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Faculty says no to salary offer; meetings continue
Cal Poly Academic Senate to consider merit pay policy
By Burt McNaughton
Mustang Daily

The tentative agreement was reached after a CFA statewide membership vote produced a 57 percent outcome against the agreement Friday. "There will have to be significant changes made for a settlement to be reached," said Phil Ferret, president of CFA's local chapter. Merit pay is an area of disagreement between the California State University system and the CFA.

A draft of the new faculty Merit Increase Policy, as well as a resolution of standards and criteria for faculty merit increase, was distributed at an Academic Senate forum last week. The resolution is on the agenda of the next Senate meeting today.

According to Ferret, the CFA and the CSU system have three options regarding a settlement on the contract. The CSU could extend the old contract longer until the next trustees meeting. The CSU could impose its last best offer or the general salary increase, found in the fact-finders report, calling for a 2.5 percent salary increase. State officials could also intervene. "The governor's office would have to call the shot," Ferret said.

Faculty members are working without a contract and a short-run contract extension could be given to the faculty members until the next trustees meeting.

"No contract means no provisions," Ferret said. "The administration will have to act, and we'll have to act on this, because this is a whole new ball game."

The next trustees meeting is scheduled for March 17.

Grad student strives for Poly privacy policy
By Joellen Smith
Mustang Daily

With personal safety a major campus concern, Cal Poly graduate student campaigns to get student addresses removed from printed and online student directories.

Elizabeth Beamer has developed a petition calling for addresses to be listed in campus directories only if students give permission. The home address and phone numbers of staff and faculty members are not made public.

Associated Students Inc. publishes the printed student directory. Information in this directory includes students' addresses, phone numbers, majors and their year.

The same student information can be accessed through an online directory at www.calpoly.edu/directory.html.

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Black history month slips by
Students' plans pushed back to March fashion show fund-raiser
By Julie O'Shea
Mustang Daily

Black History month came and went without Cal Poly seeming to take much notice this year.

According to biology junior J'Nette Knox, there were supposed to be numerous events during the University Union last all of February promoting some aspect of black history. Instead, the Associated Students Inc. program board had a different fund raised to be the "Black History Month, there's bands signed up to play throughout the month," said Pamela Larte, journalist junior and member of the Society of Black Engineers and Scientists.

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Students lead seal tours
By Chris Hoffman
Mustang Daily

SEA MONSTER: Many Cal Poly students volunteer as docents, offering information to tourists who come to watch the animals at Piedras Blancas beach.

"It's going great," she said. "We're getting a lot of positive feedback."

"It's actually a lot of fun (being a docent)," said Cal Poly biology major Tracy Warfield, who completed her docent training program last week. "The people that go there have a lot of questions to ask. They're really enthusiastic."

"I think the program is growing at a good rate. We're increasing the volunteers as we can handle them," said McDonald.

Ann Grossman was one of the original docents and still works with the program three hours a week, the average time a volunteer works.

"It's cool. I think we're just really lucky to have these guys here," Grossman said. "It's not bad to have a peer lead the students, it's not like we're alone out there."

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reason to stand out by the beach. Each year, the adult animals migrate. Males go to Alaska, while the females go to Washington or Oregon. The pups will stay behind and learn how to swim. Then they, too, will leave the beach.

Each year, the elephant seal population has been increasing. Between 1,200 and 1,900 pups were born this winter. The number of seal-watchers has also been growing. This January, 9,000 people visited the animals, compared to 4,000 in January 1999.

"We get a lot of regulars now," Grossman said. "We get people from all over. I mean, all over Europe, all over the world. It's just really phenomenal."

Rolf Schultmeier of Germany stopped by to visit the seals last week. "We're on holiday," he said. "I've been here a year ago, and I'd like to see it again."

WASHINGTOI-I (AP) — The Senate's leading experts on the Year 2000 computer problem discounted doomsday scenarios but said Sunday that, as before a snowstorm or a hurricane, it wouldn't hurt to put in a supply of food and water.

