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By Amy Rasbedi

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Forethought may pay off for Open House planners

By Garrett M. Mettler

If planning is an indicator of success, this year's Open House is heading down the right avenue.

Creighton Oyler, vice chair of operations for Open House, said "clubs are putting out a lot of effort" to make this year's Open House, which is scheduled for April 21 and 22, a success.

Oyler announced that a poster has been chosen to represent Open House 1995.

Downtown San Luis Obispo overflowed with huge crowds during the Mardi Gras parade Saturday night, as participants tossed trinkets to the masses.

Mardi Gras at Poly

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Pipeline project awash in uncertainty at Poly

When the state water pipeline becomes the topic of conversation, only one thing is for sure: It will deliver water to the communities that voted to receive it in 1992.

But when that might be exactly, is anyone's guess.

Construction of the section of the project that will pass through Cal Poly was scheduled to begin in September. But disputes over potential environmental impacts of the project and contract negotiations with property owners have held construction crews at bay.

Despite volumes of paperwork the project has created, other vital questions also remain unanswered, questions such as where the final route of the pipeline will be and how it will be constructed.

This uncertainty seems to be the predominant mood at Cal Poly when discussing the pipeline. Several questions have been asked of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the agency handling the pipeline project, but few have been met with satisfactory answers.

"The communication with DWR has not been ideal," said Frank LeBens, vice president for administration and finance. "We have yet to reach an agreement with DWR on many issues surrounding the pipeline."

Recent maps for the proposed route of the pipeline show it crossing two grazing ranches in the northeast corner of the university. However, the wording of the Environmental Impact Report for the project allows its construction to pass through..."
U.S., China sign trade agreement

By Charles L. Fu Associated Press

BEIJING — China and the United States signed a major trade agreement Tuesday by signing a comprehensive agreement putting teeth into Chinese laws protecting copyright, trademarks and patents.

The agreement cobbled 20 months of "often very difficult negotiations," said Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky.

"This is a strong agreement for American companies and American workers," President Clinton said in a statement issued by the White House.

"Although there exist frictions and disputes, they can be solved through equal consultations." Barshefsky, speaking at a news conference in Beijing, called the accord the single most comprehensive agreement we have ever negotiated with any country.

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The memo explained several of the Biological Sciences Department's concerns about the project, including:
• unacceptable destruction of habitat and field laboratory lands by pipeline construction
• inadequate compensation plans for the destroyed habitat
• inadequate plans for the control of soil erosion
• periodic, potentially lethal releases of chlorine treated water into creeks containing native aquatic life.

According to a memorandum issued on Feb. 13 by the Biological Sciences Department, "All University Departments and Colleges that would be impacted by this project have not had the opportunity to participate in negotiation(s)."

The steps include establishing intellectual property rights; patents and trademarks. Chinese trade minister Wu Yi said the negotiations on enforcing intellectual property rights affected the entire Sino-US. relationship.

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But Holland is not sure when those discussions are to take place.

"We'll just have to wait for further developments," he said.

That seems to be the attitude Lebens is taking as well.

"It has been a rather interesting interaction between the parties involved and DWR," Lebens said. "You ask them questions and sometimes you don't hear from them for weeks.

"I've asked DWR to consider alternatives to their current plans to try to address some of the points the (Biological Sciences) people have raised. I hope they'll be responsive."
Trees help students cultivate positive image

By Notoko Collins

With bright orange vests, hard hats and humidity in hand, nearly 50 Cal Poly students eagerly set out to plant 100 trees near Madonna Road off-campus Saturday morning.

The tree planting project was started by Cal Poly English professor, and his wife Prayerna, in an effort to strengthen ties between the community and Cal Poly stu-

The even with the heavy mist that fell over the field, the students kept their spirits high as they broke up into teams of three, digging, laughing and singing songs. The event appeared more of a social gathering than a community service project, as students wandered around the field looking for a new location, briefly stopping to talk with other volunteers.

"What's better than a bunch of students working together to make a better world?" said Sean McGowan, president of EFFR High School. "It's great to see so many people having fun and getting involved."

According to business junior Prayerna Farook, one of Bali's students, most people in the community think the university only destroys or take away from the community.

"Planting trees is a great way to show that we do some- thing that we care," Farook said.

"I think the community has the wrong impression of stu-

San Luis Obispo Mayor Allen Settle helped inaugurate the plan and pointed at Cal Poly's, he will also make a statement on the importance of protecting the community.

"In this area is a gateway to San Luis Obispo," Settle said. "People like to see something beautiful. Plus, when these trees bloom, they'll add color to the freeway."

Robert Carr of Caltrans was on location to teach the volunteers both safety techniques and how to properly plant young trees. He also helped to decide what type of trees should be planted.

