Students influence CSU policy making

By Karin Driesen
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

Associated Students, Inc. President Sam Abome and Cal Poly President Warren Baker are two Cal Poly representatives helping to shape the way students participate in the development of new California State University system and campus policies.

“There’s no where it’s guaranteed that students have a say,” Abome said. “The California State Student Association (CSSA) has been trying to get students the right to be at the table, not just a privilege.”

CSSA, an organization of which Cal Poly is a member and that represents about 120,000 CSU students, created a document over summer outlining the students’ role. Abome said CSSA Chancellor Charles Reed then formed this committee, officially called the Advisory Committee on Student Participation in Policy Development.

The committee includes three campus presidents, two vice presidents for student affairs and five student representatives from various campuses.

The committee has already met once and started planning for its recommendations to the chancellor. It will meet again on Jan. 23 and will likely draft a policy recommendation soon after that. The CSU trustees would then adopt it as an executive

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Campus police get new tracking system

By Kirsten Orsini-Mainhard
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At Cal Poly, students have fun. Sure, they go to class and work, but they also have parties, hang out at the bar downtown and go on weekend trips. Especially on long weekends, escaping small town San Luis Obispo is a common practice for students looking for a good time.

Sometimes, however, in the rush to leave town, students forget to tell someone where they are going and when they are coming back.

“It’s fairly common that someone will take off for the weekend and forget to tell their roommate,” said University Police Chief Tony Aeilts.

As roommates and parents get worried about the missing student, they call the University Police to file a missing persons report.

“Ninety-nine point five percent of the time, (the student) just didn’t mention it to anyone,” Aeilts said.

With the installation of the University Police’s new TRAK (Technology to Recover Abducted Kids) system, the missing student can be found quickly, eliminating the worry that arises when students just disappear for a couple of days. TRAK is a system used by police and law enforcement agencies around the nation to find missing people. The system is very user-friendly, said Fred Mills, communication and records coordinator.

Basically, University Police will scan a picture of a person into its computer, enhance it and have the ability to create a full-color, high-resolution wanted poster or missing persons flyer. The image can be sent to any fax machine or computer.

The new TRAK system used by University Police can instantly send pictures and descriptions of missing persons to other agencies.

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Campus construction continues after vacation

By Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

From landscaping to lighting, several campus construction and renovation projects were underway during winter break. The most noticeable of these projects is the construction of the canopy over the main entrance to the Cal Poly Theater.

Erection of the new covering began Dec. 11 and should be complete in February, said Bonnie Lowe, project information coordinator for Facilities Planning. She said the purpose of the new stainless steel canopy is to create a visual connection between the theater building and the Performing Arts Center.

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Virtual reality technology comes to campus

By Robin Nichols
MUSTANG DAILY ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

For the first time in 10 years, Darric McCormick feels like he is able to walk again.

After a diving accident, architecture senior and former contractor McCormick now uses a wheelchair to get around, but the newly-acquired Immersadesk allows him to virtually use his legs again. The program lets architects and designers walk inside their own plans, in a 3-D environment.

"For me, it's a sense of accomplishment," he said. "It's the same as when I was a contractor, and I could see the phases."

Thanks to a $50,000 grant from Pacific Bell, Cal Poly is able to offer undergraduates use of an Immersadesk, an educational program. Cal Poly is the first university to offer this program to students below the graduate and research level.

The donation came from a fund at Pacific Bell that is geared toward enhancing education.

"Pacific Bell has a charitable trust for education," said Eric Johnson, executive director of external affairs for Pacific Bell. "We support innovative use of technology, and that made the funding a win idea."

The funds for the remainder of the $100,000 purchase price came from a variety of sources. Cal Poly was given a discount from FakeSpace, the Immersadesk manufacturer. There was also a Poly Plan grant and a donation from the computer science department, said Tom Fowler, a professor of architecture.

The Immersadesk creates the 3-D experience while the user is wearing glasses, through which the design is projected. Pinch gloves allow the user to pick up and move items in the design.

"As you're looking at the (design) being projected through the stereoscopic glasses, it is surrounding you completely," Fowler said. "It's the equivalent of holographic projection, with the hologram jumping past you and surrounding you."

This full immersion lets designers pick up on problems before the construction stage of a project.

"There's window heights, the size of columns and beams that look good on paper, but once immersed, the dimensions are too big or take away from (the interior)," McCormick said. This allows users to walk through a completed building before anyone steps onto the lot, he said. This eliminates some changes once construction has begun.

Since there is only one Immersadesk available at Cal Poly, the machine will not be available for individual class use. It is being used for research and is still being used to test how people benefit from and interact with the machine. The Immersadesk is being held in building 14, room 232.

