President, Chair salaries to jump nearly $4,000

Other ASI officers will also see more money, as will the U.U. renovation

ASI Officer Stipends

Next year, the six paid ASI officers will receive stipends that better reflect those of officers at other CSU campuses.

The president and chair of the board will receive an annual stipend of $9,000 apiece. For many years, they each made $5,040.

The executive vice president, vice chair, and the vice presidents of finance and operations will each receive $5,600, which is raised from $3,000. The stipends will increase by five percent each year, and will be reviewed every three years.

Even though Cal Poly has the second largest associated students

Arun Gandhi visits SLO, spreads word of peace

Arun Gandhi was an insistent 16-year-old. Without restraint, he barged into meetings between his grandfather, Mahatma Gandhi, and high-profile world leaders. Arun demanded free autographs from his grandfather, who had been selling his signature to raise money. Gently, Mahatma would cover Arun’s mouth and hold him close.

Arun Gandhi has a wealth of stories from the 18 childhood months he spent with his grandfather in India. He recounted these and other stories to a standing-room-only audience at Unity Church, the CSU campus.

Gandhi threaded the non-violence philosophy throughout his presentation. His grandfather had used non-violence to gain India’s freedom from British control.

Likewise, his father ingrained the message in him. While in the city with his father one day, Gandhi was so caught up in a John Wayne double feature, he was an hour late meeting his father. His father caught him lying about the movie and proceeded to walk home 18 miles through dark sugarcane fields. Gandhi followed behind his father in the car for five and a half hours.

Fifty years later, he said the story gets cold chills from that day.

Gandhi, born and raised in South Africa, also remembers the beatings from both whites and blacks in the country’s harsh, apartheid atmosphere of the 1940s.

His experiences in India and South Africa have motivated him to create India’s Center for Social Unity, which battles against poverty and caste discrimination. In addition, Gandhi travels worldwide spreading the non-violence message.

He once spoke to 72 gang leader students get their goods from the Campus Tent, until the store’s reopening.

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Renowned Chicana writer, poet shares her story with Poly audience

By Jose Garcia
Daily Staff Writer

Funky Engaging Personal Michelle Serres is that all and a bag of pork rinds.

Positively (chicharrones in Spanish) are Serres' favorite treat. Engaging personal is her cooking her. This was a selection of writing by using her comic word is her accomplishment.

Serres' book “Blood on the Wednesday in the Business Building Rotunda, Serres read a variety of stories which dealt with such topics as identity, family and her upbringing in Oxnard.

Her performance was the third in a Chicana series presented by KCPR, the ethnic studies department and several other groups. Serres' book wrote two books that have become required reading in colleges throughout the Southwest. She is currently under a five-year contract with spoken word record "Almond /Alamy/Mercury Records."

Although she is classified as a Chicana writer, her work captures what New York City's "Village Voice" calls "the pressures and yearnings of people living in her area in America." She started her two-hour presenta-

tion reading a story, "Dead Pig's Revenge," of crunky chichar-
rones that have become required reading in colleges throughout the Southwest. She is currently under a five-year contract with spoken word record "Almond /Alamy/Mercury Records."

While Serres was attending Ventura College for "years" as she put it, she said her English teach-

ers used to tell her that she had to travel in order to succeed. She took their advice, but when she returned from her English trips, the urge to write about the grossly knotty of England or the Eiffel Tower didn't inspire her to write.

She finally realized where her passion for writing was resting; her old neighborhood in Oxnard, her family and her old neighborhood. It took one tragic event to get her started.

"When my mother passed away I got the courage to write," Serres said.

Student kills one in cafeteria; two bodies found at home

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. - In a room behind the counter, a man and a woman - 

Frighteningly familiar, a student expelled for having a gun returned Thursday night and shot himself in the head. He was the boy's parents.

"It was like a man and a woman," said Jerry Smith "His motive, what he was thinking about, his motive, what caused him to do that - we're a long way from there," Smith said.

