Lecturer slams ASI executive director at board meeting

By Steve Enders
city editor

Wednesday night's ASI meeting began with a bang, as chemistry lecturer Gail Wilson blasted ASI Executive Director Polly Harrigan, demanding she resign from the post.

Wilson said Harrigan is ineffective as an ASI leader. For more than a year, Wilson has repeatedly requested that ASI allow the students to vote whether they want Harrigan as executive director.

"Let the students decide if they want to keep (Harrigan) as their leader," Wilson said.

Wilson, in the meeting's open forum, also demanded that formerly embezzled funds be returned to their proper origins.

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city editor

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The gathering will be in recog­ nition of Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom Hashoa, on April 15. App­ roximately 20 students will read the names of those who lost their lives in the Holocaust during World War II, according to computer science junior and Hillel President iPad Holan.

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Hillel members will be on hand to answer any questions people may have about the Holocaust, he said. Hillel will also present a community-wide forum, also demanded that formerly embezzled funds be returned to their proper origins.

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It was inevitable — the taxman has his eyes on taxing the ‘net

By Elizabeth Weis

Initially, that added computer exchange services to the definition of telecommunication service meant that companies that sold access to the Internet were indeed required to pay a gross receipt tax.

But because the law was written before those before businesses really existed, the department went back to the state Legislature to make sure that’s what it wanted. A hearing on the issue is scheduled for Monday in Tallahassee.

The tax — and the confusion — aren’t restricted to Florida. Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia also impose sales tax on information services, according to R. Scott Greirson, a California lawyer specializing in online taxation issues.

But the field itself is as new that although laws may be on the books, collection is still a haphazard affair. In Austin, Texas, Zilker Internet Park collects both state and municipal sales tax from its customers, as seems to be required by state and local law.

But when asked by a reporter, the director of tax policy for the state, Wade Anderson, said he wasn’t sure whether such services should be collecting taxes.

And that’s only for in-state services. An even larger concern is the question of “nexus,” or taxable presence. If a person in one state gets an online account through an Internet service provider based in another state, and sends messages through connections in several other states, which state has jurisdiction?

Take, for example, the WELL, an Internet service provider based in San Anselmo, Calif., with more than 12,000 subscribers around the world. Finance Vice President Steve Peterson says the company pays sales tax on customer accounts in California because it is based there.

But as far as he can tell, under New York law the WELL should also be paying not only state but county-by-county sales tax on its customers who dial in from New York.

"I'm looking at this thing, thinking I'd have to have a whole department to do that," said Peterson. "It's my nightmare pile."

Meanwhile, the WELL is officially ignoring the issue until someone comes after it. Many other national Internet service providers seem to be doing the same. When asked how they dealt with trans-state sales tax, neither America Online, CompuServe nor Netscape would comment.

Greirson says several years of chaos and court fights will probably need to be cleared before a clear consensus falls into place.

One line on the industry side says Internet commerce should be entirely free from taxes. But many say any new economy and should be left to flower a little longer before the harvest begins.
**Most American voters don't want abortion ban, polls say**

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Bob Dole's placement of President Clinton on the "extremist fringe" for his veto of an anti-abortion bill sharpens battle lines for the 1996 presidential election. But for all the strong rhetoric from both sides, polls show a majority of American voters don't want a ban on abortion.

Dole's sharp comments, made after Clinton vetoed legislation Wednesday to ban partial-birth abortions, could make it harder for him to win support from the political center as he moves beyond the GOP primaries into the general-election campaign.

Asked about Clinton's veto as he campaigned in Pennsylvania late Wednesday, Dole said "It's a mistake. He's out there on the extremist fringe." Dole renewed his contention during a campaign stop Thursday in Memphis, Tenn., saying, "He is out there on the extreme edge." Dole's point was that the bill, which would ban a seldom-used late-term procedure, had considered bipartisan support in Congress — even if not enough to override a veto.

Clinton contended the procedure is sometimes necessary to protect a woman's health or save her life.

