Richard Porter said he's running for Congress because the legislative body is corrupt and the root of the nation's problems is from inside Congress. Porter also said that the two-party system is corrupt. His reason for seeking a Congressional seat, according to a press release/campaign statement, is "to give the people a viable 'centrist' alternative to Democratic and Republican 'politics as usual.'" As a native Californian who lives in San Simeon, Porter claims a special affinity for our state and the Central Coast in particular. He has served in the U.S. Army and describes an extensive background in education. He has more than 20 years teaching and management experience in California's public schools and is currently employed as an educational consultant. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern California and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara for 32 years. Capps, a Santa Barbara resident, decided to run as the Democratic candidate for Congress again, after losing to Andrea Seastrand by 1,500 votes two years ago, to.

Steve Wheeler has the same matter-of-fact manner whether he's discussing his love of surfing or his disdain for politics-as-usual. Wheeler, running for congress as an independent in the 22nd District, said his campaign features "politics of accountability, as opposed to politics of electability." Unlike his main opponent, Republican incumbent Andrea Seastrand and Democratic challenger Walter Capps, Wheeler receives no Political Action Committee money.

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MUSEings is a new literary journal on the web, which showcases works written by Cal Poly women. There will be some enlightening information about the history of women at Poly. And of course, I want poetry, essays and short stories written by women on campus, said English senior Trisha Ginsburg, who is compiling MUSEings as her senior project.

Pat Harris, coordinator of Women's Programs and Services, said, "MUSEings will add to and enrich Cal Poly's environment...Since Cal Poly is still in many ways male-dominated, MUSEings is a place where women's voices can be heard."

Ginsburg said having such a place is important and in demand, "I am amazed at how many people have come out of the woodwork to tell me that they have a story to tell, or a poem to submit," Ginsburg said. "I was the only woman for quite some time in the Amateur Radio Club, and more than once I wished for another woman to be there. Just because you feel overwhelmed sometimes, like you need to have someone who understands what you're going through."

Ginsburg has gotten varied feedback about her decision to make the journal primarily just for women, "I have had comments from people on both sides of the arguing women who feel discriminated against, and women who argue that they should not have to apologize for wanting a forum of their own. Do men apologize for having a men's baseball team?"

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"I think (Ginsburg) is on the cutting edge of technology. "That's very exciting. Traditionally women have been left out with technologies."

The inaugural issue of MUSEings will be available by January. Because it is on the web, it may be accessed nationwide.

"Not many people can get published by a national magazine — it's a great way to do it," Harris said.

Ginsburg got the idea for the journal two years ago when taking a class on women writers.

"We learned about other campuses with a strong female presence, and how most of those schools have journals or stories and ideas which women contribute to," Ginsburg said. "I knew about Byzantium, the English department's literary magazine, but we don't have any forum unique to the experiences of women."

"The journal will focus on women," Ginsburg said. "It's a forum of women."

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Porter outlined the changes he would make in our nation's education system, "We need to keep accurate records of what is happening in our schools," Porter said. "I see a different role for the Department of Education. It needs to be teacher-centered rather than administration-centered."

He said that three categories of reform are the issues he considers most important: political, congressional and fiscal reform.

The order these problems are addressed is significant. Porter said that political reform, especially campaign finance reform, is the first step in "achieving serious change in the Congress."

Next, Porter said that dramatic changes in Congressional policy, procedures and practices is needed to deal with the "critical problems of our economy.

The economy is of special and primary interest to Porter. He describes himself as a vigorous supporter of "the free enterprise system as a foundation of American society." Porter also supports campaign finance reform, especially limiting special interest contributions.

"I have received no offers of special interest money, nor would I accept any," Porter said.

But it is not only fiscal reform for candidates and campaigns that he is concerned about. Porter is interested in responsible spending for the country and government.

Porter said that the "fiscally irresponsible behavior of Congressional leaders of both major parties has caused the country with a national debt of devastating populations."