Sens. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, and Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who had a special Senate panel on the subject known as Y2K, said it could bring on real problems in this country, from electrical blackouts to breakdowns in medical equipment. But "we will probably not have meltdown. This will not be the end of the world as we know it," Bennett said.

Bennett and Dodd, who appeared on CBS' "Face the Nation," are to issue a report this week on the effects of the computer glitch arising from the many computers' inability to differentiate between the years 1900 and 2000. It could lead to computers to malfunction or shut down.

Fears of transportation, financial services, power and nuclear systems going awry have led to a growing number of what Dodd called "Y2K survivors," are stockpiling food and energy in advance of what they fear will be social chaos.

That's highly unlikely, at least in the United States, the senators agreed. "What you ought to do is prepare for a good storm, a hurricane, a storm where you'd like two or three days of weather and canned goods and the like," Dodd said.

Audit finds IRS unable to balance its books
WASHINGTON (AP) — It sounds like a taxpayer's dream. The IRS was audited and struggled to explain its own financial records.

"The IRS cannot do some of the basic accounting and record-keeping tasks that it expects American taxpayers to do," said Gregory Kutz, who oversaw the audit released Monday by the congressional General Accounting Office.

GAO said chronic Internal Revenue Service problems resulted last year in millions of dollars in fraudulent refunds, failure to keep track of such basic assets as cars and computers and substandard computer security controls.

"This is unacceptable," the GAO said in its report. "It is a national scandal." IRS officials were quick to take responsibility for the problems, which they said were largely rooted in the agency's antiquated computer systems that date as far back as the Kennedy administration. They were clearly embarrassed by the report, coming as it does as the IRS is making a high-profile attempt to become more efficient and more customer-friendly.

"I am deeply disappointed that we failed to meet our obligations," said Donna Cunningham, the IRS' new chief financial officer. "This is unacceptable."

The GAO found the IRS did a good job of collecting $1.8 trillion in tax revenue in fiscal 1998. The main problems were found in the agency's administration of an $8.1 billion annual budget, including at least $17 million paid out in fraudulent and inappropriate refunds in the first nine months of 1998.
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"I did not even know that a student director existed," said Linda Gioiochiez, a business freshman. She said she would have liked to have her address protected. About 11 percent of Cal Poly students have requested their personal information to be omitted.

"Last year it was decided that [online directory information would include the address]," said Marcus Friedman, assistant director for academic records. "Cal Poly would do whatever we could to make students aware of their right to protect that information."

Through a requirement of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, academic records provide students the option to restrict personal information from being printed or seen on the Internet through MustangInfo (www.mustanginfo.calpoly.edu).

If a student does not request restrictions, then the information is revealed about the student. Cal Poly then needs the student's written consent when disclosing information from the student's education records.

Brunner does not like that option because a number of students do not know about the directory.

"It seems wrong for the university — to say that we are going to stick your address in a directory and it is up to you to figure out that there is something wrong with it."

Brunner said that she wants directories to be modified, not removed entirely. Some information, such as e-mail address and phone number, do not pose the same amount of security risk as a local address.

"I feel like we need to split the (personal information) apart so anyone who wants to be on the online directory could have a choice of just e-mail address and major," she said.

Thomas Zina, registrar and director of academic records, said Brunner's suggestion deserves to be considered.

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According to Donna Davis, career counselor and member of the Black Faculty and Staff Association, there was miscommunication on the students' part over who got to use the stage on Thursday.

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Last Saturday a group of students got together at Backstage Pizza.

"We want everyone to participate, not just black people."

— Pamela Lardo

fashion show coordinator

"It just seems that the people planning and attending these events are the same people," Lardo said. "And that's sad.

Davis believes Cal Poly does not see planning these kind of events as its responsibility.

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"(We are) trying to give students some options so they can control the information, but not make it so complex as to have all of computer codes," he said.

