Questions remain in flier controversy

By Sonia Slutzki

Reginald Jones' speech last Wednesday dealt with the issues of rebuilding communities, and of individuals taking it upon themselves to fix their current situation instead of relying on government.

The nature of his speech can be perceived as controversial. He was a black speaking against the Democrats. He said many civil rights leaders did not do what they were supposed to have done, and black leaders today, such as Jesse Jackson, do not have the black community's best interests in mind.

Yet, the controversy surrounding Reginald Jones' visit, sponsored by Cal Poly College Republicans (CPCR), started long before he had even arrived in San Luis Obispo.

Many audience members attended the speech hoping to find resolution to their anger.

"What caught my attention were all those fliers posted around campus," said Angelina Lawse, city and regional planning senior. "Especially the one that said, 'In yo face whitey.'"

At the end of the speech, Amon Browning, a city and regional planning senior, showed Jones the controversy flier after his speech.

"I was upset," Jones said in a phone interview. "I think that anybody who knows me knows that doesn't represent me."

Another controversial flier encouraged students to buy the book "Black in the White Tomb," and to "spread the word about this conservative sell-out.

Andrew Streenan, a mechanical engineering freshman and the advertising chair for CPCR, said the point of the campaign was to get people upset.

"We wanted to draw people who normally would not want to go to one another's events," Streenan said. "We have to be somewhat controversial."

But not all the fliers designed by CPCR were meant to touch the campus community. Most club representatives did not agree with the content of these fliers. The designer of the second controversial flier has not been identified.

"The controversial flier in question (‘In yo face whitey’) was not approved by the club and was not copied or hung up for the first wave of advertising," Streenan said in a letter to Jones.

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"Columbia University picked Cal Poly because of our great students."

Philip Bailey

dean of the College of Science and Mathematics

"Some people got in trouble because they were caught jumping off a 40-foot cliff into the ocean (in the Biosphere)," said Evan Friedman, an earth science junior, who also attended the program.

In addition to the ocean, this human-made ecosystem has desert, scrub, savanna and rain forest biomes. Friedman said he liked the rainforest biome the best.

"Except for the glass and there being no animals, it seems pretty real," he said.

Besides the five biomes, a thorn-scrub sits between the desert and savanna. An agricultural biome, which used to serve as part of the habitat in which the biophotons once lived, is also included in the complex.

There haven’t been vertebrate animals living inside Biosphere 2 since its experimental days when the biophotons were locked inside.

"The only living creatures I saw were little black ants that don’t bite," Friedman said.

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Study: CSU faculty paid less than counterparts

By Whitney Kobrin

Despite a possible three-year contract settlement between the CSU system and the CPA announced Saturday, many are still concerned about the increasing salary gap between CSU faculty and faculty from other comparable institutions.

Alice Sunahara, a communications specialist for the California Faculty Association, said the California Postsecondary Education Commission reported a 2.7 percent growth in the salary gap during the current school year.

This year, the CPEC estimated a 7.9 percent gap between CSU faculty salaries and those at similar colleges.

Even with the across-the-board 2 percent salary increases proposed in contract negotiations, the gap would widen to 10.6 percent by next year, according to the CPEC calculations, Sunahara said.

Karl Engelbach, chief fiscal and policy analyst at the CPEC, verified the projected 10.6 percent gap for next year. He said the figure is based on a set of 20 institutions with en...
MyCalPoly offers online convenience

By Katrina Telfer

Managing Technology Writer

Checking out the news, weather, and campus-wide announcements can be done with a few clicks of the mouse. MyCalPoly is a Web site that gives students access to personalized bookmarks, San Luis Obispo weather, Robert E. Kennedy Library resources, announcements, links to local news sources and even a number guessing game.

Cal Poly students, faculty and staff with an e-mail alias and Central UNIX password can use MyCalPoly by visiting http://my.calpoly.edu, and there are on-screen instructions to help first time users.

MyCalPoly has been available since the beginning of the school year, but not many people know about it, said Chris Stevens, a Web strategist with the university.

"I've never heard of it before today, but it sounds like it would be really helpful to a lot of people if the word was spread about it," he said.

