division II ranks — will not officially join the Big West until next season. "Even though it doesn't count toward the conference standings," Henry said, "it still is a rivalry. For whatever reason, when UC Davis plays UC Davis, there's always a little extra energy put into that on both sides."

The Aggies are 4-13 overall largely because of their 1-9 mark on the road. But after a 72-68 loss at Cal Poly on Jan. 11, UC Davis came up with surprising wins at UC Santa Barbara (74-66) and in double overtime at home against Cal State Fullerton (98-98).

Rebounding has been a glaring weakness for UC Davis, which is getting beat on the boards by a 39.1-32.2 average per game.

Saturday's outing is Cal Poly's last on the road until a Feb. 22 contest at UC Riverside.

Six of the Mustangs' last eight regular-season games are at home, including four straight from Feb. 8 to 17. One of those home games is an ESPNU Bracket Buster contest against visiting Point State (13-8, 4-4 Big Sky Conference), which was announced Tuesday.

Henry considered it pivotal to finish in the top half of the eight-team conference standings because those teams get a first-round bye in the Big West tourney, which runs from March 7 to 10 in Anaheim. The top two teams in each conference will have to win only two games at the tourney to reach the NCAA Tournament.

And for a team that has won four of its last five games overall, postseason play is already being pondered. "We want to get to the highest position we can and (so) get a bye on that first day of the tournament is a big deal," Henry said. "You only have to play two games to get into the championship as opposed to three."

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Parker, who has a passion for travel — and a tendency to try visiting different wine regions around the world, including Bordeaux, France — hopes to see more of the world after finishing his studies. He's looking forward to spending a significant amount of time in New Zealand on his next adventure.

Because New Zealand is in the Southern Hemisphere, grapes are harvested during the spring, rather than the fall harvest of California. He hopes to spend about six months in the country learning more about the wine-making process there.

The next home dual meet for Cal Poly (4-6, 4-6 Pac-10) is a crucial Pac-10 contest against 17th-ranked Oregon State (13-1, 5-0) in Mott Gym at 2 p.m. Sunday. The Mustangs host Northern Colorado on Feb. 9.

Knicks beat Lakers, 99-94
ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK — Even with Kobe Bryant banned from the arena, the New York Knicks knew not to expect an easy game.

The Los Angeles Lakers certainly didn't give them one either.

The Knicks held off a late rally Tuesday night, handing the Lakers their season-high third straight loss with a 99-94 victory.

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Feb. 21 British Columbia (exhibition) 6 p.m.
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March 24 Oregon State 6 p.m.
March 25 Oregon State 1 p.m.
March 26 Oregon State 1 p.m.
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April 7 *Northridge 1 p.m.
April 20 *UC Riverside 6 p.m.
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April 22 *UC Riverside 1 p.m.
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May 12 UC Davis 6 p.m.
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May 16 *Cal State Fullerton 6 p.m.
May 19 *Cal State Fullerton 6 p.m.
May 20 *Cal State Fullerton 1 p.m.
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le. He caught 1,022 passes for 1,379 yards and 17 touchdowns. He reached 1,000 catches more than once, and his 1,000 catches came in July.

He is not a media hound. Harrison shies away from open locker room sessions for the regular Cols media. He is about as common as an Indy Colt. But he apologizes to no one, even when faced with the reality that Pro Bowl and Hall of Fame legends are often built in the court of public opinion as much as the stat sheet. Harrison knows his style of play and style of celebration, he explained. "I don't think it's hurt me or my agents that I don't call out to Pro Bowlers, or tell them what I'm going to eat or drink for dinner. It's different for me because I know, who's won more games between me and the receiver who does the antics and tactics and things I'll definitely like to know that, I know I have more catches than them."

For as boars go, that'll probably have to do for Harrison. He just doesn't say anything either. "It's discerning, I'm not answering the subtle difference between and unimportant antics."

"The ball hit one of my guys by accident. I'm not out there to embarrass any­ one or harm anyone. My teammates love it, he said, "and I have more than a few things left. Only on special occasions."

This is a game, a special occasion for the 34-year-old who grew up in Philadelphia, rever a stu­ dent of the game, and actually more a fan of basketball and the 76ers.

Despite that, he knows when he reached high school that his future would be in catching passes, not shooting hoops. Harrison describes his as an unexpect­ cat tie life — "I hang out, go to dinner, do things normal people do" — and his quest for the Super Bowl not as the Herculean conquest that many have hyped it up to be.

"I always saw the light at the end of the tunnel," Harrison said. "I work hard, it's important to me; it was important for being anything less than great. Now, I get to play in the Super Bowl. It would've been important to me at the beginning of my career or the end."

He knows that winning Sunday will make him a legend that would otherwise be missing. But it won't change the mission.

"I always wanted to be as good as anyone out there, whether it was 10 guys on a court or 22 guys on the field," he said. "The goal was to be as good as I could be."

