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By Vol Avalos

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The Morro Bay Sprints, "Emergency Preparedness Day" Saturday, March 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All majors are invited. For more information, call 927-3624.

A chili cook-off and a public dance, is taking place in Cambria March 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Toby Buschini at 781-0674.

Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office.

The Cal Poly Wheelmen beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, call Mike 541-3246.

"The affirmative action (debate) is probably one of the most interesting topics of my career," Plotkin said. "Nothing has drawn as much host and fire as the debate about affirmative action."

Plotkin began by explaining the reasons behind the current backlash towards affirmative action in California. The change of power in the California Legislature is one reason, he said. The newly-elected Republicans saw an opportunity to move some of their issues from the backburner to the forefront of the legislative agenda. Tons on their list is "repealing affirmative action."

However, three factors kept affirmative action programs alive and well in the future. First of all, there are basic differences between the governing boards of the CSU and the UC systems, he said.

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"Where you will find it, is at the campuses like UC Berkeley (debate) is probably one of the more events. She also stressed what students need to be prepared to enter the workplace.

"All of the bills aimed at repealing affirmative action were defeated in the Senate and House," he said.

Now, however, the CCRI has been launched — the California Civil Rights Initiative. The CCRI aims to amend the California Constitution to eliminate race, gender, color, religious affiliation and national origin as criteria in public employment, education and contracting.

Plotkin outlined four main thresholds of affirmative action the initiative could affect. If passed, this legislation could:

- Eliminate the present "over-all objectives and planning" for affirmative action.
- Repeal preferential hiring of faculty and staff in higher education.
- Repeal preferential student admissions in higher education.
- Repeal, restrict, regulate and program for programs for minorities and women owned business.

The CCRI's basic philosophy is "no discrimination, no preferential treatment." And "Which sounds good. And because of this, it is expected that it will pass," he said.

Although the battle is raging in the UCs, the CSUs have not joined in.

"Why aren't we having the same kind of debate?" he asked. "From first of all, there are basic differences between the governing boards of the CSU and the UC systems, he said.

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SLO passes $1.5 million budget

By Dawn Filbey Daily Opinion Editor

What do asbestos, aesthetic rocks, fires, fires, Windows '95 and copiers have in common? They are all on the midyear budget review that's costing the city of San Luis Obispo approximately $1.5 million.

City council members gathered in the frigid City Hall to hear pleas from Fire Chief Bob Neumann, Police Chief Jim Gar­dner and city Utility Director John Moss Tuesday night. As a last-ditch effort to strengthen of City Hall tank," Councilman Dave Romero said. "It'll last forever. We've hit years ago," Neumann said. "And our point to them is that we have a responsibility to do repairs. It may be years before we can satisfy their requirements. That's frightening."

"The overall size of our department is the same as 20 years ago," Neumann said, "and our duty has gone up dramatically. We now provide fire service to the university."

The council ordered the city to pay $500,000 study of the effects of their original request for a $120,000 study of the effects of changes in San Luis Obispo have only three firefighters per a shift at most, and sometimes only two, according to city officials. Three shifts a day at least three people are needed to effectively fight a fire, Neumann said.

"When someone takes holiday time and the staff is reduced, someone has to go on overtime. "The basic core problem is that we need four stations," Neumann said. "And it's dangerous to run a station with two firefighters. You need three people. If you have two people, like we recently did at Ramona Street..."

If you were a person, she might have been dead when they got there. But it might have contributed." The council sent the request to staff for discussion. New computer software will also cost the city a pretty penny. When the council approved its 1996 budget, council members decided to invest in Microsoft 3.11. Now Windows '95 has usurped 3.11 and it will cost another $118,900, plus the $150,000 they already budgeted, for the upgrade.

The council hopes to gain some money from the sale of the old computer system. The city's new computer system was purchased for $758,000 hope of Federal Emergency Management Agency payments for fires and floods, and finance the rest as debt. See BUDGET page 5

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**LETTERS**

**Spittle, dreams and blinkers**

**Editor.**

What annoys me? Well, at the top of the list are drivers who refuse to use their blinker when changing lanes. I mean, how hard is it to flick the little switch?