However, Porter does not support the "Balanced Budget Amendment. The Constitutional amendment is not necessary and is merely a "fog leaf" developed and used by irresponsible incumbent politicians to cover their failure to make the hard choices needed to deal with the nation's fiscal crisis."

Instead, Porter said he supports the nonpartisan Concord Coalition and its "Zero Deficit Plan."

Porter also supports Proposition 209, because, as he explains, "it outlaws discrimination of any kind."

Porter has strong opinions on illegal immigration, also.

"We should stop illegal immigration by any reasonable means," Porter said. "We should deport to give a clear signal that will not tolerate illegal immigration."

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Crew team in trouble, owes money to ASI

By Shoshono Hebshi
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly Crew Team may not operate this year if it does not begin to pay back a 4-year-old loan from ASI. The Crew Team ended in 1995-96 with a $7,027 deficit and do not have the funds to repay ASI the $5,000 it borrowed to buy a boathouse.

ASI discussed different options in dealing with the team at Wednesday's meeting.

According to Ashby, ASI put the payment until next year when the team will begin payment on the loan over another 15 years.

The debt will cost ASI $18,328 for this year and an additional $10,000 every year after if the team continues operation. On the other hand, if the team discontinues operation and is liquidating its assets, the total fiscal impact on ASI would amount to $70,475.

That figure includes $50,000 for the loan and about $20,000 to reimburse the team's Morro Bay boathouse to its original state, Ashby said.

Dick Johnson, ASI's associate executive director, said when the team originally received the loan the organization was different.

"At that time they were the most visible, viable club on campus," he recalled. "They were in severe financial danger and may not even compete this year.

"The board made a very long-term assessment decision when they loaned that money for the boathouse," Johnson said.

He said he wasn't surprised that the loan didn't transfer through ASI properly back then because it didn't have the management and approval systems they have now.

Board member Rachel Raymond said ASI shouldn't cease the team's operation.

"I believe that putting the crew team would be retroactive because we didn't set any guidelines for them to follow," she said.

Members of the team presented ASI with a 1996-97 Action Plan, a revised budget and an inventory of their assets as of Oct. 21, 1996.

The team members proposed that while they work on raising funds, they put on a year's probation in order to repay the debt, and suspend the boathouse loan for a year to obtain a goal for no deficit at the end of the year.

"We do have a sponsor already for $11,000," said the team's president, Angelyn Tracy. "There are others in the wings ready for us to approach them."

She reported that each team member will also generate $500 for down fund raising and other means. The team still has to start paying (the loan) this year because of all the stuff that's come out. We're trying to find a way to deal with the best that we can," she added.

ASI Board member, Sam Reid, proposed that ASI take $3,333 out of the team's budget now to begin paying off the debt.

Coordinator of sport clubs at the Rec Center, Amy Iben, made a few points on the issue.

"The team already has fixed expenses (the coach and insurance), a total of $29,000 that they have to make, she said.

"In addition to that, if they want to be active, they have to come up with a total of $41,000," she added. "An extra $3,333 is a great amount that they would have to come up with."

She said that ASI needs to make a decision quick.

"The biggest concern that I have is that it's the end of October and they have not yet been able to operate," she said.

"If we want to come any expenses any sort of this year, we have to either allow them to operate, or say, 'That's it, I'm sorry.'"

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WHEELER: Wants a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget

By Ann Voigt
Campus News

SACRAMENTO — When Zero Population Growth began an organization in 1965 — dedicated to slowing the rapid growth in the world's population — the population of the earth was estimated at 3.549 billion.

Today's estimates say the world population has almost doubled — to approximately 5.8 billion. And Zero Population Growth statistics state the global population is to grow at a rate of 250,000 people per day.

The Zero Population Growth organization of today — 55,000 members and 2500 chapters in the United States — still focuses on the impact of rapid population growth, but has expanded its concerns to include wasteful consumption.

Traffic jams, global warming, urban sprawl, polluted water and air, overflowing garbage dumps and poverty are all cause in one way or another by the multiplying numbers of people on this planet, according to Peter H. Kostmayer, Executive Director of the organization.

