**Parnell, Anderson move to run-off**

By Cynthia Neff

The final ballot count for this year’s ASI elections ended in a run-off between Jake Parnell and Kaatlin Ayers and Alison Anderson and Wendy Martin.

A close race is over the UU place as the results were read around 8:45 p.m. Thursday. Parnell and Metcal Mancini hugged when they heard the results, and Anderson was reduced to tears.

“I prepared myself not to cry if I lost, but not the other way around,” Anderson said to friends.

Anderson and Martin received 554 of the 3,135 votes cast, or 27 percent. Parnell and Ayers took 36.2 percent, with 1,138 votes, Andrew Hunt and Leigh Love had 640 votes, or 20.4 percent, and Mancini and Gabre Carbas built 16 percent of the vote with 503 ballots cast in their favor. The outcome will put Hunt and Love, and Mancini and Gabre Carbas out of the running and enter Anderson and Martin, and Parnell and Ayers into a run-off. The run-off will take place next Wednesday, and will only last one day.

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**Editor’s note:**
To view the results and full story of the Board of Directors race, visit www.mustangdaily.calpoly.edu

**Group sues CSU over housing plans**

By Dena Horton

An organization new known as Neighborhoods North of Foothill (NNOF) is suing the California State Trustees for what they consider “notable” problems with the plans for the new housing.

“The university needs to address the problems,” said John Lynch, NNOF president. “Our concern is that they get taken care of before the project is occupied.”

**NNOF and their concerns**

With about 200 members, NNOF formed last year and includes people from other areas besides those north of Foothill.

“There were groups that organized themselves as well,” Lynch said. “There are a lot of concerns, not just with housing.”

**Professor, university pursue provisional patent for flexible bolt**

By Collin Hester

Engineers are constantly looking at ways to improve existing designs or products by increasing their strength, quality, reliability and efficient. After a great deal of research, testing and thinking, sometimes an engineer's innovative idea and concept will lead to an entirely new design or product — an invention.

On March 14, Niku, along with mechanical engineering professor Saeed Niku and a team of mechanical engineering students presented prototypes of the bolt at the March Madness for the Mind exhibit in Washington, D.C. The yearly event gives students from across the nation the opportunity to show off their latest inventions. It is sponsored by the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance (NCIIA) and is held at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of American History.

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**Today’s Weather**

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The Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) Agricultural Initiative at Cal Poly has made great strides this year and continues to welcome prospective Cal Poly students. What makes this program unique is that the Cal Poly Agriculture Initiative is the first program that was selected by MESA to target agriculture. Bret Harrison, director of the MESA Agricultural Initiative, said MESA is a University of California program that primarily emphasizes agriculture, math, engineering and science.

Harrison said that MESA chose Cal Poly in 2000 as a natural fit because of its learn-by-doing philosophy. He said that his job is to attract pre-college-age kids to agriculture. The MESA program has been placed in several schools that are in an educationally disadvantaged or rural area.

"There happen to be a lot of minorities there," he said. "Often in these communities, there are no role models. I saw kids literally expected at 16 to quit school and work. With MESA, I saw kids and families realize that there is more possible in education."

Harrison said there are about 920 students in the pre-college level pipeline in California. These students are 50 percent Latino, 25 percent African American, 10 percent Native American and 15 percent other. They can enter as early as first or second grade, but most of the students are in the sixth to twelfth grade level. The goal is to get these students to take rigorous courses by the twelfth grade and in order to be able to compete and meet college-levels requirements. Harrison said that in California, 50 percent of all high school students go on to college. Ninety-one percent of students participating in the MESA program go on to get a college degree.

"The program is open to anyone," Harrison said. "It is a major victory when a kid goes to college. What we want is to give these kids the tools they need to be qualified in order to make choices in life."

There are currently about 50 Cal Poly students who were in the MESA Agricultural Initiative program in high school.