The president's veto and the Senate majority leader's cosmetic response are helping propel the entire abortion debate forward as a major fall campaign issue.

The last time Dole used the "extremist" was against anti-abortion GOP rivals Pat Buchanan, whose anti-abortion views Dole largely echoes.

But it's easy to see why Dole, like Buchanan, favors a constitutional ban on abortion, exit polls show most Republican primary voters don't.

A asked, "Should the Republican platform support a constitutional amendment to ban abortion?" 54 percent of GOP primary voters said no and 46 percent said yes — even though such a plank has been in the party platform since 1980. The exit polls were conducted by Voter News Service, a partnership of The Associated Press, ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC.

Despite the poll numbers, many GOP strategists think the abortion issue will be a winning issue for them in November.

In part, that's because anti-abortion organizations plan to target battleground states — mostly in the Midwest — that Clinton carried in 1992 but where anti-abortion support is strong. These include Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri and Pennsylvania.

Clinton's veto angered many Catholics, who have sizeable numbers in those states. "If we deny the humanity of a child as it is being born, whose humanity will be denied next?" Thoughtful Americans should keep this in mind as they ponder their choices on Election Day," Cardinal James A. Hickey, the archbishop of Washington, said in a statement.

Democratic strategists privately concede Clinton needs to carry most of these states to be re-elected and that opposition from Catholics could be a significant problem.

But publicly, they assert Clinton's veto won't cost him many votes, in those states or elsewhere.

"This is an attempt by Republicans to frame the issue away from the issue of choice," where they know they are out on the edge, out of the mainstream," said Ann Lewis, Clinton's deputy campaign manager. "It will not succeed. The president did the right thing in choosing to protect women's health."

The abortion issue is one that can cut both ways politically, and analysts suggest polls don't always tell the whole story.

"People generally say, 'I'm in favor of choice.' But when you ask them about specific restrictions, like parental notification, you see a fair degree of support," said pollster Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press. He guessed "people would probably, on balance, have a hard time with the Clinton veto."

"Abortion is a divisive issue and most people don't feel good about their opinions," Kohut said. He said it was not a good national political issue for either party.

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Down with cheaters!

Editor,

CHEATERS! They're all cheaters! Everyone who cuts across the H-2 parking lot and come out behind the food processing building to avoid the long line of cars waiting for their rightful turn on Highland to Via Carta is cheating. We are all in the same situation — we all need to get to the parking lots on the other side of the creek and we all have to use that lame little bridge to get there. But why do you people think you don't have to wait with everyone else? And what's worse, why do the poor shmucks who dutifully wait in the never-ending line allow these cheaters to get in front of them in line? I urge everyone using the shortcut now to repent and reform. Changing your ways and doing the right thing will do away with a tremendous amount of guilt from your overburdened life. And for all you people who think you're being polite by letting these leaches in line, STOP! Don't be fooled! These people KNOW there are no spaces left in that H-2 lot. They KNOW it's pointless to even look. And they know they can shave a good two minutes off their wait by cheating.

New people of Cal Poly, your good nature is being abused. Yes, we know you were raised better than those other people and yes, you are better than them. But now it is time to teach them a lesson, to give them their dues. DON'T LET THEM IN LINE ANYMORE! Show them you're fed up with this crap. Don't be abused any longer!

Brett MacArthur
Environmental horticulture science senior

Editor,

I am writing to support Jason D. Plemons in his statement concerning the recent, but not infrequent, failure of ASI to get students involved when they deny them a chance to get their name on the election ballot? Some of these eight candidates to not have a space on the ballot.

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Israel attacks Lebanon in retaliation

By Tom F. Ghetti
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli aircraft attacked positions of the Hezbollah guerrilla group in southern Lebanon on Thursday, firing rockets across the Lebanon-Syria border, Lebanon's state news agency said.

The airstrikes were in retaliation for rocket attacks by Hezbollah guerrillas on Israel's government spokesman Uri Foa said reports from the U.N. mission in Lebanon spoke of "tremendous looting" and that it appeared leaders of the war were calling in help from their own fighters.