People who take a sip of my soda and then return it with excess soda/spit left in the "gutter" drive me nuts. One thing that really annoys me is when someone claims to own something, but doesn't return it for weeks, and when you finally ask for it back, they lost it. The dorms have to be the most annoying place to live in the world. Something else that really annoys me is CAPTURE. I've worked hard to get the classes you need, and then of course there are those little things that annoy almost everybody: People who chew with their mouths open, people who think they are on time even when they are wrong, extra credit assignments that require you to read a book to the editor and have it published, and when you're in the middle of a great dream and the alarm clock is buzzing away.

Heather Anderson
Animal science freshman

**Another voice for kermy**

**Editor.**

I would like to thank Jonathan Balcombe for his commentary on "Alternatives to dissection." I completely agree with him. I have been on a quest for ways to educate without the use of live animals.

Last quarter I was expected to dissect a frog for zoology. I ripped apart the frog and just didn't help me to study at all. For the most part plastic models were used because of the above reasons. The frogs were either underdeveloped, not chemically colored right, or its small body cavity prevented a clear examination.

Jessie Foster
Architectural Engineering Freshman

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**OPINION**

**Friendship and betrayal, the truth about frats**

by Mario Perotti

Friendship means loyalty. I used to think this was true. However, as time passes I begin to think otherwise. This doubt overwhelmed me because I was one of the first institutions here at Cal Poly: fraternities. I used to believe in friends being there for one another, backing each other up and understanding each other. But my view of friendship has been tainted. Fraternalism destroys a friendship I once valued. I once believed my "friend" would never drop me for anything. I thought we had a strong bond that lasted through college careers. I was wrong. It is now obvious to me what joining a fraternity does to someone. Once committed, they turn their backs on all their previous relationships for their pledge brothers. For three years "Mike" and I hung out, partied and generally did quite a few things together. For three years we parted every weekend, watched each other out and helped each other out in times of need. He does not have any time for his "old" friends now that he's bought his way into this frat. Fraternities are factories that bring in to people who "fit the mold." I obviously do not fit the mold.

He watched my collegiate baseball career end. He saw me go through three different girlfriends and was there to console me. We had a strong bond and it was unbreakable until the day he told me he was joined a frat. I was happy for him at first, but this quickly changed.

First there was the whole pledging process. I realize this takes lots of time. However, even as he is now a full member of his frat, the phone calls have stopped, the partying has stopped and, quite frankly, the friendship stopped. HE does not have any time for his "old" friends now that he's bought his way into this frat. Fraternities are factories that bring in to people who "fit the mold." I obviously do not fit the mold so I have been shunned in favor of his new friends.

During my freshman year at Cal Poly I was cruising through the UU my first week or two here. I was just 18 and didn't have any clue what fraternities were all about. At that time I had long hair in the back and a beard in the front. I can't believe you would do something like this.

Please send in your opinions. The quarter isn't over yet. Send them to dplsho@calpoly.edu, fax them to 756-7894 or mail them or bring them in to Graphic Arts Bldg. 226, Cal Poly, CA 93407.

Please include your name, major, year and phone number. If you don't have an e-mail address, you'll have to send in a letter to the Mustang Daily.