"I see those students on campus all the time. They are great kids that come from incredible backgrounds who have defied the odds," Harrison said. "I feel really blessed to have this as my job. It is really rewarding."

MESA is funded by the state and some private industries, and is a hands-on program that focuses on high-interest activities. According to the MESA Agricultural Initiative Web site, the MESA Agriculture Initiative is the recipient of a Kellogg Foundation CFI (California Food and Fiber Futures) grant that is used to train advisors in soil science and provide soil science teaching kits to MESA middle school advisors through 2003.

Rocio Pineda, an agricultural science sophomore, is a Student Outreach Coordinator on campus. She said that when Harrison first asked her about the position, all she could think was "Where do I sign?" Pineda said that Harrison does several workshops with high school teachers.

"He shows them how to determine pH levels in soil and how to make cheese," she said.

Part of Pineda's job is to give student guided tours of the campus.

"A lot of people think that agriculture is working in a field all day long," Pineda said. "I try to give a different perspective that there are lots of opportunities."

**By Sierra Zwald Fish**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

**POLY program scouts for new talent**

Middle school students competed in the Soil Science Contest at the Junior MESA Day Finals in April at UC Irvine. The event was sponsored by the MESA Agricultural Initiative.

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nering machine shop on campus to work on the prototypes.

"Once a week we met, and I would show (Niku) the work that was ongoing," Mathis said. "We talked about the work — he'd make suggestions, and I would make suggestions, and we'd do it from there for the next week."

Mathis said he chose to participate in the project because it was ongoing. "We try to make innovative things for other people — that's what engineers do," Mathis said.

Niku, with help from Cal Poly, filed a provisional patent application for the bolt, which checks if the invention was created before anyone else in the country.

"The provisional patent is not a patent," Niku said. "It's a way of documenting that you have this idea and it is yours. We are doing the patent search to make sure it is not already patented in the same way, and then based on the result we may continue with the (actual) patent."

He said that it could take up to two years to obtain a U.S. patent.

Information pertaining to the design and composition of the bolt, as well as how it's bolted, cannot be disclosed to the public due to the guidelines inherent in the patent process, he said.

The idea of the flexible bolt came about in a course taught by Niku called Mechanical Engineering 234 — Philosophy of Design — which discusses design process, product design and design creativity. One of the class projects requires students to work together in teams to create an innovative product as if they were entrepreneurs, he said.

"Each team comes up with new products and new ideas, and one of them was to design something that was eventually called the flexible bolt," Niku said.

Once the students created the original concepts and designs, Niku said he proposed the first prototypes of the bolt to the NCIIA to seek funding for further development.

The NCIIA and the Lemelson Foundation eventually awarded the Flexbolt project $10,402 to go toward building and testing more-detailed prototypes and the travel expenses required to attend the exhibit in Washington, D.C.

Niku said it was a good experience to have interacted with students on this project. "It's a lot of fun," Niku said. "Not because there's a possibility of commercial success, but it is a fun thing to work with the students and to see something hopefully become a new, useful product for someone."
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National Briefs

NBA star indicted by grand jury for murder
TRENTON, N.J. — A former New Jersey Nets star, Jason Williams, was indicted by the Hudson County grand jury Wednesday on charges that he fatally shot a limousine driver at his house in February and then tried to misled investigators by making the death appear to be a suicide.

Williams, 34, was charged with aggravated and reckless manslaughter, hindering apprehension, witness tampering, evidence tampering, fabricating evidence and aggravated assault. If convicted, Williams could face up to 24 years in prison.

A spokesman for Williams said he would plead innocent "at the appropriate time.

Williams has been free on $270,000 bail since February. He has not yet entered a plea.

The indictment said Williams was recklessly handling his 12-gauge double-barrel shotgun at his New Jersey property when it timed and shot Costas Christofi, 55, in the chest. Williams was giving Christofi and other guests a tour of his estate at the time.

