CSU board supports embattled leaders

Michelle Locke
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BERKELEY — Embattled campus presidents in the California State University system got a thumbs-up from their board Wednesday, while leaders of the University of California faced questions on their pension dealings.

CSU trustees, meeting in Long Beach, came to the defense of two presidents in the 23-campus system, Alexander Gonzalez at Sacramento State and Ruben Arminana at Sonoma State. Faculty recently gave Gonzalez a vote of no-confidence; a similar vote is being held this week on Arminana.

Faculty questioned Gonzalez’s financial decisions, saying he hasn’t paid enough attention to academic affairs. Sonoma State faculty also question Arminana’s funding priorities.

But CSU Board Chair Robert Achtenberg said both men are “effective and engaged leaders” and have trustees’ support.

For UC regents, meeting in San Francisco, pensions were the big issue, with critics questioning how the system is handling its funds.

UC plans to restore employer and employee contributions to the pension plan, something that hasn’t been necessary for several years because the pension fund had been doing so well.

Outside the meeting, Sen. Leland Yee, D-San Francisco, called for changes in how UC makes decisions about its pension plan. He has introduced legislation calling for joint governance of the UC employer’s pension plan, which means employees as well as UC officials would have a say in pension plan decisions.

Worried about recent developments at UC, saying the pension fund has been less profitable since regents started using outside consultants instead of relying on in-house staff.

“The UC Retirement Plan is the only state public pension plan that does not give a voice to the workers,” Yee said in a statement.

A group of about 20 Cal Poly students launched three satellites into space from Kazakhstan last month.

Poly-made satellites in orbit

Brian McMullen
MUSTANG DAILY

From a lab at Cal Poly into space, student-made satellites are now orbiting Earth.

A team of approximately 20 students collaborated with Stanford University and coordinated with Kamanoros, a joint company formed by the Russian and Ukrainian governments, to launch three of their satellite deployment systems, called P-Pods, into space from Kazakhstan on April 17.

The P-Pods were strapped onto rockets and carried seven CubeSats, which are picosats, the smallest kind of satellite. The CubeSats carry payloads of information gathering technology or other hardware.

Included in the launch were the first two satellites designed exclusively by Cal Poly.

“It’s actually a huge accomplishment,” said aerospace engineering department chair Jordi Puig-Suari, “it’s not just that we’re launching our satellites, we’re facilitating access to space for lots of other satellites.”

He then added, “The whole concept of standardization is revolutionary to the level we’re doing it in the aerospace industry.”

Graduate engineering student Parin Patel and graduate aerospace engineering students Lori Brooks and Roland Coelho worked on the project. They helped build the satellites and coordinate their launches and now monitor them from a lab at Cal Poly while they are in space.

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Campus Crusade opens library for thought off campus

The Swanson Center is a Christian-based study center aimed at integrating faith and academia. The center, open to students of all faiths, has a 600-volume collection of theology and philosophy books relating to the Christian perspective.

“The center is run mostly by student volunteers, who act as librarians for others who want check out books. They also help out in finding the right books to answer any faith-based questions one might have.”

One student volunteer, mechanical engineering sophomore Brentsen Haven, said he likes volunteer...
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ing at the Swanson Center because it has a  
distraction-free environment with  
everything else he needs, including free  
wireless Internet.  
"I like it better than the main library  
because you can't just people watch the  
whole time. You know the people that are  
here, they're friendly and you get studying  
done," he said.  

The Swanson Center is named after  
Cal Poly philosophy alumnus Mike  
Swanson, who contributed much time  
and many resources to the opening of  
the center. The center is now overseen  
by the staff of Campus Crusade; they are  
in charge of finding sponsors for the  
center and adding to the collection of  
books.  

According to its Web site, the Swanson  
Center hopes to fulfill the needs of this  
generation by offering a place for students  
of all faiths and beliefs to be challenged to  
consider more by expanding their minds.  

The comfortable setting of the center is  
complete with free coffee and tea, tables  
and chairs, copy couches and philosophi­  
cal artwork plastered throughout the  
walls, with phrases to make you question  
the meaning of life, such as "You don't  
have a soul, you are a soul."  

