Committee searches for new Student Affairs VP; 70 applications in so far

By Adrienna Benjamin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The search continues in selecting a new vice president for Student Affairs. After Juan Gonzalez’s resignation last year, the division of Student Affairs has been looking throughout the country for a new vice president. Bell Bivins is currently the interim.

“We have a search committee in place,” said Preston Allen, assistant vice president for Student Affairs. “And we have reviewed over 70 applications so far.”

After the applicants have submitted their forms, the committee goes to the first phase, which is an interview process.

“We have to check their references and recommendation letters,” Allen said. “After that, we decide on who should be invited to the campus.” Those invited to the campus go through an open forum, which includes students and people from the community asking the candidates questions.

After the interview process is over, the candidates meet with a number of administrators, such as student affairs personnel, university president, academic personnel and community members.

“The police chief, for example, wanted to meet with them, they would have to go and talk to him,” Allen said.

The new vice president won’t be selected until the middle of spring quarter. Until then they will continue to narrow down the number of applicants.

“I can’t really say how many we have narrowed it down to, because we receive applications until the position is no longer available,” Allen said.

Allen said the criteria the division was looking for were compiled by the search committee. Those criteria are:

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Dancers receive regional recognition

By Karin Driesen
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

For a school without a dance major, Cal Poly was well represented at a regional dance conference last week.

Orchesis Dance Company received the honor of being chosen as one of the best groups at the Southwest Regional American College Dance Festival in Albuquerque, N.M. March 7-11.

Ten members of Orchesis participated in the four-day conference. Among the 52 groups performing dance pieces that weekend, Orchesis was one of 10 that made it into the gala concert on the last night of the conference.

The group performed “Imminent Combustion,” a modern dance piece choreographed by dance instructor Diana Stanton. The festival included classes and seminars on technique, choreography and dance performances by professional dancers from around the country. Classes included flamenco, hip-hop, musical theater, modern and tap dance.

Dance groups from schools such as the University of California, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, Utah State, University of Oregon and others from the East Coast, College groups performed their dances before panels of three adjudicators who then critiqued the dances.

The adjudicators were high-level professional dancers who observed the performances. They gave feedback and suggestions to the dancers.

“It’s not really a competition,” said Sarah Farmer, an art and design junior and Orchesis member. “It was more for having it judged for the dancers themselves.”

The top 10 groups that stood out from the adjudicators were chosen to perform at the conference gala.

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UC, CSU seek injunction to protect current energy contract

By Larissa Van Beurden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The California State University and the University of California are accusing their electric provider of attempting to alter contracts so the company can sell power publicly at a higher price, potentially leaving the colleges with higher electric bills.

The universities are asking a federal judge for a preliminary injunction against Houston-based Enron Energy Services, asking that Enron be blocked from abandoning the contracts.

Enron signed a four-year contract with the colleges in 1998, guaranteeing the universities a reliable supply of power at prices 5 percent below the capped rate created by California’s deregulation law in 1996.

Enron and the university systems have different reasons for why the contracts are being broken. According to a CSU and UC press release, Enron wanted to change the contract a year before it expired by returning the colleges to the electrical power distribution, scheduling and billing systems of Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) and Southern California Edison (SCE).

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search committee after asking different campus units what they were looking for in a vice president. The search committee includes two students and nine faculty and staff. The Student Affairs division consists of Associated Students Inc., Career Services, Health and Counseling Services, and Housing and Residential Life as well as other entities.

"One thing the candidate must have is a doctorate," Allen said. "It's because they deal with areas of academic, get the respect of colleagues and they speak from an understanding of the world."

The requirements the candidates must have include an earned doctorate from an accredited institution, 10 years of progressively responsible management and administrative experience in student affairs as well as other references.

Dwelleter is not one of the candidates, Allen said.

"Bob has been an outstanding leader for the division," he said. "He receives advice and counsel very well."

Allen said Dwelleter wants to get back to the classroom and work with the students.

"He will be teaching history next quarter," Allen said. "Any student would be lucky to have him in a pro-fessor."

Allen said he wishes Dwelleter was on the campus before he left.

"If we could clone him we would," Allen said.

They said such a move would free Enron to sell power previously intended for the universities at higher prices on the spot market.

The CSU's annual fuel bill is approximately $40 million, and its natural gas bill is $20 million. It generates approximately 10 percent of its total power needs through its own cogeneration plants.

Although the colleges would have to buy power from the financially strapped California power companies, they wouldn't actually be paying higher prices. Enron said the universities will still be guaranteed the price provided in the contracts until it expires in March 2002.