U.N. sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said some peacekeepers, particularly those from the Philippines, were reportedly involved in helping to put down the fighting at the U.S. Embassy compound. At least 35 countries had joined the peacekeeping force by Thursday morning.

The highest number from any one country was 189 from Lebanon. About 400 Americans remain in Lebanon, mostly because street fighting has forced embassies to move from getting to the embassy compound.

Defense Secretary William Perry told reporters at a Pentagon briefing that the evacuation of U.S. citizens was going smoothly despite the chaos.

"Most of those American citizens have gathered at the embassy and we're lifting them out from the embassy compound. Quite a few citizens are still at other locations in the city and those who want to be lifted out are now redlooping to the embassy and we will be prepared to lift them out from there," Perry said.

As a result of the crisis the U.S. evacuation from Lebanon continued.

"They were given the orders to come to this airport. This morning," U.S. Army Maj. Lew Boone said, "we were talking about a steaming time of seven to eight days."

Israel identified the ships heading from the Adriatic Sea as the USS Guam, USS Tortuga and USS Port Royal and said they would provide the helicopters with advanced air-to-air self-defense capabilities and medical facilities for evacuation.

Liberia's only international airport has been destroyed.

The 7-year-old war involving Arab states and Lebanon has killed more than 150,000 people in the five-year-old conflict, founded in 1982 by freed American slaves. It has left at least half the country's 2.3 million people homeless.

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Lebanon's prime minister, Rafik Hariri, said the Israeli attack was "the most important, most crucial, most important day for Lebanon in 14 years ago to recent Palestinian guerrillas.

The attacks came after a gunship had hit a car that was suspected of carrying Israeli soldiers in a helicopter gunship attack on Tuesday.

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By NyMoti Alison

at an adjacent highway rest stop a woman passenger was killed and another woman was wounded when her car was damaged by a rocket fired by Hezbollah guerrillas.

"We will chase them everywhere and we will stop at nothing to make them stop their aggression against us," Israeli government spokesman Doreen said in Jerusalem.

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LACROSSE: The team has nine players and a goalie on field during play.

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"The hitting comes from the field. We are doing everything right and playing good defense," LeGoy said, "but it is a bit of an uphill battle." After the Northridge series, the team has a big learning form. "I'm probably a marked guy. This is a big learning form. Hopefully, I'll become a better player and a better person. Everybody makes mistakes."

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Van Exel's suspension began Wednesday night, when the coach beat theTechnical Problem. "We should play for the Fresno State series, but we are going to have to work hard and not let him miss next game," Arthur added. "He deserves the opportunity to play."

The first two games of the Mustangs' lineup after breaking his nose in the first game of the series against Northridge last weekend. In the fourth inning, Neal pinch hit and then stayed in to play right field. He went 2-for-3, with two RBIs and two runs.

Neal says he'll be ready to play for the Fresno State series, but he'll have to have his nose reset during an operation next week. The operation will likely cause him to miss next weekend's series against Sacramento State.

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Death sentence for stabbing withheld

By Bob Egelko

SAN FRANCISCO — The state Supreme Court upheld the death sentence Thursday of a Sacramento man who fatally stabbed a later-wounded, during a 1987 gas station robbery, then kid­

napped and raped a woman two weeks later.

The justly unanimously rejected defense arguments that Pedro Arias’ right to a fair trial was violated by some of the prosecutors’ comments and by Arias’ own behavior, including his tearing off his shirt and pants in front of the judge. Arias said he was forced to disrupt the trial when the judge refused to let him leave the court.

Arias, then 24, drove to a south Sacramento gas station with a friend in May 1987 after drinking all day. After the friend grabbed a 12-pack of beer and ran out, Arias pulled a knife on a clerk and demanded money from

the cash register, the clerk said. When another clerk, John Waltrip Jr., 22, came out from a back room, Arias spun around and stabbed him in the stomach, the court said.

