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**By Cynthia Neff**

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**Huerta urges students to get involved**

Dolores Huerta speaks about her experiences with Cesar Chavez and her role in the advent of the United Farm Workers union Wednesday night. Many of the attendees of the speech bore UPW flags like this one, which was signed by Chavez three times throughout the years in many different marches.

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**Fee disagreement freezes meeting**

Gail Wilson, a Cal Poly alumna, points out a problem she had with the college-based fee referendum proposal to an Academic Senate representative, middle, and Bob Detweiler, interim vice president of Student Affairs, at a meeting Thursday. The gathering was part of a Campus Fee Advisory Committee meeting that discussed problems with the closure of last month's meeting.

**Forum gives candidates opportunity to take a stand**

By Kelly Foster

ASTF's budget increase from $600,000 to $1.4 million is the reason behind the Sunday's vote, which will be held in the Sierra Madre lunch area at 5 p.m.

Associated Students Inc. presidential candidates will speak about what the extra money can be used for next year and introduce their platforms for the upcoming election.

"With the fee referendum increase, ASTF's budget is going to be almost doubled," said Lilian Andrade, Sierra Madre Hall resident advisor and organizer of the event. "This is pretty important."

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**'MIT of the Philippines' visits campus to set up exchange**

By Theresa Ngo-Anh

The president of the Mapua Institute of Technology (MIT), along with two other university representatives, paid Cal Poly a visit Thursday to discuss the possibilities of starting an educational foreign exchange program between the two colleges. The visit from the Philippine university was made possible through a joint effort by the Filipino Cultural Exchange and Cal Poly's Cultural Exchange Program. MIT is a technology school in the Philippines, Nieves Villamin, advisor of PCE, was very enthusiastic about the visit.

"Mapua is the MIT of the Philippines," Villamin said. "We have been trying to set up a program with a university comparable to Cal Poly's cal

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Students spend spring break with SEALs

By Bridgette Vanherweg

While most students were throwing back tropics in the sun or hanging out by the pool at home, six Cal Poly ROTC cadets sweated and strained at the mercy of special forces instructors in Coronado, Calif., during spring break.

"When most students were partying in Tusqox, these students went down to Navy SEAL land," said Maj. Paul Buechner, assistant professor and training officer at Cal Poly SEALs (Sea, Air, Land) teams go through what is considered by some to be the toughest military training in the world, according to the Navy SEALs Web site.

Two freshmen, two sophomores and two juniors successfully completed the 10-day training program held March 21 through April 2. Freshmen Michael Moyer and Ryan Adams, sophomores Samuel Bonner and David Greminger, junior Patrick Hune and senior Eric Goltry made up half the cadets who graduated from the program of instruction. All six cadets are now eligible to compete in the Combat Diver Qualification Course (CDQC), a four-week long program held this June at the Naval Air Station in Key West, Fla.

"In the future, we will be adding programs specifically with Air Force personnel. Parks said. "We believe it will be a good partnership for Cal Poly to work with the Air Force in the development and training of their faculty, who will be teaching at the base."

Another exciting thing that Keeler has done for Cal Poly, which hasn't been done for any other participating colleges, is to allow a state-of-the-art Cal Poly lab on-base. Sheffer said the lab is strictly to be used for classes being offered through the new program.

"Keeler Air Force Base wanted technology training, which the program offers, but we hope to be able to go in there and provide them with other services in the future as well," Sheffer said.

Ellen Sheffer, program development coordinator for Extended Studies, is responsible for getting the courses started, hiring coordinators and instructors, as well as planning exactly what will be offered at the base.

"The courses are open to active military, retired military, and dependents (spouses and children), as well as the Gulf Coast community," Sheffer said.

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Initially, 50 to 50 students are expected to register in the first program, but no students are officially enrolled just yet. In the beginning, Cal Poly will not offer degree programs at Keeler Air Force Base, but that might change over time.

"We are only offering non-credit certificate programs, which cannot be used toward a graduation requirement," Parks said.

Although no academic credit is being offered, the training provided is intended to improve job performance, which is greatly beneficial to Air Force personnel, Parks said.

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Buechner himself spent 15 of his 20 years in the Army with the Army special forces branch before retiring in 1999.

The six cadets continue to train six days a week with Buechner, swimming at the Rec Center and Cran dall pools and working out, Goltry said. They will soon start one-man camp training, where the cadets will have their masks covered with duct tape, their breathing hoses tied in knots, and other obstacles while underwater.

By Leslie Edwards

Poly launches programs beyond California

Cal Poly Extended Studies has recently set up camp at Keeler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., and will begin training military personnel next month in order to improve their job performance.

On March 25, Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker and Air Force officials launched two certificate programs at the base. One is an Oracle Database Administrators certificate program and the other is an Information Technology certificate program.

"This is the first time that Cal Poly Extended Studies has offered programs in another state," said Dennis Parks, dean of Cal Poly Extended Studies.

Cal Poly Extended Studies works mainly with older adults who have returned to college for various reasons, Parks said.

"We currently serve about 4,000 students in regular programs and courses, and around another 6,000 students through conferences," Parks said.

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**National Briefs**

**True cost of smoking revealed by CDC**

ATLANTA — For every pack of cigarettes sold in the United States, the nation pays $7 in medical care and lost productivity, the government said Thursday.

The comment was based on a study, prepared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which reported that the nation's annual cost per smoker is $3,591, putting the annual total for all smokers at $517.7 billion.

The CDC estimated the nation's smoking-related medical costs to be $3.45 per pack. It said that job productivity lost due to premature death from smoking was about $3,73 per pack, placing the total cost per pack at $7.18. In 1999, Americans could buy a pack of cigarettes for an average of $7.18.