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Sigurd Meldal, computer science department chair, collaborates with architecture senior Darric McCormick (wearing 3-D stereoscopic glasses) to navigate through McCormick's design project using the ImmersaDesk.

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Ignorance taints perception of homeless, needy

There I was, sitting in the diner of a train station in Lisbon waiting for my overnight departure to Madrid. I was about to enjoy a slice of processed beef between two stale, off-white buns, when three individuals sat at the table adjacent to mine. They were young, probably college students. The three amigos were excited; they probably had just arrived in Europe. School must have just released them from bondage and careers. This, naturally, creates competition.

The conversation between my companion and myself had grown enervated, so I curiously listened in on their chatter. They were discussing the beggars they encountered in Toronto. This interested me. One blathered on how he likes to shake the loose change in his pockets when he walks by "bums" and tell them how he has no money to spare. I stopped in mid-bite, appalled by how much humor this person found in poverty.

The three amigos sat at the table adjacent to mine. They were individuals. Working never crosses their minds. Why don't they just get jobs? You see, this person, like many Americans, is guilty of blatant ignorance. We live in a capitalistic nation. We are trained to be staunch, individualistic workhorses, bettering our situations and excelling in our careers. This, naturally, creates competition.

For example, Bob is an engineering major. He wants to do his best so he can secure a great job after graduation. He is competing with many other engineering majors across the country. Not all of them will get the job. Some, perhaps those who have stellar academic records, will get pushed down the economic ladder and have to settle for less desirable positions. At the ground level, the lower class is born. By remaining capitalistic, we will continue to push others down this ladder. All these are clearly visible to the naked eye, but that is a ridiculous assertion. In fact, I'd like to know just how any expect a homeless person to get hired without hassles.

When you go to a job interview, you know you must make a good impression. You dress up nice and neat, make sure you are articulate and show that you are the right person for the job as opposed to the other applicants. How do you expect an individual without nice clothes or simple hygiene to implement to get hired with ease? If we are so turned off by the homeless, can we honestly expect an employer to feel otherwise?

There seems to be a lack of awareness of the poverty problem in the United States and a lack of compassion often showed by its citizens and government. When we pass someone in need, can we not at least offer him or her some help? The majority of us can easily hand over the $5 bill in our pockets and just cruise over to the ATM to pull out another $20 for ourselves. It is not the case with the homeless.

Please, give a little faith in the needy. Regardless of where your contribution goes, keep in mind that you may be helping the one person who maybe couldn't help themselves. I promise you won't be sorry.

Michael Deem is a philosophy junior.
The Cabinet makes the president

The down of the new millennium has passed; President-elect George W. Bush's inauguration date draws near. The transition of presidency takes place following hundreds of meetings with current and future office holders. The Cabinet is Bush's most important decision to make in the early days of his administration.

President-elect Bush has already announced his plan to make both an environmental and a diplomatic commitment. He chose former Minnesota Senator John Ashcroft as his choice for Attorney General. In September, Bush named former Senator Strom Thurmond, a South Carolina Democrat, as his choice for Secretary of State.

Thurmond, who is supposedly known for his concern over the racial integrity and purity of the white and negro races alike. In his fire-and-brimstone acceptance speech in South Carolina, he demanded that way of life, and he has been re-elected to the Senate four times to withdraw from the Democratic Party and form the Senate's two) oldest Republican primary. Thurmond lost the election and the civil rights movement succeeded. Although he has tuned down the racist language in the 40 years since he was first elected to the Senate, he has still been a tireless opponent of any legislation that would help minorities groups.

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President-elect Bush has also announced his choice for attorney general, Ashcroft. He chose former Minnesota Senator John Ashcroft. Ashcroft graduated from Yale University in 1964 and received his law degree from the University of Chicago three years later. After practicing law for six years, Ashcroft was made the state attorney general for Missouri in 1976.

He later became governor in 1994 and was then elected into the Senate in 1994. Ashcroft ran for re-election into the Senate this past November, but was strangely defeated by Governor Mel Carnahan, who died three weeks before the election. Carnahan's wife will fill the position for her late husband.

Bush's choice has already stirred up criticism from the Democratic Party. John Ashcroft is supposedly known for his conservative stance on abortion and lack of support and interest in civil rights and liberal issues.

Marches led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson have already been organized to demand Bush withdraw in protest of the new attorney general. But Ashcroft supporters insist that he is caring and sensitive to the goernment.

Besides, Ashcroft still has to undertake interviews at the Senate hearing to be confirmed. If enough Democrats decide that he is unfit for the position, they can reject him.

