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ASI candidates address Poly's Greek population

By Jeremy Roe
Daily Staff Writer

An open forum with ASI presidential and chair of the board candidates Monday night discussed Greek and ASI issues. The forum, billed as a caucus, was put on by the Inter-Fraternity Council, Panhellenic and ASI in Chumash Auditorium.

Each candidate was given a 15-minute period to give a brief speech and answer questions. Two microphones were placed on the floor for students to ask questions.

Without fail, after each candidate finished speaking, agricultural engineering junior Miguel Valenzuela stood up in front of the nearly 500-person audience of mostly Greeks members, and demanded answers to tough questions. He subsequently became the unofficial star of the evening.

A member of the audience approached Valenzuela after

the forum and invited him to run for the College of Engineering's College Council, which has a vacancy.

Valenzuela didn't know if he would run Monday night, since it came as a surprise.

"I'm not sure at this point," he said. "I just heard that this thing was open to all students and I decided to come and ask some questions that weren't getting answered."

First to speak was Matt Lardy, chair of the board candidate. He emphasized unity, financial responsibility and protection for Greeks and students alike.

"Most people don't know what ASI is or believe it functions very very poorly," Lardy said.

He accused former ASI Executive Director Polly Harrigan of misappropriating funds.

"Was it Harrigan who stole \$75,000?" Lardy asked, answering a question from Valenzuela about misuse of student funds. Later, a stu-

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Where they stand

ASI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

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Dan Geis

ASI has very healthy reserves; reserve money should be spent on lasting capital investments such as information marquees at campus entrances and a computer lab for club use.

Current policy is hypocritical, study survey or vote should be done to assess a fair policy.

Make the good things that ASI does for students apparent to everyone; add capital investments that will benefit students for years to come.



Nathan Martin

ASI has more money in reserves than it should, so an increase shouldn't be necessary. Students should have input in increase decisions.

Current policy is hypocritical. Either everyone of age should be able to drink, or no one.

Representative of the common student, wants all students to know the issues, what's going on with ASI.



Neel "Bubba" Murarka

Doesn't see a need for one, would explore all other options to avoid an increase.

Current policy is hypocritical, it should be consistent.

Make ASI approachable, accountable and accessible to all students. Go to the students rather than expecting ASI to come to them.

CHAIR OF THE BOARD CANDIDATES

Approach to fee increases

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Travis Hagen

Every other possible option should be considered before students are asked to pay more.

Current policy is a double standard, we should either be dry or look for ways that anyone of age can drink.

Serve students, add online course syllabi and teacher evaluations, start a college-wide tradition.



Matthew Lardy

Against fee increases, has a plan to invest ASI's money to possibly slowly decrease fees.

Current policy is hypocritical, supports a wet campus, would represent the student opinion if elected.

Eliminate fees, fight for student rights.



Amy Luker

It's ASI's job to inform students about possible increases and make sure the student voice is heard in this issue.

Student vote is the only way to decide on a fair alcohol policy.

Teach and inspire the board of directors to better represent students.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (5 open seats)

- Samuel Aborne, industrial engineering sophomore
- Vinh Pham, computer engineering senior

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (5 open seats)

- Lisa Barnicoat, political science junior
- Andrew Kennerly, political science junior
- Scott Oakley, journalism freshman
- Stephanie Xavier, speech communication junior

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (4 open seats)

- Phil Hartstein, industrial technology junior
- Kevin Schimmel, business junior
- David Snapp, business junior
- Jen Yen, business sophomore
- Kevin Mackenzie, business administration junior

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (3 open seats)

- Julie Hopper, biology junior
- Kristen Pascoe, microbiology sophomore

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (2 open seats)

- Carrie Loarie, city and regional planning junior

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE (5 open seats)

- Adam Boles, agribusiness junior
- Damien Johnson, agribusiness junior
- John Moffat, agribusiness sophomore
- Darren Cordova, ag engineering sophomore
- Kris Elliott, ag science sophomore

V.G.'s adds services, loses workers

By Sam Negley
Daily Staff Writer

In Spanish, Vista Grande means "large view." At Cal Poly, it means a campus restaurant which sometimes has too few employees to run things, according to some students interviewed at the restaurant.

The cafe has found itself without enough employees since the beginning of spring quarter when Late Night hours were extended from 10 p.m. to midnight. This means employees must stay until 1 a.m. to finish cleaning.

Some employees had to quit working when the hours were extended, according to V.G. Cafe Supervisor Lynn Dumas.

"Some of the workers used the

QUICK FACTS

- V.G.'s has started providing patrons with self-serve woks.
- The restaurant always sees a drop in employees during spring quarter.



Daily photo by Steve Schueneman

Vista Grande overlooks the PAC, providing theater patrons with a nearby meal.

bus service, and now they can't get a ride home," Dumas said.

That's not the only reason for the decline in employees.

"In the spring quarter, we tend to lose people anyway because people stop working and start playing more," Dumas said.

She feels the new hours are a good service to students, although she doesn't personally have to stay until 1 a.m.

Dumas said the decision to extend the hours was done last

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NEWS briefs

CETI survives despite Microsoft, Hughes drop-out

Microsoft has backed out of the California Educational Technology Initiative (CETI) deal—a joint public-private venture between the CSU and four major high-tech corporations—but the software giant may still play some role in the California State University's plan to improve the technology infrastructure on all 22 campuses.

"I feel that it's too easy an answer to say that Microsoft is out of the deal," said Jerry Hanley, vice provost of Information Technology Services.

"We're working on some issues and how they would contribute in some kind of state-wide e-mail program," he added.

According to Hanley, CETI can be accomplished without Microsoft and Hughes Corp., the other company that pulled out of CETI negotiations. He said, however, that there would be advantages to having more than two technological partners involved.

"The core reason was infrastructure-driven and there's no doubt in my mind that GTE and Fujitsu have the wherewithal to do that," Hanley added.

"But there's an inference that there might be another partner added, isn't there?" he asked.

Although Hanley wouldn't say who the other partner or partners might be, he said that an agreement may be reached, possibly as soon as a month from now, on which corporate partners will participate in the proposed public-private plan.

"It'll take about 30 days to get a really solid update...the deal might be sufficiently congealed by that time," Hanley said.

Hanley also said to look for ASI to adopt a resolution on CETI on May 6.

Performance artist, culture critic to speak today

The ethnic studies department is presenting internationally known performance artist and culture critic Guillermo Gomez-Peña to speak on campus today. Gomez-Peña will speak about the use, misuse and contradictions of cultural images and symbols in contemporary society at 7 p.m. in the Rotunda (room 213) of the Business Building.

This presentation is the second in a series of lectures put on by the department and the College of Liberal Arts called "The Coming Multicultural Millennium."

Gomez-Peña will address the majority white culture's use of images from other cultures for commercial purposes designed to make money and not to impart any real understanding of those other cultures. He calls this "cultural tourism."

The Mexican-born artist has presented performances and "installations" across the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia and Latin America, winning numerous prizes in the process.

The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information call the ethnic studies department at 756-1707.

