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## Close call; runoff needed for president

### ELECTION RESULTS

(Official)

## PRESIDENT

Steve McShane 1,397  
Cindy Entzi 1,134  
Jed Whiteley 284

## CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Tom Spengler 2,121

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

Ishmael Hall 200  
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Business  
Re-vote  
Wed. &  
Thur.  
8-4:30 on  
Dexter  
Lawn

*McShane only needed 11 votes to top Entzi*

By Monica Phillips  
and Gil Sery  
Daily Staff Writers

The elections are over. The results are in, but the decision has not been made.

The final count showed that incumbent ASI President Steve McShane received 49.6 percent of the votes, 11 votes short of the required 50 percent plus one necessary to win the presidency.

A runoff will be held May 21 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"(The runoff) will give voters a better chance to know their candidates," said McShane, a soil science senior.

McShane received 1,397 votes out of an unofficial total of 2,815 votes, which means roughly 18 percent of the student body voted. Cindy Entzi followed closely with 1,134 votes for a total of 40.2 percent. That's 263 votes behind McShane.

"The vote was really close and it just shows that students are concerned about this year's ASI vote," said Entzi, a political science senior.

Jed Whiteley, the third candidate in the race, got 284 votes, or 10 percent of the vote.

"It would have been nice to win, but now I have more time to play lacrosse, lift weights and go fishing," said the forestry and natural resources junior.

According to Bob Walters, adviser to the ASI Election Committee, runoffs have been held before. The last one was held in 1993.

The elections did yield some clear winners. Industrial technology senior Tom Spengler ran unopposed for Chair of the Board and won with 2,121 votes.

One of the biggest problems in this election came from the College of Business Board of Directors ballot, said Tamer Osman, chairman of the ASI Election Committee.

Kevin O'Laughlin, who ran for the College of Architecture Board of Directors, was the only write-in candidate elected. O'Laughlin, a construction management freshman, received 15 votes which put him ahead of many other write-in candidates.

"There were 33 other people that had one vote and one maybe had five or 10, but Kevin won with 15," said Osman, a food science senior.

"You always have little problems that occur," Osman said. "One problem that we had was

**Cindy Entzi  
and Steve  
McShane will  
square off  
again in two  
weeks.  
McShane fell  
11 votes short  
of being  
re-elected.**



## Turnout reflects tradition, 18 percent come to vote

By Mary Hadley  
Daily Staff Writer

There's nothing new under the sun of Cal Poly's ASI election voter turnout.

This year, 2,815 votes were cast, not including those who wrote in candidates, said Joe Ventura, an ASI election official.

Last year, 2,800 students voted, or roughly 17 percent of the student body. This year, it was approximately 18 percent.

Students have many explanations for why they didn't vote.

"None of the candidates struck me as appealing enough to take the time to find out where my college's polling spot was," said liberal studies junior Justin Martin.

"Jed (Whiteley) was a joke," Martin continued. "Entzi seemed a

little too soft-spoken for the office and McShane, he's a little like (President) Clinton. There's so much positive and negative information coming in about him, I don't know what to believe."

Many students said they didn't vote because of a general dislike for politics, not apathy.

"I just don't like it in the least," said computer science senior Robert Peters. "I voted in the Cal Poly Plan vote, but the presidential vote is too much like high school. I guess I just don't like politicians in general."

Several students gave explanations like that of Katie Farias, a forestry and natural resources freshman.

"I just didn't know anything about it, so I didn't feel it was my place to just pick a random person and vote," she said.

when they were transferring the votes on to the official ballot, one person (freshman Melvin 'Rusty' Dalrymple) was left (off) the business ballot."

A re-election for the College of Business Board of Directors will be held May 14 and 15 on Dexter Lawn from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"I was surprised when I went down to vote and I wasn't even on the ballot, but I knew (ASI) would be able to fix it," Dalrymple said.

There was also the problem of poster vandalism, which occurs every year.

"Every year you have some problems with candidates posting their posters on top of others, but (it's) not always the case that the candidate that's running knows that this is occurring," Osman said. "These are issues that can be dealt one-on-one with the candidates."

Aside from these two problems, Osman said the election went well.

"Students were well informed and students that really wanted to make a difference did so and showed it through their voting," he said.

Although some students came out to vote, it wasn't enough to please everyone.

"Jed wanted to cause some chaos so that maybe more people would vote and help make decisions," said Whiteley's campaign manager, Kevin McCloskey, a mechanical engineering senior.

"It seemed like people didn't really even care (about last year's ASI elections)," said Whiteley, "and when I saw McShane win last year with such a small percentage, I thought that I could do it too."



# Latest Poly Plan survey, referendum reflect each other

By Stacey L. Johnston  
Daily Staff Writer

They asked for a simple yes or no, and they got it.

Had the Poly Plan Steering Committee asked that question earlier, student opinion may have been more accurately gauged before the referendum vote shot down the student fee increase.

The April in-class survey and last week's campuswide referendum were the latest steps in the steering committee's quest to determine student opinion about the plan.

In earlier surveys a Likert scale was used to assess students' attitudes toward the plan. This means that instead of answering "yes" or "no," students were asked to rate their degree of support or opposition.

After much debate and criticism from students and faculty, the Likert scale was abandoned, and the April survey presented students with three yes/no questions and a series of possible uses of Poly Plan funds that they were asked to prioritize.

Welch said the survey was given in class to a randomly selected group of students representing about one-sixteenth of the student body. A short time later a very similar version of it was used for the referendum.

The results of the April survey and referendum were similar, though the plan and fees received more support in the in-class survey. Support for the plan was 76.5 percent in the in-class survey and 54.9 percent in the referendum. Support for the fee increases was 11 percent higher for 1997-1998 and about 7 percent higher for 1998-1999 in the in-class survey.

This survey was criticized by political science professor Jeff Gill, who has done research on voter behavior and also teaches statistics. Gill said the "methodology was unclear" and that a better survey would have focused on questions which would have allowed respondents to indi-

cate how much they would be willing to raise their fees for each specific improvement area suggested.

Not everyone, however, disapproved of the survey.

"In my opinion I think (the survey) was fair, because it did its job and its job was to place priorities to where students would like to see more money, resources and effort placed for their education," said ASI President Steve McShane.

Since the results of the survey and the campuswide vote carried the same opinion, no problem arose in deciding how to weight them.

Welch said the Steering Committee had not made a decision on what to do if the survey and referendum yielded opposing results.

"That was discussed, but there hadn't been any plan made," Welch said. "The students (on the Steering Committee) were very uncomfortable with that."

The results of the survey were not released until the day after the referendum vote, said Stephan Lamb, Director of the Assessment and Testing Center. He said that surveying continued until the Friday before and that time was needed to tabulate the results.

"Nobody sits on the information," Hoffman said. "As soon as it's ready to go, the Steering Committee sees it."

According to Linda Dalton, vice provost for institutional planning, "The plan has had support in everything that has been done, and the fees were supported by the earlier surveys, but the increases were not supported in the April survey and referendum."