Police identified the suspect as Kipland P. Kinkel, who had been arrested, expelled and released to his parents' custody a day earlier on a charge of possession of a stolen firearm. Police said he had been in trouble for throwing rocks at cars from a highway overpass.

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April tax surge puts government on track for first surplus since 1969

By Steve Skidmore

WASHINGTON - The government reported a record $124.6 billion budget surplus in April, virtually ensuring the year will finish in the black for the first time since Richard Nixon's first year in the White House.

Tax revenue flooded federal coffers, much of it paid on capital gains realized from the soaring stock market. As a result, the month's surplus easily soared past the previous record $93.9 billion, set in April 1997.

Budget receipts more than doubled from $117.9 billion in March to $261 billion in April, topping the April 1997 record by $32.4 billion.

"Expenditures have actually been running a bit below projections. Health care costs have been lower than forecast," said economist David Wyss of DRI-McGraw Hill in Lexington, Mass.

"But the big thing is tax revenues are higher. Some of that is because incomes have done better than expected, but more of it is because of the strong market," he said.

The Dow Jones average of industrial stocks jumped 23 percent last year, and the broader Standard & Poor's 500 Index surged 31 percent. In April, when most individuals paid taxes owed for 1997, income tax payments totaled $158.3 billion.

April receipts got a one-time boost of $3.2 billion from the sale of the Elk Hills Naval Petroleum Reserve in California.

With seven months of the fiscal year gone, the budget is $54.7 billion in surplus, compared with a deficit of $17.2 billion for the corresponding period of fiscal 1997.

Economists expect the government to about break even for the rest of the budget year, which ends Sept. 30. An inflow of quarterly tax payments probably will turn June and September into surplus months while May, July and August should show deficits.

If accurate, that would put the 1998 surplus in the $50 billion range compared with a $22 billion deficit in 1997 and the red-ink record of $289.4 billion.

It would be the first annual surplus since the government made a dent in the deficit in 1969. Without adjusting for inflation, it would easily beat the largest annual surplus ever, $11.8 billion in 1948, when the government made a dent in the debt accumulated during World War II. The 1948 surplus amounts to $841 billion in 1997 dollars and in 1969's, $14 billion.

Although the Clinton administration's last official projection, issued in February, forecast a $10 billion deficit in 1998, the Congressional Budget Office this month forecast a surplus of $43 billion in $58 billion.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., told reporters Thursday the figure probably is too small. Based on a conversation with a junior member of the House Budget Committee, Rep. Mark Neumann, R-Wis., Gingrich said he expects a $100 billion surplus.

Additional surpluses are expected over the next several years, but debate in Congress over what to do with the money has left financial markets unsettled and probably has kept long-term interest rates higher than they would be otherwise, said economist James Glassman of Chase Securities Inc. in New York.

In April, spending totaled $282.4 billion and for the fiscal year through April, $971.1 billion, up 3.2 percent from the corresponding period of 1997. The $1.03 trillion in revenue for the first seven months represents an 11.1 percent increase over the year-earlier period.

Progress in restoring pages and satellite-linked devices

By Denise Levitre

GREENWICH, Conn. — Pagers and other communications devices are becoming more common, but there is little return to normal Thursday as a satellite company worked to restore service after an outage halted instant communication for millions.

The majority of the nation's 45 million pagers were working again, while pay-at-the-pump service was being restored at the rate of more than one station per minute.

PanAmSat, the Greenwich-based owner of the satellite, said that by Thursday afternoon it had provided capacity for almost all of its customers on other satellites. Those customers, which include paging companies, business networks and radio and television stations, were in the process of adjusting their antennas to the other satellites. Full service was expected to be restored by early next week.

At PageNet, the largest pager service in the country, 85 percent of its 10.4 million customers had working beepers by Thursday afternoon, said spokesman Scott Baradell.

SkyTel, based in Jackson, Miss., had service restored to 94 percent of its 1.4 million customers early Thursday and expected to be at full service by late in the day, with the exception of small pockets in Atlanta and New York City.