"Drought resistant Redbuds and Nyssas (also known as Sour gums) will be planted," Carr said. "As long as an effort is made to keep the area going, a sign will be on the freeway to recognize it."

According to Carr, Bali will decide how the plot will be labeled.

Bali said he would like to name the area after Cal Poly President Warren Baker, but Baker declined the honor.

"It's a great idea," Keating said. "I hope more people will become involved." Tonya Lee, also a member of the environmental council, said students get a lot from the community, this is an opportunity to give back. San Luis Obispo Mayor Allen Settle also announced that the Madamom family will do whatever it can to help keep the area green.

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In addition to planting trees, Bali also set out a tree planting project to plant 100 trees around the field looking for a new location. In all acceptance letters will be sent to all current Cal Poly students, most people in the community think the university only destroys or take away from the community.

"It's not usually the groups you would think would be in- volved," Martin said. "There is always a variety of people from Poly willing to work, though." After the trees were planted and lunch was finished, the volunteers stood in a group talking and overlooking their work. All seemed to agree that they had completed a perfect day.

"We'll be able to pass by in the future and remember that we were part of this tree," said plant protection science freshman Joan Villareal, a member of the Gamma pledge class. "We've left, our mark on San Luis Obispo.

OPEN HOUSE

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Cal Poly President Warren Baker will be speaking at the opening ceremony on Saturday. The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. and the House will officially start at 9:30 a.m. This is the Pine Fair that will take place in the University Church the Friday before Open House week. They are aimed at incoming stu-

San Luis Obispo Mayor Allen Settle recently announced that the City's new President Warren Baker will be speaking at the opening ceremonies.

Wilcher said the fair will inform new students about different services offered at Cal Poly, such as Women's Programs and the Center for Multicultural Center, Student Life and Ac-

Open House information has been included in all acceptance letters being sent to new students, encouraging them to both attend Open House and visit their department's Table.

The next Open House meeting is scheduled for March 31 at 2 p.m. Letters will be sent to all cur-

Spring Break

Are you doing anything different, exciting or fun for Spring Break?

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White House defends Foster against attacks by critics

WASHINGTON — Defending its nominee for surgeon general, the White House on Saturday dismissed new questions raised by critics of Dr. Henry Foster as "an恶性 distortions of his record.

Foster's nomination is ex-

pected to be formally forwarded to the Senate this week as the doc- tor continues a round of face-

to-face meetings with the senators who will decide whether he should replace Dr. Joyelyn Elders.

The latest controversy revolv-

ASSAULT: Both claim sobriety during attack

From page 1

Dr. S.H. Seltzer, who was former president of Dillard University, said they were sober when the incident happened, but claimed they had been drinking.

From Dr. S.H. Seltzer, who was also involved in the incident, the mistake was made by a federal study from start to finish, with no input or participa-

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Road trips and revelations

Occasionally, you experience one of those moments in life that permanently alters the way you look at yourself; I've had such a moment.

No, I'm not talking about some sort of hallucinogenic drug excursion, or a near-death experience that refreshes your respect for life.

Instead, I'm talking about something much simpler. I was just as enlightening on my road trip to Chico State University.

I visited this campus during President's Day weekend. I'm not exactly sure why I was willing to drive 300 miles each way to visit Chico, but I think it was the necessity of my curiosity to see new places.

But there was more to it than that. Recently, I've been undergoing one of those temporary periods of confusion in life—one of those periods where you suddenly realize that you don't know what the hell you're doing and you begin to run a series of questions through your mind.

Yes, I admit it. I'm guilty of stumbling through the educational system. Freshman floundering—we've all been there. That's life—a balance of wins and losses, and a constant educational system. Freshman floundering—we've all been there.

I left for Chico.

As I approached Chico from the south on Highway 99, I began searching the airwaves for some quality rock 'n' roll—music that I haven't heard since I left the Bay area and the jurisdiction of KSJO radio. I guess I was just as enlightening on my road trip to Chico State University.

I spent my time there searching for the first hit to get monogamous affection—encryption for the first car stereo as I charged up Highway 99.

The song was dirty, tasteless, offensive, and lacked every different aspect of the song. I think it was written by Metallica, or maybe Beavis and Butthead produced it. Nevertheless, the song was... it was just as enlightening on my road trip to Chico State University.

Anyway, there was something honest and refreshing about the guitarists' shrill, "I killed your baby today!"

These were the lyrics thundering from my car stereo as I charged up Highway 99.

For a brief moment, I felt alive again. I felt energized—like I was in contact with the American culture again—a simple feeling you lose when you spend your weekends in the dorms.

To my delight, I found what I thought was a good song. I think it was written by Metallica, or maybe Beavis and Butthead produced it. Nevertheless, the song was... it was just as enlightening on my road trip to Chico State University.