Williams allegedly tried to remove his own fingerprints from the gun, had his friends dispose of evidence, and attempted to place Christofi's fingerprints on the gun in order to make the shooting look like a suicide. He also allegedly encouraged his friends to lie to investigators.

— The New York Times

Student and teacher missing, relationship suspected
SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — A San Bernardino teacher and one of her male students have been missing since Monday. Police believe that they may have fled to Canada.

Tanya Hadden, 53, a teacher at Cajon High School, and Richard Pena, 15, disappeared after police questioned Hadden on Monday about giving alcohol to students under 21.

Hadden is Pen's science teacher. Pen's parents said that Hadden offered Pena and several friends to their homes after school. The Pena family said they were not aware of any inappropriate behavior between the two.

Police said Hadden and Pena had been in a relationship for at least five weeks.

Pen called a friend at about 7:30 p.m. Monday and left a message saying he was OK, but not where he was or whom he was with. They also said that Hadden called her family about 3 p.m. Tuesday and asked them to feed her pets. She also gave no information about where she was.

About two months ago at the same high school, police said another female teacher was accused of having a relationship with a male student, but the student denied it and no charges were filed.

Two weeks ago, in nearby Riverside County, a 28-year-old female teacher resigned after being investigated for having sex with an underage student and giving minor alcohol.

In both cases, she is accused of unlawful sex with a minor and contributing to the delinquency of minors.

— Los Angeles Times

Executioner denied prosthesis
AUSTIN, Texas — Authorities Tuesday executed a one-legged murder¬er after denying him a request to be fitted with a prosthetic device so he could walk "like a man" to his execution.

Rodolfo Hernandez, 52, was pushed in a wheelchair to his execution.

Hernandez' leg was amputated below the knee last summer, due to complications caused by diabetes.

Hernandez acceded the state of refusing to fit him with an artificial leg because of the $8,000 price tag. Prison officials said he was denied the prosthesis due to a recurring infection.

Hernandez was executed for the 1985 murder of a Mexican immi¬grant.

— Los Angeles Times

International Briefs

Europe

LONDON — Remote-controlled "robots" can be directed to make left or right turns, run, climb and jump through the use of electrical probes the width of a hair, which is implanted in their brains.

Movement signals are transmitted to the rat's brain by a radio receiver that is strapped to its back. The radio receiver is transmitted signals by a computer.

The rats, who can be steered up to 500 yards away, could soon help find buried earthquake victims or dispose of bombs, scientists said.

The electrodes stimulate the "bed-good" center of the rat's brain and cerebral centers that process signals from their whiskers.

There are also plans to fit the trained rats with satellite-position¬ing tags and train them to seek out human bodies or explosives.

Scientists admit that the new technology brings up ethical issues, but argue that the rats live normal lives while wearing the lab packs and have the same life expectancy.

— Reuters

South America

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — "Human Resources," a new game show in unemploymen-riddled Argentina, is contesting its way to success through a rigorous process of elim¬ination before the winner is present¬ed the prize — a contract for employment.

"Human Resources" representa¬tives said they are proud that they are providing their audience enter¬tainment and employment opportu¬nities concurrently.

Producer Herman Frato said the three-week-old show has already received hundreds of contestants for each job. One position for a hair dresser got 400 applicants.

The number of contestants for each job is whittled down to 10 candidates who are presented to the hiring company. The company then chooses two to go to the studio.

Contestants then pour out their heart and souls — revealing the intimate details of their lives — in order to persuade the audience to choose them for employment. The contestants must also prove to the audience that they can do the job by going through a number of demonstrations.

— BBC News

Europe

LONDON — During a midnight mission, John Collinson was caught by police while he was diving for balls. Collinson has been diving for the balls for 10 years and selling them for 20 cents a piece in order to provide his family with a living.

Collinson and partner Terry Roston, 24, retrieved 1,359 balls from a golf course the night they were caught. Collinson has been given a six-month prison sentence for his actions. Lawmakers, celebrities and the British media have been campaign¬ing for the 36-year-old's release.