"It doesn't end affirmative action programs, it extends their scope. I support, for example, admissions to universities based on academic merit rather than race and gender," Wheeler is opposed to illegal immigration.

"I support Republicans-introduced legislation that was passed concerning illegal immigration. It's taxing our resources pretty substantially and we need to stop it," Wheeler said.

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The Congressional race for the 22nd District has become one of the most hotly contested races in the country. Jabs have been thrown and this Tuesday voters will get the final say in who gets their vote. Mustang Daily is going out on a limb and endorsing independent candidate Steve Wheeler.

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By Brad Davis

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"There are only two of us in this race really," Capps said of the six-candidate race. "I don't think I'm doing the polling and we know, so it's between Seastrand and me."

"It hasn't had the experience, but I don't think you need that kind of experience. You don't have to be a politician to function well in government. It's good if there's a veteran's right to choose."

people on campus tell me there are mixed feelings about him as a politician.

"He's down-home and non-polished as compared to his competitors."

"Running for that seat you have to come out running hard and you can't waste any time," the law and society senior said.

However, O'Connell said that despite his lack of political experience, Capps would make a strong representative for the district. "He is much more mainstream than his opponent," said O'Connell, a friend of Capps' for 15 years. "There would be a learning curve for him, but he's a very intelligent man and a veteran of helping many candidates."

the political sphere. Once his class received national recognition, people like Sen. Robert Kerrey and other veterans who had become political leaders visited Capps. From there, politics crept into his life, whether by testifying before Congressional committees or helping Sen. Jack O'Connell (D-San Luis Obispo) get elected.

But Capps said educating will always be his first calling.

Russell Barthold, president of U.C.S.B.'s Associated Students, said that may be a drawback for Capps.

"Capps is unique because he is strong on education and has a grass-roots campaign," he said of the 1,000-volunteer committee, many of which are U.C.S.B. students. "He is a very good person that gets people on campus tell me there are mixed feelings about him as a politician."

"We are going to remain neutral as a university because of Capps' opinion on abortion, said Garajedaghi, a 1993 U.C.S.B. graduate. "It is really young to want to follow along the same path," Capps said referring to his students.

Capps said his class not only allowed him to meet thousands of students, but also exposed him to things he had to say."

"The whole point of this is to open the door for other people who I know are watching me and who want to follow along the same path," Capps said referring to his students.

More than 800 students in his class have written to the Department of Education because education is his first calling, doesn't support student loan cuts

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“Everyone who wants to go to school should be able to get money for it through grants, scholarships or student aid,” she said. “For those who don’t go to college, there should be apprenticeships available for them. The future is in our kids.”

Also a pro-choice supporter, Tomastik said she believes improving education will have a ripple effect and help in other areas such as abortion.

“Abortion will be reduced through education not legislation,” she said.

Tomastik believes in the ideals of affirmative action. She said if it were modified and did not include quotas, she would support it.

“Everyone should have an equal opportunity,” she said. “What we really need is equal opportunity without the enforcement.”

Tomastik has mixed feelings about Proposition 215, which legalizes the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes, but believes there is a possibility it could be successful.

“If people could be responsible with it, I think it could work,” she said.

Environmental issues are also important to the Natural Law Party. She said they believe sustainable agriculture exists and farmers should not use pesticides and other hazardous chemicals on their crops. She blames subsidizing by the government for that.

“Farmers are poisoning our land, food and water,” she said. “There are common-sense applications out there.”

Tomastik said she is running for office not for power, but because she has lost faith in today’s government.

“Politicians and people are not concerned,” she said. “People and I am a concerned citizen,” she said. “It’s up to me to jump in and get it back.”

She said citizens need to become educated on what is available to them and act responsibly by voting.

“They’re giving up their voice if they don’t vote,” she said. She also encouraged voters to vote with their conscience. She said people want change, which is courageous.

Tomastik said if she doesn’t win she will continue educating people about the party.

