End-of-the-quarter rainbow

Students vote on calendar

Issue will go to April ballot; Baker has said he'll take note

By Silas Lyons

The debate over whether Cal Poly will stay on the quarter system will be brought to the students next quarter in a referendum vote, ASI officials said Tuesday.

ASI Executive Vice President Louise Brown said the referendum — which comes after some initial reluctance by administration officials to involve students in the decision — will be held concurrently with ASI's general elections, April 13 and 14.

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By Len Arends and Maria R. Von Schuyver

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Today's Weather:

Today's High/Low: 79/50
Yesterday's High/Low: 58/53

TODAY

- Backstage Pizza presents "Jill Knight," 11:30 a.m.
- Cal Poly Snuff Out Tobacco Project, classes to end habitual chewing, 225 Prado Road, 6:30 p.m. / 756-5251
- "Inequality of Spatial Dimensions: Gender, Race, Class and the Built Environment," Leslie Kane Weinman, Chumash Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- ASI Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. — U.U. 220
- "A Summit of Sisterhood," African-American Student Union, Rm. 10-231, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Native American Student Organization craft sale, March 16-11, University Union, 10 a.m.
- Poly students' grief support meeting, Psychological Services Group Room, 10:30 a.m. / 544-2266
- Poly Rep applicant information meeting, U.U. 219, 11 a.m. info 756-2792
- "Master Harold" and the boys," by playwright Athol Fugard, $3 admission, March 10,11, Music Building 212, 8 p.m.

UPCOMING

- Volunteers wanted for "Habitat for Humanity," student construction projects on Kauai, March 18-27 / 756-1323
- Actors, singers, dancers and musicians needed to fill 50 construction projects on Kauai, March 18-27 / 756-1323
- "A Summit of Sisterhood," African-American Student Union, Rm. 10-231, 7:30 p.m.
- Representatives from student housing complexes meet to discuss their role in Spring Open House, March 11, Stumper Glen cafeteria, 3 p.m. / 544-8414

From page 1 and say, "Well, you didn't do it right, we're not going to listen to it."

Koob said he feels his interaction with Brown will give the referendum credibility with the administration.

"It sounds like Louise (Brown) is taking pains to make sure it's relative information," he said.

Baker said Tuesday he saw the referendum move by ASI as a positive one, pending cooperation with the administration.

"I think the students in the past, when they've put together a referendum, have done an excellent job," Baker said.

But he cautioned planners to work the referendum carefully in order to ensure it is unbiased.

"The key to a referendum is that the right questions are asked," he said. "The advice that you get through a referendum is not worth much if the right questions weren't asked."

It is exactly to that end that Brown is meeting with Koob next week, Brown said.

"I think pretty much we're going to go in as open-minded as possible — letting them know that we're doing this for the good of the students, to have their voice heard," he said.

But he showed a hint of steel in ASI's position, as well.

"We're going to go in with our guns loaded to let them know we're serious about it," said Koob. "But also to let them know we want their help and assistance to make sure it's done right."

Brown said part of the process will also involve the

CADENDAR: Students to get input in quarter, trimester debate via April vote

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Clinton's retort fails to shake critics

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's passionate defense of his wife and his pledge against any Watergate-like shenanigans did not temper Republicans' cry for congressional hearings into the Whitewater affair.

Republicans on the House Banking Committee released a list Tuesday of 60 Whitewater witnesses they want to call before a panel hearing scheduled for March 24. They don't have power to force them to testify, however.

The list amounted to a who's who of the Whitewater affair: Arkansas figures, current and former senior White House aides, officials of the savings and loan cleanup agency and federal prosecutors.

Among them: James

INVESTIGATION: Officials mum on outcome of hate speech probe

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time, investigate has been underway. Just three weeks ago, Wallace said there were seven banks in the area officially investigated in the incidents. At that time, he said, he planned to hold further interviews with those students and to do another round of polls.

But Tuesday, Wallace refused to confirm the number of students being punished for the off-campus publication. Zingg also declined to state the number of students involved in the resolution of the matter.

Citing concerns of privacy, Wallace also would not give any indications of what punishments the students faced.

"As it stands with me, I'm composing a letter to them right now and getting out to them some of the things we mutually agreed upon," he said. "That's as much as I can say. I can't make anything that I agree on with students public. I simply can't provide that kind of information."

Zingg said he understood an educational benefit of letting the university community achieve a kind of closure in resolutions that are fair and appropriate," Zingg said. "But an important consideration needs to be with concerns of privacy and confidentiality. I would hope both concerns could be addressed."