"We're pretty much back to normal now," said spokesman Marc Raykendall. "We weathered the storm pretty good." Motorists accustomed to the convenience of paying for gas at the pumps with just a swipe of their credit cards were also seeing service restored.

The satellite outage halted pay-at-the-pump service at 5,400 of Chevron's 7,700 gas stations across the country. Customers could still pay inside the station, but could not use their credit cards at the pumps, which depend on the PanAmSat satellite to track card information for approval.

By Thursday morning, about 650 of the 5,400 affected stations had service restored. Technicians were restoring service to the remaining stations at the rate of more than one per minute, Chevron spokesman Fred Gorell said.

PanAmSat's $250 million Galaxy IV satellite was the storm center, and a switchover to a backup system failed.

In the absence of the Campus Store, a tent has been set up near-by selling a limited amount of items like chips and soda. The lunchtime barbecue is also set up daily.

Campus Store Manager Mike Merrell said the most difficult part of having the tent is setting it up.

"It's really a hassle setting up and breaking down everyday. It takes three people almost an hour to set up," Merrell said. "But we can choose our best items (to sell)." The tent's "real appeal attended erotik.

Trager Cotten, agricultural engineer, joins the campus dining is going to try and work with us to see if we can reduce the time-frame delay. Twenty days is a very difficult time frame to shrink, but I wouldn't be surprised if we are able to at least make up half of those days."
No more gym jitters

Often times, when I talk about the gym with my friends, they say they are too scared to go there. I'm addicted to it, which made me question why so many people fear the gym at Cal Poly. And then I remembered. I used to be intimidated by the gym, too.

So I would like to give you some reasons why I thoroughly enjoy our wonderful exercising establishment.

1. Everybody is there to get in shape and feel better about themselves. Of course, there are those girls who look genetically engineered and guys that would make professional football players run, but every gym has them. Get over it, they could care less what you are doing or how much you are lifting.

2. Exercising gives you energy, and what better place to exercise than at the gym? There's every machine in the world of exercise possible there, even sand volleyball.

You're amazed at the activities some machines can simulate. That's good for some and bad for others.

3. The pool is the coolest place to be in the spring. Granted, it's a meat market.

4. The people who work there are super friendly. I promise, they won't make you feel stupid for not knowing how to use or adjust a machine. I've actually asked an attendant twice how to adjust the same machine, and I didn't feel any less intelligent after the fact.

5. It's really cool to watch people use strange machines. There are some great cardiovascular machines in there and I sometimes wonder how people don't fall off of them. Another great place to catch weird actions is the side hall where people stretch and warm up. My gym buddy and I joke that one of our abdominal exercises makes us look like fish out of water. It's amazing and entertaining to think there are people out there who actually look silly than you.

6. There is an area my gym buddy and I affectionately call Man Land. It's where all the seriously huge guys lift more weights than imaginable. We steer clear of there, even sand volleyball. You'd be amazed at the activities some machines can simulate. That's good for some and bad for others.

7. Going to the gym is like going to a social hour. You meet people you probably never meet anywhere else and chat with friends you don't see anywhere else. The best part is, everybody is sweaty and disgusting, so appearance really don't matter finally.

8. I'm a little embarrassed to admit it, but watching the soap operas at the gym is fun. There's no other way I would know what's happening with Marlena and John on "Days of Our Lives." Plus, whether you admit it or not, the show that follows that, "Summer Beach," is exhilarating.

Christina Jamison is a journalism junior.

Memorial Day drapes a flag of remembrance over our holiday. It is remarkable for its continuum of a roll call never answered. Records in stone acknowledge the count.

There's a stillness in a military cemetery that remedies wounds. The bleeding now normalized to tears, it is a place where prayer and prey dispute the power of Hands clasped in grief have a damp saltiness. Hesitant fingers touch a name, spelling out the memory of a shortened life, only to tremor at the anguish of recalling it.