“This is the beginning. This has taught me what has to be done,” she said. “I’m going to keep going for the next two years to educate people for the next election.”

Tomastik lives in San Luis Obispo with her 10-year-old daughter.

BERSONH: Does not support affirmative action

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“I have the right to my body as long as I don’t abuse anyone else’s,” he added.

He does not support affirmative action because he believes in a level playing field.

“I don’t believe in a tilted playing field,” he said. “Government should act like a referee in the game and not say ‘You are not sharing the ball.’ (Affirmative action) has already backfired. It stigmatizes people in the targeted groups.”

He explained that when people succeed, a question arises how they got there.

“I would like to see a law that at least mention race of gender at all,” Bersohn said.

He added that it takes away from those who might be better qualified.

“It’s just taking one side of the story. What about the people who have the credentials who have been left in the dust?” he said. “Entitlement should run on initial merit. I don’t want there to be mention of gender in the laws.”

He said that important issues with college students are job prospects and their personal libraries, including free sexual judgment as far as one’s sexual preference and freedom on the internet.

Bersohn said people have the right to do what they want with their bodies.

Bersohn also takes a strong position when it comes to students’ loans.

“I don’t believe in financial aid,” he said. “Education is the responsibility of the parents or student.”

He said he is for privatizing education because there are more benefits.

“There is a lot more experimentation and less bureaucracy,” Bersohn said. “In the last several decades we have hugely increased the expenses without the increasing the quality of product outcome, but that is typical of when government runs the section.”

He said he is for a 100 percent tax-credit education, which means that, for example, instead of getting an IRS bill of $5,000 at the end of the year you would have a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for education.

“Neither should people ask for handouts nor should the government take your money,” he said.

Bersohn said people might not agree, but it is a principal approach to minimizing the government agenda of repressing or stifling the public’s desires.

“I think the main problem with financial subsidies of any sort, including scholarships for education, is that if they do not pay back money, they will come to your house and take possessions away or the money is obtained by force or violence,” Bersohn said.

He added that the government should protect people from initiation of force.

He said he thinks the country’s immigration laws at the turn of century were effective.

“We did not have in place the degenerate social welfare state,” Bersohn said. “We did not coddlle them in the language of their choice.”

He said we have made two mistakes with immigration. The first is the enactment of the social welfare system and the second is excluding immigrants and running a “police state” on the borders.

“A new wave of xenophobia has formed on the Left and Right side of the political spectrum,” he said. “People say we can not afford them, but what we can not afford is the expensive social welfare state. We need immigrants.

He is pro-choice, but said he is in favor of the taxpayers’ freedom not to subsidize an act they might feel is murder.

Gary Kirkland, a Libertarian running for State Assembly, said Bersohn would make a wonderful representative.

“He has a level head, is well educated, he will do what he’s says he will,” Kirkland said.

As far as his opponents are concerned Bersohn said, “I wish people would look beneath the rhetoric or slandered advertisements and ask themselves if this person stands for my personal freedom and my economic issues. Listen to where the candidates take a stand, if they do at all.”

In his free time, Bersohn welds recycled and raw materials for sculptures. He is working in the Johnson Gallery on Marsh Street. He is also a landlord of two properties in the area.

JOURNAL: Hosting a logo design contest

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History senior Lisa Zimmerman, who works as a student assistant in the women’s studies office, said, “I think that any journal that deals with women’s issues is something needed at Cal Poly.”

Ginsburg said she wants MUSEings to be “a positive thing.”

“I can explore my own feelings and emotions and experiences without ripping on guys,” Ginsburg said. “I just think there is too much garbage out there in the world...it would be great to clear our minds and write a poem

and share it.”

All women on campus — staff, students and faculty — are invited to submit poems as well as essays and short stories. The deadline for written submissions is November 22 at 5 p.m.

There is a MUSEings logo design contest with a $25 prize for the winner. The deadline for logos is November 13.