Two weeks later, Arias got into a freeway collision with another car, then kidnapped the driver at gunpoint, took her jewelry and bank cards, and raped her in a field, the court said. She managed to escape, half naked, while he was waiting in line to use a bank card. Police were called and chased Arias down. The woman told officers Arias said he had killed some­

one. Arias was sentenced to prison for the rapes and sentenced to death for the murder. The jury found he had intended to kill, rejecting his testimony that he had stabbed Waltrip by reflex after being grabbed. Friends and relatives testified that Arias was neglected as a child and was introduced to drugs and crime by a brother at an early age. A defense psychiatrist said Arias showed signs of brain damage, possibly from his mother’s drinking during pregnancy and his own drug use. A prosecution neurologist found signs of brain damage.

During the trial, Arias’ lawyer told Superior Court Judge Allen Fields that the defendant ob­

jected to the prosecution’s tactics and wanted to leave court. Fields refused even after Arias said he would disrupt the proceedings. Arias removed some of his clothes, repeatedly clicked his handcuffs together, and even­

tually stripped down to his under­

shorts before Fields called a recess.

After reviewing a recent state Supreme Court decision, the judge told Arias he could sign a daily waiver to be absent from the trial. Arias stayed out for several days, then returned for the rest of the trial. In his ap­

peal, defense lawyers argued that Fields, by refusing to excuse Arias immediately, prompted ac­

tions that prejudiced the jury and violated Arias’ rights. But the Supreme Court said Fields had not forced the disruption and had merely kept the trial going briefly while he studied the issue.

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ISRAEL: Attacks ‘will only lead to more violence’

Herzbollah said “residential buildings” were struck in the Bir el-Abd and Haret Freik neighborhoods, and denied the party’s headquarters were hit.

Guerrillas blocked people from entering the command cen­

ter, but there were no signs of destruction visible from the out­

side.

A seven-story building hous­

ing Hezbollah’s main decision­

making body, and the homes of its top leaders are also located in the stricken neighborhoods. It was not clear whether they were hit.

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"Warning. Squeaky clean.”
Mustangs wallop Westmont
The Cal Poly baseball team came alive Wednesday night driving in 17 runs

By Greg Manifold
Daily tobacco cow Daily.

The Cal Poly baseball team delivered the ultimate birthday present to head coach Ritch Price Wednesday night with a 17-1 victory over Westmont at San Luis Obispo Stadium.

The win moved Cal Poly back to the .500 level, with an overall record of 17-17, 7-10 in league play.

The Mustangs used 26 players in an attempt to give everyone some playing time. Cal Poly batters combined for 18 hits for the evening, sending 10 batters to the plate in the inning, sending eight batters in the fourth inning, and nine batters in the fifth, seventh and eighth innings.

All seven Cal Poly pitchers put in a good performance, only allowing seven hits while walking three batters.

Mike Lee started for the Mustangs and allowed the only run of the game for Westmont. Kevin Mohr came on to pitch the second inning and lasted until the fourth inning in relief of Lee. He was credited with the win despite only working two innings. Mohr improved his record to 1-1.

Claus Snooken pitched until the start of the 14th inning, striking out four batters and allowing two hits. Wesley Faust, Jeff Wall, Ken Dolan, and Matt Brady all pitched one inning in relief for the Mustangs, each allowing only one hit.

"This game was needed to give us the opportunity to run our freshman (pitchers) out there so they have a chance to execute everything they've been doing in their bullpen workouts," Price said.

Westmont used six pitchers, to no avail. Steve Bajari got the loss for Westmont, lasted three innings, allowed four runs, and walked five batters.

Cal Poly left fielder Jon Macalutas led all Mustangs batters going 4-for-4 on the night, with a home run, three singles, 3 RBIs and two runs scored.

Macalutas is closing in on breaking the Cal Poly record for career hits. His four hits on Wednesday night moved his career hits to 220. He is only six hits behind all-time Cal Poly leader.

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Lacrosse heads for playoffs
By Jeff Deadi
Daily tobacco cow Daily.