Bringing hope into children's lives

By Leslie Stevens
Daily Staff Writer

Janet Diaz knows what it's like to grow up as the child of migrant farm workers.

"I come from a migrant working family. I know what it is like to have parents that cannot look after you when they are working," Diaz said. "I am the oldest, and in grammar school I had to look after my younger sisters and twin brothers."

Life may soon be better for some of these children if a group of Cal Poly students succeed with a plan to develop a mobile day-care program for migrant workers' families.

Campo de Esperanza, or "Camp of Hope," is the vision of human development senior Betty Canaday. She and several other Cal Poly students are forming a non-profit organization to implement the Campo de Esperanza program.

The program's initial site will be in Huron, near the town of Coalinga where Canaday grew up.

Conditions for migrant workers' children have not changed much since Canaday grew up in the 1950s and 1960s, she said. Her goal is to remedy that.

"The project in Huron is three-fold. Huron is building a brand-new school, and they have offered a site for Campo de Esperanza. It will be a permanent structure in Huron," Canaday explained. "They want a stationary unit that mobile units will go out from. It will be a training facility, a family education facility and a daycare facility. The Huron phase will start with Cal Poly interns, and eventually will pretty much be turned over to the people from the community to train others."

Canaday said program funding will come from grants and donations. Huron will match funds the group raises, because the city can get reimbursed from the state under the Migrant Education Program.

The group is also organizing its first public conference to raise awareness and support for Campo de Esperanza. The "Children in Need" conference will be May 9 in

Chumash Auditorium.

Diaz said the group has met every Friday since February to organize the conference. Along with arranging speakers and entertainment for the event, group members are taking care of such details as providing food, publicity, bilingual translators and baby-sitting.

Human development senior Paula Renner is designing a web site for Campo de Esperanza, which she said should be up by mid-May.

Human development senior Diane Bobey credits Canaday for getting her and the other group members involved in the project.

"She is the reason the rest of us are involved in this. She is a dynamic person—people are just drawn to her," Bobey said.

Bobey is also writing a grant for the migrant program as part of her senior project.

"I have been doing a lot of research to find out how much money each foundation will give to each project. You try to match the foundation with your project," Bobey said.

The architectural engineering department has offered to help design the site layout at Huron, which will eventually include the three modular units and a community garden.

Group member Maria Martinez has some very personal reasons for helping form Campo de Esperanza. She is a psychology sophomore and would like to someday become a pediatrician.

"I come from a low-income family of three brothers and three sisters. My father is the sole supporter, and for as long as I could remember he has worked in the fields," Martinez said. "I have witnessed how many parents who labor at the fields suffer in their attempts to find a baby-sitter or some source of child care."

"In the end, since they either can't find any or it's too expensive, they turn the responsibility to the oldest sister or brother to be the substitute parent," she continued.

Martinez said she believes this situation leads children to becoming defiant and disrespectful toward their parents, and ultimately

“Excerpts from “Camp Full of Hope”
by Maria Martinez

*Reminiscing a past full of sentiments
of a desolate youth that bring me
upon a camp full of hope...*

*Like an abandoned, desolate, and
frustrated child
I feel as I remember...*

*Yes! I remember those lonely
afternoons, nights,
And days in which I longed for
mommy and daddy
to arrive home...*

*But, like a bucket of cold water
that has been
splashed in my face, I accept
my sad reality.*”

mately is a cause of gangs, crime and violence among teenagers.

"I want to be able to promote awareness that now is the time to devote attention to little kids to give them a future," Martinez said.

Martinez said working in the fields for up to 10 hours a day changed her life.

"When I was about 15, they took me into the fields to pick strawberries. After going through the process and toiling in the hot sun, I decided I did not want to spend the rest of my life with an aching back and soreness and all the pain in my body," she said.

According to Martinez, that was when she realized her only chance to change her future was to study hard and educate herself.

Like others in her group, Martinez is motivated by a desire to help children.

"I have become a children's advocate who wants to give the children love and guidance so they can be happy and successful in life," Martinez said.

If the Huron project is successful, Canaday said the group plans to start a mobile unit in the Arroyo Grande area, as well as other areas of the state.



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minute by Campus Dining, which has not given the cafe enough time to staff.

Nicole Boyd is an example of the new hiring the cafe has done. She's worked at V.G.'s for only one and a half weeks.

"We do need more employees at night, but service is still okay," Boyd said.

Dumas concurred.

"All of the options aren't available on the late shift, but the service is still good," she said.

Elisa Beasley, environmental engineering freshman and employee at the cafe, said she doesn't feel the service is declining, either. She works the lunch shift, but said she sometimes does come in at night to eat.

"People come at more varied times now, so service is actually increased. Still, it's always a balance between what people want, and what's actually possible. I'm impressed with our system, and I like the job," Beasley said.

She added: "I don't work late night, though, I have to get up at 6 a.m. every morning so it's out of

the question."

Beasley also said she hasn't heard of any complaints concerning service or food.

Vista Grande is composed of two parts. One side, called "V.G. Cafe," is a buffet-style cafe, frequented by students with Campus Dining meal plans. The other is a formal, sit-down, service-oriented restaurant great for pre-PAC dinners and power lunches.

The V.G.'s dining area is similar to that of The Avenue, with the addition of buzzing purple and pink neon around the ceiling, green carpet and chairs with a modern twist.

The food service room is typical for a student-style buffet, with rows of cash registers set up like a supermarket, pushing customers through the line like clockwork.

Paper table-tents decorate every table advertising events on campus.

In the food area, students may choose from hot foods such as burgers, pasta, barbecue-style sandwiches or submarine sandwiches.

There are also coolers filled with salads and beverages, and a soda fountain in the center of the

room.

Tim Lucas, business freshman, said: "I think students not on a meal plan shouldn't come here on a regular basis—it's not worth it."

Cassie Santos, architecture freshman, said: "I wouldn't recommend people not on the meal plan to eat here."

There were some positive comments received from the 11 students interviewed who happened to be dining at V.G.'s at 10:30 p.m. Monday.

Joe Curaesma, engineering freshman, said: "It's convenient. The Twinkies are good."

Danica Ness, philosophy freshman, said: "The sandwiches are okay, the quality is fine."

The rest of the comments were not as flattering.

Julie Harness, architecture freshman, said: "The prices here are steep for what they give you. The service is pretty bland, too. The student workers are fine, but the non-student workers are usually rude."

Alan Cushman, director of Campus Dining, did not return Mustang Daily phone calls for comment concerning the food quality or service.

Pres, chair candidates debate one last time

By Jeremy Roe
Daily Staff Writer

Candidates running for ASI president and chair of the board fielded questions from students and a two-member panel during a second ASI-sponsored debate in the U.U. Tuesday.

One of the panelists, Mustang Daily Arts Weekly Editor Al Dunton, asked the candidates why Cal Poly should be ethnically diverse, giving them a chance to express views on the implementation of Prop 209.

Chair of the board candidate Travis Hagen said diversity at Cal Poly is important.

"A campus should reflect the diversity of the real world," he said.