Information sheets for both contests can be obtained by women in the studies department (47-2534), the English department (47-3209) or in the Women’s Center (U2217).
ZPG: Congress cut international family planning

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Kostmayer said that there has been a leading proponent of this service and had been the greatest contributor," he said.

"The U.S. has been a leading sponsor and now the U.S. is backing out," she said.

Stabilizing the population over the world, according to Kostmayer, can help reduce immigration pressures. 

"We can speculate - the planet has a maximum, but we are far from exceeding it. Resources are not evenly shared and that is the area that should be of greater concern," she said.

Seastrand said that Seastrand's focus is balancing the federal budget. She has said she wants to get the government off of "credit-card spending" to eliminate interest and cut the deficit.

"Why would I be against child asking for a raise in education?" Seastrand said. "Let's say the child receives $10 a week and asks his parents if he could start getting $20. The parents negotiate and say well give you $15. It's a cut, but it's still a raise."

She voted to eliminate the Perkins Loan Program, a federal loan program:

"The Perkins Loan seems to be diminishing while work-study programs appear to be increasing," Spady said.

"None of the students who have been out of school for years seem to think of it (education)?" Seastrand said. "Let's say the Perkins Program would be better if we had a Perkins Program for everyone who is out of school for years."

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Student filing petition with Cal Poly

By Jaime Borosi
Daily Staff Writer

A Cal Poly student is in the midst of filing a petition with the university after falling into a creek bed in order to dodge two trucks.

Holt said two reckless drivers in large trucks rapidly approached him. The trucks were coming from the parking lot in front of the rodeo where his car was parked.

Holt said the trucks were driving crazy, burning rubber and playing around with each other, he said.

"I was afraid they were going to run me over. I didn’t want to take a chance so I thought I would just step aside and let them go by.”

Because of the darkness, Holt hadn’t realized that he had been walking on a bridge.

With the intention of clearing the path for the trucks, Holt said he stepped off the bridge and fell approximately 10 feet ending up in the creek bed.

"I was totally in shock,” Holt said, "I didn’t know what had happened.”

There was no railing along the sides of the bridge to break Holt’s fall.

The campus police activity log for October 16 confirms that a personal injury report was filed by Holt at 9:02 p.m. at the rodeo unit.

Ed Johnson, energy and utilities coordinator was unaware of the incident but confirmed that no hand rail exists along the bridge and the area is not lit at night.

The same night Holt went to the emergency room where X-rays ruled out any broken bones. However, Holt said he suffered pain to his upper thigh which prevented him from working for the next five days.

The drivers of the trucks continued on their way without stopping to check Holt’s condition. Due to the darkness, Holt remains unsure that the drivers ever saw him.

"I don’t think that they purposely ran me off the road," Holt said, "at the time I just didn’t want to take any chances,” he said.

Holt cannot specifically identify the two trucks or the drivers he saw two weeks ago. "They sounded like those diesel utility trucks,” he said.

Holt is in the process of filing a petition with the State of California. He wants to see the university install lights in the area where his accident occurred.

"At the bottom, bottom line I want lights,” he said.

They need to put lights there if it is normal parking. It’s really dangerous, any number of things could happen.”

Holt also mentioned his concern that a dangerous grate invisible in the dark has to be crossed in order to reach the parking lot.

"There are six inches between the bars on the grate, you can step right through,” he said.

Cal Poly Risk Manager, Joe Risser said he reads the claims that are filed against the campus. He then makes recommendations to the associate vice president of administration and finance regarding ways to resolve the problem, and lessen potential risks.

According to Risser, discussions to reroute a portion of Highland drive are taking place. If construction is put into action, lights would be installed over the area where the creek crosses the road.

Risser said though that a sign located at the Corner of Highland Dr. and Rodeo Road is clearly visible and warns that there is no lighting in the area after dark.

Environmental Health and Safety Manager David Ragsdale said that when cases reach his desk, he investigates and then assesses the scene for potential hazards that don’t comply with environmental safety regulations.

If and when he receives the claim for this case he will access the damage.