Welch said that he, personally, "wasn't very surprised" by the results, but said in regards to the committee, "I think everybody thought it would pass coming up to it. It passed before."

Regardless of the results, Welch said he was proud of student voter turnout.

He did feel that perhaps some students were bringing other unrelated issues to

mind when considering their position on the plan. Comments that students wrote on the February survey led him to this conclusion. For example they complained about bus service and Campus Dining, which were not related to the Poly Plan.

He said, however, that compiling these comments was like emptying a huge suggestion box from in front of the administration building.

"A lot of people have read them, and I think they're very concerned," Welch said. "I don't think they're ignoring them, so it will be interesting to see what comes of them."

**"In my opinion I think (the survey) was fair, because it did its job and its job was to place priorities to where students would like to see more money, resources and effort placed for their education,"**

—ASI President Steve McShane

## Steering Committee discusses how to divvy up next year's Poly Plan funded money

By Emily Bradley  
Daily Staff Writer

With the defeat of the Poly Plan fee increases last week, the Poly Plan Steering Committee met Wednesday night to discuss where the funding from this year's \$45 fee increase will be allocated to serve the needs voiced by students and proposed by projects.

According to Juan Gonzalez, vice president of student affairs, the committee is optimistic.

"We've got \$400,000 we can still work magic with," he said.

But as the meeting proceeded, it became more and more obvious that working this magic would truly be a trick.

The \$400,000 is the remainder of the money from the \$45 per quarter fee installed this year, yielding about \$2.1 million a year for Poly Plan projects.

Almost half of the money for next year has already been earmarked for the 16 new tenure-track faculty who will begin in fall. The faculty additions will include two positions in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design as well as in the College of Business, and three professors in each of the other colleges. The deans of each college determined which department would receive the faculty funding.

The other \$700,000 of the Poly Plan money is reserved for financial aid.

So the committee is left with \$400,000 to either fund programs or hire more faculty.

This subject resulted in a lively discussion at the meeting, with the idea forwarded to hire part-time lecturers to help increase availability of GE&B classes.

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Photo courtesy of Vicki León

Local author Vicki León has 21 published titles.

## Local author gives 'uppity women' some history to draw from

By Jason Scott  
Daily Staff Writer

When Shakespeare asked the infamous question, "What's in a name?" local historical author Vicki León easily found an audacious response on behalf of all women:

"Get real, Will: Instead of 'Lady MacBeth,' try answering to 'what's-er-name' or 'Hey, wench!' and see how you would have liked it."

It's with this colorful retort that León opens her newest publishing venture.

Local library donors welcomed author León to their ranks Tuesday as the San Luis Obispo Friends of the Library organization held their annual meeting.

The Madonna Inn Garden Room was the forum of choice for the Friends as they cited dramatic improvements in the organization's financial status and turned attentions over to León.

León, an extensive world traveler and author of 21 published titles, addressed the

group to debut her newest historical account, "Uppity Women of Medieval Times," which details the lives of extraordinary women and their societal contributions that have gone ignored by history books.

Their stories yield many surprises.

"Women had an astonishing role in the crusades," León said. "They had to run things while the men were away. They established their own legal system and printed their own currency. To ward off attackers, they had to get good with a crossbow. When the men came home, I'm sure it was quite a shock!"

How these women transcended the barriers of Medieval society, overcoming plagues, famines, and wars, is a lesson to be learned by '90s women, León said.

"If anything, these women were inspirational," León said. "They were stone masons, blacksmiths — all the while enduring male domination and continuous childbirth."

Listing 200 influential femmes through historical periods ranging from the Dark

Ages to the Renaissance, "Uppity Women of Medieval Times" introduces readers to such strong personalities as Maggie de la Roque, a Canadian bear-slayer, Chiyome, a 16th century Japanese ninja-for-hire, and Catalina de Erauso, a nun who "dueled, drank, and cross-dressed her way through Spain and South America."

León doesn't want the title of her women's studies masterpiece to throw her readers, though. According to León, "uppity" is good.

"I'm not so much sold on writing about the top rung of women," León said. "This whole notion of uppity women is a positive thing."

Strong females are a hot topic internationally, as León's book sales suggest: rights were bought in Brazil and Poland, while her previous book, "Uppity Women of Ancient Times," was a best-seller in Australia.

When asked whether she'd be interested in documenting an account of more modern

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# Students' homework helps feed, clothe the needy

By Monica Phillips  
Daily Staff Writer

As part of a class assignment, five Cal Poly students are putting the university's "learn by doing" motto to work as they organize a community service project to help one of the needy organizations in San Luis Obispo, Grass Roots II Inc.

Steve McDermott, a speech communication professor, placed the students from his class into small groups and instructed them to do something "socially significant."

"We had to determine for ourselves what we believed was 'socially significant' and we decided that was something that would help the local community," said Dana Gilbert, speech communications sophomore.

The students involved include Gilbert, speech communication sophomore Jessica Ciarla, business senior Joel Beam, speech communications sophomore Cheryl Anderson, and speech communication sophomore Ashly Young are planning

Grass Roots Groove for their SPC 217, speech communication class project.

All money and food from the event will be given to Grass Roots II Inc., the non-profit organization that has been active in the San Luis Obispo community for 25 years. It provides food, clothing and other vital necessities to economically disadvantaged individuals.

"This organization helps out families who have fallen through the welfare cracks," Gilbert said.

The students will be selling raffle tickets to raise money, and Cisco's restaurant in downtown San Luis Obispo agreed to give a free soda to anyone who donates canned food at the event.

The students reached into the community to find support for their event. Several local businesses donated prizes for the raffle including a floor lamp worth \$239 donated from McMahan's Furniture & Appliances, an \$85 tuxedo rental from LV Tuxedo and Bridal in the Central Coast Mall and a \$25 lunch at Embassy Suites. Tickets will be sold at \$1 each or six for \$5.

"We got a lot of positive feedback from the community and most companies were upset if they couldn't help out," Anderson said.

"I've never had to go out into the community for a class assignment," Beam said. "Usually class assignments don't make an impact on anything but your grades."