Stevens said that an effort was made to get the word out to incoming freshmen about the portal, but not many of them know what it is.

Jenny Stone, an agricultural business freshman, is one of these people.

"I've heard of it, but I'm not sure exactly what it is," she said.

MyCalPoly is the first Web portal. A Web portal is a Web page, or pages, which combines access to information and services from different sources into a single, easy-to-use browser-based interface. Each service is presented as a channel to users, who are able to select the channels that meet their needs and organize them within the portal, Stevens said.

Cal Poly was an early adopter of Web-based technologies to improve access to university services such as registration and grades (POWER), personal information (MustangInfo), Kennedy Library resources and more.

The problem is that many of these were developed separately and, in many of them, the service requires a different log-in. Also, each service may be located at different and unrelated destinations on the Web.

MyCalPoly has been built to help solve these issues by integrating the existing systems, Stevens said. He added that for users, this means faster access to important campus information and services by requiring only one log-in and less hunting-and-clicking to get to the information they need.

"Many students who have used the portal find it helpful," Stevens said.

"I use the portal all the time," said Christ Roth, a journalism sophomore.

"It's a great tool to use to find out what's going on in the community.

To developers, the portal provides a framework that minimizes the work of creating new Web applications and that provides a common means of exchanging information to improve the continuity of data between them.

The combined budget for the portal project for the 2000-2001 and 2001-02 fiscal years is approximately $80,000, plus staff expenses (currently a team of five). MyCalPoly is based on a free technology called Portal, which was developed by a group of high-education institutions called the JA-SIG.

This free technology has allowed Cal Poly to invest the majority of the budget into the development of new custom applications (as opposed to framework or infrastructure costs). Alternatives to Portal can cost $10,000 or more for the framework license, which does not take into account the cost of custom development or implementation and maintenance, Stevens said.

Future plans call for a significant expansion of the list of available channels, including contributions from many other groups across campus. Users can anticipate the release of new services such as classified ads, Web surveys, personal information management, system status and many others over the next six to eight months, Stevens said.

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Fetzer said the CSU system has been trying to ensure fairness in closing salary gaps for administrative positions in the past, but he questions how committed the administration is to closing the salary gap for faculty.

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National Briefs

Nine U.S. soldiers killed in an Afghan air attack
WASHINGTON — Pentagon officials said Monday that nine U.S. soldiers have been killed in a U.S.-led attack in Afghanistan. At least eight were killed when two helicopters were fired on by enemy forces in the largest offensive assault of the five-month war against terrorists.

Several hundred al-Qaida fighters, located in the eastern Afghanistan mountains, are fortified with "lots of weapons," said Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In one of the incidents, a Chinook helicopter crashed after it was fired upon. Seven died in the crash or in the following firefight on the ground, said a senior defense official.

In the second incident, an American died when a rocket-propelled grenade was fired on a helicopter. The helicopter made a hard landing and then took off again, said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. The grenade evidently ricocheted off of the helicopter and did not explode. The soldier who died may have been knocked out of the helicopter by the force.

Another U.S. soldier was killed Saturday in a firefight against enemy, the Pentagon said. He was Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki. 34, of Wade, N.C.

At least 40 American soldiers were wounded in the incidents, which started Friday, against suspected al-Qaida and Taliban that are believed to be preparing to launch a spring offensive in eastern Afghanistan.

Half of those wounded have returned to duty. The others are in hospitals and are expected to return to duty soon.

A Chinook helicopter is the first U.S. aircraft to be taken down by enemy fire in the war on terrorism.

Associated Press

Proposal to raise smoking age to 21 in California
SAN FRANCISCO — A drive is in the works to raise the legal smoking age in California from 18 to 21.

The bill, proposed by a Santa Rosa obstetrician-gynecologist, will be introduced this session, state lawmakers said. The California Medical Association voted unanimously to urge the change at its annual meeting in February. The American Medical Association has endorsed raising the legal smoking age to 21 since 1997.

In 46 states and the District of Columbia, the legal smoking age is 18. It is 19 in Alaska, Alabama and Utah.

California's anti-tobacco laws are already among the strictest in the nation. It is the only state that bans smoking in bars and private workplaces.