Wallace and Zingg both indicated that student board members will be notified via a letter as to the resolution of the investigation. But Wallace said no public acknowledgment will be made.

"If the people involved decide to go forward, then that's one thing," Wallace said. "But we won't be releasing any names or anything else we discussed."

Two die mysteriously

SAN FRANCISCO — Two people died Monday night in an apparent murder-suicide in a San Francisco State University dormitory, police said.

The names of the victims were not released. According to San Francisco police Officer Chuck Lambert, students in the Mary Ward residence hall heard four shots that sounded like fireworks at 9:30 p.m. They called police who broke down the locked door and found a man and a woman lying on the floor with a gun, he said.

No further details were available throughout Tuesday.

Author LESLIE R. WEISMAN

will be autographing her new book
Carolyn Nielsen

Swimsuits + great bodies = big bucks

I struggled with how to make this point. How do I condemn what has become an institution among men without being charged as sexist myself? Forgive me, for I do not mean to generalize about all men here. Bear with me.

Question: Why is Kelly Ireland, Elle Macpherson and Rachel Hunter have to do with the world of aquatic sports? Answer: Nothing but money. Question: How do they do it? As I said in last week's column, they sell themselves to the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue a male mandate? Answer: None. My onlyquine is to point out that these "swimsuits" (as if you could swim in them) are bombarded them with messages that they should be thin? I'm not saying SI is responsible but that the meat of women's bodies to con you out of a few more bucks.

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The days of ivory towers are gone

In my 32 years of employment at Cal Poly, I have been amazed and annoyed by the mindless administration-bashing by faculty — who haven't the faintest idea what is involved in the day-to-day management of a university. One of the most vocal members of this minority has publicly stated on more than one occasion that he is unable to master the complexity (addition and subtraction) of a budget. He then goes on to say that the public has a right to speak freely? Or the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendment guaranteed all the right to speak freely? Or the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendment guaranteed all the right to speak freely? Or the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendment guaranteed all the right to speak freely? Or the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendment guaranteed all the right to speak freely?

I believe the charter concept presents a tremendous opportunity for innovation and growth. But this will not happen unless we put aside our differences, both real and imagined, and work together to provide the education our students are paying for.

Fred Alley

Assistant director of eating, housing and meal planning

Satisfied with the pay raise, considering today's economy

As the chief steward of the Cal Poly chapter of the California Faculty Association, I represent the largest of the staff union. We wish to comment on the unbalanced article about staff and faculty pay raises.

The headline of the faculty is "Faculty, staff get 3 percent pay increase," but there is no discussion of the staff pay raises in the article itself.

I was interviewed for that article, and let it be known that I was not happy with the 3 percent pay raise and Merit Salary Adjustment (MSA) that was negotiated for CSEA bargaining unit employees. I was told that taking a total of 8 percent pay raise for some staff. In addition, those staff who lost an additional MSA by having an anniversary date of June 1 or later, will have those restored as well, which would add an additional 5 percent in their paychecks. CSEA also prevented the imposition of parking fee increases, increases in the cost of medical benefits and obtained the Enhanced Delta Dental, which brings coverage on par with faculty and administrators.

I indicated a large pay raise would have been better. Considering that it has been three years since staff and faculty received a pay increase. However, with the state's financial situation being what it is, I was generally pleased with the outcome. I hope that this is the end of the discussion of the faculty's financial situation being what it is, I was generally pleased with the outcome. I hope that this is the end of the discussion of the faculty's financial situation being what it is, I was generally pleased with the outcome. I hope that this is the end of the discussion of the faculty's financial situation being what it is, I was generally pleased with the outcome. I hope that this is the end of the discussion of the faculty's financial situation being what it is, I was generally pleased with the outcome. I hope that this is the end of the discussion of the faculty's financial situation being what it is, I was generally pleased with the outcome. I hope that this is the end of the discussion of the faculty's financial situation being what it is, I was generally pleased with the outcome. I hope that this is the end of the discussion of the faculty's financial situation being what it is, I was generally pleased with the outcome. I hope that this is the end of the discussion of the faculty's financial situation being what it is, I was generally pleased with the outcome. I hope that this is the end of the discussion.
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**Winter Wrap-Up**

"Over the years, many curriculum committees have pointed out they believe our course structure is not compatible with our quarter calendar," Baker said Tuesday. "We either should change the course structure or change the calendar." The trimester system consists of three equal terms, each one 13-and-a-half weeks long. The summer trimester would have equal status with the other two, and attendance would count for half a year's academic credit. The administration may consider mandating some student attendance during the summer trimester. ASI passed a resolution earlier this quarter in support of the quarter system, but the Academic Senate has the final vote on the issue. If the university chooses semesters, the new system would not be implemented until fall 1997.