Stretched across an expanse of lawn bigger than most battlefields, military cemeteries are uniform in their response to Memorial Day Sound breaks the peace. Speaches and music meant to put backs into a audience drafted to be there. Taps may restore the tranquility, but even its poignant melody can't shoulder all the grief of a place whereyards and yards of green grass invites children, most of whom are now older than the parent interred beneath their feet.

Parades and picnics spark patriotism with all the fervor to an absent love. Flag-waving stars hearts and testosterone-prime ingredients in any conflict. The spirit of the moment encourages the mix, but glory can warp reality.

Memorial Day is the summary of war. Victories are won by victors, and all too often, only small white crosses dignify their final arena. It is here that the stars and stripes of the American flag gleam their brightest as the most powerful of all freedom in the world. The inspiration of victors, it is they we recognize this holiday weekend as testament to the lives buried at the base of those little white crosses.

Gratitude is the best remembrance.

Mary Alice Altorfer is a journalism junior.

Being a minority isn't easy

Editor,

Mechanical engineering sophomore Brian Micieli seems to have proposed, in his letter titled, "Smile and like it, or leave." a solution that will benefit the entire Cal Poly community regarding our racial problems: "Just leave. That's right: Pack your bags and books, your chip and the monkey (that rides on your back) and leave."

In response to such a proposal, I can only say that he has successfully proved the very point that being a minority student on this campus is not necessarily easy.

I wonder if Brian Micieli took the time to read my May 8 opinion letter "California's soup is still too cold." If he did, I want to know what he has to say to make me feel better for the way that I have been treated in this town. When slapped on my right cheek. I offered my left, and sure enough I got slapped again. Where did my submissive attitude get me to?

Latinos do not come to this school to take over white man's territory. We come here to get college degrees, like everybody else; and like everybody else, we demand EQUALITY. It is easy to see hatred in any minority student who expresses his feelings about racial issues. But would anyone keep a smile on their face after being slapped, and left with a red hand marked on their cheek? I really doubt it.

"Go to Happiland University where everybody laughs and plays together, and at lunchtime all the students join hands in the campus square to sing 'Kumbaya,'" Brian Micieli wrote. Perhaps I should take his advice and go there. Because here, I stand on his Happiland University.

Alberto Garcia is a mechanical engineering senior.
Congress investigates possible UC research contract fraud

OAKLAND - A team of congressional investigators went over the heads of the governor and the legislature to examine millions of dollars in research contracts.

The charges were raised in a sealed federal lawsuit filed by an unnamed whistleblower in 1996 in Sacramento. The suit alleges that non-resident aliens, who could show a doctor's identification, were paid $13,500 in tuition but turned around and told the Internal Revenue Service the payments are student aid and therefore not taxable income.

The suit claims UC tells the federal government tuition payments are direct compensation for work done by the students but turns around and tells the Internal Revenue Service the payments are student aid and therefore not taxable income.

The suit focuses on the practice of offering graduate students part-time employment and job insecurity, and the reasons for the gang members clutching AK-47s in a climate that is forcing them between two parts of non-violence and hunger. Following employment and job insecurity, non-violence turns into respect, understanding, acceptance and appreciation, was granted most-favored nation status despite their foreign nation status despite their 1996 initiative that legalized the distribution of marijuana for any purpose even a laudable one ... directly conflicts with federal law," Breyer wrote.

Breyer rejected arguments that the clubs should be entitled to furnish the drug because customers find it hard to survive without marijuana to ease the pain and side effects of cancer and AIDS therapy.

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members clustering AK-47s in a South African slum.

After fifteen minutes of his prepared speech, Gandhi switched his focus. He decided to try into the reasons for the gang members' violence.

"It was like opening the floodgates," he said.

They complained of unemployment and job insecurity, poverty and hunger. Following his speech, gang members released their weapons to the police and became non-violence activists.