It is one of two states that forbid tobacco advertisements within 1,000 feet of schools. The State Legislature is expected to raise the cigarette tax from 87 cents to $1.52 a pack this year — the highest in the nation.

California spends $315 million a year on its anti-smoking campaign — also the highest in the nation.

Studies show that at least 90 percent of smokers begin before age 21. They turn 19, and that people who do not smoke before 21 probably won't smoke later in life.

Since 1995, California's teen-age smoking rate has fallen 41 percent.

AUSA Today

Secretary of State urges talk before Afghan attack
ENCINAS, Calif. — An off-duty U.S. Secret Service agent bit off part of a man's ear in a bar fight outside the Daley Double Bar, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported Saturday.

The agent was one of four off-duty agents who fought a crowd of locals in the bar on the day Vice President Dick Cheney began his four-day California tour, an agency spokesman said.

About 15 locals were involved in the brawl, which allegedly began when agents made rude comments to a local woman, the newspaper reported.

Secret Service spokesman Jim Mackin told Reuters News that the agents were defending themselves in the attack, which occurred Feb. 18 at 2 a.m. No details on whether the agents guarding Cheney were released.

A sheriff's detective said that one agent had his nose broken and four of his colleagues were wounded in the incident. An ambulance was called to the event, but the ambulance company was not identified.

Israeli officials said that the ambulance approached a checkpoint at high speed. Israeli soldiers opened fire, tearing the ambulance's doors off and wounding two in the vehicle. The Israeli army has blamed ambulances for being used to smuggle weapons and guns.

Palestinians say that soldiers have fired indiscriminately at ambulances.

Reuters & Associated Press

Rare medieval book found in farmhouse
CUMDEN, Maine — A copy of the Nuremberg Chronicle, a 600-page history of the world as written by a medieval scholar, was discovered in a Maine farmhouse. It is one of only 1,500 copies in existence, and was published in 1493.

The book was written by medieval physician Hartmann Schedel, and was considered to be one of the most important books published in Europe at the time.

The book was found by Barre Pibyl, a book dealer from Camden, Maine, after a client settling up his parent's estate put some of their looks in their collection up for sale.

The book is believed to have been worth $1,500 when it was first published. It is now valued at $80,000.

The chronicle is written in Middle High German language and is illustrated with more than 1,800 eschatological pictures made from woodcuts in the traditional style of the era. Other illustrations include ancient map-genealogies, and biblical and classical scenes.

BIBC News

Middle East

Israel attacks and firebombing carried out in West Bank

Arafat, the Palestinian president, was unhurt when a rocket hit his office in the West Bank city of Ramallah, and the White House officials said.

The air raid was part of a series of attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip by Israelis, in retaliation for four Palestinian attacks that have killed 22 Israelis since Saturday. The Israeli attacks killed 16 Palestinians, including the wife and three children of an Islamic militant leader. A doctor whose ambulance was hit during rescue efforts was also killed, and three of his colleagues were wounded in the incident, said the ambulance company.

Immediately after the attack, Palestinian police said two Israeli tanks raked the city of Ramallah with artillery fire. An Israeli police spokesman said.

Yasser Arafat's headquarters compound was also hit by an American military helicopter fire attack near his office in the city of Ramallah, the officials said.

The house then exploded, raising dust. The Israeli military said that the bomb hit a residential building near the compound.

Israel's legal smoking age was raised to 21 since 1987. It is 19 in Alaska, Alabama and Utah.

American deaths have been announced in at least 30 U.S. military deaths in the current conflict.

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Photos indicate water on Mars

By Robert Cooke

WASHINGTON — Although scientists are well convinced that Mars once was wet — blessed, perhaps, even with an ocean — few imagined that the water might have flooded across the rocky surface quite recently, in terms of geologic time.

Now, based on photos sent home by an American spacecraft locked in orbit around Mars, planetary scientists at the University of Arizona argue that water did gush from deep fissures they’ve spotted near the planet’s equator. And they think these gushers were active as recently as 10 million years ago — an eye-blink in the planet’s history.

In a research report published in Geophysical Research Letters, Devon Burr and Alfred McEwen described images of deep fissures that stretch 600 miles or more across a lava-covered area called the Cerberus Plains. Some water, they added, may still be hidden there, absorbed within porous surfaces nearby.