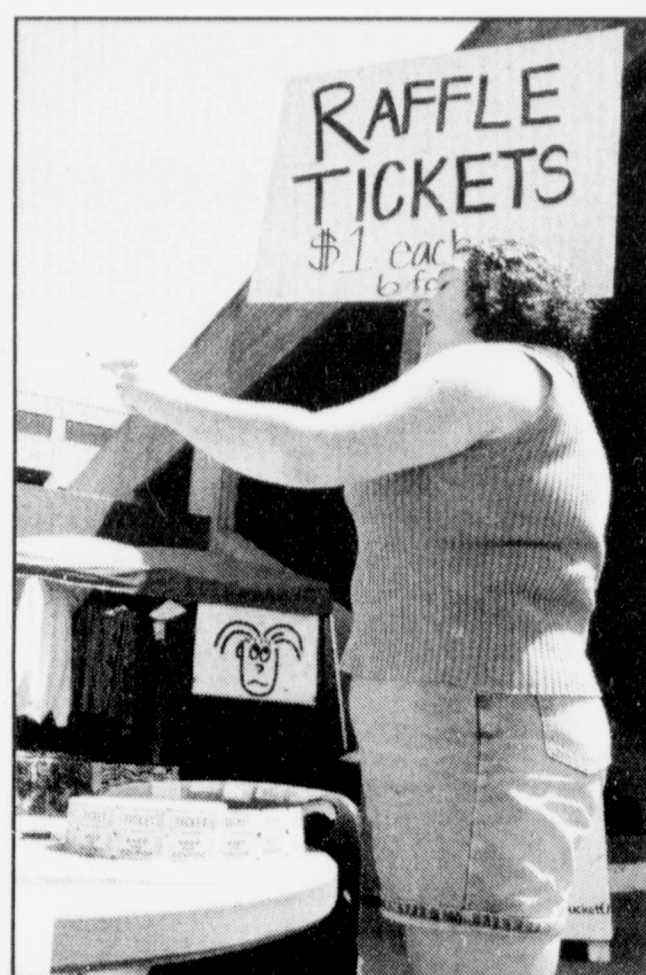
Cisco's General Manager Robbie Robinson said that they like helping out in the community and participate regularly in service activities around town.

"It's really important to keep things local because we want to support the local economy," Robinson said.

McDermott gave this assignment to previous classes at Cal Poly, and the students think this assignment is a great way to learn hands-on about the effectiveness of small group communication.

"It's a high-demand class and you have to like and want to get involved," Anderson said. "We're a pretty cohesive group and

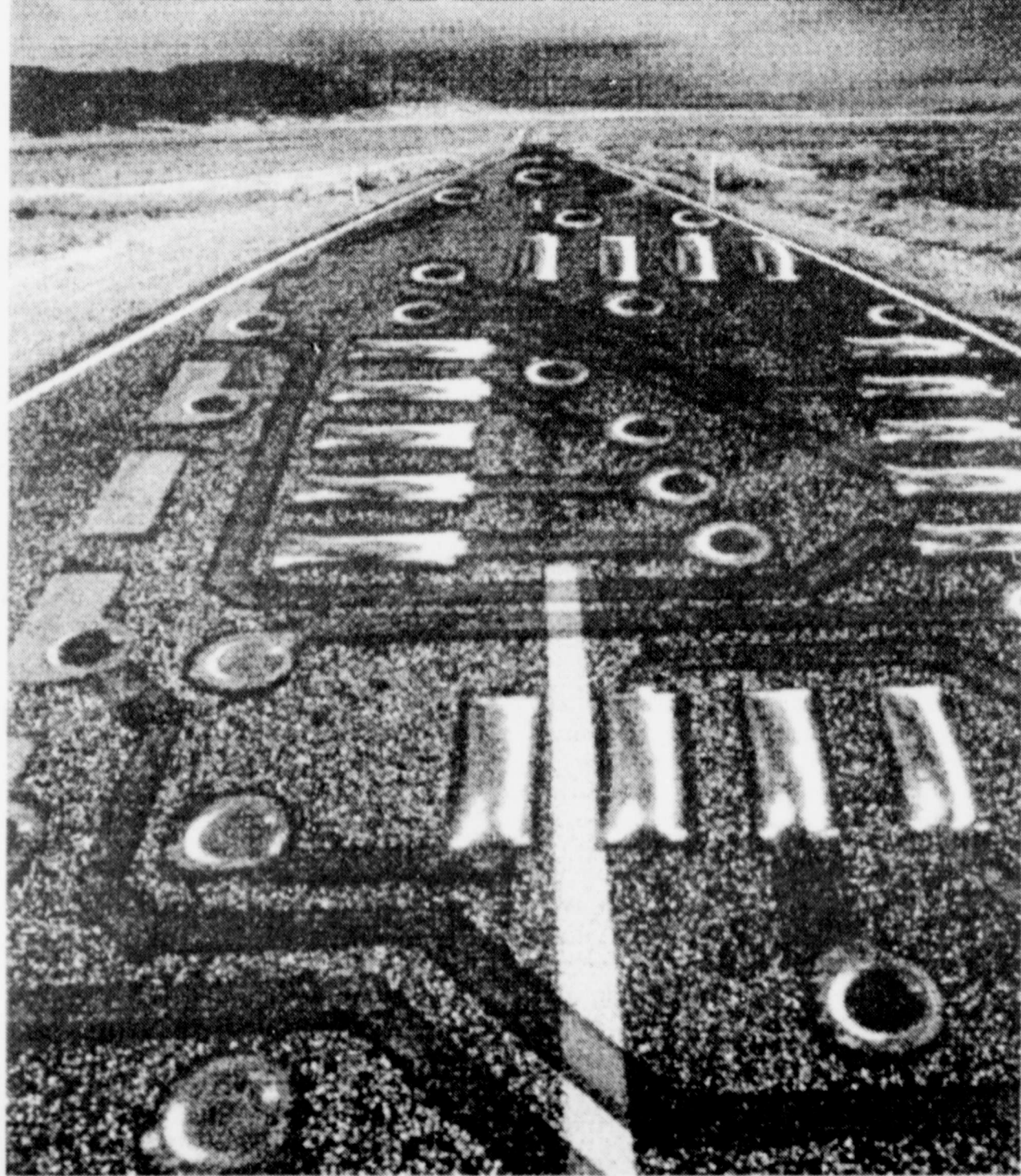
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Speech communication junior Dana Gilbert sold raffle tickets for Grass Roots II Inc. Thursday.

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## Name left off business ballots — runoff set for next week

By Dawn Kalmar  
Daily Staff Writer

ASI elections aren't over yet. The ASI Board of Directors voted Wednesday to hold College of Business elections next week after a name was omitted from this week's ballot.

Board of Directors candidate Melvin "Rusty" Dalrymple was left off the final ASI-approved ballot. According to Tamer Osman, a board representative from the College of Agriculture, the name was left off during the finalization process and was an accident.

A number of solutions were discussed to resolve the problem. Adding Dalrymple's name to the ballot for next week's runoff election was one of them. Some members of the board said this would be unfair, allowing Dalrymple an unfair advantage since he would be competing with only the runoff candidates and not the original ones. Also, runoff elections are limited to one day, whereas general elections are held for two.

"Because we've already screwed up, having one day is not acceptable," said Brooke Forrar, a board representative from the College of Business.

The board decided to hold the College of Business elections next Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., moving runoff elections to the following week, on May 21.

In other proceedings, the board passed the bill moving the ASI executive offices a few doors down to the space currently occupied by the Multicultural Center (MCC) and the former Disabled Student Services (DSS) offices. The MCC will simply switch offices with ASI, and DSS, which moved to the Career Services Building last January and is now called Disabled Resource Center.

ASI President Steve McShane said the move is one of the best to happen to ASI, making it more visi-

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## A little more criticism of Alan

Editor,

As someone who voted against the Cal Poly Plan, I'd like to respond to Alan Dunton's opinion piece. I feel that Alan wrongly accuses those of us who voted against the plan as being selfish, ignorant and stupid.