Chair candidate Amy Luker also said the university gains a lot from being diverse, and offered to restructure funding to the Multicultural Center as a possible way to offset Prop 209's effects.

Chair candidate Matt Lardy, who arrived at the debate 15 minutes late due to a meeting of his professional fraternity, wasn't there to answer the question.

The other panelist, Vice President for Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez, asked the candi-

dates to put aside campaign promises and tell students: "What have you done for me lately?"

As ASI's director of finance, presidential hopeful Dan Geis said he improved clubs' funding structure and supported allowing student use of the Rec Field.

Presidential candidate Neel "Bubba" Murarka said his ASI experience has given him the chance to write an ASI resolution on alcohol, improve ASI office hours and get clubs and ASI to improve communication through a survey.

Nathan Martin, the third candidate for president, said he has worked as a Rec Center department coordinator, but his biggest asset is that he has no ASI experience.

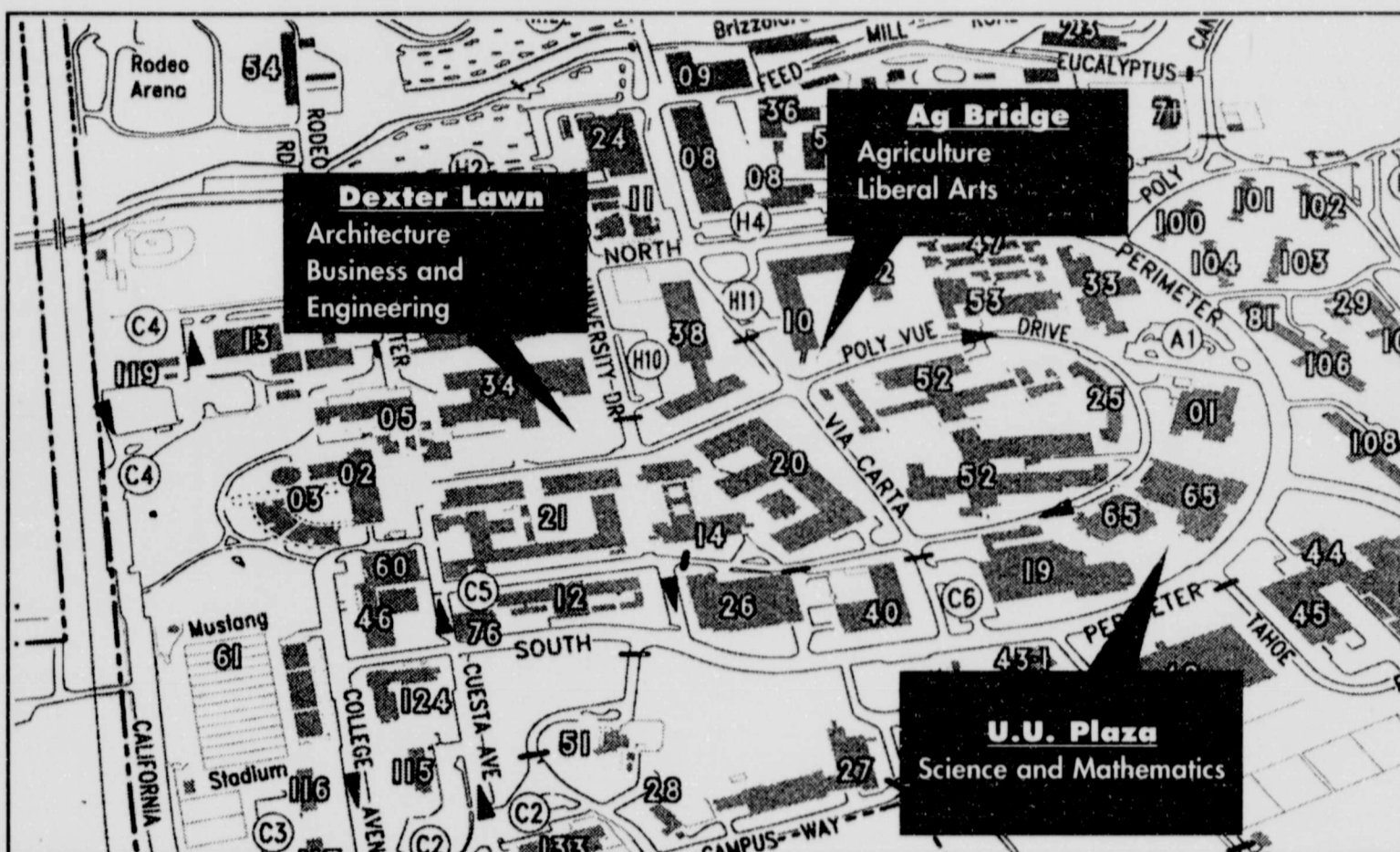
"I'm the normal student. I'm a representative student," he said.

The next question was from a student in the audience of about 100 listening to the debate. He asked if the candidates would spend money with long-term or short-term benefits in mind.

Lardy, said long-term effects are the ones that help students.

"My plan and my changes would benefit students for four, five or six years," he said.

Luker said she works on pro-



jects students will benefit from for a long time, and Hagen said his plan to get course information on the web would offer students long-term benefits.

Gonzalez then asked if the candidates would be willing to "sit back and allow one of your own to publicly defame a past employee?"

Gonzalez was referring to a remark made by Lardy at the Greek forum Monday night, when Lardy mistakenly linked former ASI Executive Director Polly Harrigan with a rumor about allegedly mishandled funds.

Lardy replied: "I made a mistake last night." He went on to say he felt his mistake was easy to make since "ASI is an organization of misinformation."

Another student took the floor and asked how each candidate would make sure clubs received funding.

Geis suggested clubs could benefit from resources other than money. He referred to his plan to add a computer lab in the U.U. for club use.

Echoing other candidates' responses, Martin said not all clubs would receive money from

ASI, as is the case now.

"I would have some kind of incentive program to match club money dollar-for-dollar. It would force each club to be accountable," Martin said.

Murarka said he would come up with a proposal by the fifth week of fall quarter which would allow all clubs to be at least eligible for ASI dollars.

Board member Charlie Brown, acting as moderator, closed the event by reminding everyone within earshot to vote.

"It's how you get your voice heard," he said.

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dent who had worked with Harrigan stood up and said it was someone else who was responsible for the lost money.

Lardy said if a student representative fails to work for students, they should be fired.

His suggestion was to establish a student watchdog group to make sure money is being used responsibly.

Travis Hagen came to the microphone next and asked the audience a question: "How would you like to see school be a little easier?"

He suggested that ASI can do some things to improve school for students. His ideas include making course syllabi available on the web, and in the library's reserve room, and marking the CAPTURE schedule to indicate how much reading is involved in a particular course.

Hagen talked about adding a tradition to Cal Poly to bring students together and said Greek organizations could be an even greater service to Cal Poly if they got funding from ASI.

Hagen also said, as a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, he knows what it's like to have his house come under scrutiny from the city. Having a Greek member on the board would provide better representation for other Greeks, he added.

A student asked Hagen what he would do to improve Greek and community relations.

