The ASI Board of Directors has the power to allocate mandatory student fees
$10.8 million obtained from wheelchair sales to Central America.
Cal Poly students raised enough money, said event manager Natalie Watson, to "see Board, page 2"
through the Board of Directors.
"I want to not only get myself involved, but get other students involved with ASI activities," College of Engineering candidate Cameron Wangsgard said.
"The corporate structure allows us to manage student assets more efficiently," Van Dyke said. "We have what we expected."
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Wheelchair Foundation exceeds expectations.
Cal Poly students raised enough money to send 440 new wheelchairs to Central America.
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As a division of Associated Students Inc., the board receives non-profit status and is a state- auxiliary corporation that works with the California State University system. “The Board of Directors has tremendous influence over the direction of ASI so it’s very important that the candidates be taken seriously,” said Joe Vaccaro, College of Engineering candidate and current ASI President. Directors on the ASI board are required to attend workshops every week to discuss agenda items in addition to attending their own college council meetings.

The role of a director is to update their college council and represent their college at ASI board meetings of directors.

“I’m going out with communication as my main emphasis,” Orfalea, College of Business candidate, Lorenzo Lazaro said. “I want the student body to know what’s going on.”

ASI board members face decisions such as how to handle fee referenda or revision to the guidelines for co-sponsorship funding procedures.

“there’s a wide range of involve­ment for the ASI Board of Directors, it’s really what that individual feels comfortable with,” Engineering Board of Director, Mike Monnini said. “You can come and put in six hours a week or 20 hours a week.”

Unlike ASI officers or executive staff members, the directors are vol­unteers. The ASI president receives a 90 percent stipend based on the cost of education. ASI Vice president and ASI Board of Directors Chair receives a 62 percent stipend for edu­cation.

The ASI Chair of the Board will be elected by the 2005-06 directors. ASI board meetings are open to the public and held every other Wednesday in UC 220 at 5 p.m.

Agendas for ASI board meetings are posted 72 hours in advance in the UC.

The role of a director is important Dyke said. “What you’re going to get out of it is what you put in and what con­tributions are going to get out of it what you put in.”

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um must be 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health, Kleman said. The donors received a T-shirt and a coupon for a free Mane Chrillander’s haircut.

The Tri-Counties Blood Bank this month.

For the most part the event ran smoothly and only a few people got dizzy, Kleman added that it was usually when the blood bank traveled to high schools that they see people fainting because they are all first time donors. Today on the other hand, she said almost all of the 63 people were repeat donors, which made for an easy-going day.

“We have been out to Cal Poly about seven or eight times this year and it’s amazing to me that we still get this busy when we come out,” Kleman said. “It seems that no matter when we come out we always have a fall day which is really great especially this late in the year.”

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Several businesses in the communi­ty donated auction items including art, jewelry, clothing, hotel stays, sporting goods and other services.

Through the help of various local businesses and organizations, the team was able to pull off the benefit or mobility dinner, Wheelchair Foundation President, Robin Cho said.

Boston

Commissioner Kathleen O’Toole said, “There is no amount of money that can relieve that pain. I’m sure.”

Snelgrove’s parents, Richard and Gayle Snelgrove, and her brother, Michael, spoke at length about her death on a DVD their attorney gave to reporters Monday.

“She was the light of our life,” her mother said. “When she died, the light was taken away,” he said. “It seems that no matter when we come out we always have a fall day which is really great especially this late in the year.”

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SACRAMENTO — An Assembly committee Tuesday rejected a bill that would ban the sale or rental of violent video games to children under age 17, despite testimony that use of the games encourages violent behavior in minors.

The measure by Assemblywoman Leland Yee, D-San Francisco, fell one vote short of passing the Arts, Entertainment, Tourism and Internet Media Committee on a 3-2 roll call. It needed at least six votes, a majority of the 10-member committee, to reach the Assembly floor.

** LOS ANGELES ** — Federal agents have joined local officers patrolling Southern California freeways in an effort to stop a string of highway shootings and track leads on attacks that have left four dead and several injured in recent weeks.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The first democratically elected government in the history of Iraq was sworn in Tuesday against a backdrop of surging violence, and the new Shi'ite prime minister pledged before a half-empty parliament that he would unite the country's rival ethnic factions and fight terrorism.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has been tracking over the last week and will supply mobile laboratories for on-scene forensic testing and canines to find shell casings if there is another shooting, bureau spokeswoman Marii McCree said Tuesday. There have been 11 Southern California freeway shootings in recent weeks.

The announcement Tuesday came in Taiwanese opposition leader Lien Chan wrapped up an historic visit to China that marked Beijing's biggest effort yet to win Taiwanese hearts after years of military tests and other menacing gestures.