Gandhi distinguished between two parts of non-violence — respect and proactive.

He said he used proactive non-violence in response to British rule. Now, Gandhi challenges people to use the proactive part.

In relationships, for example, people are called to respect, understand, accept and appreciate differences, he said.

"When we accept those differences, we appreciate our own humanity," he said. "We don't want people to tolerate each other. We want people to respect each other.

Non-violence can also be used proactively in channeling anger. Teaching can become a great source of strength, he said.

Gandhi said passive non-violence from the physical form is "all of us are violent in the passive sense," he said. This includes words of anger or opinion.

If passive violence builds in a person, it can erupt into such physical violence as murder or beatings. "It is passive violence that fuels the fire of physical violence," Gandhi said. "The fuel supply is us." Gandhi encouraged the audience to see the current nuclear weapons threat in India in this light. It is said lack of respect from the United States has pushed India to develop nuclear capabilities.

"We (humanity) are creating the climate that is forcing them into these kinds of actions," he said.

Gandhi contrasted United States relations with India to those with China. US leaders have imposed sanctions on India, a democratic state, for testing nuclear weapons. China, however, was granted most-favored nation status despite their nuclear testing, exploitation of labor and totalitarian government.

However, Gandhi said world violence is not too large to overcome.

He told the story of a man standing on a beach, throwing stones into the ocean. Another person asked him why he bothered since the entire beach was covered with stones.

In response, the man held one starfish in his hand and said, "It makes a hell of a difference to this guy."
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ASI budget in the CSU system, the current officer stipends fall short of CSU averages, which are $7,253 for the presidents, and $5,867 for vice presidents.

Within the CSU system, San Diego State has the largest budget, and its top officers are paid the most — $11,406.

“Our ASI is very elaborate and effective, traits many (associated students) wish they exhibited,” said Vice President of Operations Greg King in a memorandum. But even though we are highly regarded, the officers are compensated comparable with schools with a fraction of the responsibility.

Other board members echoed this sentiment.

ASI works so hard, especially the president, all the way down. I think they deserve whatever they get,” said Charlie Brown, College of Business board member.

U.U. RENOVATION

The board also decided to allocate an additional $98,152 to completely fund a U.U. renovation project.

The project will replace the bulletin board by the Women’s Center with a glass wall and door. The Multicultural Center will move into this space, which currently houses the ASI office. ASI will move to a new office across from the U.U. Gallery. The offices for WOR, Open House and Running Thunder will also be remodeled.

The project will also renovate the downstairs bathrooms across from Julian’s.

ASI will pull $98,152 from its reserve for construction. Another $55,000 will also be taken from the Foundation reserve, a fund set aside for renovations when the U.U. was built.

The project, which will cost a total of $193,775, was first approved by last year’s board of directors. It will be completed during the summer.

In February, ASI approved a $73,000 addition to the original $75,000 allocated for construction. King said the extra money was needed because the bids were much higher than expected.

Despite the lofty cost of the project, board members felt that remodeling the U.U. has been long overdue.

“We haven’t touched our beautiful union in many, many years. This is just one big, strong step to redo the union, not only do the facade, but finally have it changed,” said Amy Luker, College of Engineering board member.

“Nothing has moved in the U.U. If we move around, and put the leadership center there, it’s going to open up the entire campus, not just for ASI. Even if not taken from this a large amount of money, we’ve been dealing with this for years.”

RESOLUTION ON CETI PARTNERSHIP

The board also passed a resolution stating ASI’s stance on CETI (California Educational Technology Initiative). Though CETI is up in the air and the final plan is not expected until this coming fall, the current plan proposes to form a partnership between the CSU system, Fujitsu and GTE.

The ASI board agreed to support Fujitsu, GTE and any other potential partners fund a $240- to $300-million project to link all CSU campuses with fiber-optics.

Microsoft and Hughes Communications dropped out of the original agreement.