Not all students know they have the ability to restrict their personal information.

"I wish someone would have told me," Gioiocheiz said after finding out her address was listed. "I will not lose any sleep over it though."

Another student said that displaying address information could pose a security risk to students.

"I just think it is weird," said Jessica Bittre, a speech communication freshman. "If you were at a party and not someone, they could find you."

She said that is why she had her personal information protected.

Other students do not consider campus directories a risk to their personal safety.

"I did not have any clue that I was in there," said Sarah Kelly, a music junior. "But it doesn't bother me because my phone number is not in there, and it is just my permanent address."

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How would the quality of your education improve if professors’ demands were met for a pay increase?

- "They'd be more pleased with what they're doing and their jobs. Hopefully that would translate into a better education for students."
  - Robert Gerard
  - agbusiness sophomore

- "If you're happy with your job you're going to do a good job. Money doesn't motivate."
  - Cheyenne Beatty
  - architecture freshman

- "Everybody needs a pay increase. We'd get better professors."
  - Roxanne Cuba
  - industrial technology junior

- "Mo' money equals mo' knowledge."
  - Christopher Daniels
  - art and design sophomore

- "I don't think it would make a difference. Professors are good here. To them I don't think money should be an issue."
  - Travis McRitchie
  - materials engineering freshman

- "There are some teachers who aren't influenced by money, but others — if they had the opportunity to make more money they'd be more dedicated to what they're doing."
  - Melissa Stiltz
  - animal science sophomore

- "I don't think it would make a difference. I don't think the administration is really rippin' us a new one."
  - Eddie Drake
  - political science sophomore

- "They'd just do the same thing and get paid better for it. I don't think anything would improve."
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  - nutritional science senior

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Daily dumbs down paper

Editor:
Well, I've had it! I've struggled for some time with the Mustang Daily's editorial priorities. The front page of the March 1 edition pushed me right over the edge.

Next to a column on the California State University faculty's struggle for some sense of dignity in this deteriorating system is a big picture with accompanying journalistic wisdom on professional wrestling in the Rec Center. I open to page 2 and "to the editor" delight" there's one of our business majors and president of Alpha Kappa Psi kicking a UC Santa Barbara student in the face.

This is an intellectual environment! This is the CSU flagship? Next to a column on the 1156 average SAT scores paid good money to witness this trash?

Let's not let this leak out to U.S. News and World Report. There has to be more important issues than violence-for-violence sake entertainment. And don't give me some argument about what it takes to sell news. I haven't paid for a Mustang Daily in thirty years. I'm surely not going to start now.

Chuck Jennings is chair of the department of art and design.

Respect the power of sex and responsibility with it

Sex is power. This simple sentence reveals the characteristics attitude of our society, perhaps even more so than the fabled "money is power." Sex is a weapon, driven by manipulation, ego, dominance, hormones and self-worth, among other things. It is powerful. I propose an even more powerful option: choice. Yes, abstinence, driven by manipulation, ego, dominance, hormones and self-worth, among other things. It is powerful.

Most children are brought up with no solid concept that something exists better than giving oneself away at the first appealing opportunity. Abstinence is tucked onto the end of sex education as an afterthought or a guest lecture at kindergarten. This is the shammed precursor to the nation's warped perception of the importance of the sexual act.

Sex is directly connected to the deepest need of all human beings—love. This inherent need for love is too often filled with sexual gratification. Couples then mistakenly engage in sex before they understand the true nature of love.

I believe the physical level of the relationship needs to be a reflection of the emotional and mental commitment. Too many people jump into the physical without understanding the preparation for the emotional. Using contraceptives provides for physically safe sex, but allows marriage allows for emotionally safe sex. Anger, betrayal, depression, emptiness, desperation, self-hatred and fear—all of these are a part of a sexual relationship lacking commitment.

