Wanted: math, science teachers

**Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi**

Lt. Gov. John Garamendi convened with local educators, business people and community members at a Cal Poly forum Tuesday to assess the conditions of the Central Coast’s school systems, claiming that if schools statewide do not change soon, California’s economy could continue on a downward spiral.

As part of his Listening Tour Forum, Garamendi has been traveling to campuses throughout the California State University system since he assumed the post of lieutenant governor in January. Cal Poly is the seventh stop on the tour, which he hopes to complete (at least in the CSU system) by June 2008.

Among those on the 11-member panel were: Fourth-grade teacher Jaime Cuello, whose college-paraphernalia-laden room inspires students, many of whom come from migrant families, that they too can attend college; James Becker, vice president of Diablo Canyon Power Plant, who addressed the need for more technical jobs and nuclear engineers in an industry that is starting to pick up but whose work force will likely retire within the next decade; and Brandon Soos, Associated Students Inc. president.

Claiming that the work force of the future lies in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, many on the panel urged for a fostering of these subjects in younger students.

Others, such as the county’s superintendent of schools, Julian Crocker, argued for the improvement of teachers already in the field.

"We need to focus on training the existing work force, particularly at the elementary and middle school levels. Most of our teachers at these levels do not have science or math backgrounds," Crocker said. "We don’t need to reinvent what needs to be done. We really need to focus on implementing what we know we need to do and move forward with it."

Garamendi said his goals in this tour are twofold: He is trying to show people that investment in education is imperative and to advocate for quality employees in the workplace.

"The goal that I have is to wake California to the necessity of investing in education," Garamendi said. "As we go through these campuses, not only do I learn what the need of the campuses are... but I am also building a political group to adequately invest in education."

"To do so requires two things: At David Garth (president of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce) said, the business community has lost confidence in the education system. That confidence has to be re-instilled, with the business community recognizing that they’re never going to get the workers they need if they abandon the education system. We have to make the education system work, and that means it must be willing to change."

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**Low blood supply relies on student donations**

**Brooke Robertson**

After a push for blood donations to cover the Fourth of July weekend, United Blood Services of the Central Coast is running critically low on blood supplies, and is currently at risk of not having enough on its shelves to see patients through the summer.

"In San Luis the blood bank relies heavily on students for donations," said Donor Relations Specialist for United Blood Services Brinn Baker, 22.

The dependence United Blood Services has on students is felt heavily over the summer, when the majority of student donors abandon the area just as demand for blood increases due to more people traveling.

"Over the summer people have more of a tendency to be reckless and get themselves in accidents," Baker said.

Accidents resulting from too much fun-in-the-sun add to the already demanding need for blood by patients undergoing medical treatments such as organ transplants, open heart surgery, and cancer treatments.

When Baker visited summer classes to advertise Wednesday’s blood drive, "every single person knew someone who had cancer," she said.

Baker has made donating blood a habit since she was eligible at 17, largely because her cousin was diagnosed with leukemia and needed blood when Baker was still too young to donate.

An A-positive blood type, Baker currently donates blood every 56 days, the required amount of time between donations.

Wednesday’s on-campus blood drive, which ran on Mott Lawn from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., attracted 52 student and faculty donors.

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completed by March 2008.

As of the June 2007 report, the new construction was 8 percent complete. "This new building will provide classrooms and laboratories for the Construction Management and Architecture Department," Edelson said.

The Associated Center for Construction Management is the renovation of Building 21, Engineering West. Renovation and determined for foot traffic will continue until December 2007, so make sure to plan your route to fall classes ahead of time.

When traveling down California Street, you can catch sight of the Alex G. Spanos Stadium. It may look finished from the outside, but this Mustang Stadium Renovation and Construction Management Project has a long way to go.

Scheduled for completion in 2010, this phase of this project will provide approximately 4,000 additional seats, as well as restroom facilities.

Once construction is complete, the brand new Alex G. Spanos Stadium is expected to cost $19,496,000.