He won't miss the drama that Manning, however, is their engaged turnover total. Harrison is the high­ walled, full-court pressing defense and it's done well to force an amazing 22 turnovers per game on defense, but the significance of those turnovers is diminished if you give the ball back just as often. Too many times are errant entry passes thrown aimlessly to the low post.

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Janelle Eastridge

In possibly his last year wrestling, Cal Poly senior heavyweight Cody Parker is hoping for a big finish. Currently 11-4 in matches, Parker is ranked No. 14 in the nation among heavyweights in the InterMat/NWCA poll released Tuesday. He has won nine of his last 11 overall.

"I have the potential to do well," Parker said. "Placing in the top eight at nationals is definitely a goal.

Only time will tell how the season will end at the NCAA Championships in Detroit from March 15 to 17. But for now, Parker is just "doing all that (he) can to prepare for competition."

Cal Poly head coach John Azevedo said that Parker's athletic abilities combined with his upright personality and goofy attitude make him "a great addition to the team."

Parker, who completed his undergraduate education at University of Oregon in 2005, attended Fresno State for a year until the school's wrestling program shut down for what Park called "bogus" reasons. For the most part, the reasons as to why the program — which some are still fighting to get back — closed are still somewhat mysterious.

Last spring, though, Parker began considering other schools in which to finish his master's degree in horticulture and enology (wine-making). Applying two weeks after the application deadline had passed, he went through the hassle of getting a waiver signed and squatting away everything needed for the process to be completed.

But no worries now — Parker has successfully made the transition to Cal Poly, and is enjoying his time here.

"The weather's great, the people are great, the team is great," Parker said. "I have a core group of friends to be around."

Wrestling is a tradition that has been in his family for years (his dad and uncles also wrestled), so it seemed only natural that Parker picked up the sport too.

After attending private schools through junior high, Parker was finally exposed to the wrestling atmosphere upon entry to Roseburg Senior High School in southern Oregon.

"I had the opportunity, and the timing was good," Parker said. "And my high school has a really reputable team." Parker competed in wrestling all four years, finishing his high school wrestling career with a 31-1 record. But now after nearly nine years on the mat, Parker makes no promise as to whether he will continue after this season.

"After five years of college wrestling, your body starts to feel the effects," he said. "Instead, he wants to focus on finishing school and getting the phase of (his) life completed."

After this year, Parker has two years left at Cal Poly finishing the master's program. Then he plans on joining the family business, Melrose Vineyards, a vineyard and wine label in Roseburg, Ore.

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Reclusive receiver Harrison speaks at Super Bowl XLI Media Day

Marvin Harrison is already fourth all-time in NFL receptions, but has said he will only be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame if he doesn't have to give a speech.

Eddie Pells

MIAMI — Tick, tock, tick, tick. For 3,600 seconds on Tuesday, exclusive Indianapolis Colts receiver Marvin Harrison sat patiently and fielded questions he wouldn't think of availing himself for on a normal day.

But this is the Super Bowl, and this was Media Day. And only under auspices as grand as these would one of the NFL's best receivers consent to talk.

Actually, Harrison's hour at Podium No. 6 inside Dolphin Stadium was fairly noisy.

It was an insightful, introspective look at one of the NFL's most prolific and least understood receivers. And as surprising as it was to even see him there, so were his takes on the interview process itself.

"It's fine," he said. "I'm not itching to get up. It's the Super Bowl, and where would you rather be right now?"

While most of the pregame hype surrounds Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning's long quest for a title, Harrison is in virtually the same boat. During 11 seasons, all with the same Harrison, page 11

Poly looks ahead to UC Davis

The Mustangs, who have won four of their last five games, visit the Aggies on Saturday.

Tristan Aird

The Cal Poly men's basketball team has won four of its last five games despite playing Saturday without its most consistent post player.

Starting sophomore forward/center Titus Shelton had to sit out the Mustangs' 76-61 win at Cal State Northridge in a game televised Saturday night on Fox Sports Net because of a strained ankle. Shelton was forced to rest for three to four days, head coach Kevin Bradley said, but that he should be available for Saturday's 7 p.m. nonconference game at UC Davis.

"He should be ready for the Davis game," Bradley said Monday at a weekly athletics department press conference. "It didn't look like it's really severe. There wasn't a lot of swelling. We got an MRI and X-rays on it and that was all negative. We just got to get him back."

Shelton started the first 18 games of the season for Cal Poly (10-5-3, 4-4) the previous season. The Mustangs are 7-12 overall and 3-4 in the Big West. The Mustangs have been superb defensively. Despite turning the ball over 22 times a game themselves, the Mustangs forced just as many.

For Sunday's game, Shelton is still questionable.

"The defense is fine. Mimnaugh has clearly demonstrated her exceptional knowledge on that side of the ball."

However, the Mustangs lack see Frankly, page 11