**ASI 2006-07 elections begin today**

**Kendra Deutsche**

Strategically-placed banners around campus with the phrase “Vote: One Voice, 17,000 Strong” are calling the Cal Poly community to vote in the Associated Students, Inc. elections, which take place today and Thursday throughout campus.

The banners are a part of ASI’s push for an increased voter turnout in the elections. Students are encouraged to cast their votes to choose a new ASI president and board of directors representatives for each of Cal Poly’s six colleges.

Each student will choose one of the two candidates for ASI president, either Anne Giapapas or Todd Maki. The elected student will serve as the head of the ASI student government and chief student advocate for the upcoming school year.

Additionally, they will choose students to serve on the board of directors. The number of students serving on the board will vary depending upon the number of seats available for each college’s board. This result is determined by the number of students in the college and can range from three to five students, said John Azevedo, chair of the ASI elections committee and computer engineering senior.

Those elected will comprise the board of directors for the $11 million corporation that is ASI, Azevedo said.

Board members sit on all college councils to reach out to clubs, getting and giving feedback.

(Members) are the deciding body for this nonprofit business,” Azevedo said. “(They are) the liaison between ASI and the student body.”

This year, there are 45 students on the ballot for the 25 positions available.

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“Voting is notoriously low in college,” Azevedo said. “Most CSUs (California State Universities) are well below 10 percent. For us to vote for me. We were going down a list of things, like because of this, and then I realized that was it. That is why it is “Todd Because…” There are so many reasons and 99 percent

Students must bring their student I.D. cards, as votes cannot be cast without them.

**Anne Giapapas**

Kristen Marshall

**ANNE’S THE MAN**

A year ago, Anne Giapapas didn’t know how to “Experience ASI,” but she was listening to what students had to say and with their support, she is running for ASI president. A senior recreation administration senior, Giapapas strives to make the campus safer in the absence of Safe Ride and be not only a new face in ASI, but a recog-

**Todd Maki**

Christina Caci

**TODD BECAUSE…**

Todd Maki, a mechanical engineering junior, and one of the candidates for ASI president, has many issues that he will fight for if he wins.

While everyone has the opportunity to go to the forums that are held to introduce the candidates, only a few make the time to attend. So, here is a chance to see what Maki is all about. He explains the issues he feels most passionately about, the reasons both the Republicans and Democrats support him and why he is he better candidate.

Mustang Daily: Tell us a little bit about your advertising campaign.

Todd Maki: My campaign team and I were sitting around thinking about why people should vote for me. We were going down a list of things, like because of this, and this, and realized that was it. That is why it is “Todd Because…” There are so many reasons and 99 percent

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**What to expect at the polls:**

- You will be asked for your Cal Poly student I.D. card to receive a ballot and a pencil.

- The ballot will contain the names of both candidates for ASI president, with the option to choose one, or to write in another person’s name. The name of the candidates for board of directors will be only from your college.
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go talk to somebody and try to make a difference... I thought, "Yeah, actually I'd like to make my mark on this school."

MD: How are you involved on campus?

AG: I'm still majorly involved with the recreation program — I am a part of the recreation R.A.M club and then also this year started doing fund-raising events through my major... Other than that, I've been more involved off campus, I wanted to make sure that I was pretty well-rounded and that I had a lot of different specific jobs. A lot of them have been managerial jobs, which I think will be great if I do come into office to basically run the board and to share my experiences.

MD: Transportation is one of your big topics — how would you address the issue of Safe Ride?

AG: I want to make sure that as soon as I'm into office I'm addressing that problem mostly because Safe Ride was cancelled so I want to extend the hours of the escort can. I want to be out in front of the major bars every half an hour so you know when you get out, if someone needs to get home, they're going to get home safely.

MD: What are your strengths and weaknesses, and how would you address them as a president?

AG: My strengths are that I happen to be a good people-person, I have great people skills and I tend to be a good speaker. I'm quick on my feet and I know when I have a problem, I know who to go to for help... Some of my weaknesses I don't know everybody in ASI, I don't know the specific issues that they've been talking about in the executive board meetings. I've been going to the board meetings, I've been finding out as much as I can.

MD: If you're elected, how will you deal with Mardi Gras?

AG: I'm definitely proud of what Tylor and past presidents have done... there needed to be an end and they worked with the city even though the city spent way too much of our taxpayers' money... I think that it's been two years now and you can see that people are scared to go out of their houses on Mardi Gras weekend... and I think that students have lost that sense of tradition that was here at Cal Poly with Mardi Gras. But I think that we deserve a second chance and... what if ASI presents an event that saves the tradition — a dry event. People could start coming onto campus in costume and have this small parade that's responsible and secure... So by showing them another opportunity, another side where they can come in and play safe, I think the police might support that and they might want to be at that event... if the community works together with the Cal Poly community, that we could really make things happen, that we could change it for the better and not spend as much money.