The Academic Senate in February postponed a decision on the trimester system until further information could be made available.

**The University Marching Band**

The future of Cal Poly's Marching Band is, in a word, undecided. "We're not unlike any other part of this university," Zingg said. "We're all having to make some tough choices." Zingg said the college's budget is the largest concern. "We're not unlike any other part of this campus," he said. "We're all having to make some tough choices." There is too much of a deviant atmosphere. "The ban on the quarter's car was one held over from fall, involving a man who was accused of sniffing women's buttocks in the Kennedy Library Novembeer." David Potter Lawler, a 41-year-old Santa Maria resident, is set to appear in court to be sentenced after pleading no contest March 4 for sexual battery, one for each of the female Cal Poly students he allegedly sniffs. All additional charges were dropped when Lawler pleaded no contest March 4 to the charging. Cal Poly Police Officer Ray Berrett said he personally observed Lawler go through maneuvers to sniff a woman's buttocks on Nov. 4, 1993, after Public Safety received a tip about a suspicious person in the library. Police said this incident wasn't the first time Lawler has been caught in Cal Poly's library performing deviant acts. "We're not unlike any other part of this university," Zingg said. "We commiserated on our lack of funding. It's out in a no man's land. No one has the money to do all the things we need or want to do."

"At least we were successful in starting some kind of dialogue between the music and athletic departments." Despite some talk that the university should have a marching band to go along with the university's move to Division I athletics, Zingg said it is not something he's considering in his decision. "I don't think that should drive it whatsoever," Zingg said. "Because a school is Division I does not mean it has to have a marching band. Look at a place like Georgetown, it's Division I and it doesn't have a marching band." The banner case of the quarter was one held over from fall, involving a man who was accused of sniffing women's buttocks in the Kennedy Library November. The resident adviser said a female student actually caught the man in the act. "We have been brainwashing for ways to bring back the band. One of Swanson's ideas included seeking help from the Athletic Department.

But Swanson said that attempt was unsuccessful. "They are in the same shape as the rest of us," he said. "We commiserated on our lack of funding. It's out in a no man's land. No one has the money to do all the things we need or want to do.

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"That incident highlighted that we need to look at (inter-dorm and Public Safety communication) differently," Allen said. One improvement in communication for this quarter has been an inter-dorm computer network called "Communication Alert," Allen said. In the future, anytime a safety problem arises in one dorm, the other buildings can be immediately.

The system already has been used in a more recent case of a man in the wrong bathroom on Feb. 9 in Sierra Madre Tower 3. The resident adviser said a female resident stepped out of the shower that morning to find a man watching her. The man was caught peeping again the next day in Tower 2 by a woman who knew his name and address.

The man, who police described as a 16-year-old Oceano man who is not a Cal Poly student, was stopped by police and ordered to leave campus.

In another incident on Feb. 2, a 4-foot-1-inch tall, thin, brown-haired white male jumped out of the bushes on Via Carta near the Farm Shop, wearing only a tight-fitting, green hooded shirt.

No arrests have been made in that case.

March 2 had officers dealing with a double whammy of deviance reports. In the pre-dawn hours, police said a custodian was surprised when he opened the door to a room in the Science North building and a naked man — who had apparently been watching pornographic movies in the room — came running out. Police said a Campus Watch student volunteers saw the nude figure streak into a nearby parking lot, where Officer Berrett found the suspect in his car.

The man is described as a 22-year-old former Cal Poly student, and was cited for indecent exposure.

At about 1 p.m., police said they received another odd report of a man masturbating in his car. When police found the suspect at the intersection of California and Between Ways, he admitted his activity, was questioned and released.

Berrett said prosecution has not yet begun on charges in either case.
PAC 10: Poly hopes tournament sign of future

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As the athletics department thinks about making the move into its future home at Division I, Mustangs senior wrestler Jake Gaier and many others will have fond memories of the PAC 10 Championship that visited San Luis Obispo.

"It's probably one of the most exciting wrestling moments in my life," Gaier said. "And I have been wrestling since I was six."

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And she didn't. The Mustangs went on to finish the year with a flourish, making the NCAA Regional Tournament for the first time in school history.