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WICHITA, Kan. — Prosecutors vowed Tuesday there will be no plea bargain in the case against a former church leader and city employee charged with 10 counts of murder in the BTK serial killings that terrorized Wichita since the 1970s.

"I look forward to a trial of this case because it is important after 30 years for people to know and for people to understand and appreciate, not only the work of law enforcement, but to be able to say, 'It's over, it's over,'" District Attorney Nola Foulston said after the arraignment of suspect Dennis Rader.

BRAIDENTON, Fla. — About 1,000 high school students were kept out of their classrooms temporarily after someone glued the room locks in what is believed to be a costly senior prank.

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The protest has lasted six days so far, with students crowding the president's office, rotating in and out to attend class.

Ron Stanton

Associated Press

HONOLULU — The seven Hawaii state flags outside the University of Hawaii administration building are flying upside down in a symbol of distress.

But the flags raised on temporary poles outside Bachman Hall only hint at the frustration some students, faculty and community members feel about plans for a proposed Navy research center on campus.

Protesters have occupied the office of the university's interim President David McClain and delivered new demands on Monday, asking him to take immediate action that would stall or stop the project.

Citing Native Hawaiian concerns, protesters say the proposed University Affiliated Research Center, which would be the Navy's fifth on a U.S. college campus and the first in 58 years, would further militarize a state that is home to several military bases, including the Navy's Pearl Harbor headquarters and headquarters for the U.S. military's Pacific Command.

"They forget that living in harmony with the land is one of the most important tenets of the Hawaiian culture," said Lilikala Kameeleiwa, a professor and former director of the university's Center for Hawaiian Studies. "Many bad things have been done to our lands by the military." Demonstrators began their sit-in last week, and university administration allowed them to stay through the weekend. Six days into the protest, students rotate in and out of the president's office, attending classes and studying for final exams.

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University of Hawaii professor

"I had to balance the protest with going to classes," said Bart Abbott, a political science major from Green Bay, Wis. "I promised my parents I would graduate." McClain, who has referred protesters' demands to university counsel, said he would have a response by Tuesday. "I have received with interest the revised request," he said in a letter establishing a research center on the Manoa campus. Some of the work there would be kept secret from the rest of the university.

As part of their latest demands, protesters want McClain to withdraw his approval of negotiations for the center and to suspend any further action by the Board of Regents until at least Oct. 1. They also are demanding a full release of all documents and relevant information about the research center, and want a public meeting.

"We are taking a stand against the threat to the soul and future of our university," student Jessica Oshita said Monday.

Keli Collin, one of the protest leaders, said the Oct. 1 date was chosen because "we don't want them to sneak this through during the summer," when many faculty and students are not on campus. So far, the protest has been peaceful under the watchful eyes of unarmed campus security guards. A sign posted on the glass door leading to McClain's office urges everyone to remove their shoes before walking on the carpeted hallways.

University officials aren't saying how long they will allow the group to remain. McClain told them they were trespassing, and some demonstrators said they are willing to be arrested.

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University of Hawaii student

Students sit in to protest Navy research center

The university has denied mission," said protester Kyle Kajibiro, Hawaii program director for the American Friends Service Committee, adding that it is goes against academic freedom and open discourse.

The four Navy-backed research centers in the United States are located at Pennsylvania State University, University of Texas at Austin, University of Washington and Johns Hopkins University. Hawaii was recommended for the fifth center in July 2004.
A plane in every garage? Manufacturers are inching closer

Rikimini Callimachi

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEND, Ore. — Nancy Huntsman uses her small plane, the same way some mothers use their Volvos.

She straps in her two children, yells at the dog to hop in the back, hops in a DVD for the kids to watch and then takes off to fly over soaring mountains and parched deserts. Three hours later, they land at an airstrip near grand-mother’s house in northern California.

While owning a private plane remains a dream few can realize, creative financing options and advances in technology have helped manufacturers inch closer to their far-off dream of putting a plane in every garage.

“It used to be that you had to do a geometry exercise to navigate a plane,” said Lance Neibauer, the founder of Lancair Co. of Bend, one of a handful of airplane manufacturers helping to transform the way Americans use private planes.

Today’s small planes, however, have a “glass cockpit,” the system of computerized displays and controls that makes pilots’ lives much easier.

“We can literally read a book up there,” said Neibauer, who sold Huntsman her first four-seater plane for $32,000 three years ago.

Huntsman’s children.

And read it exactly what she does.

“Last year, we got through Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn,” Huntsman said.

Huntsman, 50, lives in Salt Lake City and uses the plane in the summer to take her children to her parents’ home in Crescent City, Calif. — a 3 1/2-hour trip which would suck up an entire day if she were to fly commercially.