The agency also reported that smoking results in approximately 400,000 deaths per year in the United States, which is 10,200 more than the government's estimate in the early 1990s.

The study also reported that smoking shorten the life of an average man by 13 years and the life of an average woman by 14.5 years.

There are 23 billion packs of cigarettes sold to Americans every year.

— Associated Press

**Astrophysicists report new matter on stars**

WASHINGTON — Astrophysicists reported Wednesday that a pair of strange stars may harbor an unusual matter that has never been seen before.

Chandra X-ray observatory astronomers said they had identified two stars that are the coldest and the most compressed cores of exploded stars. The gravitational collapse of the stars causes their atoms to break down to tightly packed neutrons, creating an incredibly dense, hot star about 20 miles across.

The two stars in question are too cold and too small to be supernovae, causing the scientists to hypothesize that the neutrons may have collapsed even further to particles called "quarks.

Quarks were previously believed to never be in a "free state," but the stars may be "giant congegations of quarks in free form," said one researcher from Columbia University.

Even more odd is that the quarks are likely to have transformed into "strange quarks, which unexpectedly show the radioactive decay time of some elementary particles. These "strange quarks" are not found made normal atoms.

A quark star could be two or three times more dense than a neutron star. One teaspoon of the matter that makes up a neutron star weighs as much as an ocean liner.

One of the stars is 400 light years away, while the other is 10,000 light years away. A light year is equal to 5.89 trillion miles.

— USA TODAY

**Mideast isn't easy, families find**

By Susan Baer

THE BALTIMORE SUN

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loved ones and honoring their choices.

Man, for instance, says he and his wife, Ruth, are concerned for their daughter and her family and call more often these days.

"But I support her for having the courage to live there," he said. "I think it's wonderful that she believes God will take care of them."

"No one is there without being really committed," said Miriam Gale, a professor at George Washington University whose aunt, uncle and cousins live in Israel. "It's their commitment and our respect for their commitment" that prevents Gale from ever suggesting to her relatives that they return to the United States, she said.

"That's different from wishing they were near," she said. "We worry a lot. Thank goodness for e-mail."

Similarly, George and Kate Gessert of Eugene, Ore., have had to make peace with their son's decision to stay on the West Bank — where he and his wife of two months had originally gone on a tree-planting peace mission — to try to assist

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Opinion

Homelessness not just a weeklong problem

Everywhere you turn you can’t escape the sea of orange shirts and ribbons. Who can miss the chalk messages sprawled around campus opening out eyes to the reality of terrorism? It’s true we are not doing enough to stop this but students care about important issues outside of sponsoring this campus- and community-wide Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. We can’t help but be impressed that the students care about important issues outside of the microcosm that is Cal Poly. How much do we give up our time and efforts to the homeless cause year-round? If I flaut an orange ribbon on my shirt for a week, paint a heart and a toothbrush, and fast for a day, does that rid me of homelessness? According to the USA Today article, “obesity each year, according to the USA Today article, 35%. But have we gained a greater appreciation for the underlying cause of many diseases? Since September, the students of Cal Poly have displayed a new appreciation for democracy. 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The 76-year-old technology-focused school is located in the Philippine capital of Manila. With approximately 15,000 students, it is the largest engineering school in the country.

Like Cal Poly, the school’s architecture and engineering departments are extremely competitive.

MIT’s President Reys Vea, who was given a tour of Cal Poly’s campus along with his delegation, noted resemblances between the two universities.

"Similar to Cal Poly, Mapa’s engineering students are very accomplished, as our civil engineering students have had the top scores in the country’s licensing exam for many years," Vea said.

MIT is also working on a joint research project with the University of South Carolina, and has an exchange program with Waseda University in Tokyo.

Cal Poly is currently trying to expand exchange programs in nine European areas including the Pacific Rim, said Barbara Andrus, associate director for International Education Programs.

"Cal Poly is in the process of negotiating the agreement for the exchange program," Andrus said. "There are just a few details to work out. It is anticipated that students will be able to participate by fall 2002."

Other issues that will be discussed will be student involvement, new ideas for next year, and academic system issues," Hacker said.

Whomever is president next year will have to make sure administration is keeping students involved in decision making," she said.

Top academic priorities for the next year include helping students get their degrees faster and increasing student advising, Hacker said.

MIDIAST

Palestinians at a refugee camp near Bethlehem.

George Gessert has talked with his son and daughter-in-law, both 26, about returning to their home in New York — but only gingerly. In Joe Gessert’s voice, his father said, he can hear a sense of pride and a

feeling that he’s making a difference by being there.

"They’re grassroots. They’re thinking very clearly about things," he said. "We have to respect that. We don’t want to burden them by pressuring them to come home when, in their consciences, they know they can’t.

"This is how a freshman, he’d be constantly passing his daughter. I don’t want to be calling him up saying, ‘Get out of that line of work because it’s too dangerous.’"

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being a part of the fraternity, and that he had become very involved in it since his recent initiation. "He was a member of the B.S. (Sigma Chi)," Sedorex said. He was just getting his foot in the door.

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Softball looks to gain in Big West standings

By Navid Niakian

The Mustang softball team is looking to turn around its season and gain some momentum against CSU Northridge and Sonoma State this weekend.

This season, Cal Poly is sitting at 5-12 in Big West Conference play and is looking to propel itself up in the standings.

The Mustangs have been struggling, but they are not giving up hope.

"We're more confident at home and we get pumped up in front of our home crowd," said senior third baseman Jackie Wayland. "The series against Sonoma State will be a good opportunity to turn around our season."