Collinson made about $21,500 a year collecting the balls, and defended himself by saying that the balls did not belong to anyone. He even told the court that he reported his earnings on his tax return every year.

The judge who jilied Collinson said that he is "a very good man" who does not have a "desire or intention of quit¬ting the game for a living.

International police have come to Collinson's defense by saying that lost balls in the lakes were "finders keepers." A company specializing in retrieving balls from lakes has also offered to buy the balls as "abandoned property," and said that more than 2,000 people have signed a campaign letter in support of Collinson.

Even employees at the golf course where Collinson and Roston were caught called the sen¬tence "ridiculous.

— Associated Press

UCI faculty remembers riots

By Andrew Edwards

U-WIRE LOS ANGELES

Ten years ago, Los Angeles burned.

Bricks were thrown through win¬dows. Businesses were looted. The National Guard was deployed to pro¬tect the city from some of its own cit¬izens.

Millions watched Los Angeles tear itself apart on television. Others had a closer view.

Jorja Prover, professor of social wel¬fare at University of California, Los Angeles, and a Los Angeles native, was then a member of the faculty at University of Southern California. During the one-day violence in Angeles, a student rushed in to announce that the police charged in the Rodney King beating had been acquitted.

Prover remembered her reaction.

"It was basically fighting back the tears," she said.

Later, at 7 p.m., an LAPD officer informed her that the campus was being evacuated. Instead of leaving, she continued grading exams before heading to Martin Luther King Hospital.

She will never forget what she saw when she left the campus.

"I walked into a war zone," she said. "She did not see fires or violence, but the scene was one of total disor¬der.

"People were running around like crazy... they were in a state of panic," she said.

She spent the entire night volun¬teering as a counselor at the hospital's emergency room. She would continue working there for five days.

According to Prover, the hospital, like several South Central churches, became a place of safety amid the vio¬lence. Many at the hospital were not physically injured, though there were emotional issues to address.

They needed someone to "hear our story," Prover said, not just some¬one who was reporting on the conflict internally, she said.

Prover, who also volunteered in New York after the Sept. 11 attacks, said that the trauma in the two events was completely different.

While New Yorkers were able to go back to their homes, the LA riots were an ongoing conflict, she said.

Law enforcement officers on the streets had their hands more than full. Lt. Mike Kennedy of U S C's Department of Public Safety recalled that though the USC campus itself was fairly safe, the surrounding area was not.

— Associated Press

Briefs compiled from various news sources

By Mike Daily contributor

Anne Guildford

UCI faculty remembers riots

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'life' is certainly nothing like this

By Renée Shadforth

Romatic comedies are cute and all, but there is one thing about the genre that I can't handle, and that's predictability.

My experience with "Life or Something Like It" was no different.

First off, I knew it was going to be a sappy love story and everybody would fall in love with this movie with me. At least I only had to fork over one ticket.

Then, before I left the house, I thought it might be wise to grab a sweater. What do you know? The theater was frigid as can be.

The previews entertained me much more than I expected they would, which was an unforeseen twist. However, before I began to doubt my precipitate powers, the movie began.

The plot was predictable from the get go. Lanie Kerrigan (Angelina Jolie) is a self-absorbed reporter for a local Seattle television station in need of something to fill the void in her life. She thought she had it all: a hot, successful career and a warm relationship with her husband.

She then finds out she was all wrong. First, Lanie is assigned to work with cameraman Perry Scanlon (Edward Norton), a paranoid, depressed, single father. She thought he had it all: a hot, pre-baseball fiancé, a career that was on the up and up, and a head of fetching Matthew Monroe-like hair. As she knew it, was perfect.

One day, surprise surprise, she finds out he was all wrong. Perry doesn't want to have anything to do with the two exchange malicious-but-thoughtful barbs and tell each other they despise each other multiple times. (I could only guess whom the heroine ends up with by the end of the movie.)