"In terms of providing support between the Greeks and the community I think we've done an ineffective job," he said.

Hagen said it's the job of the Greeks to make their own positive publicity and to provide information about their events and projects.

Chair of the board candidate Amy Luker said it's her desire to inspire the Board of Directors. She said, through her experience as an board member this year, she had

the chance to learn about how ASI can help students.

"I saw all the things ASI can do to help students...from the Rec Center to Rec Sports...through all the things ASI does," she said.

Luker said the best way to improve Greek and ASI relations would be to have a Greek representative on the board of directors. Luker is not in a sorority.

Nathan Martin wasn't at the forum because of a class conflict, so Bob Roth, a friend and co-worker of Martin's, spoke on his behalf. Roth said Martin supports giving money to clubs and Greeks, and he plans to treat clubs the same with regard to funding.

Roth asked the audience to clap after the count of three, and after a single loud clap rang through Chumash Auditorium, he said that without the right leader, the sound would have not have been perfect.

"Nathan Martin is that leader who will lead you through that exercise repeatedly," Roth said.

After Roth had finished speaking, Valenzuela stepped up to a mic and asked if Martin would have Roth take his place when he couldn't come to board meetings. Roth refused to answer the question, calling it a ploy.

Bubba Murarka took his place after the applause died down, and said, "I am not a Greek, but I am a person who will be there to listen to you and solve your problems. I will work with my vice president to ensure that all clubs-especially Greeks-get funding."

Murarka said he would plan to meet bi-weekly with the leadership of IFC and Panhellenic in order to keep things running smoothly between ASI and the Greeks.

"The ASI president should have stepped up and fought for DT," he said, referring to the 25-year suspension of Delta Tau fraternity.

"ASI really lacks communication sometimes," Murarka said. "I want to bring back the Mustang Messenger with a Greek column

each week."

He finished speaking, and Valenzuela came up to a mic.

"Will every other club have access to get out information in the Mustang Messenger?" he asked. Murarka said he intends for the Messenger, a weekly ASI newsletter, to be a tool for every club to get out its information.

Dan Geis, the final presidential candidate to speak, began by saying that the first thing he wants to do is increase communication between ASI and the students. Geis said he's heard that same comment every year he's been at Cal Poly.

"So I decided that when I said that I'd come up with an idea of how to do that," he said.

Geis said he wants to build electronic marquees at the three entrances to campus to notify students about events at Cal Poly. He said he would like to add a computer lab in the U.U. for clubs to publish documents without having to leave campus. He also said he would like every club to have a web page linked off the ASI home page.

Valenzuela rose to his feet again and asked Geis how he planned on funding the marquees.

Geis said Public Safety and the Athletic Department will want to be a part of it so they can display their information there, too. He said that would take care of the cost.

Geis also said student fees have given ASI a lot of extra money recently and it needs to be spent on addressing student concerns.

Like many of the other candidates, Geis advocated electing a Greek representative on the ASI board.

Steve Morris, IFC president, reiterated that past communication between ASI and the Greeks on campus has been poor.

"We made goals and let the presidents of the houses know what a difference we can make," he said.

GENERAL ELECTIONS

ASI

VOTING LOCATIONS

APRIL 29TH 8-7:30PM

APRIL 30TH 8-4:30PM

Agriculture
Ag Bridge

Architecture
Dexter Lawn

Business
Dexter Lawn

Engineering
Dexter Lawn

Liberal Arts
Ag Bridge/Home
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Science and Math
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IN CASE OF RAIN, ALL COLLEGES WILL
VOTE IN CHUMASH AUDITORIUM

ASI Endorsements 1998

Spiffy campaign signs and public speaking engagements aren't enough for us here at the Daily. Sure, they give students the chance to learn a little more about this year's ASI candidates for chair of the board and president, but we weren't satisfied.

So we invited the ASI President and Chair of the Board candidates for brief interviews with Mustang Daily's editorial staff.

All six candidates braved our questions in the confines of our newsroom Monday night. Afterward, we hashed it out for almost an hour, and in the end agreed: Mustang Daily supports Dan Geis for ASI President and Travis Hagen for Chair of the Board.

Geis is nice

Dan Geis has what it takes to be Cal Poly's next ASI President. His one-of-a-kind ideas, realistic approaches, experience and enthusiasm knocked our socks off.

Geis is a guy who doesn't bullshit. He has clearly outlined and thoroughly researched his plans for ASI. Geis will be an approachable ASI President, but he will also recognize it takes more than just a handshake in the U.U. to make a difference in students' lives.

Geis knows ASI inside and out.

Geis has spent his four years at Cal Poly building bridges of communication, but he told us he's not afraid to burn them if that's what it takes. Geis assured us that he would never bow to administration's wishes if it went against what's best for the students.

Rather than making blanket statements about how to increase student involvement on campus, Geis has realistic and very specific ideas on ways to make ASI work for Cal Poly students.

Geis is pushing to set up electronic marquees at the three entrances to Cal Poly. His desire is to ensure that every student, every day, is informed about what is happening on campus without having to go to great lengths to get informed.

Even though the project may be costly, Geis said the money for the marquees is accessible, it's just a matter of getting the idea through ASI as quickly as possible before it gets put off and ASI's bloated reserve fund is drained.

If elected, Geis wants to start working on the plan right away.

Geis set himself apart from the other candidates when he said the main issue on campus right now is Cal Poly's lack of diversity. Geis pointed out that Cal Poly's population doesn't reflect the diverse population of California. He wants that to change.

Geis wants to implement a multicultural ambassador program that would convince more minority high-school students to apply to Cal Poly. Geis has already begun to put his ideas to work and is currently working in coalition with representatives from the Multicultural Center.

Geis said he is concerned that many students see ASI as just the board of directors and executive staff. He thinks many people overlook the 400 clubs that, he said, make up the backbone of ASI.

Despite the fact that campus clubs are in constant need of money, Geis said random dispersal of funds would just be "opening up a can of worms." Geis said ASI funds would be put to better use in the form of a U.U. computer lab that would be accessible to members of all campus clubs. Geis' plans for providing such lasting resources would be more beneficial, in the long run, to all Cal Poly students.

In a nutshell, Dan Geis is a "big-picture," visionary candidate who has concrete plans to leave his mark here at Cal Poly.



Beggin' for Hagen

We at the Daily believe the single most important characteristic of the ASI Chair of the Board is the ability to inspire others. Travis Hagen has that ability.

With the knowledge he's gained from an extensive background in nationwide leadership, Hagen is more than just a pretty face. He is a highly qualified head-honcho and a motivational leader.

Hagen spent two years traveling across the nation teaching others how to excel at what they do. In office, Hagen won't merely demonstrate his own abilities. We think he will push each member of the board to achieve his or her highest potential.

Hagen is a smooth and talented public speaker, but he's also genuine. The guy cares. He has served as national secretary and vice-chair of Future Farmers of America. These duties allowed Hagen to travel the globe, meet powerful leaders like Bob Dole, and represent the nation's largest agricultural organization.