I think the Poly Plan missed the point. The point is that key general education classes at Cal Poly are hard to come by. I felt that the plan did little to nothing for those of us who just want more general education classes so we can graduate. I don't think it is selfish, stupid or ignorant to say no to a plan that asks for money if it will not help you realize your own goals.

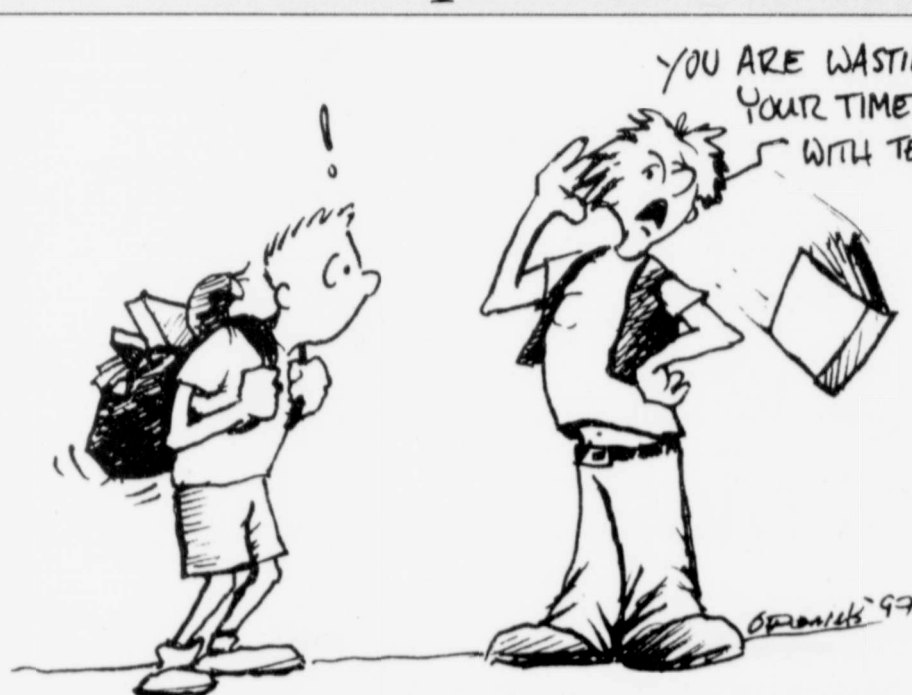
The Poly Plan, as I grew to know it, meant more laboratories, more technology and more pet projects. These things are good, and I support them in so much as I do not oppose their existence. However, that is the

end of my support for them. I saw very little in the Poly Plan that would actually increase the availability of the classes I need to graduate. Without that key component, why in the world would I want to throw my money at the Poly Plan?

I do have an idea for the Poly Plan Steering Committee. Take the current Poly Plan, place it in the nearest recycling bin. Start over, using the name "Cal Poly Contract." Make all decisions on where the money raised will go before putting it up to a student vote so that students know what they are voting on. And, I propose that at least 70 percent of the money raised by any plan (after the deductions for financial aid, etc.) go directly into making more classes available. That is something I'd support with my money.

John M. McGregor  
Industrial technology junior

## This does not promote illiteracy



By NATHAN PONTIOUS

It's probably too late to think about whether or not to buy your books for this quarter. You know they are out there: the elite few who are trying to get by without reading a single thing, let alone actually purchasing the textbooks. Maybe the rationale is that the teacher is just so exceptionally good, that one could learn everything in the book merely by paying attention to the lecture. An even more common rationale is that the teacher is so exceptionally good, that one can simply sleep in class and the potency of the teacher's words will penetrate through those half-closed eyelids.

How exactly you plan to get away with this is very amusing in retrospect. In grade school, if you recall, we wouldn't get credit for doing assignments if the book we did them in wasn't covered. We also had to hold on to ropes when we walked in line and were forced to run around on slippery asphalt playground during recess, which was also kind of weird. Why our math and English groups were run like police states, I am still not quite clear. I never really saw the value of this until one sunny morning, in math group, I threw up all over my book, and those around me. Not only did I lose a lot of friends that day, but I hadn't covered my book, and had to use someone else's for the rest of the year.

Sometimes I think that all of this could have been avoided if only I had covered my book, or at least had not purchased one to begin with. But then you may also recall that we didn't have the option to buy books, they were just handed to us along with our meal tickets, PE clothes and "official" school book covers.

The other day I met up with a friend who told me that last quarter he hadn't bought any books, and he did alright. He also told me that this quarter he hadn't bought textbooks for half his classes, just to see what would happen. Back to grade school again: we would shine magnifying glasses on ants, just to see what would happen. Things have really changed. He is experimenting, just no longer in the name of science as in those grandiose grade school explorations, nor those sexuality and/or psychedelic drug misconceptions about college students, but perhaps....psychology (i.e., memory retention).

Another friend of mine is a "scientist." Not only has he not bought his books, but he hasn't been to two of his classes yet this quarter. Today he came to school without a pencil, paper or even a backpack. (I suppose the latter *does* make sense as he had nothing to put in it.) This is courage. Either the man has such incredible faith in his teachers that he is willing to forego such formalities as paper, or he is insane. Either way, he and others like him are pushing the envelope to pave a way for those who religiously buy their required and suggested textbooks, and then sell them back at the end of the quarter at a whopping 10 percent of the original cost. Perhaps they are lazy to some of you, or just really forgetful. To others perhaps they are the most pure of nonconformists, and to others they symbolize a light at the end of the tunnel. To me, they are pioneers.

Nate Pontious has much more to say about this, but if you would like to know more, he encourages you to buy his book.

## A little support of Alan

Poly Plan was asking for a piddly amount of money

Editor,

I am writing in response to Mrs. Adkins' letter. She is someone who is very selfish and is using a very lame excuse to justify her voting against the Poly Plan fee increase. The reason I can say this is that I also am married with a 2-year-old son and a 11-month-old daughter. Both are still in diapers, so I know exactly how much it costs for diapers each month. I also live in Atascadero, which might not be as far from the campus as where Mrs. Adkins lives, but it is brutal for my cheap little '80 Mazda 626 to go over Cuesta Grade twice a day. I might not pay as much for the amount of gas, but I do probably pay more in the maintenance from the amount of wear and tear on my car.

Not only do I go to school in order to get my degree, I also work over 35 hours a week in order to support my family. You see, my wife is a stay-at-home mom. I have to apologize to any feminists out there, but while my wife might not bring any money into the family, she does help us save money. She breastfeeds our daughter, so we save on the cost of formula. We also don't have to pay for any childcare.

Despite my working as much as I do, my family is still considered to be poor. So one of the consequences of my poorness is that I get a whole lot of financial aid. In fact, just on my grants alone, my tuition is paid in full, with about \$300 left over for books and school supplies.

Therefore, an additional \$48 a quarter, to me, is nothing to worry about. Don't get me wrong, in my family \$48 can go a long way: it is a month's worth of gas, a week's worth of groceries (yes, I am serious, we only spend about \$200 a month on groceries). It will also buy two cases of dia-

pers. At Food4Less a case, with about 72 diapers, is around \$18.