Then, her idea of the perfect life is turned upside down when she discovers that her job comes through with flying colors.

As to whether their father is actually a soldier of God or a psychotic murderer, the two boys split votes. The oldest, Fenton, thinks their dad has lost his mind and refuses to participate in the killing spree, while the younger revels in the family's horrific calling, and eventually follows in daddy's footsteps. To top off his behind-the-camera antics, the youngest follows in daddy's footsteps to actualize the direction his career is headed.

Perhaps worst of all, "Life or Something Like It" lacks character development. Instead of showing us the characters' attributes through their actions, the film depends on what they say to, and about, each other. At the beginning of the film, Perry says to Lanie, "You are one of those people who has to pencil everything in. You can't live life by each moment."

As I left the theater, I was left with questions like: How much can a life-changing experience - like finding out you have a week to live - affect someone? What exactly is that black line that divides Jolie's bottom lip that everyone points to. What does it mean? What do you know? The theater was frigid as can be.

Above, Lanie (Angelina Jolie) ponders some new developments in her life. Below, at a labor rally, an inebriated Lanie leads picketing union members in an impromptu rendition of the Rolling Stones song, "I Can't Stand Saturation."

make their way into the box office?

My theories on the last question: Women think, wouldn't it be delightful if this could happen to me some day? And, their men agree to see the flick because the lead chick is hot (even though, in this case, she looks like a fish), only to be disappointed when they reach the box office and find out that the movie failed at the box office. Not R, losing all hopes of seeing Jolie in the buff.

Basically, this film is for those who find comfort in the same ol' Ryan-esque movie plots. For me, on the other hand, if someone told me I had a week to live, I'd be pissed that I wasted last Sunday evening watching this movie.

Strong Paxton carries 'Frailty'

By Don Quinlan

THE DAILY CARDINAL

Bill Paxton has never really been known as an especially innovative performer. His résumé consists mainly of supporting roles in action/adventure films, with a few dramas sprinkled in for good measure. It surprised this critic that he chose the religious thriller "Frailty" as his directorial debut. Even more surprising was the fact that he actually followed through with the mission — and eventually help — their mission... until he brings home the first victim. The boys witness — and eventually help — their father as he-kidnaps, murders and tortures these so-called demons at God's request.

As to whether their father is actually a soldier of God or a psychotic murderer, the two boys split votes. The oldest, Fenton, thinks their dad has lost his mind and refuses to participate in the killing spree, while the younger revels in the family's horrific calling, and eventually follows in daddy's footsteps. Told in flashback by Matthew (Angelina Jolie) the plot revolves around the mysterious deaths of people that drive the movie. The cast comes through with flying colors. The child actors are brilliant, while McConaughey demonstrates how a 30-year-old would behave after the most disturbing childhood ever. To top off his behind-the-camera talents, Paxton somehow perfectly captures the portrayal of a loving father, and a homicidal maniac in a single character.

The intense score and sound effects are without a doubt the unseen star of the film. The background music is chilling, while the sound effects during the murder scenes are far scarier than any amount of fake blood could ever achieve.

Even the toughest of moviegoers will be scared in completely new ways. It meets the very definition of a suspense thriller, keeping you in a petrified gape until the very end. The title does not do the movie justice. "Frailty" is one of the strongest films of the past year.

Although all students have the right to express support of candidates, they do so only as individuals. This does not constitute an endorsement of any candidate by his/her organization.

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‘Jason X’ should be ‘X’ed off your list

By Sara Howell

POLY FILM CLUB OFFERS CLASSIC MOVIES AT CHEAP PRICES

Poly film club offers classic movies at cheap prices

By Jennifer Thomson

When did the casting director find these actors? The only decent performance was Kane Hodder, who plays Jason. Where did the director find those actors? I think that all of the sequels since the fifth one have sucked. The only theme carried on from the previous was the display of new and innovative ways to kill people. The only theme carried on from the previous was the display of new and innovative ways to kill people.