I had to check my skin to make sure I hadn't suddenly become purple. Can you imagine going through life as a Purple-American? Being a member of the NAAP?

I wasn't purple, but now, in my heart, I knew the truth.

My forefathers come from a wide chunk of the world: from Germany, England, Scotland, Russia, a few from Ireland and Denmark. I am descended from these peoples, from a wide and diverse cross-section of the human race, but I was born American. I can proudly say that I am a German-English-Scottish-Irish-Dutch-Russian-American at Cal Poly.

My elation at this discovery was, alas, short-lived; close on the heels of this truth, came another, more disheartening, and an opportunity to learn.

We have many reasons to celebrate this year. The ASI Academic Committee pioneered the first course syllabus collection, and administered a successful course evaluation project. ASI implemented an outreach program consisting of more than 60 club visits and a brand new bimonthly "Mustang Messenger" newsletter. University officials announced ASI Board Resolution #94-07, "ASI Support for Night Time Parking Permits.

At your service

By Bruce Rose

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LETTERS

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Joe Lew
Mechanical engineering senior and ASI Board Chair

Stop oppressing our people— all of them

By Bruce Rose

For some time now, Cal Poly has been pursuing a program of diversity. At least, this is what they say. So, I was sulking in my room one day, debating myself endlessly for being born with this drab and boring and non-diverse facial skin color, when I had a revelation.

The key to this revelation lies in the basic principle of multiculturalism—you run your race. Be part of your heritage, even if you don't want to. Be a conformist. And so I did. Sitting in my room, I began examining my heritage. And from that came the revelation:

I am not white.

And my new culture shock.

I never really understood why people called me "white." In fact, I would say that label is racist. I have met orient—'scuse me—Asian-American people whose skin was exactly the same color as mine. Are they white? Heck, what if I went out and got a suntan? Clearly, the term "white" does not apply to skin color.

And it doesn't apply to ethnic group, either; there are literally dozens of completely different ethnic groups, all with exactly the same skin color.

Without the label "Caucasian," again, it doesn't apply. Can you place a single label on peoples who speak different languages, who have completely different customs, and who each have unique genetic characteristics? It's just like the label "Asian." Do you mean Korean? Or Chinese? Or Japanese?

The fact was before me, plain as day: I was not white.

For a moment I couldn't believe it. I had to check my skin to make sure I hadn't suddenly become purple. Can you imagine going through life as a Purple-American? Being a member of the NAAP?

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I call upon all German-English-Scottish-Irish-Dutch-Russian-Americans to stand up and speak for your rights! As the founder (and currently the only member) of the National Association for the Advancement of German-English-Scottish-Irish-Dutch-Russian-Americans, I demand the same recognition given to all other ethnic groups on campus.

We demand a voice! Either the administration will hear us, or we will make ourselves heard! We will put our bodies into the gears and push until the machine grinds to a halt!

We shall overwhelm!

Or, if that doesn't work, maybe we'll just toilet-paper the U.U. Plaza.
Budget proposes fee increases again

SACRAMENTO — Phil Gramm brought his presidential campaign to California Friday, told nearly 2,000 California Republican Party convention delegates and guests at a California GOP convention in Sacramento that he is committed to running for president.

Wilson addressed the same convention Saturday and made no reference, even indirectly, to the presidential campaign. He was not present for Gramm's remarks, but his press secretary, Sean Walsh, replied that Wilson is not a candidate.

"We would expect every Republican who runs for president in all out in California. We welcome them to the state," Walsh said.

Wilson said in December that he might run as a favorite son candidate in California's primary, and more recently has dropped hints that he may be thinking about a more ambitious campaign.

Prior to Gramm's appearance at the California GOP convention, he won a lopsided victory in a presidential straw poll conducted Friday and Saturday among convention delegates. Gramm got 287 votes in that poll, compared to 74 for Wilson and 62 for Kansas Sen. Bob Dole. Ten other potential candidates were either defeated Proposition 186, the "single-payer" plan that would have given all Californians coverage through payroll, employer, cigarette and liquor taxes and use of existing government health programs.

The proposed new fees for UC, up from $3,796 this year; $1,740 for CSU, up from $1,584; and $450 for community college, up from $390.

Those fees do compare favorably with other public colleges, according to the legislative analyst. The report issued last month found that 71 percent of Americans age 25 and older are overweight, based on a national survey of 2,250 adults.

That suggests a steady climb. Harris polls found 56 percent of Americans were overweight in 1993, 64 percent in 1995 and 69 percent last year.

"It doesn't surprise me," Dr. John E. Manson, an endocrinologist at the Harvard School of Medicine, said Sunday. "Obesity is an alarming epidemic.