MD: Where did your slogan come from and what does it mean?

AG: When I said I was running for office, someone told me that most people are going to see you as a little sorority girl running for office. And that really upset me for the fact that are you saying a sorority girl wouldn't be a great candidate for this president? And two, because it seemed anti-feminist to me... "Anne's the Man" has been showing I'm a girl but I can do the job I can be the man, I can wear the pants, so it's "Anne's the Man." And then there have been the comments from Todd's supporters saying "Don't be confused, Todd's the man." And then I want to make sure that people know that a woman can be in power, that a woman can do the job.

MD: What has some of your positive feedback been so far?

AG: I'm bringing a new group of people to ASI, people that normally wouldn't be at the debates have started coming and I've started getting e-mails saying, "I wasn't going to vote this year, but I believe in you." I've been getting a lot of good feedback from the people that normally don't vote, that 83 percent of the population that didn't vote in an election last year. It's not saying that's my target market, but I want to make sure I'm getting everybody involved, that's what I'm trying to do for student involvement in ASI, to know that there are opportunities.

MD: You say you have no interest in politics, so why ASI?

AG: I chose ASI because I want to be a student's voice. I don't want to be my own voice, I don't want to listen to myself and jumpstart a political career. I'm here because people want me to be here and I think that I would have a really good effect on what the good points of ASI are now, I think I could really have the potential to make them better... I don't want to go the government route; I'm much more of a people person... Right now I don't have the love for that, I have the love more for the people.

MD: The president's job is to represent the students of Cal Poly -- would you represent them in a different way than this year?

AG: I think yes, I think for the last three years we've had an engineer as president, I believe that I know people from every college and that I would be very self-rounded and equally represent students... I think that as a president I would stand out a little bit more than Tylor just because I have more of a broad understanding of students. Instead of working with ASI for the last three years, I've been with the students, acting with them as a member of an intramural sports team or part-time work... I think I bring the average. I'm more of a wealth of information rather than narrowly ASI.

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— Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)

In religion and politics, people's beliefs and convictions are in almost every case gotten at second hand, and without examination.
— Mark Twain

Wordly Wise

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I’d keep the mustang because they are wild n’ fast.
— have any superpower, what would it be and why?
I would want to be able to fly, especially with gas prices as high as they are.
— be anyone for a day, who would you be and why?
An indigenous person in a tribe removed from society and all the commercialism.
— be a cartoon character, what would you be?
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Erika Morgan
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Skylar Olsen
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May 3, 2006 - May 4, 2006

Polling Locations
8 am-4 pm
Ag Bridge (Bldg. 10)
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Kennedy Library (Bldg. 35)
Campus Market (Bldg. 11)

8 am-7:30 pm
Education Building Breezeway (Bldg. 2)
University Union-Downstairs (Bldg. 65)
of the people wearing the shirts can tell you why.

MD: What are your main issues?

TM: I want to work to establish a sense of community in the school and the city. People don't know the issues so they don't vote. They don't know how big of a presence ASI and the students have on the community. There are several groups on campus focused on sustainability that I have been working with a lot. Recently, Empower Poly was created which is a chance for all those clubs to join together and work for one goal. That's what I would like to do all over campus, bring everyone together so they all know what is happening on campus and get interested.

I also want to continue the work I've already started. I want to expand CP NEXT, which Tyler Middelstadt has been working on.

I'm pushing to improve the bus system even more. I want to continue to work with the city on it. I also am working on improving bike access on campus, alternative means of transportation and night transportation. I don't think it's safe to walk alone at night, especially on a college campus where alcohol is prevalent. I've already started researching what other campuses do and offer. It shouldn't be so very difficult because the school doesn't want students walking around — they really do care about us.

I'm also working on student services. I want to increase the debit and credit card use on campus. It doesn't make sense that there is no credit card use allowed at any food places. Students can only use their card at three places: Mustang Express, the bookstore and the REC Center. The REC Center and Mustang Express are through ASI. This would be extremely beneficial for the students. Students should be able to pick things up they need for class at Campus Market or get a bite to eat anywhere on campus between classes.

Something else that I would like to see happen is the ability to use Plus Dollars and Campus Express off campus. I know other campuses such as ASU do it. It wouldn't be implemented come fall — things like that take time. I know that students would appreciate it. They could go get Woodlochies instead of Backstage or get a steak sandwich at Firestone instead of Campus Market. Whenever I tell students the idea, their eyes light up.