I find Mrs. Adkins' view to be very disappointing. I came to Cal Poly because in the past the reputation of the mathematic department was always very high. In fact the math program here is considered to be one of the best in the country. We get a high quality education with very advanced technology for a very inexpensive price.

Like Mrs. Adkins I also am planning on going to graduate school, and for a lot longer than just a year. I plan on obtaining my Ph.D in mathematics. So I understand her concern about "racking up more debt," but again we are only talking about \$48 a quarter.

Now to point out the last point that Mrs. Adkins mentioned. She said she wanted to see some changes from the last fee increase. I say go take a look in room 121A in the Mathematics and Home Economics building. On the door of the room there is a very nice sign which states something like this: "These computers were provided by the Cal Poly Plan." This room is a working laboratory for Chemistry 124. Unfortunately, I will never have the opportunity to use this technology that is available, since I don't plan on taking a chemistry class. However, I am very happy to see that Cal Poly is serious about upgrading our technology for raising the quality of education that we already have a good reputation for. Even though I may never have the opportunity to use any of the equipment that the fee increases would have paid for, I still was, and still am, willing to give up my measly 48 bucks.

Paul Savage  
Mathematics senior

## Parisians aren't meanies at all, you ethnocentric traveler

Editor,

This letter is in response to the May 5, opinion article "Those Mean Parisians" by Shoshi Hebshi. After spending the last school year in Spain studying abroad and after visiting Paris twice that year, I feel that I am qualified to comment on European-American relations.

After reading Ms. Hebshi's column on the "nasty" unsmiling French, I understood that she was upset because when she approached a Parisian speaking English, they appeared miffed. Put your place in the native's shoes! If someone came walking down the street here and started immediately talking to me in Basque or German or French, I would think that they were very arrogant, not bothering to learn English in America. Ms. Hebshi got frustrated because the French didn't understand her English. Is it their responsibility to learn English so that the arrogant Americans can go to Paris and have no problems? What fun is it to visit Paris and not speak French, or at least attempt to speak French? My experiences in Paris were extremely positive; even though I am not very good at French, I tried!

Ms. Hebshi also commented that the commuters on the Metro were very unso-

ciable. I wonder if she has ever seen American commuters in their cars, ignoring others while in their own little world. Commuters have defense mechanisms set up to deal with others. The people on the Metro are not on vacation, they are working and worried about their own lives. I don't blame them for not smiling at Ms. Hebshi.

On the contrary, I think that the Parisians are an extremely sociable group, with their outdoor cafes and wide sidewalks. The country is set up for people to get out of their cars and talk with each other.

Ms. Hebshi's comments made me wonder about her purpose in going to London. She does not seem to be opening up to new experiences and expanding her world view. Instead, she seems to be stereotyping others as mean and unfriendly when she herself does not put forth the effort to learn a little bit of their language and customs. By stereotyping others, she stereotypes herself as an arrogant, rude, loud American. And as we all know, stereotypes are always wrong.

Leslie A. Wells  
Forestry and natural resources management senior

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"I don't like people's fronts."

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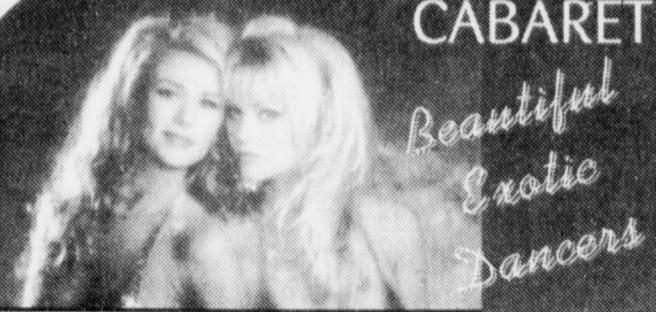
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Increasing availability of general education classes ranked third in priorities of students on the referendum.

But most of the committee agreed to hold off on more faculty positions. Part of this reasoning came from Provost Paul Zingg noting that with the 16 new faculty positions, 160 new classes will be offered next year. And with the decrease in enrollment by 500 students next year, he proposed that the natural demographics would ease the pressure on GE&B classes as the bulge of students moved to upper-division courses.

Other reasoning to fund projects rather than hire new faculty came from Guy Welch, steering committee student representa-

tive.

"We need to look at real, observable improvement for the students to see and feel," he said. "By hiring six more faculty members, we only see about a 2 percent increase in the faculty schoolwide. Instead, we need to look at something that provides a visible return on student investment."

Anny Morrobel-Sosa, a materials engineering professor, agreed.

"That's the reason why the referendum was defeated, people didn't see their money going where they want it to go," she said.

It was decided that the remaining \$400,000 would be used for projects in year two of the plan (1997-1998). The decision regarding which projects will be

funded will be left in the hands of the College Review Committees and the Interdisciplinary Committee, which both consist of students, faculty, staff and appropriate deans and university vice-presidents.

Bill Boynton, Dean of the College of Business, emphasized the important role of these committees.

"They must be the ones to make the judgments about proposals since they are close enough to know what will be most beneficial to their colleges," he said.

The college committees face the decision whether or not to fund existing Poly Plan programs which have already proven successful. The steering committee will encourage the college panels to keep in mind the potential for these programs to match reduced Poly Plan funds with their own fund raising. This was achieved this year by many Poly Plan programs, which collectively raised almost \$1.9 million in matching funds by soliciting donations off-campus.

While the steering committee plans to fund programs with the \$400,000 from the plan for year two, the destination of year three's funding is still uncertain (1998-1999).

The 16 professors are guaranteed Poly Plan money for three years, after which they will be absorbed into their colleges' budgets. The \$700,000 is also a constant allocation for financial aid. But the \$400,000 left may then be used for tenure-track positions for 1998-1999. This decision will be made before the end this quarter because it takes a year to recruit tenure-track professors.

The committee also discussed the possibility of a planning retreat for the steering committee to evaluate the referendum, proposed by ASI President Steve McShane.

The committee also agreed that this period after the referendum is a window of opportunity to continue education campaigns about the Poly Plan. Students are encouraged to meet with McShane, who is organizing a group of students to help evaluate the next steps of the plan.

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ble to those entering the University Union

"It's going to put us in a location right in the middle of the U.U.," McShane said. "It's a prime location. It will be a lot easier to find and get to. When you walk into the U.U., ASI will be the first thing you see."

McShane said he expects the move and increased visibility will expand access, involvement and awareness for students.

Student advocates for Gail Wilson also spoke at the meeting, asking the board to reconsider its denial of her request for reimbursement. Wilson came before ASI last week asking to be reimbursed for the costs she incurred while trying to get a vote of "no confidence" put on the ballot last year. The board did not act on the issue.