At the far northeastern side of campus, one of the largest project currently underway, the Poly Canyon Village.

"The contractor is ahead of schedule on this student housing project which will provide apartments for 2,670 students and 1,926 parking spaces," Edelson said.

According to the Poly Canyon Web site, phase one of the Poly Canyon Village is scheduled to open in September 2008. All of the roofs and windows have been installed and work has begun on the interior walls.

While passing Poly Canyon Village, you might find construction teams working on the exterior stucco and interior utilities and the concrete cleanup process in the soon-to-be parking lots.

According to the Web site's itinerary, the project is scheduled to be worked on in two separate phases. Phase one is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2009 with parking structure No. 1 and buildings A, B, H and I completed.

Phase two will be ready in summer 2009 with parking structure No. 2 and buildings C, D, E, F and G completed.

The project takes up 72 acres of land and will consist of 619 apartment units, parking spaces, study areas, laundry units and retail space and a swimming pool.

Once finished, the entire project will have 148,000 square feet of sidewalk, more than 30,000 cubic yards of concrete, more than 1,200 low flow fixtures, 5,000 linear feet of counter top, almost 2,000 sinks, 5,600 doors, 3,000 windows, and more than 450 new trees planted.

According to the Web site, the project budget is $299,885,117. The finished project will provide 2,700 additional on-campus bed spaces, almost doubling current residence hall spaces, giving Cal Poly the largest housing program in the CSU system.

According to the Student Housing Proposal, Cal Poly and San Diego State University currently offer the largest amount of on-campus housing in the CSU system.

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Baker was expecting to receive about 30 donations from Cal Poly students, which she described as a "sizable number during summer drives.

Mechanical engineering senior Laura Jones said he feels giving blood is "a social responsibility that not enough people do."

He said he usually donates, usually at Cal Poly, as often as possible.

Biologist senior Claudia Galvez donates every time the blood bank calls. She has an in-demand blood type, A-positive, and knows her blood is needed.

"In case I lose some blood elsewhere, I know someone is doing the same for me," she said.

Each day, approximately 270 people are needed to donate blood across the Central Coast in order to fulfill the United Blood Services' demand, according to the organization's Web site.

This has not been the trend during recent weeks.

In an effort to increase blood donations in San Luis Obispo County, Doc Burnstein's Ice Cream of Arroyo Grande is participating in a "Pint for Pint" campaign. The store is giving each donor a gift certificate, good for one pint of ice cream, now through August 1.

O blood types are especially encouraged to donate, as O-positive and O-negative supplies were listed as "critically low" on United Blood Services' Web site Tuesday.

O-positive blood runs through 37 percent of the population's veins, which can be used by any patient with a positive blood type. Although O-positive is the most common blood type, O-positive donors can only receive O-positive or O-negative blood, which allows even more demand for that type.

The more rare O-negative blood can be given to any patient, but O-negative donors can only receive their own blood type, carried by a mere six percent of the population.

Cal Poly donors were treated to a taste of the Doc's ice cream while waiting to give blood Wednesday. Future campaign plans to encourage people to donate include $9 gift certificates from Mother's Tavern in San Luis Obispo.

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Kiss the pig, help a child

Brooke Robertson
MUSTANG DAILY

Peeks, a black four-foot potbellied pig, slipped some tongue to contestants at the "14th Annual Kiss the Pig" contest, where three community leaders competed to raise Court for Money Appointed Special Advisor for Children (CASAs), and force other contestants to "kiss the pig" at Farmers' Market last Thursday.

Carol Thom and Stacey Simanek of the Thom Group, Investment and Insurance Group, raised $9,600 in community donations for CASA, and, consequently, gained the power of the pig.

This was the fourth "Kiss the Pig" win for the mother and daughter team.

Instead of simply giving Porky a peck or assigning the duty to one of the other contestants, Thom ordered all participants to kiss the pig, starting the trend herself.

"Hey baby," Thom said as she approached Porky, bending down to give the animal a kiss, which she described as "sloppy."