Other studies have found that the average American has gained eight pounds in the past decade, and that 60 percent of Americans can be classified as sedentary, she said.

"Everything is automated and very convenient and it's possible to spend very little energy in a typical day unless you go out of your way to exercise," Manson said.

The new survey asked people to give their height without shoes and weight without clothing and to describe their body frame or bone structure. Louis Harris and Associates Inc. compared that information to Metropolitan Life insurance tables for recommended weight ranges.

Doctors distinguish between overweight and obesity — a person generally isn't considered obese unless his or her weight is at least 20 percent higher than the recommended range.

Being overweight is linked to a host of debilitating health problems, including heart disease, stroke and some cancers.

According to the survey — and based on the Metropolitan Life insurance tables — 10 percent of Americans are at least 30 percent overweight and another 12 percent are between 20 percent and 30 percent overweight.

The Harris poll concluded that 79 percent of American men and 64 percent of American women are overweight.

By Mike Mokrzycki

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Happenings holidays for the intrepid traveler

By Michelle Lacks

BERKELEY—Bored with the beach? Had a surf of surf? If the conventional joys of sunshine and sand have you down, why not try the University Research Expedition Program? Expanding on that travel agent your looking for:

Dig for dinosaur fossils in Mexico. Hike into the forests of Belize. Hike into the forests of Costa Rica. Wade into the wetlands of Europe or simmering on tropical sands. The University Research Expedition Program isn't competing with the more glamorous European castles and medieval castles and medieval castles and medieval castles and medieval castles and medieval castles and medieval castles and medieval castles and medieval castles and medieval castles and medieval castles.

Even the more grueling excursions offer something no glitzy resort could, expedition veterans say.

Ask school teacher Carol Comeau, who spent part of last summer camped out on a hot, windy stretch of beach on Mexico's Baja Peninsula, part of an archaeology team researching "The kind of people who are attracted to this program are generally people who are adventure-seekers, are looking for things off the beaten path," Jean Calvin, Research program director.

Such trips are generally for people who are adventure-seekers, are looking for things off the beaten path, says Jean Calvin, director of the program. A quick glance at the 1995 brochure makes it clear this program isn't competing with Club Med — or Motel 6, for that matter.

Applicants are asked to rate their own attributes as flexibility, sense of humor, physical stamina and vehicle repair skills and are encouraged to get a physical exam before signing up.

There are no five-star hotels or luxury resorts on our itineraries. There are no five-star hotels or luxury resorts. We have in sixth grade," said Comeau, who took her experience on this trip, so it just opened up.

At Spike's, we have many good beers from all over the world. We cannot accept change forms after March 1.

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TRACK: Men’s and women’s track teams win its four-way meets in inches).

Other first-place finishes were brought in by senior Bret Whitford, pole vault (16 feet, 8.5 inches) and sophomore Maurice Eglint, long jump, (122 feet, 9.5 inches).

Second-place finishes included: sophomore Scott Kelvin in the 400-meters (45.64), freshman Andrew Bevans in the shot put (48 feet, 11 inches), sophomore Joel Sharpe in the discus (147 feet, nine inches) and freshman Ryan Ehrlich in the 1,600-meter relay team (3:50.87).

The women’s team had eight first-place finishes and six second-place finishes to distance themselves from the rest of the pack.

Junior Nikki Shavkey and freshman Tam Jackson had the most impressive performances with their two first-place finishes. Shavkey won the 1,500 meters (4:43.52) while Jackson won the 400 meters (52.21) and the 800 meters (2:14.80) for the Mustangs.

Also winning their events were sophomore Barbi Jones, 400 meters (57.99), junior Angela Orofino, 5,000 meters (17:38.1), senior Allison Elliot, javelin (141 feet), senior Eric Ahmann, discus (156 feet, two inches). Orofino added a second-place finish in the 3,000 meters (10:22.69).

BASEBALL: Mustangs commit seven errors in two losses

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With two second-place finishes in the 200 meters (21.98) and the long jump (21 feet, 3.4 inches), the Mustangs took two second-place finishes before the Bulldogs knocked them around for five runs in the fifth inning.

Fresno State catcher Giuseppe Chiaramonte drove two RBIs in the inning with a two-out single, breaking a 4-4 tie. The Bulldogs tied the game on a groundout hit by pinch-hitter Quentin Stone.

Fresno State added three more runs in the ninth for insurance.

Bulldogs’ starter Brendan John allowed seven runs and four runs in 5 2/3 innings for the win, before giving way to reliever Robert Donnelly in the sixth inning. Donnelly shut down the Mustangs the rest of the way, allowing only one hit in 3 1/3 innings to pick up his second save of the season.

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