Tough, talented and competitive is how to describe the Cal Poly Men's Lacrosse Club.

Heading for the playoffs this weekend with an overall record of 9-1, the team has made a lot of improvement from last year's record of 11-4.

This year we are a more competitive team," Coach Jon LeGoy said. "The other teams are now gunning for us."

Captain Adam Stowe, a business senior, said this is by far the best record the team has had in the past six years.

"The coach has contributed a lot to the success of the team. But it is also because of the bigger numbers," Stowe said, referring to the 52 players that make up the lacrosse roster.

Tough is a way to describe the physical side of the lacrosse team, as hitting is as much apart of the game as it is in hockey.

Stowe said the average player takes about five or six good hits a game from the other team, but also dishes out about the same.

Body checking is allowed, LeGoy said, if you go strictly for the ball, but it has to be within five yards of the players.

"There are a number of different checks a player can use," LeGoy said. "But we try to use a lot of picks."

With all the hitting going on in a game, players must wear a helmet with a chin strap and a mouth piece. They also use shoulder pads and gloves along with a stick that has a pocket for cradling.

Cradling is when you move your wrist back and forth to keep the ball in the net pocket.

With the style of coaching LeGoy brought to Cal Poly two years ago, the array of talent on the team has increased.

LeGoy said he coaches his players to move the ball around as much as possible, quick passing is the style of play he likes to see.

"If a player takes more than three steps with the ball, he has held it too long," LeGoy said. "I tell them to let the ball do the work."

"Cal Poly has been fortunate. Talent came to Poly for academics first and lacrosse second," LeGoy said.

Approximately one out of three players come to Cal Poly with high school experience in lacrosse, Stowe said.

Stowe added the team is a close-knit bunch that gets along well on and off the field and has bright hopes for the future.

"I think we will keep getting better," Stowe said. "We should be an extremely competitive team in Division I in 4-5 years."

Lacrosse is an old Native American war game played between different tribes.

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Van Excel's apology skips referee
By John Held
Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Nick Van Exel apologized to just about everyone, every coach he had a problem with Thursday with one notable exception — referee Ron Garretson.

Otherwise, the third-year Los Angeles Laker point guard was contrite when discussing his suspension for shoving Garretson onto the scorer's table Tuesday night in Denver, although he said he thought seven games was probably too severe.

"No, no," Van Exel said during a Forum news conference when asked if he would apologize to Garretson, whom he hit with his left forearm during a timeout with 2:33 remaining in a 98-91 loss. "I would expect an apology from him. If he apologizes then I'll apologize to him."

Speaking for the first time since the incident, Van Exel made it clear his behavior was unacceptable, but he also said he had a history with Garretson.

"Behind the scenes, me and him have been going at it for three years," Van Exel said. "I couldn't walk away. I didn't. I didn't go back to him. I didn't go back to touch him. It shouldn't have gone that far."

Van Exel, 24, went after Garretson after being hit with a pair of technical fouls during an on-court mid-game ejection.

"I said, 'Good call, good call,' that's exactly what I said. He gave me a technical," Van Exel recalled. "I know that wasn't right. I think everybody understands it doesn't make any sense to me."

The promotion was moved swiftly, handing down the seven-game suspension and a league record $25,000 fine Wednesday.

The penalties came less than three weeks after Dennis Rodman was fined $20,000 and suspended six games for head-butting an official.

"First of all, I would like to apologize to everyone in the Laker organization, starting with Jerry (Buss, the owner)," Van Exel said to start the 10-minute news conference. "I've already apologized to my teammates."

"I think I made a big mistake. I'm paying for it. It definitely won't happen again."

Van Exel went on to apologize to his teammates and fans, "especially the little kids. I'm really disappointed, I know I let a lot of kids down. I know I've let the whole team down."

At one point, he said, "Who else?"

Rod Thorn, the NBA's director of league operations, said Van Exel would have been suspended for seven games even if that meant missing part of the playoffs. Coincidentally, the Laker had played just one game in the regular season at the time.

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