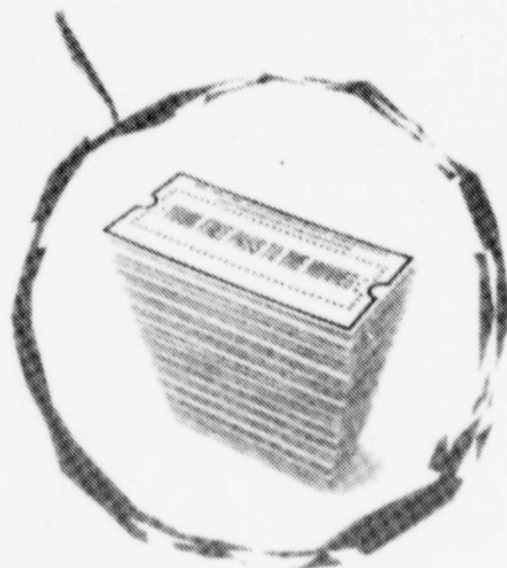
Members of the Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource (SAFER) Team and Program made a presentation before the board as well. They were formed after last year's report by a campus task force on sexual assault which pinpointed weaknesses in the university's response to crisis. The SAFER members showed the board the progress made so far such as creating new informational brochures

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# Ex-defensive line coach worried about Poly football players, new head coach

By Jennifer Cornelius  
Daily Sports Editor

He was out at practice Wednesday to observe.

Former defensive line coach George Booker is concerned about the future of the Cal Poly football team under new head coach Larry Welsh.

Booker resigned Monday because of his frustrations in dealing with Welsh since he became head coach April 11.

Booker feels that Welsh is doing a poor job of communicating to the coaches and players what he wants out of them, which made it hard for Booker to explain things to the players he was coaching.

"We're just not on the same page," Booker said.

When Booker didn't understand a play or idea from Welsh, he would ask him to come and explain it to the players, Booker said.

"But Welsh couldn't really explain it either," Booker said. "And that confused the players even more."

Booker's main concerns are that the type of defense Welsh wants to run is not fit for the type of players Cal Poly has and his fears that the players are opening themselves up to injury.

He said that Welsh had large players on the defensive line at Atascadero High School, which allowed them to overpower their opponents. Booker said that here, the players aren't as big and aren't suited to run his style of defense.

He said Welsh is straying from fundamentally sound football.

"What we were teaching was not putting them into a position to be successful," Booker said.

He said a number of veteran players have expressed

unhappiness with Welsh. But after Wednesday's practice, the players met and were pleased to hear Welsh step up in response to the commentary in that day's edition of Mustang Daily. Welsh said the team was going to be around a long time and that changes were occurring.

"Change is tough on everybody," Welsh said before practice. "We are progressing at the rate I want to progress. We are working hard and communicating."

"What Booker wants to say is his business. He chose to leave...and I hope he's successful."

Booker said he couldn't continue to coach because players would ask him why they were doing certain things and he couldn't give them an answer. He feels he let his players down, but couldn't continue to coach under the circumstances.

Booker also said that many of the plays being taught to the players were taught to him as things not to do in his five years of college coaching. Booker has also talked to coaches at other universities that tell him reasons why those certain types of plays are not being run anymore.

He added that he personally has nothing to gain from expressing his thoughts, and it may even

hurt him, but he doesn't want the players to be cheated.

Booker knows he is in a position to express his thoughts because he has left the position but knows other coaches share similar thoughts.

"I know a lot of coaches that don't want to leave the area or players but are unhappy working for Coach Welsh," Booker said.

Welsh, however, wants to put this in the past and focus on the future.

"My main concern now is the 75-80 players on the field," Welsh said. "We're going to do a great job with these players."

**"I know a lot of coaches that don't want to leave the area or players but are unhappy working for Coach Welsh,"**

**-George Booker, former Cal Poly defensive line coach**

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better. We don't think money alone is going to enable these sports to win any NCAA championships. In addition, men's basketball is fully funded, meaning they receive the maximum amount of scholarships allowed by the NCAA for a Division I program. More money is not going to give them any more scholarships. Franco says these sports have so much potential, but what about the potential of the football program. It has the potential to make more money for the university than any other sport. The transition time from Division 11 to Division I is much greater for football because football must climb an additional Division (Division I-AA). This is the reason football was left behind when the rest of the sports joined the Big West Conference. We believe the only obstacle that is holding the football program back from joining the Big West Conference is our facilities. Once the new facilities are built Cal Poly's football program should be admitted into the Big West Conference. This is where the money lies because the champion of the Big West Conference for football gets invited to the Las Vegas Bowl. With a favorable location and an excel-

lent academic reputation Cal Poly's football program will be able to attract some big time recruits. Because of this, the thought of Cal Poly winning the Big West in football is very realistic.

The bottom line is that cutting the football program is not going to benefit the other athletic teams as much as Franco thinks it will. The other teams don't seem to be suffering to us. Because the football program has so much potential it would a shame to see it dropped simply because the students and the Athletic Department didn't have enough patience. In the long run it would be in the University's best interest to keep the football program alive. Maybe this wouldn't be such a difficult task if we received more support from the faculty and the students.

As far as we are concerned we see Franco as a front-runner, he hops on the bandwagon that is leading the pack. Well, Franco I guarantee you Cal Poly football will succeed, and when we do we don't want you hopping on our bandwagon.

**Andy Nicholson,**  
Cal Poly football senior

**James Lombardi,**  
Cal Poly football junior

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distributed in the dorms and throughout campus, counseling, a 24-hour crisis line, medical treatment and sexually transmitted disease information. The group is wait-

ing on approval of a special crisis line designed specifically to respond to crisis calls on campus. They are also waiting on a \$20,000 National Collegiate Athletic Association Choices Grant to address drinking-related violence among athletes and sports fans.