But not as sloppy as Andy's of the Goodtime Gang, Cat Country 96, who said he got some tongue. Chris Landy's Goodtime Gang "Kiss the Pig" partner, instead opted to smooch Porky's backside.

Julian Hernandez, of Continental Labor and Staffing Resources, made the third candidate.

The contest raised a total of $19,000 for the non-profit organization, which will be used to recruit, train and support volunteers.

CASAs are volunteers educated to build friendship in children in the San Luis Obispo county court system, and selected and trained to "full inventory of the child's circumstances," Orton said.

This includes talking to a child's neighbors, principal, therapist, anyone else involved with the child.

The volunteers are also trained to make recommendations to juvenile court if necessary.

Orton hopes the "Kiss the Pig" event will not only bring in more money for the organization, but more volunteers as well.

CASAs is currently serving approximately 200 children, but there are still about 300 children in San Luis Obispo who need a CASA volunteer right now, Orton said.

The organization currently employs 111 active volunteers, who typically work with one child. However, volunteers will sometimes work with a group of siblings as needed.

Although none of the "Kiss the Pig" candidates work directly with children through CASA, "when they do fundraising they become a different kind of volunteer," Orton said.

Thom and Stamek are on CASA's guild, while Hernandez is a board member.

For more information about CASA or volunteering, visit www.slocasa.org.
At least 189 dead in Brazil air crash

Stan Lehman

The pilot of an airliner that burst into flames after trying to land on a short, rain-slicked runway apparently tried to take off again, barely clearing roofs, before the plane crashed into a glassy river and a busy highway, killing at least 189 people, officials said.

The TAM airlines Airbus-320 flight that originated in Porto Alegre in southern Brazil Tuesday cleared the airport fence at the end of the runway and the busy highway but slammed into a gas station and a TAM building, causing an inferno.

The 6,362-foot runway at Sao Paolo's Congonhas airport had been reportedly criticized as dangerously short. Two planes slipped off it in rainy weather just a day earlier. Pilots call it the "aircraft carrier"—it's so short and surrounded by heavily populated neighborhoods that they told off to take off again and fly away if they overshoot the first 1,000 feet of runway.

By contrast, New York's LaGuardia Airport has a 7,000-foot runway that accommodates similar planes, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

"What appears to have happened is that the pilot didn't manage to land and he tried to take off again," said Capt. Marcos, a fire department executive jet collided over the Atlantic on July 18, 2007. The satellite was the latest accident.

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Music competition rocks local winery

Megan Priey
MUSTANG DAILY

Along the crooked path of Pechi Canyon Road in Paso Robles, you’ll find a picturesque scene among the oak tree grounds known as Stacked Stone Cellars, the home of the 2007 Winery Music Awards second elimination round.

Whether it was the striking surroundings, delicious wine, irresistible barbecue or the original folk music performance, this was the perfect place to be on Saturday.

Kathy Kelly Productions Inc. created the competition in order to satisfy the public’s desire for a mix of musical performances incorporated with the finest wineries California has to offer.

The crowd, filled to capacity, enjoyed the festivities of the second of five semi-final rounds of elimination. Each of the five original, unsigned music artists across the U.S. competed for the judges’ affection and a spot in the final competition, which would give them a chance to win cash, prizes and a breakthrough recording contract.

The winners of the 2005 competition accounted for all this and more: Threes and Fives, an alternative acoustic trio based out of Arroyo Grande, took home the first place spot and the RNB Entertainment recording contract in 2005.

“We recorded and released a song for the television show ‘What About Brian’ and we are opening for the Violent Femmes at the end of this month,” lead singer Jake Biel’s said.

So what is it going to take to win over the judges this year?

There were eight judges present, ranging from well-known vocal coaches and performers to representatives of big name bands such as the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Diane Steinberg-Lewis, an experienced actor and back-up singer for such acts as Rod Stewart and Paul McCartney, enjoyed participating as a member of the judges panel.

“What’s wonderful is that I am not familiar with any of the performers, which keeps me 100 percent objective,” Steinberg-Lewis said.