"Everyone who comes in here is really  
chill. It's really relaxed when I'm here,  
and I feel like that's because it is a  
Christian-run facility. It's definitely filled  
with God's love," MacDonald said.  

The Swanson Center is located in  
Room 4 of the old Pacheco Elementary  
School on the corner of Slack Street and  
Grand Avenue. For more information on  
the center and its hours, check out the  
Web site at TheSwansonCenter.org.

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When asked why they collaborated with  
Kosmotras instead of NASA, Coelho responded,  
"That started back in 2001 ... the Russians were  
the only people who would talk to us."  
Patel added that student satellites are cheap  
and high risk and for the CubeSat program to  
use a rocket, it costs a lot of money.  

"It's important to have a reputation," Brooks  
said.  

Roland, Brooks, and graduate aerospace stu­  
dent Jonathan Brown delivered the satellite  
hardware to Kosmotras.  

"We hand-carried the satellites onto the plane  
with us," Brooks said.  
Patel added that a large yellow suitcase was  
used to carry the satellites and that, "Lori carries  
it because she looks innocent."  

When they arrived in Kazakhstan, Kosmotras  
were excited to see the satellites, Brooks said.  
When asked if there were any language diffi­  
culties in coordinating with Kosmotras, Coelho  
responded, "They speak better English than we  
do Russian."  

Though in Kazakhstan at the scheduled  
launch date, the students did not get to see their  
satellites launched.  

"Unfortunately, the launch was originally  
scheduled for March 26, but got delayed until  
April 17," Coelho said. "We had a phone call  
about 20 minutes prior to launch and a call 15  
to 30 minutes after launch to let us know how it  
went."  

"We were ecstatic, but it was ecstatic around a  
phone call," Brooks said.  

Coelho said that more exciting than the  
launch was anticipating a satellite flying over­  
head. The morning after the launch, a satel­  
line's orbit carried it directly over San Luis  
Obispo.  

Right now, the students are monitoring the  
health and status of the satellites.  

"We have to make sure our communication  
and power systems work," Patel said.  
Puig-Suari commented on the future of the  
CubeSat and the standardization of satellite  
technology. "What I see happening is that other  
standards will emerge that follow the same idea.  
But this one will remain," he said. "The thing we  
have yet to accomplish is to provide reliable,  
repeatable, low-cost access to space for universi­  
ties."  

The ultimate goal of the program is to have a  
launch every year, Puig-Suari said.

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Illegal immigrants say Senate agreement could be too risky

Peter Pengaman

LOS ANGELES — David Guerra wants to be legal, but he says the path to citizenship offered by the Senate on Thursday would be too risky and too expensive, and could end up driving him deeper into the shadows.

Guerra’s wife and children in El Salvador depend on the $300 he sends home each month from his job as a day laborer. Key provisions of the legislation would require him to return home to apply for residency that could end up driving him deeper into the shadows.

Guerra’s wife and children in El Salvador depend on what he earns as a hair braider.

"I'm helping myself" here, she said, and, worse, he’s not sure he can trust U.S. immigration authorities who have been rounding up and deporting his fellow immigrants for months.

"If I go home, who is going to guarantee that I’ll be let back in?" said the 44-year-old who lays bricks, clears weeds and does landscaping.

Across the nation, illegal immigrants for months.

Some illegal immigrants said returning home presented another major hurdle: applying for residency at U.S. embassies in their home countries.

Amy Nduor, a 23-year-old illegal immigrant from Senegal who lives in New York, said she would be willing to pay the $5,000 fine, but not return home because her family there depends on what she earns as a hair braider.

"I'm helping myself" here, she said. "I'm helping people there too."

State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paris Hilton won’t appeal the 45-day jail term she was sentenced to earlier this month for violating probation, according to court documents filed Thursday.

A lawyer for the 26-year-old socialite notified Los Angeles County Superior Court that she is abandoning her appeal, said court spokeswoman Katherine Roberts.