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**MUSTANG DAILY**

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**COLUMN**

**Talking SEX About AIDS Carefully**

**HIV, saliva and you**

Hi. It's us again, the Sexuality Team. If you're just tuning in and don't know what this column is about, let us explain. Our team is part of Peer Health Education. We had the same question worded a few different ways. "Can you get HIV from kissing?" "Can saliva transmit the HIV virus?" "Would kissing be considered a no-risk activity?" and so on. It looks like these terms are all the same, but guess what, they're not. Let's start off with getting one thing straight. So far it's been determined that HIV can be transmitted through four different bodily fluids: blood, semen, vaginal secretions and breast milk. Saliva isn't on that list. Now that doesn't mean that kissing is a no-risk activity. Saliva isn't all that's in your mouth. Sometimes you have tiny cuts in your mouth. We're not talking about major cuts, acne, and about itty bitty scrapes caused by eating something like a cracker or an orange. These scrapes are what makes it possible for HIV to get around. And stay tuned on the subject of having sex with your mouth, ladies, don't swallow! In fact you should both be using condoms during oral sex. So, after all that info did you get the answer? Yes, it is possible to get HIV from kissing. No, it's not because of saliva. Finally, "Would kissing be considered a no-risk activity?" NO, NO, NO. Kissing is, and should be considered, a low risk activity. So that's it. We expect to hear some kind of response regarding our "Don't swallow" policy. That's cool. Go ahead and send them, or any questions you might have to our SEX TALK box. You can find this, or us, downstairs in the Health Center. Until next time.

**SEX TALK is written by a student-run Sexuality Team.**
BUDGET: Council approves a custom air handler to protect the ridgeline

The council also allocated $25,000 for removal of the old steam boiler. "The boiler gave up the ghost last winter and we've put in the new boiler specified by the project engineer," Elliot said.

And City Hall's tidy appearance should remain intact — the council approved $15,000 for a custom air handler. A standard air handler would project 18 to 20 inches above the ridgeline and be visible from the street, Elliot said.

"This equipment is going to be around for 50 years," Elliot said. "I thought it was a small investment to hide it and preserve the appearance of City Hall."
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For those who plan to attend this hearing, evening service will be available on SLO transit

WINSTING

From page 8

But Miller may still have trouble winning because he doesn't have much experience against his opponents. With a 4-4 season record, he has only wrestled in three dual meets.

Sophomore Dan Long has also been struck by the team's ring of injuries, but Cowell said he will be wrestling this weekend.

Long's 1-5 record could help him place in the tournament, but he will be going up against two ranked Pac-10 wrestlers that he has already lost to this season — No. 1 Steve St. John from Arizona State and No. 3 Jeremy Eastrud from Oregon.

In the 142-pound weight class Cal Poly has a dangerous weapon.

Sophomore Bobby Bellamy, rated in the top four in the Pac-10, has a good chance of leaving with a medal and is very capable of winning, Cowell said.

Bellamy's weight class has two ranked wrestlers that he has not yet faced and he is 1-1 against the No. 1 and No. 4 in the Pac-10.

Freshman David Wells may be wrestling this weekend in the 150-pound weight class if he recovers from an injured ankle he suffered during his challenge match for the team spot against senior Marcial Cruz.

If Wells is unable to wrestle, Cruz may face two top-ranked opponents that he has lost to during the season — Stanford's Tod Surmon, ranked third in the PAC-10.
MUSTANG DAILY

BASKETBALL: Cal Poly will face AWC fourth-seed Sac State Friday

From page 8 making them the No. 1 seed Sacramento Hornets.

Cal Poly will face the fourth-seed Sacramento State Hornets Friday night. "(The team) is excited about playing against Sacramento State, who is expected to win," Schneider said, adding Cal Poly hasn't let itself get down over the last two losses.

The Mustangs may be in a for more of a game than they first imagined against Sacramento State, who is 0-2 against Cal Poly this season.

Arizona, all teams who have given the Mustangs some trouble during the season. "I've said all year that they've got talent," Schneider said, with memories of some big plays Sac State pulled out last time they met on Feb. 3. "When they've gotten through our press, they've had some monstrous dunks."

Cal Poly junior guard Shanta Coraght said Southern Utah still sits in the back of his head, and he can't help but think about a possible championship rematch against the Thunderbirds.

Tipoff against Sac State is at 7 p.m. in the Northridge Matadome. A win over Sac State will place the Mustangs against the winner of the Northridge and Southern Utah game.