“There is a plane in every garage,” said Bruce Holmes, a vice president of the Teal Group, a Virginia-based aerospace consulting firm.

Because of the new technology, Lancair’s sales have been growing exponentially. This year, the company expects to ship upwards of 180 planes, more than twice as many as last year.

The company’s sales mirror the industry trend for piston-engine, propeller planes. In 1994, the industry’s worst year, just 455 piston-engine planes were shipped in the United States. Last year, the total was up to 1,786, according to the General Aviation Manufacturers Association.

Like many other plane owners, Huntsman keeps her cost down by sharing it with another pilot who flies it on different weekends. Two-seaters are being sold for as little as $16,000, and new financing laws allow buyers to get 20-year loans rather than paying the balance upfront.

“I think flight is much more accessible than ever,” said Lee Bradley, 47, a financial analyst from Carol Stream, Ill., who recently fulfilled a lifelong dream by buying a $50,000 Lancair kit plane.

People who can afford small planes are able to avoid the lines, inconvenient schedules and increased security checks of flying on commercial airlines. “That’s why people are buying their own planes — they found a way to take command of their lives,” said Bruce Holmes, who founded NASA’s Advanced General Aviation Transportation Experiment, which is trying to widen the use of private planes.

The growth is also partially a result of a 1994 change in legislation that created an 18-year statute of limitation on lawsuits against makers of small airplanes. Until then, investors scared off by the prospect of unlimited liability had stopped backing these small manufacturers.

James Fallows, whose book “Free Flight” explores the future of private aviation, thinks there will come a time when it “will no longer be the playground of the super rich.”

“More people fly and more planes are built, the price will come down,” said Dale Klumpieier, the co-founder of Citrus Design in Duluth, Minn., a company that like Lancair and Wichita’s, Kan.-based Cessna Aircraft Co. has helped bring the glass cockpit to small, single-engine aircrafts in the last decade.

“The next big challenge is to get the cost to the Ford Taurus or Honda Accord level. It’s years away, but it can happen,” Holmes said.

Still, the idea of a plane of every garage is one that some experts think is farfetched.

“It’s a charming fantasy,” said aviation analyst Richard Aboulafia, a vice president of the Teal Group in Fairfax, Va.

Aircraft Co. has helped bring the glass cockpit and smaller, single-engine aircrafts to the market.

Huntsman’s children.

It’s just like driving a car,” he said sarcastically,” except that you have to be a pilot.”

And then there’s the cost.

Huntsman spends around $8,000 a year just to insure the plane for herself and a co-pilot.

That doesn’t count the cost of gas, hangar rental and maintenance.

Still, manufacturers argue that the industry has turned a corner that could allow private aviation to expand sooner rather than later.

“It’s really easier to use than a car — plus there’s no other cars coming at you,” said Bing Lantis, CEO of Lancair Certified.

“It’s certainly no big deal for Huntsman’s children.

“They’ve flown so much that they think it’s boring,” she said.

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Wednesday, May 4
Thursday, May 5

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**Commentary**

**Coachella was no desert mirage**

It's the Coachella Curse, and it strikes every year. But we should all be lucky enough to have it. Last year, halfway to the forsaken strand of cacti called Indio, Calif. (where the art and music festival is held), two of my fiancée's friends realized they left their tickets at home. Two panicked hours later, we were also lost in punk rock Hollywood, eventually asking about five hours to our drive time. This year, my Amtrak to the pre-concert press party ran maddeningly late, a train experiment with hot soup resulted in second-degree burns and I had a wild incident at the aforementioned Margarita Room (in Los Angeles) that resulted in bruises to my nose, lips and legs. And no, I'm not committing it to print because I won't even legally suppose to be there.

But details, details. The sixth annual Coachella celebration was the hottest thing to hit the Southern California desert in ages. Held April 30 and May 1, it delivered musicians of big names and big promise, art with a purpose, some serious partying and a few realized dreams thrown in for fun.

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Music's finest meet in heat of the desert

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Somewhere around Camarillo, a screw from the right front wheel shaft jammed our car, forcing the driver and I to spend two hours on the side of the freeway playing Backgammon of all things and other hour waiting at the auto shop. This, only a few hours south of San Luis Obispo, started the annual weekend where the desert city of Indio, Calif. actually comes to life. It was the weekend of the Coachella Valley Art and Music Festival at the Empire Polo Field.

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Water bottles, sealed or not, were forbidden at the gate, but did that stop the illegal substances from entering? Absolutely not.

By the end of the day, my shirt was off, among other things, marasmius smoke, which was in abundance throughout the stages and tents. Apparently, my clothing gave the impression of a reeler addict, which I discovered after being asked, "Hey man, you got any weed?" I've been looking all day and I need to get some." This asked by a tough looking 40-year-old with hair past his shoulders.