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Division I college selects McNeil as athletic director

Monmouth College appointed Cal Poly's Associate Athletic Director Marilyn McNeil as their new athletic director effective April 15. "I am very excited," McNeil said. "It's a wonderful opportunity. (Monmouth) is a very supportive organization."

McNeil will supervise all aspects of the Division I program at the New Jersey college. She succeeds Wayne Stack, Monmouth's men's basketball coach, who resigned to devote himself to coaching basketball full-time.

"We are fortunate to be able to attract a person of national prominence in the NCAA to Monmouth College," said a Monmouth official. "Dr. McNeil is one of those rare people who combines excellent academic credentials with a wide variety of experiences as a coach, professor and athletic administrator at top notch schools."

McNeil will be the first athletic director since Monmouth began Division I in 1983 to report directly to the university's president.

Senior Marc Olivier prepares to uncoil on a groundstroke. He faces Cal Poly Pomona's undefeated French player / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

Poly looks to corral Broncos at net

July 4th turn

The Cal Poly men's tennis team could host its sister California Collegiate Athletic Association for Cal Poly Pomona on its home courts at no better time. The No. 4-ranked Mustangs have increased their shutout streak to nine matches. The Mustangs have not lost a single set since the streak started against UC-Davis Feb. 22

In the Mustangs’ last match, they slaughtered the faltering Aggies 6-0 Sunday and doubles went uncontested.

The Aggies finished last year and were 1991 and '92 Division II National Champions. This year they are 1-7. No. 8-ranked Cal Poly Pomona promises to be a closer match because they picked up a couple quality foreign players, according to Head Coach Chris Eppright.

They will give the Mustangs the biggest challenge in the CCAA, which has cramped the Mustangs all season long.

The Mustangs are 8-4 overall and 4-0 in the CCAA against the two opponents they have faced this year.

We played a brutal schedule the beginning of the year," Eppright said about the six Division I teams the Mustangs played. The matches challenged the guys and helped elevate their game. They have kept their level of play up there and have not brought it down to the level of (Cal State) Los Angeles and Davis."

The No. 3-ranked women's tennis team has the unenviable task of returning to winning form after its first loss of the year. The No. 3-ranked Cal Poly Pomona. The Broncos beat Grand Canyon 8-1 last week and No. 1-ranked UC-Davis 2-7.

An important match-up in today's annual Bronco vs. Mustang clash will be at the No. 1-doubles. The Mustangs No. 1-doubles team takes on the top seeded doubles team in the nation a week after the pair split the second best team Saturday. But Eppright down played the match-up.

"I just want free wins out of nine," he said. "If one team is at No. 1-doubles then that is great."

The Mustangs take this one first serve on their home courts today at 2 p.m.
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 Tournament profits for first time in four years

**Only Off the Mat**

Not only did the PAC 10 Championships Tournament mean Cal Poly fans could witness one of the Mustangs successfully defending his title, it also meant more popcorn and soda sales. Cal Poly sold 500 more bags of popcorn and 200 more sodas during the two-day event than average sales at wrestling matches throughout the season. Concession sales totaled $1,000.

"We definitely need to restock," Event Coordinator Max Meyer said. In total, the Mustangs reaped in $10,616 dollars from ticket sales and other revenues, including concessions, according to Robert Rowell, assistant athletic director for business operations.

Ticket revenues from regular season wrestling matches averaged $850. The championships drew a crowd of 2,509, while the finals garnered 1,032 wrestling fans.

**Athlete of the Quarter**

**GREIR:** Heading to NCAA Nationals

He’s not a bean pole, but he’s not a mass of muscle either. However, the 5-foot, 11-inch and 150-pound wrestler would contest the average student’s body into the most twisted pretzel shapes before anyone could finish saying, "Senior Jake Gaier is from El Cajon."

In February, the No. 5-ranked Gaier chung to Arizona State’s No. 5-ranked Jeff Theiler and rode him out for a 5-2 victory. That win presented him with his second consecutive PAC 10 Championship.

Gaier became one of only five Cal Poly wrestlers to ever win a PAC 10 title. Gaier, a four-time PAC 10 competitor, and Eric Osborne represent the only Mustang PAC 10 titles.

Gaier will be shooting to become Cal Poly’s third Division 1 national champion ever when he ventures east for his third trip to nationals this winter. Gaier is 35-2 on the season.

"I don’t know if I can top the feeling of winning a PAC 10 championship at home, but getting in the NCAA finals might," Gaier said. "I’m not going to worry about winning. If I just try to wrestle good and hard for seven minutes, I’m almost guaranteed a win."