Hilton was ordered to report to jail by June 5 for violating the terms of her probation in an alcohol-related reckless driving case.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A terminal at Los Angeles International Airport was partially evacuated Thursday when an item found in luggage triggered a security alert.

The object turned out to be a sprinkler pipe.

The item in a checked bag prompted the closure of an upstairs departure area, ticket counter and stores in the upper level of Terminal One shortly after 11:30 a.m., airport authorities said.

Dozens of people were sent outside onto the sidewalk.

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz will resign at the end of June, he and the bank said late Thursday, ending his long fight to survive pressure for his ouster over the generous compensation he arranged for his girlfriend.

His departure ends a two-year run at the development bank that was marked by controversy from the start, given his previous role as a major architect of the Iraq war when he served as the No. 2 official at the Pentagon.

NEW YORK (AP) — Madonna, one of the headliners at this summer’s "Live Earth" concerts, released a new digital song for the musical event on Wednesday.

The global concert series, taking place July 7, is designed to raise awareness about climate issues. "Hey You," which Madonna produced with Pharrell Williams, doesn’t specifically talk about earth issues, but the ballad’s lyrics refer to loving and saving each other.

Madonna is scheduled to perform the song during the show at Wembley Stadium in London.

International

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel pounded more Hamas targets with airstrikes Thursday, killing six people and wounding dozens as it stepped deeper into fighting between the Islamic militants and the rival Fatah fighters of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

The latest Israeli attacks, and the reported movement of a handful of tanks a few hundred yards into the northern Gaza Strip, followed a third day of Hamas rocket barrages into Israel.

PARIS (AP) — France’s new prime minister hit the ground running — literally.

After a brief inauguration where he promised to “assure an eminent place” in the world for France, reform-minded conservative Francois Fillon turned up in shorts at the presidential palace for a jog with his new boss, President Nicolas Sarkozy.

The hour-long run showcased the vigor France’s new leadership wants to project after 12 years under Jacques Chirac.

Fillon was putting together a revamped Cabinet to make good on promises of change and restored pride for the economically sluggish nation.
Ziggy Marley, friends to rock Avila Beach

Brian McMullen

Ziggy Marley may have a voice that sounds a lot like his father's, legendary reggae musician Bob Marley, but his music speaks a language all his own.

Ziggy's songs are vastly influenced by his personal spiritual journey.

"My experiences I believe, most of it lies within the journey to find spirituality, to find the truth ... and contemplation, meditation, coming out of confusion you know," said. "I believe that spiritual experience has shaped me as a musician, the realization of consciousness, the realization of life beyond material existence."

Ziggy's latest work, his album, "Love Is My Religion," is a testament to his spiritual journey.

"It's inspired by love, love in the different aspects of it. Expressing love whether it be a person ... on the level of humanity you know and finding love to be a true way to spirituality and a true message of God is love," he said. "We find love needs to replace Christianity, Judaism and Islam, love is a replacement for all, all these religions that mislead people."

Some of the songs on the album were written by Ziggy as a youth, but songs like "Still The Storms" which has a geo-political and historical focus, were written more recently.

"It's a song that kind of reflects my view of how Africa is neglected in the coming years, Africa will once again take its rightful place among the nations of the Earth. As it was in the beginning, so it shall be in the end. And Africa is the beginning of life for all humanity and was the most important, so, I see the future of Africa as becoming once again the most important continent on Earth."

In another song on the album, Ziggy sings, "I stopped the deputy, none you know, momma don't try, you see, I got to go." When asked how those lines connect to Bob's "I Shot The Sheriff" and what they mean to him, Ziggy responded, "You know, really now, my father didn't shoot the deputy, but some body had to do something about that, you know, because the sheriff gets shot but then the deputy take over the sheriff's job, so we still have to stop the deputy — we don't have to shoot him, but we have to stop him. And you know, our mother is, usually mothers care about their children and they don't want they children to get into trouble you know but, we have to do what we have to do no matter how momma feel."

"This is the sort of connection to Bob's musical legacy that Ziggy neither denies nor exploits."