Luckily for us, he now wants to unleash onto Cal Poly all the knowledge and skills he has gained from past leadership experience.

Hagen isn't planning any victory vacations. He promises to start working for students the day he is elected. Making use of personal and university connections from major corporations, Hagen plans to implement a structured training program for all board members during the summer. This would train the new board of directors so that, come fall, board members have a clue as to what is expected of them.

The last several years have reflected campus-wide confusion about ASI's obligation to its constituents. Hagen strongly believes his role as chair of the board is to work closely with the president to represent students. This makes him the perfect complement to presidential candidate Dan Geis.

Along with bureaucracy comes rolls of red tape. That is why it is important for upper-level student leaders, like ASI President and Chair of the Board, to work together to get things done.

Also on Hagen's platform is his proposal to make available online course syllabi and teacher evaluations as a new Cal Poly tradition, giving students an idea of what they're getting into prior to registration.

These are the type of tangible results we at the Daily would like to see ASI deliver.

We believe Hagen isn't likely to take office and flounder around like some over-bloated politician who's spent a little too much time in front of the mirror. His goal is to run a policy-making board rather than waste time micro-managing.

Chair of the board needs to have the power to motivate and persuade, an excellent public-speaking ability, and the brains to set the board's agenda and run flawless meetings. Travis Hagen has all of these qualities. He is a strong communicator, and a good listener. Hagen is the best candidate for chair of the board.



A balance between fiction and reality

What more could a college sophomore ask

J. Scott Vernon

of destiny, beauty, and sometimes chaos.

for than to break bread with the really big man on campus—the college president? He bought me lunch. I ordered big. No Top Ramen today. In a sense we were equals. I too was the president of the college, the students' president. I was enjoying his expense account. Why not? He offered.

We chatted about student activities. We shared our presidential burdens. I wanted more student involvement. He wanted what all college presidents want — to make their lives easier — more parking for students, higher salaries for the faculty and a good football team for the alumni.

Neither one of us would ever fully achieve our goals.

Being the president of the student body, I learned

some valuable lessons about student government. I learned every student election is built on the same platform — overcoming co-ed apathy and better communication. I learned I was all wet. Student body politics are just that, politics. They are, in the big picture, just a game. A game for a few eager students to jump wholeheartedly into during their college days.

Elected students, like the swallows of San Juan Capistrano, the blossoms of spring, and the exhilaration of spring break in South Padre, come and go every year. For a short time they create a sense

Elected students are important to the "kwan" of college life. They help to develop a balance. A balance between fiction and reality. Student senators, representatives, board of directors and all the rest provide energy to campus debates. Even when the issues remain the same from generation to generation, it's fun.

Observing campus politics is like watching sausage being made—it's not real pretty. "Pieces parts" from everyone's divergent agenda get thrown into the discussions and somehow get squeezed into

neat little packages—fat and all. It's amazing.

After more than a decade as a university professor, I still enjoy the springtime student elections. It reminds me of the time I set

out to conquer the world. The time my idealism was fresh, intact. When I led the western world! The campaign signs that litter campus remain the same, only the names change. When I see this I know our country will survive. Because someone cares enough to chase a dream, to be involved, and to get wet. Go vote. It matters.

J. Scott Vernon is the Co-director of the Brock Center for Agricultural communication at Cal Poly.

"Student body politics are just that, politics. They are, in the big picture, just a game. A game for a few eager students to jump wholeheartedly into during their college days."

You can't fool me!!

Editor,

I am writing in response to Ms. Mitchell's letter in Monday's Mustang Daily. The first thing I must express is that to support one candidate, Dan Geis in this case, is one thing. To try to demean two others is another. It was clear that her intentions were to do just that. The bulk of her letter was criticizing Nathan Martin for being a dreamer, and Bubba Murarka for just standing out.

One fact that I have become aware of is that Colleen is working on Mr. Geis's campaign. To throw that letter out there and make it seem as though it was by a random student is unfair to the other candidates. It is very insulting to me as a student to read such a petty and almost vindictive attempt to discredit Mr. Geis's

opponents. Who cares if Mr. Martin is a dreamer, he obviously has shown the drive and ambition to get this far. And even though he has little experience in ASI, he does have leadership experience and is seemingly really running for the students.

Mr. Murarka, on the other hand, does have the experience, which Ms. Mitchell failed to point out. He is the vice-chair of the board of directors this year, which means he is a lot more than just a Hawaiian shirt. And also, the point she made about the nickname. Should it matter that a university's president has a nickname as such? The point I am trying to make is that the Geis camp's attempt to belittle two other candidates does not fool the informed student. Whoever you choose to vote for, get the information first, and make your decision on who you feel could do the best job.

Nimesh Patel is an electrical engineering sophomore.

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Entzi sets the record straight

Editor,

This is in response to Rebecca Adams' letter concerning the PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) budget surplus and its connection to the recently adopted U.U. fee increase. Ms. Adams' concerns about PERS and minimum wage were not entirely accurate, and I would like to point out some facts regarding these issues.

Minimum Wage Increase: ASI is not a state entity and our employees are not state employees; they are ASI employees. ASI adheres to all federal and state wage mandates, including increases in the minimum wage. This year, the ASI personnel committee—composed of five voting student officers—approved a wage scale increase to make ASI student employees among the best paid on campus. ASI employs between 300-600 students throughout the year, and last year students alone earned \$900,954 working for ASI. This year, that increased by about 5 percent, to \$949,793. This will rise again

next year by about seven percent to \$1,016,279. Every student employed by ASI earns at least \$5.75 an hour, the current state minimum wage. However, a good percentage of our students are paid at a higher rate due to the nature of their work, (i.e., lifeguards, child-care assistants, computer technicians).

PERS: Until recently, ASI budgeted \$85,000 for our full-time employees' PERS. Earlier this month, ASI was informed that it did not have to pay this year due to past overcharging by PERS administration. This produced an unexpected surplus in the U.U. component of the corporate budget. This \$85,000 amounts to about 2 percent of the total U.U. budget. The PERS expense may return next year, and ASI will have to budget for this amount in the next fiscal cycle.

As student leaders, the other ASI Officers and I pride ourselves on providing the best wages possible to all our employees, be they students or professional staff. In the coming year, of the \$4 million collected in ASI/U.U. fees, over \$1 million will be returned to students in the form of student wages. ASI has always supported our student employees and will continue to do so in the future.

Cindy Entzi is ASI President.

Headed for diversity

Editor,

This is in response to Mr. Linquist's article on "Sticking your tongue out at PROP 209." It is sad to see that Mr. Linquist is so involved in his own life that he is ignorant of what is going on around him in this state and in the country as a whole.

I am proud to say that I am a Latina who is the first to attend college in my family. Unlike you, I did not have the privilege of having half my generation before me attend Cal Poly, or any university whatsoever. My parents didn't even know what college was, I had to build my own path for my future. I am offended at the fact that you imply in your letter that my parents are not hard working.

In your letter you say "...punishing individual's for their parents' hard work..." My parents had 10 children and worked hard in the fields, somewhere, I'm almost positive, that your Cal Polygrad grandfather didn't work. MY PARENTS ARE HARD WORKERS because they have done the job that your parents most likely have refused to do.