How could I know the emotional consequences of a sexual relationship gone wrong if I have never had that experience? I know the pain that followed the breakup of a relationship in which my then-boyfriend and I did nothing more than French kiss. I don't want to begin to imagine the devastation I would have experienced if I'd completely given him my body.

Without the exclusive commitment of marriage, sex is an empty, meaningless act, attempting to fill the need for security. There is a direct relationship between the young divorce rate and the prevalence of premarital sex. If someone has sex with a casual attitude, it reflects a casual attitude toward other responsibilities. If marriage is approached with this same casual attitude it will not hold together. Sex is one of the greatest of all pleasures and should therefore be treated with the utmost respect. People should have sex because they are married, not get married because they are having sex.

I know I am in the old-fashioned minority in holding the belief that sex comes with marriage. But I am convinced to the very core of my being that this is the right way to live. I want to make other people aware that there is an alternative to the empty searching for a "meaningful" sexual relationship. Sex it for the relationship that signifies absolute commitment and love: marriage.

Andrea Parker is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Poll allows students to vote on Plan

Editor:
We are keeping the College of Liberal Arts electronic poll on the Cal Poly Plan open until Tuesday night at 12 a.m. The poll allows you to vote yes/no on the entire plan and to vote on proposals for each department in the college. It is important that we hear from you!

You can get to the poll either by following the link at the bottom of the College of Liberal Arts home page or by going directly to: http://www.calpoly.edu/~billhensh/CPP/poll/index.html

Harold Hellenbrand is the dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

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Men's lacrosse team cracks top 15 ranking

Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly men's lacrosse team pushed its season record to 5-1 this weekend with a win against Santa Clara University on Saturday.

The Mustangs defeated the Broncos, 17-14, at Santa Clara. The team is now ranked one of the top-15 club teams in the nation. It was a close first half, with neither team able to take a strong lead. However, at halftime, Cal Poly was holding the Broncos off by one point.

Men's tennis wins match

Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly men's tennis team defeated Gonzaga College 5-2 Saturday after disappointing results against the University of Oregon and the University of Washington on Thursday and Friday.

The win against Gonzaga was a welcome change after Cal Poly was defeated 6-1 by the Ducks on Thursday, and shut out 7-0 by the Huskies on Friday.

The Mustangs turned things around on Saturday, taking all but two matches, and pushing their record up to 3-4 overall.

Alan Regalado, David Wermuth, and Tony Piccuta each won singles matches. Brett Masi and Delaney won the doubles matches.

The Mustangs are next on Saturday at Chico State at 1 p.m.

SPORTS

Dolphins acquire Pro Bowl Gogan from 49ers

SANTA CLARA, (AP) — Guard Kevin Gogan, a Pro Bowl selection in each of the past two seasons for the San Francisco 49ers, was traded Monday to the Miami Dolphins in exchange for an undrafted pick.

The 49ers, seeking more maneuvering room under the salary cap, were shopping Gogan for several weeks and received an undrafted draft choice from Miami.

SANTA CLARA free safety Merton Hanks, another former Pro Bowler, also is on the trading block.

The deal of Gogan is the latest in a series of sweeping personnel moves by the 49ers, who began the offseason $25 million over the $57.5 million cap.

Some $30 million has been lopped off the team's 1999 payroll in recent weeks through trades, contract restructurings, the release of players and the loss of three others in the Cleveland expansion draft.

Director of football operations John McVay said the deal was for long-range cap planning. "It is important to us that we've got some young guys like Jeremy Newberry and Phil Ostrowski that we need to bring along. We've got to get them in and play. Kevin was a 12-year veteran."

Gogan, one of the league's most imposing linemen at 6-foot-7, 320 pounds, will be joining his fourth NFL team. Before coming to San Francisco as a free agent, Gogan played for the Raiders and Cowboys, where he played for current Miami coach Jimmy Johnson.