When asked what types of experiences he had with Bob and Rita that helped to influence his music, Ziggy said that, "The main experience is just seeing how my father and my mother work hard you know, and the discipline they put into making music, and that is a lesson that I learned very well."

Ziggy said that he does not prefer the recording process over playing live or vice versa.

"Well you can't prefer either you know, everything work together, everything has its purpose," he said. "Recording is a creative process; it is a spiritual process of making music, creating music. Playing live is a communication, it is a real communication, people to people, communicating with each other, and that is important also."

Currently playing shows with Robert Randolph and the Family Band, Ziggy said of the show, "Judging from the reaction of other audiences, it's a very exciting show, and it's a show that make you move, show that make you groove; consciousness. It should be a very good experience for people."

When asked how touring with Robert Randolph and the Family Band is going, Ziggy responded, "Robert, them is cool you know, Robert is a cool dude, and everything is good."

Ziggy said that though he and Robert Randolph and The Family Band have discussed collaborating onstage, they "haven't gotten around to doing anything yet."

Ziggy Marley and Robert Randolph and The Family Band will be playing at Avila Beach Resort today with opening acts The New Longevity and Restoration. Gates will open at 3 p.m. and the show will start at 4:45 p.m.
Feeling a bit ‘hungover’? Give comedy a try

Daniel Seguin
MUSTANG DAILY

Scott Shields, Adam Hammer and Jeremy Whitman are names you will want to remember. They are the three up and coming comedians headlining the “Just Another Hangover” comedy tour. The guys are young, hip and edgy. This Saturday night, they are performing in San Luis Obispo — and they are bringing the funny with them.

Shields, a 2003 Cal Poly graduate, broke into comedy after he watched comedian Mitch Hedberg perform live on campus.

“I was sitting about 15 feet away from him,” Shields said. “He wasn’t up there singing or playing an instrument, he was making people laugh. I knew then that I could do this.”

After working tirelessly, Shields felt as if he was spinning his wheels and a change was in order. Shields said a series of low-paying gigs, small audiences and expensive gas prices urged him to take action.

“To travel something like 3,000 miles and played to rooms of 40 people total. It just wasn’t working so I put the tour together, basically to survive.”

Hammer has been performing stand-up comedy for the past six years. He joked that although their status as comedians is on the rise, there are plenty of people who still have not heard of them.

“We’re the three best comedians that you’ve never heard of,” Hammer quipped.

Hammer only recently joined the tour for its second season. He said the tour is a great way for the public to come enjoy a quality show.

Jeremy Whitman is the youngest member of the comedy trio. He was there for the 2006 tour, which covered a large portion of the Pacific Northwest.

“The first leg of the tour took about six months,” Whitman said. “We traveled pretty extensively to small towns in remote places. The smallest town we played was somewhere around only 200 people.”

Collectively, Shields, Hammer and Whitman garner a pretty impressive resume. Shields earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and physics from Cal Poly in 2003. He has appeared in numerous comedy venues ranging from California to Michigan. His first real paid gig was right here in San Luis Obispo at The Comedy Barn.

Hammer earned a bachelor’s degree in television/film from Cal State Fullerton in 2004. He was the winner of Laugh Down 2005 at Martin Blues in Huntington. He has performed at numerous comedy clubs as well as colleges. He most recently performed with the Upright Citizens Brigade Theater in Los Angeles in February.

Whitman has appeared at several comedy clubs in Oregon and Washington, including The Seattle Comedy Underground and Giggles Comedy Club, both in Seattle. He has also performed for multiple college campuses and casinos as well.

The comedy show takes place at the Grange Hall, 2880 Broad St., at 9 p.m. on Saturday. Advance sale tickets are available at Boo Boo Records for $9. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for $10.