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Point / Counterpoint

Eyes are more important / Being blind is a blessing

You have two choices! Walk all the way to your next class with your eyes shut or sit in the back of your next class with your hands over your ears.

Would you rather be blind or deaf? I would, without question, prefer to be deaf, because I can still walk to class with my eyes shut and it's very difficult. Not being able to hear is very difficult as well, but I believe seeing is more valuable than hearing.

Imagine ordering food at a restaurant. She's taking your order and you're thinking, wow, she sounds really cute! As soon as she takes your order and leaves, your immature and rude buddies start talking about how fat she was and how she could play basketball. I think that need to be discussed in other ways.

The most common way of communicating with the deaf is through finger spelling. Every letter in the alphabet has a sign. You can spell out words by using finger spelling to sign the letters.

Blind people have very little to do with being able to compete in sports. A deaf person has a much better chance to compete in sports because although they may not be able to hear, they can still see the ball and the movements of players.

He never thinks about what someone is wearing or what color his or her skin is. He likes people for what they say and for the feeling he gets from them.

Kelly Foster is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
San Luis Obispo is high is no surprise to any of the residents. For recruited faculty and staff, finding a place to live isn’t easy.

"People live in and look at the price of housing," Dalton said. "It’s difficult for them to see how they can afford to live here."

Dalton explained that the traffic consultant said adding traffic from 2 units to an already bad situation does not make it worse. She also said that the point is one that CPHC is addressing with the help of the city and Caltrans.

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The university owns 3,000 acres that includes the campus as well as 2,000 acres near Cal Poly. For CPHC, one of the first tasks was to look at Cal Poly’s land features and opportunities, as well as what's already built.

"It's like a giant jigsaw puzzle," Dalton said. "And you put together the pieces."

Dalton explained that a lot of the best land for building is considered the best soil for agricultural production because it is generally flat, making it the "easiest to convert to housing." However, CPHC felt that it was important to maintain the lands used for outdoor education for programs such as agriculture or bio-resource studies.

"The land without building is just as valuable to students instructional," Dalton said. "We took most of the building land to create students quarters."

CPHC chose H-8 and H-9 (located further up Highway 1) as the best locations for faculty and staff housing, Dalton said, and then began doing more analysis of the area with the traffic consultant.

"The proposal began about a year ago," Lynch said. "And no one had seen what it looked like."

Currently, the H-8 housing project is designed to offer 72 units on the 5.6-acre parcel. The buildings will be one, two or three stories high and offer a variety of rooms available. The design can be found at http://www.cphousing.org. Lynch said the 72 units will offer 144 parking spots, of which 42 are tandem (one car parked in front of another).

"We feel it’s an appropriate size for the project's location," Lynch said. "The project is in a place that is an uncomfortable choice and is out of scale with the area."

As a part of the early portion of the project, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) had to be prepared under guidelines set by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). According to the EIR prepared by the traffic consultant, the proposed housing requires the discretionary approval of the California State University Board of Trustees.

CEQA and EIR unplugged

Dalton said a state agency doesn’t have to go through local processes and laws for projects, but instead must follow state laws, which is where the CEQA comes in.

"CEQA, in short, is to make public agencies make sure when approving a project that the environmental factors are studied, evaluated, and disclosed to the public," said Starr Lee, general counsel for CPHC. Dalton explained that the traffic consultant said adding traffic from 2 units to an already bad situation does not make it worse. She also said that the point is one that CPHC is addressing with the help of the city and Caltrans.

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Baseball team in a rush to defeat 49ers

By Navid Niakan

The Cal Poly baseball team looks to climb up in the standings this weekend as Long Beach State comes to Baggett Stadium for a three-game series. The Mustangs (24-23, 6-6 Big West) are in sixth place, two games behind the 49ers (26-15, 8-4 Big West) and three games behind four-running Cal State Northridge.

Cal Poly has 12 games remaining, and its players hope to continue improving in each game.

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