The first to hit the stage was Hard Rain, a folk-rock band based out of Los Angeles led by Andy Hill and Renee Sather.

Well-prepared to deal with pressure, Hard Rain seemed undaunted by the fact that they were missing both their drummer and acoustic guitarist. Inspired by Bob Dylan, Hill brings variety and intrigue to his band’s sound.

The second band to grace the stage was Machine. Based out of Temptation, Machine was the only modern rock group in the competition.

Mike “Buzz” Bumetz and Rolf Gehring make up the band, which started out with the two writing and recording one song every night using a drum machine.

Third in line was Amber Norgard, whose songs are a mix of pop, folk and soft rock. With well-written and honest lyrics that addressed heartfelt issues and worldly experiences, Norgard won over the judges, falling short of first place by only four points.

A refreshing and vibrant Delaney Gibson delivered the fourth performance as she and her band set the scene with matching casual outfits.

Gibson has not only mastered the guitar, piano and vocals, but she writes all of her own songs as well, making her a quadruple threat.

“I usually sit down at the piano or with a guitar and write the music first, then the lyrics just come after the music,” Gibson said. “It can be a two minute long process or even three weeks.”

No matter where her talents take her, this Sonoma-inspired performer has her sights set in the right direction.

“This experience is going to be awesome,” Gibson said. “The next step is to release an album and just try to get picked up by a record label.”

Last but not least, and perhaps the most recognized band of the night, Dominic Castillo and The Rock Savants rocked the house.

As a trained jazz musician who studied music at Berklee in Boston, Castillo formed the rock band in order to combine his studies along with the sounds of Elliott Smith, Elvis Costello, Radiohead and Jeff Buckley.

Castillo won over the judges with a score of 87.86 percent.

Dominic Castillo and The Rock Savants took home first place and automatically advanced to the final competition Oct. 7 at River Oaks Hot Springs and Spa in Paso Robles.

Two wild card winners will also be invited to the final competition after the winners of all four elimination rounds have been determined.


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Do you believe in Diddy?

Laura Kasavan
MUSTANG DAILY

"Dreams. Destiny. Diddy." This is the tagline for the return of the reality series "Making The Band" (MTB) to MTV. "So much Diddy." Combs is back in a twist as he plans to create an all-female R&B group in the latest season. MTB4 follows the pursuit of 20 men from across the country who live together in a loft in Manhattan as they compete in singing and dancing in hopes of impressing Diddy.

"We're going to separate the weak from the strong," Diddy said.

The contestants were selected after nationwide open auditions with celebrity judges, including R&B veteran Joe, Michael Bivins from the R&B group New Edition, choreographer Lauren Anne Gibson, and producer Bryan Cox. The season premiere on June 18 covered auditions in Orlando, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Chicago, Charlotte, Washington D.C., and New York. Viewers saw the field narrowed to 58 finalists who were selected based on their vocals and dance moves.

The finalists were sent to meet Diddy in New York for the last round of auditions. He eliminated 38 of them, and 20 remained at the end of the episode.

Bivins advised the men to keep their Manhattan loft drama-free and reminded them that, despite the competitive nature of the show, they are also part of a shared experience.

The men began a fitness regimen in hopes of reaching peak physical performance. The first workout was a challenging one, and one of the contestants, Dwayne, was rushed to the hospital for low blood pressure and dehydration.

After their first workout, the men hit the dance studio to meet with Gibson. Instead of choosing the Black experience. They are also part of a competitive nature of the show, they are also part of a shared experience.

The men dropped in on the men at the power-hungry minstry of magic and the venomous Dolores Umbridge, a house elf, and lack proper development, leaving "them-books" wondering why such a character was even introduced.

The production also seemed to add a lot of big names with little roles. Talented British actors Emma Thompson, Richard Griffiths, and Maggie Smith all appeared in pantless appearances.

Despite the shortcomings, the overall visual appeal matched the creativity put forth by J.K. Rowling's imaginative novels.