For more information about the guys or the tour, go to the Web site at www.JustAnotherHangover.com.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Two flaws exist in ASI elections process
I believe there are two aspects of the ASI elections that are seriously flawed. The ASI Board of Directors elections are a farce and the fact that students can't vote on their personal computers. As a vote to the ASI Board of Directors election, I feel completely incapable of making an educated decision on who would best serve on my college. I do not know any of the candidate's credentials, what they think is important, and what they would be the best people for the job. I don't even know where I could find this information. I, along with most of the student population, also don't even know what being on the Board of Directors entails. All I know about this election is that some candidates have put fliers up for themselves around campus. I believe the selection of these Board of Directors positions would be much better served by an application and interview process. With that type of process, people who actually know about the position can take the time to evaluate the candidates and make a much more informed decision than I ever could.

I also think it is ridiculous that I am unable to vote on my personal computer at my home. Anyone who has voted this year has noticed that all votes are cast at my.calpoly.edu. However, you can't vote at home; you have to go to the polling location to cast your vote. ASI is sending a strong message that they want students to vote, but by making students cast their vote on campus, they are losing thousands of students who don't make this year have been met at the bar or club. If the legal drinking age in America was 18 we would have bars on our campus as well. So that everyone could go to and spend money at and really give back to the student body. Mustang Daily is great for people like me because I can dance sober, my friends can dance drunk, and we can all have an equally good time. Entrance is pretty expensive too. If I don't feel I'm spending too much then going three times a week. Although, the amount of money I have I am consuming, we need to publish an ASI monthly newsletter for the student body. I believe that having a newsletter for the student body is a good idea.
Water Ski

place overall in slalom and senior
Jamie Hastings set a new school and
tournament record when he got two
balls and 35 off at 36 miles and
hours.
Sasha Erin Gansow, in her first
year on the team, set a personal
record when she jumped 49 feet and
secured a spot at all-stars.
"I didn't expect to do this well,"
Gansow said. "I went into the tour-
ament as first alternate and was
hoping to make it into the top 10,
but I didn't know if I would. Then
I jumped 49 feet and took out the
two girls ahead of me. I was
shocked.
Gansow is one of three
...
Chris White joins graduating teammates Courtney Brown (Dallas Cowboys) and Kyle Garces (California Poly Water Ski Club) at the top of his field in the professional ranks.

**SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT**

Cal Poly nose tackle Chris White has signed a contract with the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League.

The 6-foot-3, 275-pound White was the fourth Mustang in as many years to earn a spot on the American Football Coaches Association's Division I-AA All-America Team.

A business senior and a graduate of Burklede High in High in Garden Grove, Calif., White recorded 30 tackles in the 2006 season, including 16 solo stops, 10.5 for lost yardage and five sacks. He registered nine quarterback hurries, including five in one game against South Dakota State. For his career, White made 108 tackles (55 solo) and was credited with 36 ½ tackles for lost yardage. No. 5 in Cal Poly's Division I-AA record book, and 21 ½ sacks, No. 3 in the Mustangs' I- AA record book.

White, who never redshirted, started all 35 games in the last three years of his Mustang career and played in all 46 games. He earned first-team All-Great West Football Conference honors as a junior and senior.

White also was named to the Football Gazette All-American second team, Associated Press All-American third team and College Sports News Fabulous Fifty All-American last fall. He forced one fumble in 2005 and recovered two (Sacramento State in 2004, Montana in 2005) in his Mustang career.

Another former Mustang football player — running back Antonio Warren — has played for both Calgary and the BC Lions and signed a free-agent contract with the Edmonton Eskimos last November. He rushed for 3,834 yards and 30 touchdowns from 1994-98 at Cal Poly.

**Poly Water Ski Club headed to national tourney**

Samantha Freitas  Mustan d Daily

The Cal Poly Water Ski Club is sending a record number of students to the National Collegiate Water Ski Association All-Star Tournament after impressive performances in its own tournament two weeks ago in Arvin.

The Cal Poly Water Ski Club hosted the tournament, Paradise Found, every year on Cinco de Mayo weekend with UC Santa Barbara.

"Our tournament is known as the Western Region last chance qualifier because it's the last tournament before all-stars. It's the last opportunity for skiers to try to get a score in to qualify," civil engineering junior and club vice president Spencer Mullaney said.