It amazes me the little appreciation you have for diversity, and the fact that you are so lucky to live in a state like California where you can learn so much from so many different cultures.

Diversity is something that is a benefit to you...to broaden your horizons and ensure that you not be so closed minded, the way you sounded in your article.

It has been statistically proven that under-represented people are usually poorer than white people. I AM NOT SAYING THAT THIS IS ALWAYS THE CASE.

My roommate my sophomore year was white, was the first to go to college and her parents by no means had the resources to send her to college. I also realize that there ARE some Latino and

African-American families who ARE well-off. I think that the heads of these families most likely went to college and have some sort of education so that they can instill this in their children. So I think you need to inform yourself about who exactly is having these factors taken into consideration for admission.

It is not my fault that most of us didn't have the privileges that you most



likely take for granted. Don't you think that you honestly

have an advantage over me when you have had GENERATIONS of people instilling in you the fact that you have to go to college? I attended an inner-city high school where we didn't even have computers because the school could not afford them...many other Latinos are in the same category. Be thankful to God that your parents were "hard-working" and also be thankful that things have been handed to you on a silver platter.

I for one am happy that I have had to struggle for MYSELF to put MYSELF through college. I will forever be grateful to my parents that yes, you're right, maybe don't have the Phd and are not "produce brokers" nor "property managers," but have taught me pride, respect for my culture, shown me an example of a loving marriage and, most of all, have taught me to stand up for what I believe in.

Put the money that your daddy is giving to Cal Poly to work and open your eyes to the real world that you will have to deal with sooner or later—diversity.

Alejandra Salazar is a math senior.

Stereotyping 'cowboys and cowgirls'

Editor,

Never have I been more disappointed at the small-mindedness and ignorance of a fellow Cal Poly student than when I read Stephen A. Weber's letter regarding the treatment of dairy cows at the university milking facility.

Mr. Weber obviously had a reason to be concerned when he witnessed the despicable act he described, but when he went on to make unqualified and distorted comments interpreting the act as something dairy teachers and fellow cowgirls and cowboys would accept, encourage and teach, he breached the fine line between concern and gross misconception.

Lets get one thing straight; I am in no way supporting the act Mr. Weber witnessed. I want to assure Mr. Weber that had any dairy instructor or other dairy student been aware of the young man's treatment of the cow, he would have been severely reprimanded. As someone who has personally raised dairy cattle for several years, it makes me sick to imagine anyone mistreating a dairy cow.

However, since I visit the dairy frequently, and have absolutely never witnessed a hostile act of any kind on any of the animals, I feel I am much more qualified than Mr. Weber to report the Cal Poly dairy treats animals admirably. What Mr. Weber witnessed was, in fact, an isolated incident, and it is being dealt with at this very moment.

What angers me most about Mr. Weber's letter is that he implied mistreatment of dairy cows is something dairy instructors at Cal Poly teach.

How could you say such a thing? First, it's obvious that Mr. Weber has never taken a dairy class because, if he had, he would know how extremely caring and supportive dairy students are taught to be. Second, seeing as Mr. Weber is a physics senior, one would think he would be a moderately intelligent individual, but his statement was not only abhorrently ignorant of Cal Poly agriculture, it was ludicrous. To think that Cal Poly, with such a highly-acclaimed agriculture program, puts out students that have such distorted opinions of Cal Poly agriculture and us "cowgirls and cowboys" is deeply disturbing to me.

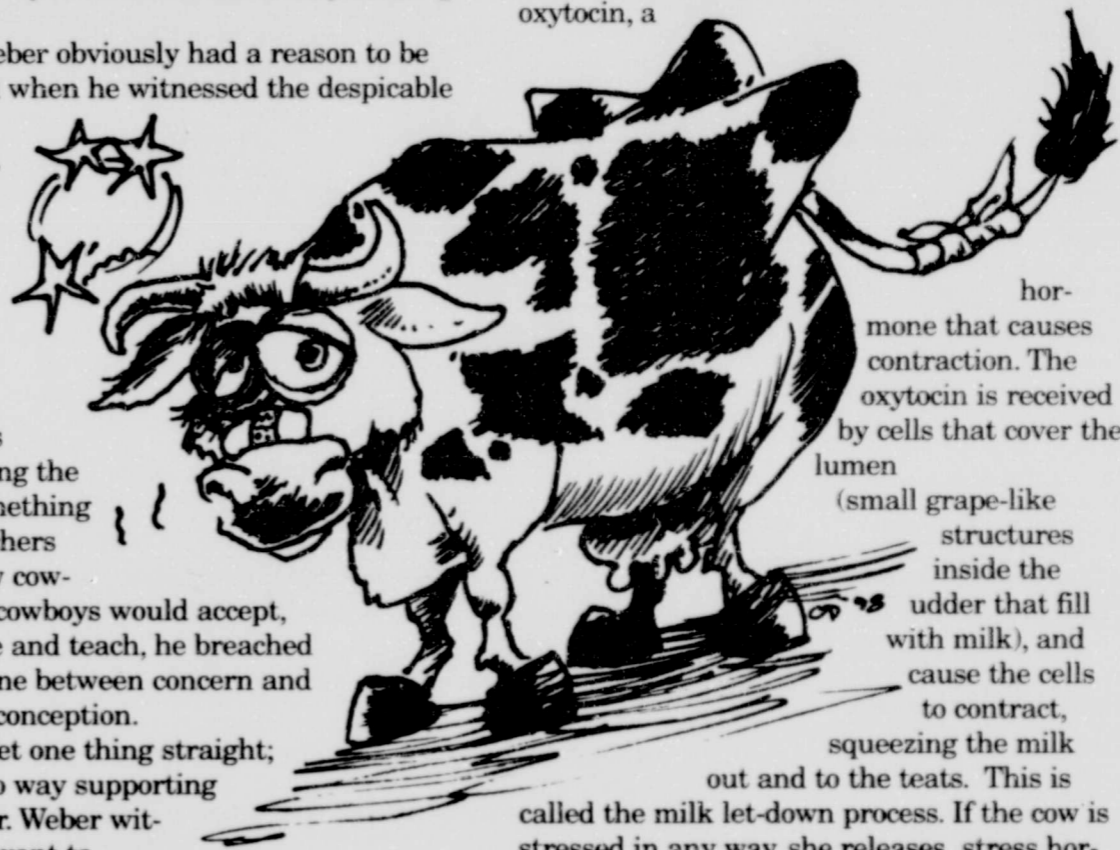
'Cowboy' gets the boot

Editor,

To Stephen A. Weber: My apologies for the uncomfortable situation created during your recent visit to the Dairy Unit with your son. I can assure you that our students are expected to handle cattle with care and good sense. I have met with the student involved in the incident, and he will no longer be working at the Dairy Unit. The proper handling of cattle is critical to the successful operation of any dairy, and the mis-handling of animals will not be tolerated at the Cal Poly Dairy.