Spellingbinding battles between good and evil kept the excitement and anticipation level high enough to keep the audience at the edge of their seats.

Most readers have been disappointed with the release of movies based on their beloved books and this story holds true to that trend. However, fans have watched their adored characters mature both physically and in terms of their acting abilities.

The Order of the Phoenix," the fifth film in the series, left the theater with a few tears in my eyes, not to mention a few sighs of relief. The book elaborately covers the history of the Black family, loveable characters, and the creation of the all-female group Dainty Kane, whose album debuted at number one.

Later, Diddy dropped in on the men at home and asked each one of them their reasons for wanting to make the band. He mixed things up again by dividing them into five groups with names such as Campus Black, Face and Leg to facilitate teamwork.

The second episode concluded with a vocal lesson from coach Ankh Ra, who reminded them that singing and physicality are the most important elements of the competition.

Time in the future will see Diddy repeat familiar tasks from previous seasons, such as sending the finalists out into the city at 2 a.m. to pick up cheesecake for him in Brooklyn.

Will Diddy make a band in season four? Although previous seasons created bands O-To and Da Band, which have essentially dissolved, Diddy was successful with the creation of the all-female group Dainty Kane, whose album debuted at number one.

To find out whether Diddy's third attempt at an all-female group will be successful, check out the show Mondays at 10 p.m. on MTV.

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Health insurance: finding the third way

Martin Markovich

The basic design of the U.S. health insurance system has not changed since 1966. In over 40 years, health care has become more expensive, millions of people have worked long and hard without adequate insurance, and most politicians have avoided the issue for fear of offending powerful lobbies.

It is understandable that Michael Moore's new movie "SICKO" has received so much publicity. But there is one hitch. Moore believes the government, preferably the federal government, should provide health insurance to everyone. He cites the systems in Canada, Great Britain and France as examples of how it should be done.

The health insurance arrangements of these countries all have their strengths and weaknesses, and there is plenty of dissatisfaction and calls for reform over there. But we cannot adopt the system of Canada nor of any other country any more than we can all become Canadians. Each country's health care system reflects the values, culture, politics and economics of that country, and any system we adopt in the U.S. will have to be American, not Canadian, British or French.

Moore is correct that it is possible to adopt socialized, centralized health insurance in the U.S. The Federal government already insures the most expensive demographic group, residents age 65 and over, through Medicare, and funds and mandates the states' program of health insurance for the poor, Medicaid.

If Moore had his way and every citizen had federally guaranteed health insurance, what would happen?

First, health care costs would continue to grow; in fact they would grow at even faster rates than now. Health care costs, alreadyastronomical at 16 percent of our national income, would become even more expensive. This would result in higher taxes and in cuts to other government functions, such as national defense, law enforcement and education.

Second, the service orientation of health care providers, not always great, would deteriorate because of less competition for customers. Waiting times would become longer, technological innovations would spread less rapidly and the average patient would get less personal attention.

Third, the overall motivation of our labor force would be damaged. No one likes to admit it, but the need for health insurance motivated many of us to get in, or stay in, full-time professional positions. If there were guaranteed health insurance no matter what, millions of people would drop out.

People without insurance and those who care about the workings of our society have been struggling with this dilemma for 40 years. But the handball players of both the left and the right have been unwilling to compromise, and most politicians have fiddled with powerful special interests while the system burns millions of people.

Does anybody besides Michael Moore have a constructive alternative?

Well, yes. There are a number of reforms to help the uninsured without a Federal takeover. All in all, government is already spending over $600 billion on health care, and this can be spent much more wisely.

State governments can divert small amounts from their massive Medicaid budgets to offer limited, subsidized insurance to working people. The states can organize the uninsured into one insurance pool and require private insurers to compete for this market. Massachusetts is offering a version of this program in the form of an individual mandate, and Republican presidential candidate Tom- my Thompson advocates a less expensive version.

The Federal government can make individual health insurance premiums tax deductible, as employees pay premiums already are. In fact, President Bush proposed exactly that earlier this year. But, with Congressional Democrats going all out for payback against a weakened administration, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have failed to act.