"I'm very excited about going to Miami," said Gogan. "I talked to Jimmy a couple times (Monday). I've played for him before, obviously, and I've got a nice piece of (Super Bowl) hardware in my safe from him. I realize this is a great chance for me."

Still, Gogan, who was part of a San Francisco line that helped Garrison Hearst set a team rushing record (1,549 yards), and he at first found the trade rumors hard to believe.

"It's kind of funny. It was in the locker room at the Pro Bowl when somebody told me he heard I was going to be traded," Gogan said. "I kind of laughed and said, 'It's not true.' But more and more people said it, and obviously, it turned into something. I still never thought I'd be traded, especially when you did everything they asked you to do."

New general manager Bill Walsh, however, has long preferred smaller, athletic, offensive linemen, which was another reason he opted to trade Gogan.

The team will have to find a 6-foot-6, 305-pound Linemen. I couldn't help him there," Gogan quipped.

Group wants to clean up cursing in sports

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Trash talk is a familiar sound to basketball fans as slam dunks. On the sidelines of NFL games, profanity is as much a fixture as Gatorade.

But it doesn't stop there. High school athletes — and even those younger — are cursing during games.

Tuesday is National Sportsmanship Day, and the group organizing the event wants to do something about all the crude talk. It is campaigning for players and coaches at about 12,000 schools in 101 nations to pledge not to curse.

"We think it's a pretty big deal because most players do swear on the court and it just takes away from the game... the enjoyment, the excitement," saidReginald Williams, a 17-year-old from North Carolina who plays basketball for the American Community School in Kohlum, England.

The Institute for International Sport, a nonprofit group that promotes ethics and international friendship through sports, got the idea for the "No Swear Zone" pledge after doing a survey of top business and political leaders, said executive director Dan Driskell.

One Fortune 500 CEO called profanity in sports a major self-control problem.

"There is no such thing as trash talking in corporate board rooms," he said in response to the survey, choosing to remain anonymous.

Organizers from the institute, which is based in South Kingston, R.I., concede they do not know whether profanity is in sports is on the rise.

One coach said profanity is not a factor of class, nationality or religion.

Rather, she said, the popular culture reinforces the foul language.

"It's the television they watch. It's the culture," said Barbara Hoegen, who coaches Williams and other varsity basketball players for the American Community School in Kohlum.

The school attracts the children of all paid separate professions and business executives from around the world to its campus 30 minutes outside of London.

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The following questions have surfaced in Cal Poly Plan forums and discussions, as well as in letters to the editor of the Mustang Daily and editorials.

Will Cal Poly Plan funds be used for the Sports Complex? No. Flavor have been, never will be. Cal Poly is allocated both operating and capital outlay funds by the state. These are distinct and separate funding categories. Cal Poly State University fees and Cal Poly Plan funds are part of operating funds and cannot, by law, be used for new construction (for example to build the Sports Complex, the PAC, or the parking structure).

How is the Rec Center funded? In 1988, Cal Poly students voted to increase their fees to support the construction and ongoing operations of the Rec Center. Approximately one half of the construction costs came from state capital outlay bonds.

What funds built the PAC? The Performing Arts Center was built in part with state capital outlay funds, which could not have been used for any other purpose. If Cal Poly did not use these funds for this purpose, they would have gone to another campus for other buildings. Funds from the City of San Luis Obispo and private donations were also used for construction.

Questions can be directed to the Cal Poly Plan email "instudy@calpoly.edu" and to the Mustangs' email "polyplan@asi.calpoly.edu" and Cal Poly Plan information can be accessed through the home page of the University's web site (www.calpoly.edu) by clicking on "Cal Poly Plan."
BASEBALL
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Sports

Mustangs take three of four

By Adam Russo
Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly baseball team began a nine-game homestand 1
this weekend, winning its last three games vs. Southern Utah
after opening with a loss Friday.

"It was a tough loss Friday night in a game that we let get
away in the ninth inning, but it’s nice to see us rebound and come
back and win three straight," head coach Rich Price said.