I was disappointed in your comment regarding the Department's insensitivity to working with animals. The proper handling of animals is emphasized in Dairy Science production courses. We teach a class that deals specifically with dairy practices, safety and animal welfare (DSCI 250/333). While not condoning this action, I'd like to imply some perspective in considering a 180 pound individual attacking a 1,500 pound bovine with

Had Mr. Weber ever actually taken a dairy class, he would know that yelling at and kicking a dairy cow can have a negative effect on milk yield from that animal. This is why: when a cow's udder is stimulated with rubbing and cleaning, it triggers the release of oxytocin, a



hormone that causes contraction. The oxytocin is received by cells that cover the lumen (small grape-like structures inside the udder that fill with milk), and cause the cells to contract, squeezing the milk out and to the teats. This is called the milk let-down process. If the cow is stressed in any way, she releases stress hormones that compete with the oxytocin. This impedes the milk let-down process, and, simply put, makes the cow give less milk. So, stress equals less milk, which in turn equals less revenue for the dairy. So why would anyone in his right mind stress a dairy cow?

Furthermore, why would any teacher encourage it?

The answer is: a dairy instructor absolutely would not teach such behavior, and if that student was an employee of the dairy, he should be fired immediately.

I suggest Mr. Weber take Dairy Science 230, which is where I gained the knowledge I just shared, so he can have a

better understanding of the process he obviously has no clue about. Don't worry, DSCI 230 qualifies as a general ed. course, so you'll get credit for it!

Mr. Weber, it sure is a shame that you visited the dairy one day, and saw an irresponsible act. But your statements proved yourself to be as irresponsible as the person you observed. I guarantee that if you went back to the dairy, you certainly WILL NOT see "the same guy attacking another cow."

That's because the Cal Poly dairy isn't run that way. It's run with care and respect for the ultimate benefit of the dairy animals it houses. I'm also sorry that as a "cowgirl," I look like scum to you, but that's just further evidence of your small-minded, stereotypical views.

Janie M. Phippen is an ag business freshman.

"What angers me most about Mr. Weber's letter is that he implied mistreatment of dairy cows is something dairy instructors at Cal Poly teach."

his hands and feet. The profanity doesn't hurt the cow, but it is something we would like to shield our children from.

This singular incident could have been brought to my attention in a different manner and would still have received appropriate action. I'm sure as you reflect on your statement that "all of you cowboys and cowgirls look like scum," you realize how inappropriate the sentiment is, and you can be glad your child won't read it in Mustang Daily.

Successful dairy production requires attention to the comfort and needs of the cows. That is what we teach and what we practice. This incident should not have happened, and we are very sorry that your child — any child or sensitive adult — had to witness it. In the future, I hope that I will receive a letter, call, or visit if anyone witnesses questionable activity at the Dairy.

Les Ferreira is the dairy science department head.

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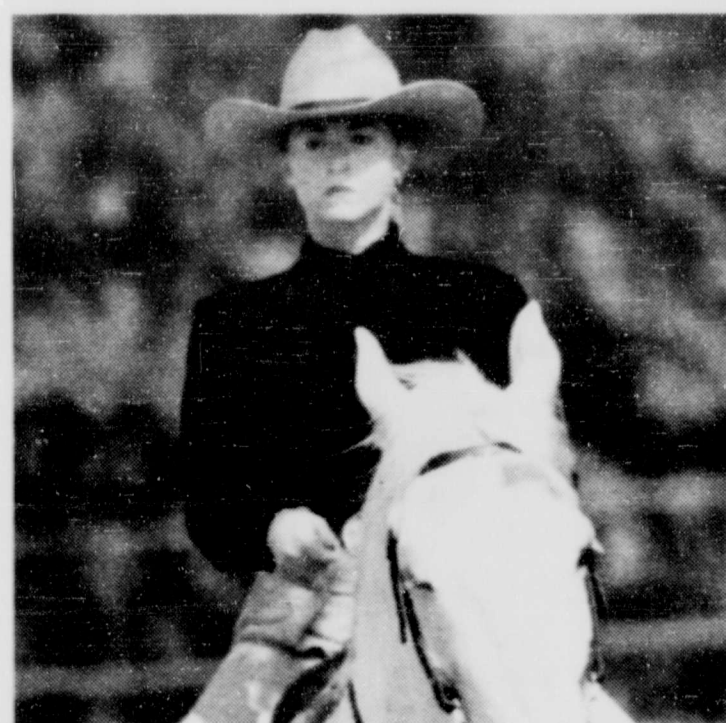


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WHEELMEN

This coming weekend is the last race of the regular season. Next the wheelmen will travel to the Western Collegiate Cycling Conference (WCCC, made up of California and Reno) championships at San Diego State. The wheelmen are looking to defend their title as conference champions.

First they will have to tackle a road race on Saturday and a team time trial. Then on Sunday the Mustangs will need to excel in the criterium. Conference championships are in way more important than nationals for the wheelmen team. The WCCC is the largest and most competitive conference in the nation and all categories participate in conference championships as opposed to only the top riders at nationals. If the wheelmen win the WCCC championships they will consider themselves the strongest team in the country.



Galloping to victory -
Laura Osborne rides western style with the Cal Poly Horse Show team.

Photo courtesy
Amber Winans

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

The Cal Poly women's water polo team placed first in their home tournament last weekend. The Mustangs defeated U.C. Irvine, Cal State Bakersfield and Cal State Hayward. Cal Poly won the championship match versus Irvine in overtime.

SAILING

The Cal Poly sailing team competed at the Women's Pacific Coast Championships last weekend. The women finished seventh overall. The Mustangs finished eighth in Division A and 11th in Division B.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Cal Poly men's volleyball club team traveled to compete at the NIRSA Championships in Austin, Texas. The men defeated James Madison college 15-9, 15-6. The Mustangs got the win over Georgia Tech, 15-3, 15-3 and Illinois, 16-14, 16-14. By the Mustangs suffered a loss to University of Washington, Oshkosh, 12-15, 15-6, 16-18. In the final match of the season, the Mustangs fell to Texas A&M, 13-15, 17-15, 13-15.

Cal Poly finished 17th in their division.

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softball program. She said administrative support has been great, and that she is excited about the future of the Cal Poly Sports Complex.

"This is a phenomenal project for everyone on this campus and in this community," Boyer said. "It's a huge step for athletics. I think, because we'll have a centrally located field, more fans will come to watch the games."

The softball team currently plays on fields located behind the Foundation warehouse on campus.

Assistant softball coach Rhonda Gavert said working with Coach Boyer has given her insight into how much behind-the-scenes work goes into coaching.

"She truly cares about this program," Gavert said. "She fights for scholarship dollars and improvements for the program. She does a good job of keeping the team at a competitive level."

Gavert played on Boyer's team for three years and gained respect for Boyer during that time. Since then, Gavert has been on the coaching staff for five years.

"It wasn't until I got to Cal Poly that I actually received effective coaching," Gavert said. "Coach Boyer really knows the game and how to get the most out of her players."

Boyer said her job keeps her busy year-round. As soon as the season ends, she and Gavert begin the recruiting process.