The point is the ideas are available. What's lacking is the commitment to solving this problem in a market-oriented way. Finding a thorough solution will not be easy or simple, but it is possible.

We need college students, including Col- lege Republicans, to take on this issue. Students have the brains and energy and only idealism and energy will overcome the entrenched special interests that oppose reform. We all have to work together to make it happen.

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Nebraska, Stanford, Penn State, BYU, Long Beach State and UC Santa Barbara.

Nebraska enters the 2007 season as the defending national champion, and brings new talent to the court with incoming freshman Tara Mueller who is currently playing as part of the U.S. Women's Volleyball Junior National Team in the FIVB U-20 World Championships held in Thailand from July 19 to 27. Stanford, who finished sec-

ond in the 2006 national championships, is returning three All-Americans and 10 letterwinners, PrepVolleyball.com deemed their four-

player recruiting class, headlined by incoming freshman outside hitter Alex Kineman, as best in the nation.

Penn State won the elite eight last year, but is a top five choice.

"They have the most physical talent of any team we may see," Johnson said.

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son, Johnson said that both of these teams have the potential to come to Cal Poly for tournaments in 2008.

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The Mustangs will kick off their 2007 volleyball season at the Wichita State Invitational from Aug. 24 to 26 by playing matches against the host Shockers (23-7, 2006), Kansas State (12-18) and North Texas (22-13).

They head into this year with momentum from a successful 2006 season where they earned a 23-6 overall mark, had the second-highest winning percentage in school history (.793), and won the first Big West title in 22 years with a 13-1 record.

They also reached the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2002.

Athletics director Alison Cone said that she is excited about the upcoming volleyball season.

"So much momentum was created last year and I believe this team has the talent, coaching staff, and work ethic to continue that momentum," Cone said.

The defending Big West Conference champions have a 28 match regular season ahead of them and will play seven contests against 2006 NCAA tournament qualifiers, including a Sept. 3 game at defending national champion Nebraska.

Assistant coach Mike Johnson said that the 2007 schedule is similar to last year's in terms of the level of difficulty of competition.

Every player will be returning except for outside hitter Candace Milton who graduated.

Returning starters include junior outside hitter Kyle Atherstone, the Big West Co-Player of the Year for 2006, who averaged 4.56 kills per game last season.

Joining Atherstone will be junior outside hitter Alicia Walker (3.79) and sophomore outside hitter Ashleigh Bertoni (2.11). In addition, starting senior setter Chelsea Hayes (12.69 assists per game), starting senior libero Kristin Jackson (5.06 digs per game) and starting junior middle blocker Jaclyn Houston (1.5 blocks per game) are returning.

Gabrielle Riveras, a transfer from Florida State who is eligible to play in her junior season after redshirting last year, will round out the team. She brings experience from competing with the Puerto Rican Junior National team in 2003 and 2005, and started 12 of 23 matches for the Seminoles in 2005.

New players joining the team are Alison Mott from Metty High School in San Jose, and Lauren Kasavan in the fourth and sixth innings to (Chicago State University)

Bruce wins big in El Salvador

Former Cal Poly distance runner Ben Bruce took top honors in the 5,000-meter event with a time of 14 minutes 27.9 seconds at the North American, Central American and Caribbean Athletic Association Championships in San Salvador last weekend.

Bruce currently holds the Cal Poly record in the event with a time of 13:40.9 set in 2005.

Cal Poly senior Shanon Day also competed at the event.

Day took fifth place in the high jump event, clearing a height of 5-8 3/4, over five inches short of her season-best of 6-2 1/2 set at the USA Track and Field championships in June.

The World Championships are played every four years. The U.S. team handed Japan its first championship loss since the event started in 1999.

Bruce managed to knock off two top seeds and six others before finishing second in the 100 and third in the 200.

Among those who lost was standout Oregon distance runner Matt Banfield.

Bruce's performances earned him a spot on the All-West Region team and the All-USA Track and Field team.