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Close your eyes and feel the slow-quick-quick rhythm of the drum, the musical notes of the bow-like berimbau, and the noise of the crowd. Feel the heat of fast-moving bodies flipping, twirling, advancing and retreating into the circle that makes them one. Enter the universe of Capoeira.

A blend of martial arts and dance from Brazil, Capoeira has been taught through classes at the Cal Poly Recreation Center for the last two years and now includes approximately 30 students.

"Capoeira means everything," said Ryan Anderson, master, or master, of the group. "It's a complete art form. It includes fighting, music, and it's very sociable. It's all about communicating and cooperating with other people."

Capoeira fighters, often called players, attack and retreat, kick and flip, but the participants hardly ever touch each other. However, by the time the one-hour performance is over, players have cut, bruises and bloodied elbows from the pavement and from the "fights."

Anderson, a Cal Poly graduate, had the idea to start a group at Cal Poly after learning Capoeira from a master at Capoeira Mandings in Berkeley. He and a few of his students teach classes three nights a week for participants of all skill levels.

Capoeira is approximately 400 years old. African slaves brought it to Brazil and, since they were not allowed to practice it, disguised the martial art as a dance-like game. Anderson said. Opinions differ on how the sport evolved after it arrived in Brazil.

Although it was illegal from its inception until the 1930s, Anderson said he believes that Capoeira evolved as a form of street fighting used mostly by the lower-class citizens of Brazilian society.

"Being a Capoeirista is traditionally a bad thing," Anderson said. "Theives, burglars, robbers and murderers around Capoeira were like being a bum."

It wasn't until the 1930s that the bow-like berimbau, a drum, and the berimbau and a drum, or atabaque. Songs are called out by the participants in Portuguese, Brazil's official language. Some songs tell a story about the beauty of Brazil and the longing that the Capoeiristas feel to return to the country, Avila said. Others, much older, songs lament about the pains and hardships of being a slave in a foreign land.

It's a blend of the traditional and the modern. Capoeiristas play music that sounds like African tribal drumming with a Latin influence. Instruments include a bow-like object called a berimbau and a drum, or atabaque. Songs are called out by the participants in Portuguese, Brazil's official language. Some songs tell a story about the beauty of Brazil and the longing that the Capoeiristas feel to return to the country, Avila said.

After the performance, players happily talked about their views on Capoeira and the importance it plays in their lives. Colin Harris, a music student at Cuesta College, said that he has tried other forms of martial arts in the last few years, including kickboxing and karate, but none compare to Capoeira.

"It's so much more spiritual and more of an art," Harris said. "It's also the most difficult martial art I've tried. It takes years to learn some of the acrobatics involved."
The method for advertising in the club is similar format among all fliers, this one was down soon after they went up, another poster did not question the fliers. It is frustrating to me that this was posted throughout campus. The club wishes to grab people's attention, but not in a negative way. Our meetings are open to us what a great job we did in bringing people to the event. Our meetings are open to the faculty's no confidence vote, "Poly faculty vote no confidence in CSU," one of the petitions started by the club. Our club does not promote hate, and we regret the consequences that have resulted from this mix-up. We are currently in the process of arranging meetings with Reginald Jones and our co-sponsor, Young America's Foundation, to resolve any hurts feeling. We were happy to be able to bring Mr. Jones to campus free of charge to the students, and we hope to make people to campus without having to offend people just to get them to show up. Upon speaking to Mr. Jones, he informed us that it had been suggested to us what a great job we did in bringing people to the event. Our meetings are open to the public. Please go to www.callpoly­-group.org for the meeting time and location.

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"It is not appropriate poster (the one in question) and we would not have agreed with it," said Mark Felix, a political science senior and vice president of CPRC. "It's unfortunate that two posters brought a great evening down."

By the end of the speech, most of the audience had been told to leave the event together. "We didn't have security there, just members helping put it up," she said. "There was no need for security there. It just increased tensions." Felix, CPRC vice president, said he was not aware of any security being there and explained the Magittes were simply used to guide guests and sponsors unfamiliar with the campus, from the parking structure to the room.