Officials from both the CSU and the USC said they weren't being forced to instate suppliers could cost an additional $132 million to $297 million over 10 years. They estimate that they have saved $30 million under the Enron contract.

Even if they were to stay under the Enron contract, the universities would have to go through the bidding process again next year because the contract ends. They could try to stay with Enron or find a lower electric provider.

"The real issue here is direct access," said Richard Wert, CSU executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer. "They want to change the billing process, and we don't want that to happen."

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, direct access was a major part of the state's deregulation plan, and was originally intended to lower prices for consumers by allowing companies to compete with the utilities. But the state legislature recently passed a bill that could suspend any new contracts under the direct access program because it was concerned too many customers weren't using the utilities.

Marty Sunde, vice chairman of Enron, told the San Francisco Chronicle that he was "shocked" by the lawsuit and believes it is driven by fear of the unknown.

"We absolutely, positively are honoring our contract," Sunde said. "The university has a 5 percent discount off the frozen tariff rate."

Sunde told the Chronicle that Enron isn't pulling out of its contracts, it's just finding a better cost alternative to keep them in the game.

Cal Poly officials aren't sure how or if the problems will affect the campus.

"They're (Chancellor's office) not releasing any information to us," said Ed Navert, director of facilities services. "They just tell us to pass on any questions to the Chancellor's office."

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By Robin Nichols
MUSTANG DAILY FEATURES EDITOR

He couldn’t get up from the couch the whole weekend. Architecture senior Peter Tex was coughing, lethargic and could hardly swallow. With a headache and painful muscles, he knew Mimethii was wrong. The diagnosis of mononucleosis came as a surprise.

Mononucleosis is the inflammation or infection of the tonsils, which are located at the back of the throat, and is caused by both viruses and bacteria, according to The Voice Academy of Otolaryngology. Scientists believe they work as part of the body’s immune system to develop antibodies to germs, and allergies. The disease can resemble other illnesses, such as the common cold, mononucleosis or strep throat in the throat, usually the tonsils are swollen, said Vicky Meehan, a registered nurse at the office of Dr. Richard Hendricks in Templeton. "An abscess on the tonsil (can also develop), with difficulty swallowing. There are also feelings of malaise and tiredness."

Also accompanying these symptoms are sometimes redder than normal tonsils, a white or yellow coating on the tonsils, painful swallowing and swollen lymph nodes (glands) in the neck, according to the American Academy of Otolaryngology.

"It can’t put my head back, and my throat is really swollen," Tex said. "Also, my throat looks bloody and inflamed."

While Meehan said there is no real way to prevent getting tonsillitis, there are some measures one can take to avoid catching it from an infected person. "(It is good) to take Advil for a sore throat," she said. "(The doctor) also recommends Echinacea drops at the onset, which helps build up the immune system. Some of the time, antibiotics also help, especially with the discomfort."

Drinking from the same cups or cars as infected people can spread the disease, so catching, Meehan said. Treatment usually consists of drinking plenty of fluids, and taking antibiotics, but sometimes the disease can necessitate removal of the tonsils.

"Years ago, everybody had their tonsils taken out," said Janice Parsons, certified medical assistant at Central Coast Ear, Nose and Throat. "But sometimes that wasn’t necessary."

For people with high intakes of plant foods have lower incidence of disease. Not only do dark greens come with phytochemicals, many offer a whole other assortment of health benefits.

One example is broccoli, which is an excellent source of calcium as well as folate. Until researchers know the complete answer, try to incorporate several dark green vegetables into your regimen.

And, dark green veggies are loaded with vitamins and minerals — something we need everyday. So celebrate St. Patrick’s Day by eating your greens!

Shelby Wilson is a nutritional science senior and a Peer Health Educator.
Confront all homophobia to eradicate it

O n the course of this quarter I've attempted to correct you on the ignorance of the gay and lesbian community. The great majority of you have been open-minded and attentive. Hopefully, I have challenged you to introspectively examine some of your positions on this matter.

The most refreshing responses to my columns have come from people who recognize the injustices we face today and want to know what they can do about it. As I am deeply committed to turning thoughts into action, I feel it would be helpful to share ideas on how we can end homophobia in our society.

First of all, know where your local elected officials stand on the issues of gay and lesbian equality. Contact your state assemblyman, Abel Maldonado, your congressional representative Lois Capps, and your district state senator Jack O'Connell. As your constituent, you are entitled to know what positions they hold on this matter, and the reasoning behind those stances. When they are up for re-election, you will know who to support.