Due to the excessively long entrance line, I missed Gratitude; but the 8 p.m. performance by Weezer on the main stage completely made up for it. However, I didn't know I would be punished for standing 50 yards from my favorite band by not being able to move for about four hours. It was a sea of people packed into a sardine can the size of two football fields. Even after sunset, the cool breeze couldn't get rid of the sweat in the air.

The headliner Coldplay, the last of many European bands. The show was an excellent mix of Radiohead and U2 in a blender. It had great potential to make out music if the girl standing alone had wanted company, but no luck there.

Camping outside the field was not a bad idea after waiting more than two hours to leave the parking lot, and may have been a bit more fun than stopping for coffee and Cheese-It at 3:30 a.m.

Overall, the hordes of people, the bands (mostly freak English), expensive food and drink and long lines were well worth the $100 ticket for one Saturday.

The main draw for many of the 50,000 strong festivalgoers was Weezer. The band played a hits off its 'Blue' and 'Green' albums and new music, such as the single 'Beverly Hills,' from its latest album, 'Make Believe.'
Grocery stores easier to navigate, thanks to smart cart

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CHICAGO - New supermarket carts equipped with touch screens will guide you to the tomatoes or paper plates, let you order a product that doesn't fit with your shopping list or turn into a yakky box, or customers can use a home computer to make their shopping list. Once at the store, they can use their preferred customer card, or a key that fits on a keychain, to log into a system that will organize their trip through the aisles.

If you're looking for toothpicks, you type in the word or pick it from a list, and the screen will display a map showing where you are and where you can find them.

The Concierge and IBM's cart are equipped with the miniature equivalent of GPS, the global positioning satellite system. Sensors can track the devices to see right where your cart is, so that as you turn into an aisle, the screen can show what's there on your list and which items are on sale.

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5. Vegetarianism  17. Roberts of Mystic Pizza?
6. Sailing site  18. Camera card contents
7. They're underwater  19. Mass parts
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Clubs forced to find alternate funding

If the facilities and activity fees referendum passed, 16 clubs might have received ASI grants, but the vote failed by 75 votes

Emily Rancer

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*With the defeat of ASI's facilities and activity fees referendums last week, many club sports will find themselves in a familiar position in the coming years: no ASI funding, limited use of the sports complex and limited Rec Center space.

"Collegiate sports might have benefited in a huge way," ASI president Blake Bolton said of the referendum. Had students voted in favor of the referendum, the 16 club sports would have received program grants from ASI and would have access to an improved recreation center plus a new, separate center. The facilities fee would have also restructured the sport field complex.

The activities fee referendum failed by just 75 votes while 63 percent of students rejected the proposals for facilities fee.

"I voted yes (for both) just because some-sort-of funding for these clubs is better than nothing," said Rachel Wong, senior civil engineering and water polo player. Wong said that ASI might have given the water polo program as much as $8,000 for traveling expenses, tournament fees and pool time had the referendum passed.

Instead, Wong and her teammates must pay for everything out of pocket, costing them at least $300 each.

They also hold fundraisers to pull in enough money to cover their costs. If the team has to travel, each player must pay another $100 at least.

Mechanical engineering freshman and lacrosse player Ross Miller still does not see any increase in aid from ASI because the referendum were defeated.

"Our club and all the other clubs on campus should get more funding," Miller said. "It's a really small fee for us."

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**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT**

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To a three-game sweep against Sacramento State last weekend, Cal Poly has moved up four positions to No. 20 in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper national Division I poll.

The Mustangs, who last week were ranked for the first time since moving to Division I 11 years ago, also are ranked No. 31 by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, an improvement of one spot.

The Mustangs are still unranked in both the Sports Weekly-ESPN and Baseball America polls but are receiving more votes. Tulane is ranked No. 1 in three polls while Cal State Fullerton is ranked No. 1 in the Baseball America poll.

The Mustangs swept Sacramento State at Bagger Stadium by scores of 10-3, 11-1 and 11-2 last weekend. Cal Poly is 30-14 overall and remained 8-1 in the Big West Conference standings.

Cal State Fullerton is 33-11 overall and improved to 11-1 in conference games by sweeping UC Santa Barbara over the weekend. The Titans are ranked No. 2 by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper and No. 1 by both Sports Weekly-ESPN and the NCBWA.

Long Beach State, 32-14 overall and 10-2 in the Big West, swept UC Davis in a non-conference series last weekend and is ranked 10th, 11th and 12th in the four polls.

The Mustangs host Cal State Fullerton this weekend and visit Long Beach State next weekend.

In other news, Cal Poly junior southpaw Garrett Olson was added to the 2005 Wallace Watch List by the College Baseball Foundation in Lubbock, Texas.