"She has a really good eye for recruits," said senior pitcher Desarie Knipfer. "She's managed to put together an awesome team with much fewer scholarships than other schools have."

Boyer said when she does have free time in the off-season, she enjoys being outdoors, cross-country skiing, backpacking, rafting and hiking.

Senior right fielder Amy Mackert said Boyer is very dedicated and treats her players fairly.

"She knows we're here to play softball and to study," Mackert said. "She makes sure we have enough time for both."

Boyer makes it a point to recruit players who are capable of balancing academics and athletics.

"I look for players who are very motivated, and have a clear sense of who they are," Boyer

said. "We're lucky because of the type of quality people that Cal Poly attracts. They're very special people."

Boyer said the most rewarding part about coaching is watching the transition that occurs in her players while they're here.

"It's great to see them come in at one level and watch them grow and develop as athletes and as people throughout their careers here," Boyer said.

Boyer has produced some exceptional talent from her softball program. She said many of her players have gone on to coaching careers. Recently Knipfer was heavily recruited for the new Women's Professional Fast-Pitch Softball League. Boyer said she is happy to see her players go on to something they want to do, regardless of what it is.

"I see past players at the alumni game every year," Boyer said. "It's great to stay in touch and see where their lives are going."

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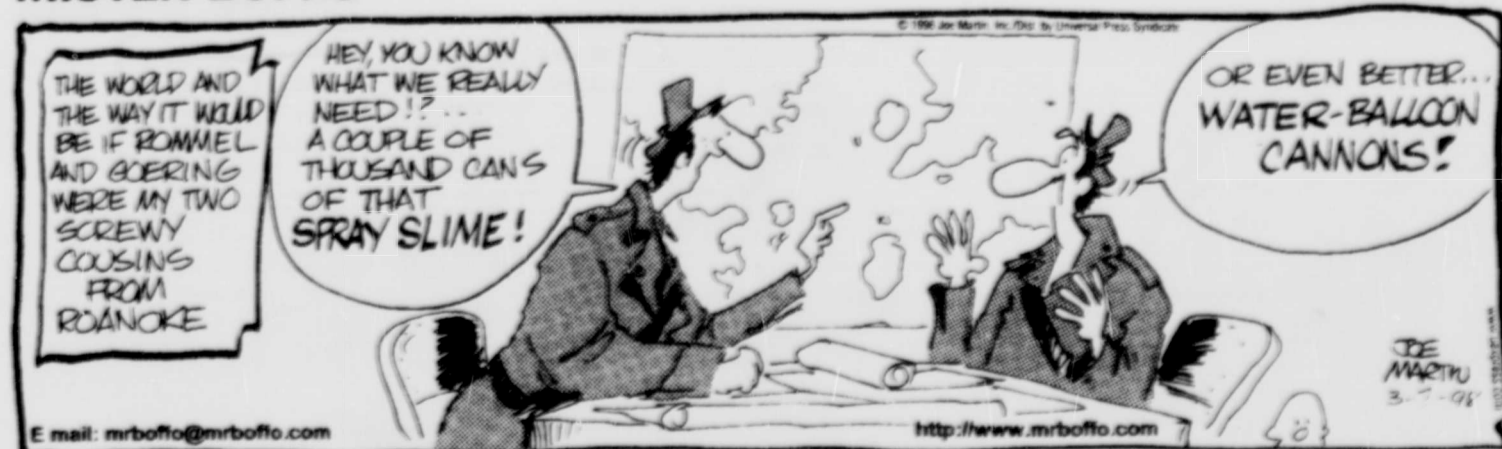
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Tuesday's Answer:

A state Court of Appeals refused to review Atlanta Falcons linebacker Cornelius Bennett's sexual assault case Monday, clearing the way for a 60-day jail term. Congrats David Bauerlein!

Today's Question:

Name the Stanford women's basketball player, who led the team in scoring and rebounding, and signed a contract with the WNBA on Tuesday.

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BRIEFS

Softball seniors say bye

Five Cal Poly seniors said goodbye to the softball team Tuesday.

Senior pitchers Kelly Smith, Desarie Knipfer, senior right fielder Amy Mackert, senior center fielder Kelly Sack and senior first baseman Anna Bauer played in their last home game for the Mustangs.

The season ended on a high note as Cal Poly swept U.C. Santa Barbara in two games.

In game one, Knipfer pitched a two-hit shut-out game for her 15th win of the year. Knipfer struck out nine batters, leading the Mustangs the win, 1-0.

The Gauchos and Mustangs were tied until the seventh inning when Smith hit in the winning run.

In game two, Smith led from atop the mound allowing no runs on four hits. The Mustangs got the win 3-0.

Kasey Poet led Cal Poly with a pair of hits.

The Mustangs improved to 22-23 overall and 11-14 in the Big West Conference.

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PGA Tour Professional

Ozzie Smith

former major league shortstop and host of "This Week in Baseball"

Bobby Beathard

General Manager San Diego Chargers

Desarie Knipfer

nationally ranked softball pitcher

Kelly Strand

led volleyball to No. 1 rank in nation

Boyer knows ball

By Jessica Niland
Daily Staff Writer



Cal Poly softball coach Lisa Boyer said she got her start in softball "like any average kid, playing Pony League ball." Boyer has since gone on to a playing and coaching career that has been anything but average.

This marks Boyer's 10th year as the Mustangs' head coach, and she has seen the program through many changes.

"When I started coaching, the position was only part-time, so I worked as a sports information director as well," Boyer said. "I juggled both jobs for three years. It was brutal."

Since then, Boyer became a full-time coach for the team, increased her coaching staff, saw the team transfer to Division I and just this year received the 300th win of her coaching career.

"I wasn't even aware that I was coming up on my 300th win until it was brought to my attention by a Telegram-Tribune reporter," Boyer said. "It was nice, but it's really more important to me that the team is doing well."

Boyer is a native of Lompoc. In high school she was a four-year letter winner in both tennis and softball.

"I probably could have played tennis in college, but I decided to stick with softball because I liked the fact that it is more team-oriented," Boyer said.

Boyer spent a year at Allan Hancock junior college in Santa Maria and then transferred to Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. She chose Creighton at the time, because she planned to go into nursing, and Creighton offered a good nursing program, as well as an impressive softball team. She said it was a case of "mutual recruitment" between her and Creighton.

At Creighton, Boyer was a three-year starter for the softball team. Her team advanced to the Softball World Series twice, in 1981 and 1982.

Boyer earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Creighton University in 1983. She then spent several years as assistant sports information director at Bradley University in Illinois, U.C. Irvine and Idaho State.

She came to Cal Poly in 1986 to work as a sports information director, and began coaching in 1988.

When Cal Poly moved to Division I in 1995, the Mustang softball team remained competitive and reached as high as 16th in the nation at one point in the year. In 1997, the team was a contender in the Big West Conference for the first time.

Boyer said she is very happy about the future of the Cal Poly

Daily file photo

Cal Poly head softball coach Lisa Boyer chats at strategy with catcher Kelly Duncan. Boyer is in her tenth year as coach.

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