## How much worse could it get?

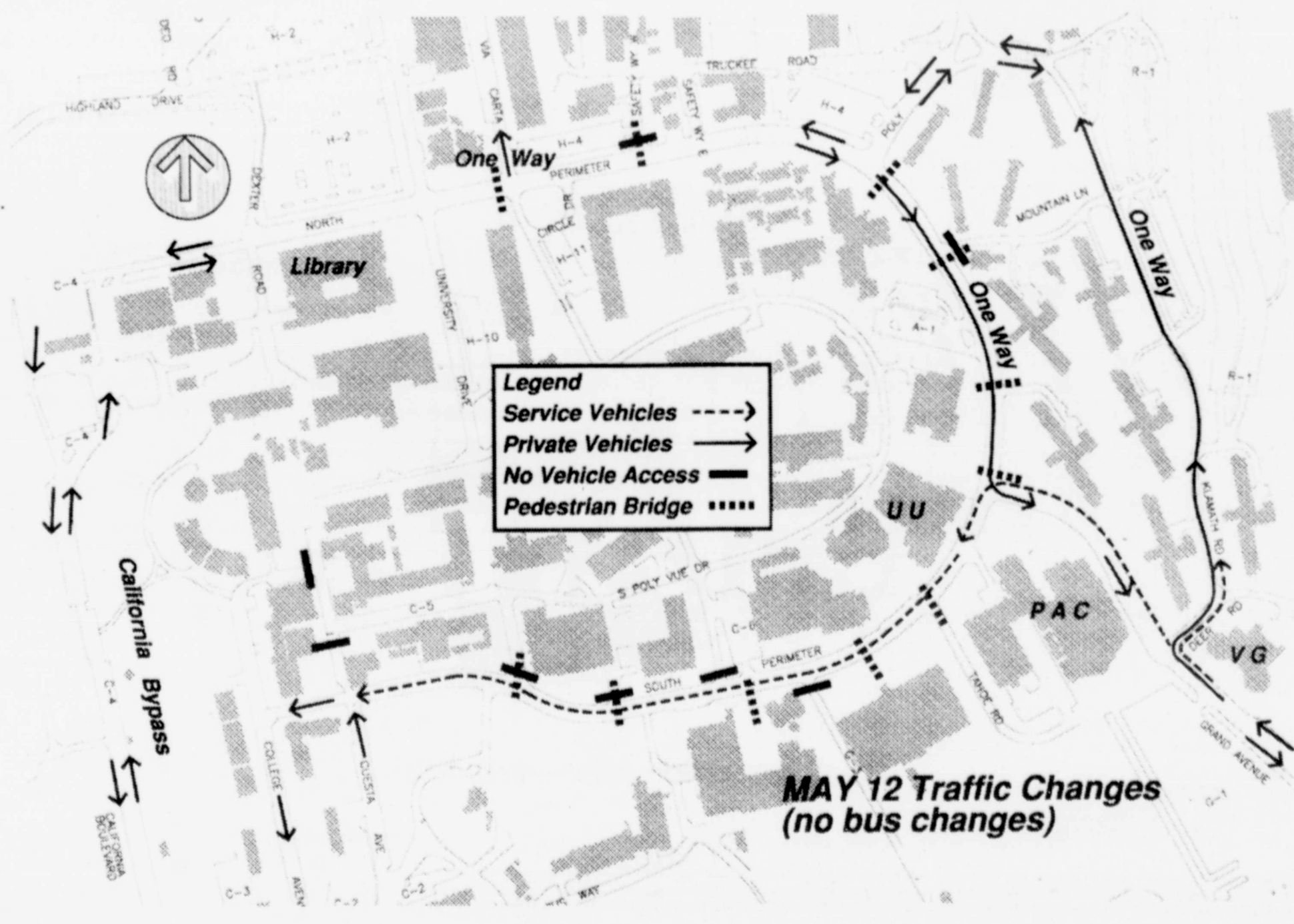
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## Wildflower winner aims for nationals, pros

By Martha Blackwell  
Daily Staff Writer

Sunday, May 4 was a victorious day.

On that day, 24-year-old Victor Plata, a social sciences graduating senior, accomplished the first of his three goals.

He won the Wildflower olympic-distance triathlon.

"I went into the race with pressure because everyone expected me to win," Plata said. "I deserved it though, because I'd told everyone I would."

Plata's strong confidence over a nine-month training period is what earned him this year's title and a second-place course record.

Plata completed the 1.5-kilometer swim, 40-kilometer bike and 10-kilometer run in 2 hours, 1 minute, 45 seconds, which was 59 seconds off Erik Burgen's 1996 course record.

Burgen is currently one of the top professional U.S. triathletes.

"I had complete confidence in myself and my performance, but I was still unsure of the talent of the other athletes I was competing against," Plata said.

Even for an athlete as focused and secure as Plata, nervousness still exists.

Plata was lucky that it was Sunday, as he found a quiet place to lie on the grass and listen to an early morning sermon. Having time to rethink his strategies and the goals, Plata stepped into the lake ready to go.

"When I entered the swim I felt good, but things only got better because all of the lifeguards were Cal Poly swimmers," Plata said.

The yells of encouragement from his former swimming teammates were enough to push him out of the water in a surprising second place.

Plata had never expected to finish that well in the swim, and he knew that the remaining two legs of the race would be a breeze.

The bike is where he cinched his victory, but he technically lost it.

"Part of my strategy (on the bike) included using the hills to my advantage," he said. "While others would slow down, I'd attack them going uphill and down, even when no one was near."

Plata used his recent Wheelmen criterium experience, which he won on March 2, to help him through some of the extremely sharp turns at the bottoms of steep hills. And again, the crowd's support kept his feet pedaling fast.

"Everyone was yelling to slow down, but I didn't. I just used the energy from the loud cheers of support and went faster," Plata said.

The support from the Cal Poly students led Plata through the finish line and up to the platform to make his victory speech, where he thanked everyone over and over for their help.

He was later notified that a mistake in his bike transition, when he placed his bike 1 inch too far to the left, would technically penalize him one minute, placing him in second place.

Plata doesn't dwell on that though, as he, as well as everyone who was there, knows who won.

So now, Plata is done and is moving on to his second goal.

To win the amateur triathlon nationals in August in Columbia, Md.

Winning is the only goal for him, not second or third, but first.

"Sponsors only go for the people that win," he said.

In the world of triathlons, sponsors are necessary, as the cost of competing is very high.

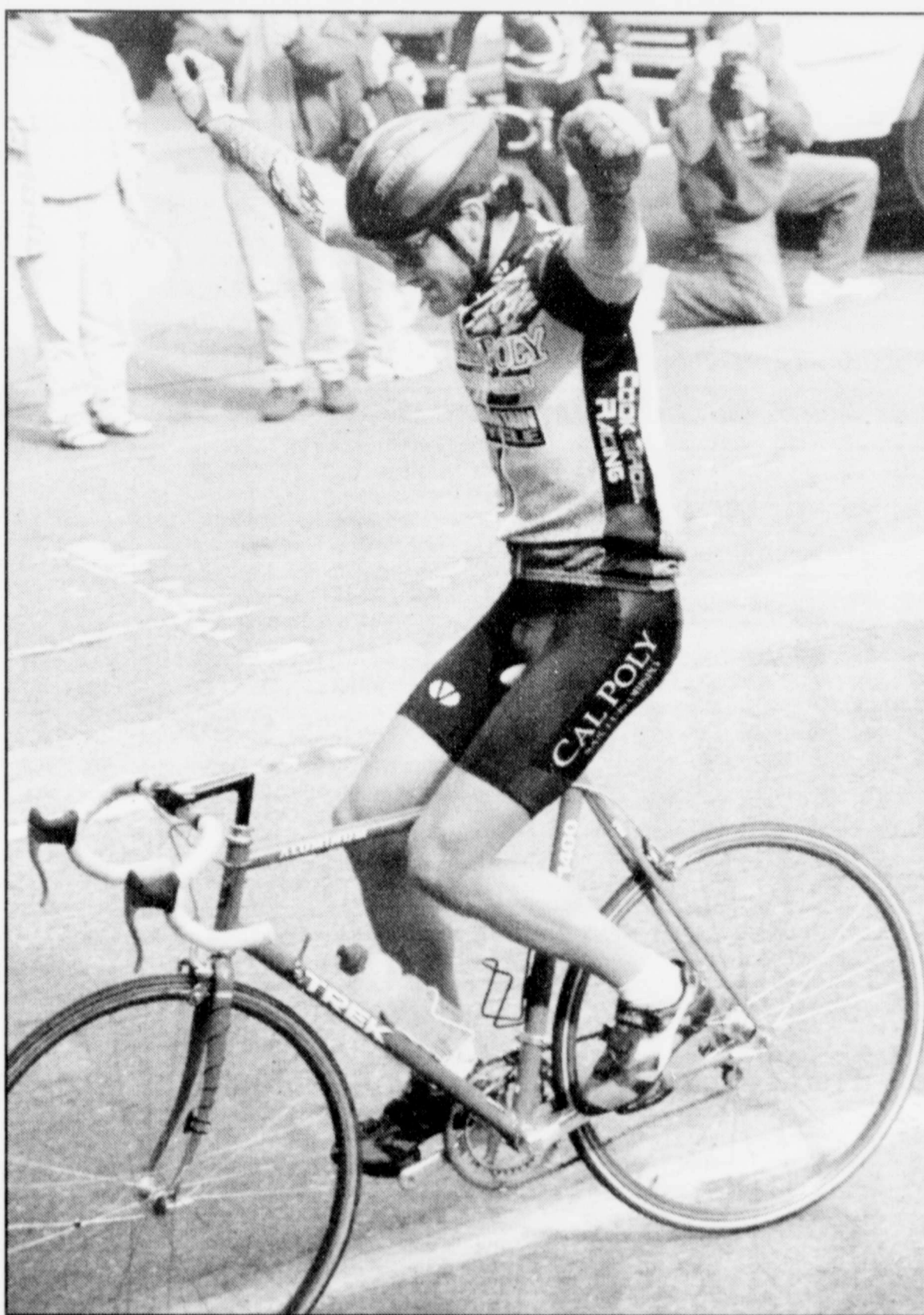
The \$1,000 wheels and \$80 bars for his bike and the \$150 wet suit, used during the swim, were all borrowed.