This year's tournament was a big success for both the team and individual skiers.

It is likely the largest tournament, as far as registered skiers, that the Western Region has ever hosted," Mullaney said. "We had 30 to 40 more skiers than any event in both the Dawn-to-Dusk race last year — he was ready to do much training to prepare for the race last year — he was ready to do much training to prepare for the race this year."  

"We did it last year — that was our first year doing it," he said. "We got second place last year so we're hoping to get first this year."  

BYU senior shortstop Jodi Norton (top) forces out Cal Poly sophomore shortstop Melissa Pura, who was 2 for 2.

BYU senior shortstop Jodi Norton (top) forces out Cal Poly sophomore shortstop Melissa Pura in the Cougars' 9-0 rout of the visiting Mustangs in the first round of the two teams' double-elimination NCAA Tournament opener Thursday in Provo, Utah.

The third annual Central Coast Adventure Challenge will be held at Santa Margarita Lake this weekend.

The challenge pursues competitors to their limit in both the Dawn-to-Dusk and the Down-to-Dusk sprint categories. "Dawn-to-Dusk has about 9 miles of kayaking, 35 miles of mountain biking and about 10 to 11 miles of foot travel," race director Yishai Horowitz said. "The Adventure Sprint is about 2 miles of kayaking, 9 miles of biking and about 4 miles of foot travel."

The races also test orienteering and rope works skills. In addition, the Adventure Sprint course will have secret team challenges.

"The Dawn-to-Dusk challenge, considered one of California's best adventure races for its terrain and 100-foot rope, has been selected as a qualifier for the United States Adventure Racing Association's national championship. The team that wins this race is automatically qualified for the national championships and will also receive a free pass to it," Horowitz said.

Competitors have a choice of doing the race solo or on a team with two, three or four people. Philosophy, wine and viticulture junior Danny Turkovich and his brother are competing with a two-man team.

"We did it last year — that was our first time doing it," he said. "We got second place last year so we're hoping to get first this year."

Turkovich said that he didn't have to do much training to prepare for the race last year — he was ready from his triathlon training and back-packing trips.

"We just kind of showed up and learned while we were doing it," he said. "You just have to have some basic fitness and skills and then you can go out and do it."

The adventure race weekend kicks off Friday night with a clinic by world-renowned adventure racers Paul Romero and Karen Lungen of Team SOLE that will cover basic survival skills and rope works. In addition, the Mustangs in the first round of the two teams' double-elimination NCAA Tournament opener Thursday in Provo, Utah.

Popular outdoors event returns to Central Coast this weekend

Samantha Freitas  Mustang Daily

She is funny, but Trenton with an I just can't kill. He's not going to away. I'm telling you, he's the bug. Maybe the Warriors wouldn't be down 3-1. Hey AK-47, nice foyer. He's starting to take over. The Warriors need to pick it up, or it's going to be season over. But if they do go out tonight, I hope Stephen Jackson fights the entire crowd. I'm taking Jackson against the lower deck, but the guys up top may pose a problem.

9:27 p.m. — Jazz foul, fans act tough. I hate Derek Fisher. I feel for you Warriors fans. He just won't go away. His like that little bug that flies by your face that you just can't kill. He'll never disappear, so we all must get used to it. Why do the Warriors shoot so many 3-pointers even when they're not feeling it? That's why they're so fun to watch. Love it. I feel like I'm watching really good players at the Ritz Center.

9:45 p.m. — Jackson is about to fight. Yeah, he could definitely take the lower deck. On a good day, possibly even Chuck Norris. End of third quarter — Jazz 77,Warriors 73.

9:55 p.m. — I wonder if Don Nelson doesn't wear a tie because it would cut off all circulation and he might not be able to make it through the game. Understandable, but Nellie, I think the NBA did you a favor when they got you out of that. That's why you're so fun to watch. Love it.

10 p.m. — The referees are rigging this game. Barnes is dominating and not getting any calls. As a Kings fan, I never thought much of Barnes, and I didn't care when they didn't see Johnny, page 7