For example, it may surprise many of you to learn that George W. Bush has publicly said he would not hire a gay person to work on his campaigns or in his White House. This kind of statement is seen in politics, not only by gay and lesbian Americans, but to their friends, family, and co-workers as well. Considering the close outcome of the election, this kind of stance could have likely swayed enough voters to change its result.

Another way to make an impact is to join an organization that is working on behalf of gay and lesbian equality. The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is one of the largest and most effective political groups that focuses on this issue. According to their mission statement, HRC is working to create an environment in which "Lesbian and gay people are esteemed of their basic equal rights and are able to live, honor, and see at home, and in the community." More information is available at their web-site: www.hrc.org.

On a local level, you can take part in Cal Poly's Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals United (GLBU). The GLBU plays an active role in providing a voice for the political, social, and educational aspects of equality. Membership in the GLBU encompasses all genders, ethnicities, and sexual orientations – quite an accomplishment for a campus that is all but devoid of diversity. Meetings are held weekly – the time and location can be found at www.calpoly.edu/glbu.

However, the most effective statement you can make is to simply continue to mingle, and treat it as unacceptable. When someone tells an antibiotic joke, tell them that you don't find it funny – and they shouldn't either. Don't associate the word "gay" with "bad" by saying that's "so gay." Don't tolerate the use of the word "queer" or "fag" anymore than you would tolerate the use of the "n-word.

These ideas might seem like small, insignificant efforts that might go unnoticed. However, if everyone took these steps, we'd see some of the most radical progress in our nation's history, and we could likely end homophobia in a single day. Margaret Rea, a world-renowned anthropologist, addresses this very concern: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizen can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Mike Sullivan is a computer engineering junior.

Opinion

Hollywood has no 'smoking' gun

Hey... you got a light?

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Letters to the Editor

Conservatives do vote with intelligence

Editor,

Ethan Pratt's ignorant and elitist editorial on Monday ("Smarter people make better citizens," March 12) insulted me. You see, Ethan seems to think you must not be intelligent if you don't vote his way.

In fact, he seems to think you cannot be intelligent without being highly educated, which must surprise many quite intelligent people who, for whatever reason, never got to go to college but are smart, hard-working, successful and (God forbid) productive people.

He also makes some broad generalizations that just cannot go unchallenged. Apparently, he ideol­ oizes the counter-culture of his par­ ents, but that same counter-culture is probably the most overrated and selfish phenomenon in the history of this country.

While the college "educated" elites were dodging the draft or trying to think their physics so they could smoke dope and find their inner self, those who were not as fortunate or as affluent were doing their part.

There is no honor in what that counter-culture did. It was radical, destructive, self-absorbed, and morally inert. The only good thing to come out of the 1960s was civil rights.

Also, his electoral college theory is quite off the mark. The fact is, Ethan, those blue states were due to large numbers of inner city poor that are pandered to and EXPLOITED by the elitist left (read YOU). You can call the red states stupid, redneck, racist or whatever you want, but it doesn't make it true. Believe me, we DO think, and that scares you, because it gets in the way of the socialists utopia you so desire, and you need US to fund it.

The fact is you don't have to be overeducated to be intelligent. I am probably at or near as smart as you, Ethan. And guess what? Although I've learned quite a bit in my college years, and have had some great professors, the fact is, I learned more about the values that affect my everyday life, like teamwork, leadership and how to get a job done in four years of football and wrestling, and 13 weeks of Marine Corps boot camp than you will ever be privy to know, and more than I could ever get in the classroom.

So go ahead and think we're stupid. Go ahead and go to your intellectually liberal social events, and mock us with names you know aren't true but seem funny to your elitist, "intelligent" thinking. But remember, you can think you're better than me, or smarter than me all day. Because ignorance is bliss, and if that's what makes you happy, so be it.

Mike Burchett is a math senior.
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Sports

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Michigan State's B.J. Mullin is looking for the next great football player at the university. He said he plans to focus on recruiting through high school football games and combining traditional methods with innovative approaches.

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The Triathlon Club at Cal Poly is looking to bring in strong athletes for the upcoming season. They are seeking experienced athletes who can handle the demanding training schedule.

Nearby, the University of California, Santa Barbara is hosting a triathlon clinic this weekend. The clinic will focus on technique and nutrition for endurance athletes.

Sports Weekend

The Mustangs are gearing up for another successful season. The men's basketball team is looking to build on last year's success and make a run at the conference championship.

The women's volleyball team is coming off a strong season and is ready to take on the competition in the Big West.