ASI’s resolution is a statement of expectations for current and new partners, said Ben Miskie, College of Engineering board member. Because Cal Poly is highly developed technologically within the CSU system, Miskie said he felt a resolution from this campus would have a stronger impact throughout the state.

Among other things, the resolution calls for more student input before and during the implementation process.

“This tells the prospective partners what we’re going to want,” Miskie said. “I think that’s important before they enter into any deal.”

The resolution includes adding a student voice to the corporate CETI board, requiring student approval for CETI partner advertising.

SHOOTING

“Tresor! I know she wouldn’t joke.” Stacy Compton, 15, said she was sitting at a table when the boy came in and “started going bananas” with the gun. She said she ducked under the table and her best friend got hit in the center of her forehead.

“It wasn’t panic, it was more like shock,” Stacy said. “It was like, I can’t believe this is happening at my school.”

The school of 1,350 students was shut down immediately after the shooting. Parents, many of them weeping and screaming, waited outside. Of the 23 people injured, 19 were hit by gunfire and the rest were hurt in the panic to flee the cafeteria. Eight were hospitalized in critical condition, seven others in serious condition.

Springfield is a working-class town of 51,000 people about 110 miles south of Portland.

In Washington, President Clinton said during a Rose Garden ceremony on NATO expansion: “I know that all Americans are heartbroken. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the people who were killed and wounded, and with that entire fine community.”

It was the latest in a series of school shootings across the country.
Guiterrez before the Clash’s game last Saturday over the Miami Fusion.

He appeared twice as a reserve but has been sidelined with an intestinal disorder for the past two weeks with a strained left hamstring, aggravated the day after the game.

The 2-2 score didn’t last long though. In fifteen minutes the Clash pushed past the defense and dropped in three goals to get the win, 5-2.

The Roadrunners have had a month less to prepare for the Clash’s visit.

"We have not had one practice with everyone there and it shows in the games," Smyth said. The Roadrunners have held two practices a week since Smyth took over, but many players are away at college and can’t make it to practice.

"We have to prepare for the team and players to a higher level of play," Smyth said. "They don’t have to come here. They are doing it to help the entire game of soccer."

"Come early and bring a picnic," Smyth added.

The Clash are coming off a 2-0 victory over the Miami Fusion.

Ronald Cerritos, continues to lead from the back. He converted a penalty kick in the 34th minute and scored on a 20-yard shot in the 81st minute.

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Clash return to Central Coast

By Kimberly Keney
Daily Sport Editor

Bring your drums, whistles, horns and a picnic to Mustang Stadium on Monday.

Last year, 4,300 screaming fans filled the stadium and this year even more are expected.

Ninety-minutes of pure jersey pulling, free-kicking, butt-blocking soccer.

The Major League Soccer team the San Jose Clash are coming to the Central Coast to take on the Roadrunners.

And even more unique, two former Mustangs and Roadrunners will suit up with the Clash this weekend.

Defender Jeremy Oetman joined the Clash last Thursday and forward Clay Harty moved up this Thursday.

Both players were currently playing on the California Jaguars, an A-League team in San Jose. Both players have yet to debut their talent for the Clash on the field.

This weekend Harty and Oetman will face their old teammates from the other side of the halfline.

This year the Roadrunners are a younger team, with only four guys on the field who were starters last season.

One of them, Abel Gutierrez, just rejoined the Roadrunners offensive lineup last weekend.

"He is not in game condition," said Roadrunner head coach Larry Smyth. "But right away he felt he brings age and maturity."

José Espindola is the Roadrunners main offensive threat according to Smyth. Espindola has four of the Roadrunners seven goals so far.

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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY
• Central Coast Roadrunners vs San Gabriel Valley Highlanders in Mustang Stadium at 8 p.m.

MONDAY
• Central Coast Roadrunners vs San Jose Clash in Mustang Stadium at 5 p.m.

What is your favorite Cal Poly team to watch?

Cast your vote on the web.

www.mustangdaily.calpoly.edu

LAST DAY TO VOTE!