Besides winning the PAC 10 Championship he also breezed through the California Collegiate Tournament in San Francisco on Feb. 5. He was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Wrestler after outscoring his three opponents by a total of 48-5.

The biggest defeat for the matman was at the Las Vegas Tournament on Dec. 3 and 4. He lost 9-7 to second-ranked Lincoln McIlravy, from University of Iowa. The loss came within the last 30 seconds of the match.

"We could meet in the semifinals at the NCAA (tournament)," Gaier said. "Every now and then I think about a rematch. I would change the shot (to take down McIlravy)."

Gaier also suffered a 5-2 decision to Fresno State’s Keith Richards at the 158-pound weight class in the Sooners Open Jan. 8.

No. 3-ranked senior Jake Gaier dreams of ousting loss to No. 2 wrestler / Daily photo by Steve McCrack

**Split shins and sore ankles equals one CCAA win for Poly**

By Brad Hamilton

Unexpected injuries during a tumultuous year for the women’s basketball team nearly became as predictable as a Buffalo Bills’ loss in the Super Bowl.

Only four of the 12 members of the MASHed unit suited up and were available for all 24 games the 1993/94 season. Two hoopers suffered season-ending injuries, and one sustained a career-ending ailment.

Senior Beth Nelson watched her Cal Poly basketball career rush to an end as quickly as the pain rushed to her insufficiently reconstructed knee. Nelson’s injury coincidentally fell upon her the first day of official practice Nov. 1. Her injury also explained what the team had in store in the following months.

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**Winter Rewind**

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• Nike Cal Poly Invitational track meet attracts television and Olympia.**

**Top Story**

**Tournament profits for first time in four years**

The Mustangs brought the PAC 10 Wrestling Conference its first profit in four years. The nine universities in the PAC 10 split the profit.

As a comparison, baseball earned $6,800 hosting the three-day long regional playoffs in 1993. Football, the biggest revenue sport, hauls in an average of $10,000 per game, in which students are not charged admission.

In addition to the financial and competitive success the PAC 10 tournament gathered was something to be proud of — a bench mark for the future," Rowell said.

Sports Information Director Eric McDowell said the tournament illustrated to the students and community what lies ahead for the Mustangs in Division I. See PAC 10, see page 6

**Athlete of the Quarter**

**GREIR:** Heading to NCAA Nationals

For his third time in high gear

He’s not a bean pole, but he’s not a mass of muscle either. However, the 5-foot, 11-inch and 150-pound wrestler would contest the average student’s body into the most twisted pretzel shapes before anyone could finish saying, “Senior Jake Gaier is from El Cajon.”

In February, the No. 5-ranked Gaier chung to Arizona State’s No. 5-ranked Jeff Theiler and rode him out for a 5-2 victory. That win presented him with his second consecutive PAC 10 Championship.

Gaier became one of only five Cal Poly wrestlers to ever win a PAC 10 title. Gaier, a four-time PAC 10 competitor, and Eric Osborne represent the only Mustang PAC 10 titles.

Gaier will be shooting to become Cal Poly’s third Division 1 national champion ever when he ventures east for his third trip to nationals this winter. Gaier is 35-2 on the season.

“I don’t know if I can top the feeling of winning a PAC 10 championship at home, but getting in the NCAA finals might,” Gaier said. “I’m not going to worry about winning. If I just try to wrestle good and hard for seven minutes, I’m almost guaranteed a win.”

Besides winning the PAC 10 Championship he also breezed through the California Collegiate Tournament in San Francisco on Feb. 5. He was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Wrestler after outscoring his three opponents by a total of 48-5.

The biggest defeat for the matman was at the Las Vegas Tournament on Dec. 3 and 4. He lost 9-7 to second-ranked Lincoln McIlravy, from University of Iowa. The loss came within the last 30 seconds of the match.

“We could meet in the semifinals at the NCAA (tournament),” Gaier said. “Every now and then I think about a rematch. I would change the shot (to take down McIlravy).”

Gaier also suffered a 5-2 decision to Fresno State’s Keith Richards at the 158-pound weight class in the Sooners Open Jan. 8.

No. 3-ranked senior Jake Gaier dreams of ousting loss to No. 2 wrestler / Daily photo by Steve McCrack

**Split shins and sore ankles equals one CCAA win for Poly**

By Brad Hamilton

Unexpected injuries during a tumultuous year for the women’s basketball team nearly became as predictable as a Buffalo Bills’ loss in the Super Bowl.

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