Volunteerism and Service

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don't think about playing Texas or UCLA and that motivated us to go along with it." He added, "I believe it is in the best interests of our student-athletes and the basketball program as a whole to have lead­ ership at this time.

Ellerbe said he ran the program with "intensity," and was impressed by the players' hard work.

"When I took this assignment, I knew our program faced several issues that were left for us to deal with," Ellerbe said Tuesday on the Detroit Free Press Web site.

Sports

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 '\"I think it's the ideal sport because it tests physical fitness and mental toughness, and the competition is really only against oneself.\"'

Rick Ellson
Cal Poly triathlon coach

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Cal Poly will have to go through their first triathlon of the season this weekend. They are looking to gain self-confidence and prepare for the best basketball season.

Ellerson said that the team is tightly knit, the emphasis of the triathlon club is to allow individual members to achieve personal goals and gain self-confidence.

"This is a challenging sport because it tests physical fitness and mental toughness, and the competition is really only against oneself," he said. "The triathlon offers the opportunity to test the limits we set on ourselves."
Bromley named new head coach

By Matt Sterling
Mustang Daily Sports Editor

While speculation for a replacement head coach for the Cal Poly men’s basketball team had the program looking all over the country, athletic director John McCutcheon chose to go with someone in his own backyard - interim head coach Kevin Bromley.

Bromley was officially named head coach at a Tuesday news conference and was handed the reins of a Mustang team that went 9-18 last season and was forced to deal with the midseason resignations of head coach Jeff Schneider.

Bromley took over after the resignation and went 4-12, but did lead the team to the No. 8 seed in the Big West Tournament. In the tournament, the Mustangs fell just short of an upset of No. 1 UC Irvine, losing 71-66.

"Kevin Bromley, who was named men’s basketball head coach Tuesday, instructs his team at last weekend’s Big West tournament."

"We have full support from the team. Everybody wanted Bromley back - there’s no doubt about that," said J amaal Scott, Big West Freshman of the Year.

Bromley named new head coach

Triathlon team gears up for Wildflower

By Jon Hughes
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

For many Cal Poly students, Wildflower is a prime opportunity to kick back and party. For Cal Poly’s triathlon team, it’s not quite as restful, but it’s far more important.

The team will compete for the National Collegiate Triathlon Championship at the Wildflower Triathlon, to be held at Lake San Antonio in Monterey, Calif., on May 5. The team will enter around 120 members in the race, roughly double the number from last year. The anxiety of entrants represents a marked increase in membership for the club, which has seen its numbers double from last year to more than 60.

Head Coach Rick Elliston, who is also Cal Poly’s Associate Vice President for University Advancement, said he is encouraged by the team’s large roster.

“We’re having a great year as far as our membership growing,” he said. "We have a strong core group of athletes and leaders."

Brandon Drew, public relations chair for the team, said that there are different types of people on the team.

“We have some members who have never raced and some who race professionally,” he said.

Last weekend, Cal Poly was host to a meet on campus attended by six visiting schools. Among the schools competing were UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara and Sacramento State. J.J. Sclar from UC Santa Barbara won the men’s race with a time of 1:13:18. The race was comprised of a 2K-meter swim, a 16-mile bike ride and a 3-mile run. Jessica Gillett, another UCSB student, won the women’s race with a time of 1:22:08. Top Cal Poly finishers were Nathan Yuma at 1:23:05 and Kore Hunter at 1:25:15.

“Since there is no governing body for the Wildflower triathlon, it’s not quite as restful, but it definitely makes it a little better,” he said. "I want to have a more stable position this season, platooning with veteran Brandon Drew.

"We have a strong core group of athletes and leaders."

Triathlon team gears up for Wildflower

Ellerbe out at Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Brian Ellerbe will not return as Michigan’s basketball coach after being asked to resign by the school’s athletic director.

Ellerbe finished his fourth year as coach of the Wolverines. Athletic director Bill Martin said Tuesday he did not see sufficient improvement in a program that was once among the sport’s elite.

Michigan went 10-18 this season and 4-10 in the Big Ten, closing the year with an 82-60 loss to Penn State in the Big Ten tournament. Ellerbe was 62-60 during his stay at Michigan.

“The program and the student-athletes did not make progress over this year,” Martin said at an after-game press conference. "I am not in a position to make a permanent decision at this time."

"I don’t think they came into the season with the expectation that it would be a rebuilding season," said Stu Jackson, a former Wolverines player who is now an assistant coach at Gonzaga.

"They had a lot of high expectations coming into this season," he said. "They were hoping to make the NCAA tournament. That’s what Michigan fans expect from their program."