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In the early 1990s, right-wing commentator and author Rush Limbaugh was considered a radical wacko who went too far by many Americans. They were also being defended "Here I might be a gay man who spends his free time having sex with dozens of other men in bathhouses, but at least I'm not a wild-eyed radical who thinks that men should be allowed to marry each other. Let's not go too far!"

In the 1980s, I noticed liberal straight people demanding "political correctness" to show how moderate they were. They agreed that racism, sexism and homophobia should be eliminated, but they didn't believe that we should all have to be politically correct.

They were extremely vague about what "politically correct" meant, and couldn't point to anyone who had held up political correctness as a goal.

The new year, century and millennium are here — time to bring out the resolutions. My own resolution, which I always keep, is not to make any resolutions. But I have one to suggest to everyone else: it's long past time to abandon the meaningless phrase "political correctness" out postmodernism.

When I first encountered the term "politically correct" back in the 1970s, it was used by feminists and gay people to talk about the people who didn't want to accept us. It was a self-con-...
Bush Cabinet pick under scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an early test, President-elect Bush must decide whether to stand by his labor secretary-designate, Linda Chavez, in light of revelations that an illegal alien lived with her for a year and did some housework.

As a result of the Ptilly Klaas case, Chavez, a favorite of social conservatives who were the core of Bush's political operation, provided a room and hundreds of thousands of dollars to an illegal immigrant from Guatemala who did various chores around her house. The situation recalls the "Nannygate" episodes that detailed two of President Clinton's top advisers general selections in the early days of his administration.

Chavez's advisers say there is a significant difference: Chavez, never employed. Marta Mercado, they say. She took the woman in as an "act of compassion," according to Bush advisors who were careful to note they were relying thus far on her word alone.

Chavez told Bush aides that she did not know Mercado was in the country illegally until the woman left her home. However, Mercado told The Washington Post she informed Chavez of her illegal status three months after moving in late 1991. A friend of Chavez, Abigail Thernstrom, told The New York Times it was her recollection that Chavez was aware that the woman was in the country illegally.

Chavez, like the rest of Bush's top candidates, was asked to provide tax histories for domestic help, but she initially did not mention Mercado. Bush aides said, presumably because she didn't consider the woman an employee.

Bush officials are carefully reviewing FBI interviews with Chavez and Mercado, along with their own discussions with Chavez, to determine whether the nominee has abided by the law and been up front with them.

"We are going to gather a lot of facts before we have much to say," said Bush spokesman Tucker Eskew. "Most of what we are doing is straight with him, associates say, and he has a history of knowing his political limits.


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he had decided to leave. He hugged Paul Pierce as he came out of the game, and spoke afterward as if his mind were made up.

Pitino skipped practice Sunday and asked his wife to join him in Miami to discuss his next move. Although he has been quoted as saying he would like to stay in the NBA, he already has been named for college jobs out of Slovenia and Italy.

"He looked at it more personally. He's not getting the job done as a coach and he wanted to move on," said Celtics forward Antoine Walker, who also played for Pitino at Kentucky. "He's made a decision"

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In an interview from Florida, Pitino told WZTV-TV that he had a "different" philosophy. "The fundamentals of basketball weren't necessarily getting through to the players."

"I love the guys on this basketball team outside the line," Pitino said. "Between the lines we had deficiencies."

Pitino played at Massachusetts, served as assistant at Hawaii and Syracuse and coached at Boston University and Providence, two programs he took from mediocrity to the NCAA tournament. He spent two seasons with the Knicks, taking them to the playoffs in 1989 for the first time in four years.

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Women's hoops drops seven of eight

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

After a promising five-game winning streak to start the season, the Cal Poly women's basketball team lost seven of eight games over the break and saw its overall record drop to 6-7.

The team defeated Portland State 49-44 on Dec. 18 for its lone triumph over the break.

Poor shooting was the cause of the Mustangs' recent losses that concluded its non-conference play. Against San Diego State, Cal Poly shot 29.1 percent from the field while allowing the Aztecs to shoot 49 percent from the field.

Idaho State outrebounded Cal Poly 54-31 en route to a 70-43 win over the Mustangs. Cal Poly made only 14 of 50 field goal attempts in the loss. No Mustangs scored in double figures, but forward Katie Paterson led the team with nine points and four rebounds.

Guard Kristy Baker led Cal Poly with 19 points against Air Force last Saturday, but the Falcons countered with a 14-1 run of their own to put the game out of reach.

Forward Caroline Rowles has sat out the last four games due to unspecified medical reasons. Before the injury, she started all nine games for the Mustangs and led the team with 10.7 points per game. The team has also missed her inside presence against Air Force, who outrebounded Cal Poly 37-34.