The Mustangs lost Friday for the first time this season with
Mike Zinelli on the mound. Ironically, Zinelli has gotten all
of Cal Poly’s wins this season, but he started the only game the
Mustangs would lose this weekend, getting a no-decision Friday.

The first game was tied after eight innings until the Thunderbirds
struck for four runs in the top of the ninth to win, 9-7. Zinelli started, but gave up five runs in 6.1 innings of work, earning
a no-decision. The loss temporarily dropped the Mustangs to
1-1 on the season.

Saturday evening featured the Mustangs taking an early 5-0
lead, winning the game by a 7-3 score. Cal Poly was aided by
Southern Utah pitcher Scott Harrison, who surrendered all
seven Mustang runs in only four innings of play. The Mustangs
were led at the plate by outfielder
Doug Morones and Matt Brady and second baseman Matt Elam, who all had a pair of hits.

It was a night of tears for two Mustang freshman pitchers, Prentice Rassou knocked out five en
route to his first collegiate win. see BASEBALL, page 7

SCHEDULE

DIAMOND

Baseball vs. Pepperdine at San Luis Obispo Stadium at 3 p.m.

BRIEFS

MLB

NEW YORK (AP) — Orlando Cepeda earned his reputation with a bat. Bill
Mackenzie was known for his Gold Glove — and one big
silhouette most resembles
Neale leattuers, 19th century
neuro leattuers.

In their own ways, both players put up impressive numbers
during 17-year careers. On
Tuesday, they’ll find out whether those add up to a
place in the Hall of Fame.

"I’m beginning to get very nervous," Cepeda said last
week from his California home. "I’ve been waiting so
long.

Former outfielder Dom DiMaggio, manager Dick Williams and umpires Doug Harvey and Nestor Chylak also
will be considered when the Veterans Committee holds
its annual election in Tampa, Fla. Results are to be announced at 2 p.m. EST.

Ted Williams, Stan Musial and Yogi Berra are on the
punch, down to 13 members
this year from its normal 15. It will take 75 percent — 10
votes — for election.

The Vets can pick up to four new Hall of Famers. Ballots
will be held in four categories
— former major leaguers, Negro leaguers, 19th century
players and personnel, plus a
composite of managers, umpires, executives and Negro
League pitchers.

Well advances to NCAAs

By Jen Stevenson
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly wrestler David Wells is headed for the third time to the
NCAA Championships this month with yet another Pac-10 Conference
title under his belt.

Wells gained his final opponent, Cal State Fullerton’s Jason Webster,
in 2:17, earning his second Pac-10 title. Currently, Wells is ranked 16
in the nation.

"If you ask him, it wasn’t much,
more hitters. His success openinh
g a week end series has caused several
opposing coaches to duck Zinelli and throw their No. 2 or 3 starter.

Zinelli’s success could be directly linked to the burden lifted off his
shoulders when Jeremy Cunningham, Mike Shown and Prentice Rassou arrived.

All three have thrown well and have kept the Mustangs in every
ball game. Freshman Rassou, a hard-
throwing right-hander, has stepped in and given the Mustangs some
good innings. Cunningham and Shown have established themselves
as the No. 2 and 3 starters, respec-
tively, and have significantly made
up for the loss of Luther Salimii (the
erotic, hard-throwing junior out
with a bad arm).

When the starters can’t get the Mustangs seven strong innings, the
game is not necessarily over, as it was last year.

The Mustangs have turned several
games over to the bullpen this
year, and it has responded pretty
good.

Junior college transfer Joe Smith (also an outfielder) is impressive
in his debut and should be a solid set up man for closer Matt Brod.

Left-handers Jason Kelly and Josh Morton have also been impressive
in getting left-handed hitters out and pitch up in the strike zone.

After sitting through blowout
day in and day out last season, it is
evertheless refreshing to see good
baseball return to San Luis Obispo.