"I'm a poor man in a rich man's sport," he said.

A new, competitive bike frame costs about \$1,500. Add the wheels, gears and components, and the typical triathlete is spending \$3,000 or more for the bike alone.

Plata spent last year sleeping on couches to save money in preparation for this year's triathlon costs.

After placing fifth at last year's Wildflower, he knew that he would invest everything for the chance to achieve in the sport.



Daily file photo by Joe Johnston

Victor Plata crosses the finish line as the winner at the Criterium and bike race in March.

Triathlons have become Plata's life.

While finishing up his senior project, Plata eats, sleeps and breathes the sport.

A typical day for the athlete includes, a big breakfast, a long bike ride, lunch, a nap, a swimming workout and a run.

He is adamant about his health, getting at least eight hours of sleep each night and consuming a well-balanced diet.

"Never try and out-eat a triathlete," Plata said, as he lunched on a bagel, a large peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a turkey sandwich, two pieces of fruit and a granola bar.

Between now and August, Plata's training will stay consistent.

He'll average 150 miles on the bike, 30 miles of running and 10,000 yards of swimming each week. He has four small California triathlons worked into his schedule and will just continue working at the Recreation Center, trying to raise enough money to buy his own equipment and possibly, a new bike.

If, or, when he achieves his second goal, he'll begin focusing on the third, which is to win the amateur nationals in November in Perth, Australia.

After that, Plata has yet another final remaining goal, the 2000 Olympics.

For now though, he's going to take one stroke, pedal and step at a time.

## Mustangs play 'must win' games against 49ers

Daily Staff Report

The Cal Poly baseball team finishes up the regular season on the road with a three-game series against Long Beach State this weekend, beginning Friday at 7 p.m.

Long Beach State leads the Big West Southern Division with a 22-5 record, 33-19 overall. The Mustangs are in fourth place in the southern division, but have already secured a spot in the Big West Conference Tournament May 15-18.

If the Mustangs sweep Long

Beach this weekend and Cal State Fullerton sweeps U.C. Santa Barbara, the Mustangs could finish in third place in the south and face a team other than Long Beach in the first round of the double-elimination tournament.

The Mustangs head into the weekend on a high note after taking the last game of the series from Cal State Fullerton last Sunday, 14-4. The win put Cal Poly's record at 12-15 in Big West play, 33-18 overall.

Cal Poly's goal at this point is to finish at .500, which would help the team's chances to get into the

regionals. Also, a good showing in the conference tournament could help the team's chances for regionals. The winners from the eight regionals head to Omaha for the College World Series.

The Mustang's offense remains on a tear, breaking records left and right. Six Mustangs have hit 10 or more home runs, led by first baseman Boyd Dodder, who has 15.

Second baseman Scott Kidd leads the team and the Big West in batting with a .413 average. Kidd also leads the Big West in hits with 92. Shortstop Taber

Maier leads the Big West in runs scored and doubles.

This weekend, the Mustangs hope their big offense can outdo the strong arms of Long Beach. Cal Poly was swept when the two teams met earlier this season. Forty-niner pitcher Marcus Jones held the Mustangs to one run in the second game of the series and had 16 strikeouts.

Probable starters for the weekend are Mike Zirelli (9-5, 4.64 ERA), Luther Salinas (3-3, 5.79 ERA) and Chad Snowden (3-4, 6.20 ERA).

## Letter to the Editor

Editor,

On behalf of the Cal Poly football players we would like to comment on our sincere disappointment on Franco Castaldini's article, "Maybe axing it would be best?" on Wednesday May, 7. As players, Castaldini has no idea of what we have achieved in the past few years. We have put a lot of blood, sweat, and tears into making Cal Poly a viable division I program. Sales have gone up, attendance is at an all-time high, and scholarships have increased from 22 to 35 in the past three years. For 81 years Cal Poly football has been a vehicle that brings alumni, parents, and the student body to the university on Saturdays. Cal Poly has benefited from having a football program. To have some biased outsider disrespect our program as Franco has without understanding the whole make up of Cal Poly football just shows his shallowness and ignorance. There have been drastic changes taking place among our football team the past few months. We have lost coaches and had to incorporate a totally new system by our new head coach. On the outside it may seem that the boat is rocking, but anytime there is change adversity does occur. However, with 28 seniors back for this season, and a proven winner with Coach Welsh only good things can happen. Our team has tremendous talent and we are expecting great things this upcoming season.

Franco mentions the success of men's basketball, softball, and men's and women's soccer. He says these teams have the opportunity to give Cal Poly national recognition but are lacking the money to do so. If this was true the softball team would not have won the Big West Conference. So is Franco saying that money alone will make these teams even

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•The piece by Franco Castaldini in Wednesday's paper was in fact an opinion by him.

His views are not those of the Mustang Daily Staff. The tag labeling it as a commentary was accidentally left off in printing. We apologize for the confusion.

## SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S GAMES

• Baseball vs. Long Beach State @ Long Beach, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

• Baseball vs. Long Beach State @ Long Beach, 7 p.m.  
• Track and Field @ Occidental Qualifier Meet (selected athletes) @ Los Angeles.

### SUNDAY'S GAMES

• Baseball vs. Long Beach State @ Long Beach, 7 p.m.

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