"They were used for lighting purposes," he said. "We didn't have security there, just members helping put the event together. One CPRC representative did say, "They asked, 'Is there some sort of race problem?' Are blank faces," Browning said. "The effect of these fliers is far more reaching than just provoking an event. It created tension that did not have to be there. It's already hard for white people to approach me because they have this misconception that I'm upset. They already have these stereotypes in their mind, so now they have even more."

As the time went on, Browning arrived at the event, which he perceived the atmosphere to be, did not help ease the tension. He stood ready to leave the event. "I am comfortable enough to walk in. The two-foot-long, black Maglite, held a two-foot-long, black Maglite. "It's usually the case that we want to make sure that if there is some commotion, the speaker feels safe," said Browning, advertisement chair.

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Bed of cooled lava. The photos they're working with came from the orbital camera aboard the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, which has been circling the Red Planet since 1997. A second camera, the Mars Odyssey, recently arrived at Mars, and its first pictures were released last week, showing evidence of hydrogen at the south pole, hinting that water in some form may be there. The Odyssey's instruments had already detected signs of hydrogen on Mars' surface. What the two Arizona scientists surmise is that the water now buried in the soil, and probably frozen there as deep permafrost, was released suddenly by volcanic activity and came out raining in huge floods — perhaps sustaining the volume of the Lake Erie. If water exists on Mars today, it is probably frozen below ground or hidden in caves at the poles.
Lacrosse takes three games at home

By Dawn Rapp

The Cal Poly women's lacrosse team proved again that it's worthy of its status as national champions, winning all three games played this weekend against the University of Rhode Island and the University of Arizona.

Mustang coach Brandon Badgley couldn't have been happier. "They played really well," he said. "One thing about our team this year that makes them really good is that we don't have one specific leader. Everyone contributes equally."

The Mustangs defeated Rhode Island 18-3 on Friday in front of a large crowd at the Sports Complex. The Mustangs dominated the game, not giving Rhode Island any chance to start a rally. Badgley was very pleased with how the women played, especially sophomore Liz Mejia. Mejia scored five goals and had four assists, a season high for the Mustangs. The team also beat the University of Arizona 17-5 on Saturday and 13-4 on Sunday.

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The Mustangs will also travel to Rhode Island to play on April 19. This weekend's top scorers were Ashley Kiersten and Liz Mejia. Kiersten scored five goals in Sunday's game. Badgley said the top defensive player was freshman goalkeeper Melissa Coulson.

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"Our team just played really well this weekend," she said. "We really clicked and had good chemistry."

Strong play was also seen from defensive-wings Jill Marshall and Shannon Shotter.

The Mustangs' winning record has attracted national attention since the team defeated Army last year in the national championship game. Since winning the title, the Mustangs have gained recognition from east coast schools that are known to be very dominant lacrosse teams. Coulson said Cal Poly has been invited to tournaments all over the country this year and will be playing Delaware, Brown University and possibly Navy in mid-April.

The Mustangs will play third ranked UC San Diego at the Sports Complex at 6 p.m. on Monday. The women beat San Diego 17-4 in their last meeting and hope to beat them in front of the home crowd.

"We've played them before. If we win, we guarantee our bid to the national tournament," Badgley said.

Hockey team rolls to regional title

The Cal Poly roller hockey team defeated Chico State 6-4 on Saturday to win the WCRHL Regional Championships. To be held March 1-3 at Mott Gym in Corvallis, Oregon.

BRIEFS

Schenk takes 197-title

Schenk edged Erik Gladish of Arizona State, 8-7, in the final true of junior from Anderson, Calif., Schenk is now 15-6 for the season.

Madden and MNF: a dream come true

"The best part is, Madden says the things used in the video game in real life."

John Madden and MNF: a dream come true

The Cal Poly roller hockey team defeated Chico State 6-4 on Saturday to win the WCRHL Regional Championships in Sonoma. From left, back row: Ian Gould, Logan Fleming, Trevor Jacobs, Tim Girvin; middle: Bobby Cottrell, James Marshall, Scott Murphy; front: Chris Herbert, Matt Corsetti. The Mustangs' B-team also won 6-4, against Santa Barbara.

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