The AWC championship game will be on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

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By Mark Armstrong
Daily Star Writer

After 55 minutes of triple-overtime, gut-wrenching trauma and a last second miss from the Southern Utah Thunderbirds, it’s hard to believe that the Cal Poly men’s basketball team was even able to walk for its regular-season finale at the University of San Diego.

But Cal Poly was actually alive for the game Tuesday night, and stayed close despite a 77-73 loss.

The Mustangs shot 35 percent in a game, but Cal Poly Head Coach Jeff Schneider thought they could have gone a lot worse.

“He thinks in San Diego didn’t think it would be that close,” Schneider said. “It was a game that could have gone either way.”

Schneider was also surprised by how little the loss to Southern Utah affected the team’s morale in the game against USD.

The Mustangs were 9-2 in conference for the game for the Thunderbirds, and they went to the locker room for the halftime, adding to the intensity of the game.

The first meeting resulted in a 98-75 win. The second time Cal Poly met with the Thunderbirds, the Mustangs were 1-1.

The Thunderbirds are one of the most talented teams in the world, and are a possible contender for a spot in the NCAA tournament.

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And learn they did.

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By Teresa Gebauer
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Falling into third place in the American West Conference, the Cal Poly women’s basketball team will face-off with the Cal State Fullerton Titans in the first round of the AWC Conference Semifinals.

This is the third time this season the Mustangs and Titans have met in Mott Gym.

The first meeting resulted in a Mustang 80-69 victory. Cal Poly senior guard Kellie Hoffman scored her season-best 23 points in the game.

This will be the second-straight year that Cal Poly and Fullerton will meet in the AWC Semifinals.

Last year, the Titans ended Cal Poly’s season with an 81-63 win at Cedar City, Utah. The top Mustang scorer in the regular-season conference game was point guard Sherron Lee, who had 12 points and 13 rebounds.

The 7-foot all and winning and winning at the top of the Mustangs and Titans’ schedules, said senior forward Katie Bauer.

“We need to take one game at a time,” said Bauer who added the team wants to play tough defense. “Right now we are just concentrating on Sacramento State.”

The Mustangs’ game of the season resulted in a 59-54 loss to the Southern Utah Thunderbirds.

The Northridge Matadors (5-1, 1-5 AWC) handed Cal Poly its worst AWC loss of the season, 63-56, in the middle of the season.

The second time Cal Poly met up with Northridge, the team received a 75-49 win.

Tip-off for the conference game against Sacramento is scheduled for 12 p.m. in Northridge’s Matadome.

Cal Poly wrestlers bound for Pac-10 Championships

By Matt Berger
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Four months ago an eager, young gang of wrestlers banned together with questions and curiosities.

Their futures were undiscovered and unrecorded — hidden behind the many matches awaiting them in the upcoming season.

Now, it’s all behind them.

The Cal Poly wrestling team finished its dual-meet season 10-6, with a 5-3 record in the Pac-10 (10-6).

“The team has come a long way,” said Head Coach Lennis Cowell.

The Mustangs practiced intensely man-to-man to prepare themselves for the tough matches they knew they would have with nationally-ranked teams in the Pac-10.

“We all help each other out on the mat,” said freshman Mark Perryman one month ago, a wrestler who has proven to be one of the team’s strongest competitors.

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“For others it will be the ticket to the NCAA,” Cowell said. “For myself, it’s out because of injury and will not be able to compete. His impressive 14-7 record includes a win over Stanford’s No. 4 in the Pac-10 Matt Cosun.

Also out of commission is junior Jeremiah Miller. He won’t wrestle in the 167-pound weight class because he is in the hospital recovering from appendicitis.

“Miller not going is one of our bigggest disappointments,” Cowell said. “He has been our best chance for sending someone to the NCAA.”

Miller finished his season with a 10-6 record.

Freshman Mark Perryman, who has surprised many of his opponents in his first year on the mat, is out because of injury and will not be able to compete. His impressive 14-7 record includes a win over Stanford’s No. 4 in the Pac-10 Matt Cosun.

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