The team faces Big West Conference play at the Thunderdome against UC Santa Barbara on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Road trips are mixed blessings for students

Editor's note: This is the first in a series about Cal Poly student-athletes and their lives on and off the court.

By Brian Milne
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Bryan Brown hasn't seen much action for the Cal Poly men's basketball team this season.

The 6-foot-3-inch, 190-pound guard from Bemidji has only played a combined 10 minutes, tallying four points in five games.

Nonetheless, the first-year walk-on is as much a part of the Cal Poly men's basketball team as the club's marquee ballers.

His days are spent working with teammates, whether it's on the court, in the weight room or in the classroom. And he enjoys every minute of it.

Especially when it's time to hit the road.

"You have fun on the road because you're not at home and you get to experience something new," Brown said. "The team gets closer. Everybody on the team hangs out in the hotel and we play cards and stuff. When you're away from it all, we talk better, like when we're on the court."

Redshirt sophomore Caroline Rowles, who came to San Luis Obispo from Vancouver, Canada, three years ago, couldn't agree more.

"When you're a freshman everything's a novelty. You get to cut out at all the best restaurants, stay in the best hotels and see the different cities," Rowles said Dec. 21 during a phone interview from the Pickwick Hotel in San Francisco, prior to the Mustangs' 71-63 loss to the Lady Dons.

But it's not always fun and games on the road.

As a freshman, hopping on a plane and leaving school behind might be fun, but as the years pass by and the textbook pages turn, life on the road can be tough.

Just ask junior forward David Henry.

"Your first couple times (on the road as a freshman) are fun," said Henry, originally from Santa Rosa.

"You look forward to riding on a plane and it's a different experience. But after your third year it's just like you want to get the flight over with."

And as graduation grows nearer and the upper division courses pile up in the heat of the Big West, the night before a crucial mid-term is as relaxing as the first day of facing conference rival UCSB at the infamous Thunderdome.

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Women's basketball results over Winter break

Dec. 9 at Pepperdine 64-79
Dec. 13 Santa Clara 61-85
Dec. 16 at Portland 54-78
Dec. 18 at Cal Poly 49-44
Dec. 21 at San Francisco 63-71
Jan. 2 San Diego State 63-73
Jan. 4 Idaho State 43-70
Jan. 7 at Air Force 68-86

Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:
Dominique Wilkins led the NBA in scoring in 1986 with 2,000 points.

No one submitted the right answer.

Today's Question:
Who was the first player in NFL history to score 2,000 points?

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BOSTON (AP) - In college and the pros, from Hawaii to the Big East, Rick Pitino always won.

Until he came to Boston.

The master motivator with the magic touch resigned as coach and president of the Boston Celtics on Monday, 3 1/2 seasons after he was brought in to revive a franchise that once had been the NBA's proudest.

He forfeited some $20 million left in his contract.

Pitino's legacy: a 102-146 record and a history of roster churning that left the team strapped under the salary cap and unable to find its groove.

"It's been a great privilege to coach the greatest basketball tradition in sports," Pitino said in a statement released by the team. "I wish we could have accomplished more between the lines, but I am proud with the efforts of my staff and players.

Jim O'Brien, Pitino's longtime assistant, was appointed interim coach, starting Monday with Wednesday's game against the Portland Trail Blazers, the top team in the Western Conference.

O'Brien was coach at Wheeling Jesuit College from 1982-87 and at Dayton from 1989-94, leading the Flyers to a 22-10 record and an NCAA berth in his first season.

He had been a Pitino assistant at Kentucky and with the New York Knicks.

"He's a guy I have been with a long time," O'Brien said after Monday's shootaround. "It did not end the way we had come into the franchise hoping it would.

"There's nobody more disappoint­ed with Rick leaving than I am. That being said, you don't have too much time in the NBA to get on top or too down. We have to get on with life. Rick wants to get on with life."

Pitino had hinted since the end of last season that he would leave if the team did not improve in his fourth season. But the tone of his comments became more immediate as the Celtics stumbled to a 12-22 record, losing 11 of their last 14 games.

On Saturday night, it became clear

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Scores

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Utah State 82
Cal Poly 69
Boise State 83
Cal Poly 79

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

San Diego State 73
Cal Poly 63
Idaho State 70
Cal Poly 43

Schedule

FRIDAY

Wrestling vs. Fresno State in Matt Gym at 7 p.m.
Swimming vs. University of Pacific at Matt Pool at 2 p.m.

SATURDAY

Men's basketball vs. UC Riverside at 7 p.m.
Women's basketball vs. UCSB at Santa Barbara at 7 p.m.