Mostly, I want to close the gap between the city and students. One of the biggest issues we have is Mardi Gras, and it's always a concern for everyone. This year there were more cops than students and that isn't ok. The students don't want to be shot with pepper guns and the cops don't want to be out there fighting students. However, there has been a huge lack of respect between people. We need to do our partying in a respectful manner but they also need to respect the fact that we are college students and that we want to party. We need to build a respect within the community. We don't want to pre-empt what happened two years ago anymore. It's not safe though it may be fun.

MD: Why are you the best ASI president candidate?

TM: I will be the best ASI president because I am by far the most qualified candidate for the job. I have been on the ASI Board of Directors for the past three years. ASI is an $11 million corporation, not a high school committee. We aren't planning pep rallies and dances here. I know who knows what and who to talk to about every issue. Even though SLO Transit isn't through ASI, we can advocate for change. I know every member of the city council. I know the people in town it takes to get things done. Not only do I know them, I also have a relationship with them. You can't get people to do things for you by telling them what you want — you have to work together.

The clubs on this campus want a sense of community. It is already starting and ASI can facilitate it. We can use the momentum to continue it. I like to put this in perspective. For any club, the members would not elect someone as their president that has never been involved in the organization. You would choose someone that has been around and seen how things work. They just know.

MD: What do you think of the fact that both the Democrats and Republicans on campus are endorsing you?

TM: It only proves that ASI has nothing to do with politics and everything to do with the students. We are bringing people together for a common goal so politics don't matter. We are working for the students regardless of their political status. I've worked with both clubs and they can see that too.
Gas tax cut won't solve high energy prices over long haul, Bush economist says

Jeannine Aversa Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cutting gasoline taxes is not a good way for the country to deal with soaring energy prices, President Bush's top economist said Tuesday.

"One of the things we worry about is when we cut the tax on gasoline is that it basically stimuli," said Edward Lazear, chairman of the White House's Council of Economic Advisers.

"Over a longer period of time, it would be a significant problem — because what it would do is encourage us to use more oil, not less," said Lazear.

Lazear's comments come as lawmakers on Capitol Hill grapple with ways to provide Americans with relief from rising energy prices.

Oil prices hit a record high of over $75 a barrel in late April, they are now hovering about $74 a barrel.

Gasoline prices, meanwhile, are topping $3 a gallon in some areas.

Democrats have promoted the idea of a "tax holiday" by suspending the 18.4 cent-a-gallon federal gasoline tax for 60 days.

Lazear also raised questions about another idea that has been advocated by Republicans: providing a $100 billion rebate to millions of motorists.

"The administration is studying that proposal. It doesn't have the same level of direct economic consequences that we just talked about in terms of a cut in the gasoline tax," he said.

"But there are other issues that we have to think about — that is the best way to be using our tax revenue? Is it the most efficient way to provide these resources? And so there are a number of issues that are under study on that," Lazear said of the gasoline rebate.

Lazear made his remarks during a wide-ranging question-and-answer session following a speech that addressed, among other things, the gap between the wages of skilled and unskilled workers in the United States.

That wage gap has been visible for decades and "shows no obvious signs of abating in the near future," he said. Improving the education and skills of workers is one important way to help the situation, he said.
Mobb Deep back in the game

(UD-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — "Blood Money" may not be the chart-topper Infamous, but rivals previous Mobb Deep efforts.

The highly anticipated seventh album from the Queensbridge, N.Y., rap duo, Mobb Deep, drops today under SO Chit's G-U nit Records label. Havoc and Prodigy, best known for their hip-hop anthem "Shook Ones Part II" off the 1995 album Infamous, have faded from the public eye for the better part of the decade. The new album, "Blood Money," features many of the sharp lyrical skills that propelled them to the top of gangsta rap in the mid '00s. The addition of the G-Unit crew's style throws a wild card into the formula, but the end product is not as bad as many fans have feared.

For most of their careers, Havoc and Prodigy never enjoyed the lavish lives of their peers, producing remarkable tracks at the expense of immense record sales. To make matters worse, Jay-Z ridiculed the young duo on his 2001 track "Takeover," pushing them lower in the New York arena. The subsequent Jive Records release "Amekarz Nightm ar" fared relatively poorly, as well.

Signing to G-Unit seems to have already changed this bad luck, as their contract included two brand-new Porsches purchased by 50 Cent himself. Havoc recently stated, "As an artist, you want to be able to reach the furthest audience as you can. ... The difference this time around is that more people will hear this product this time." "Blood Money," therefore, is an effort to reach a wider audience and garner more sales.

Many of "The Infamous" fans have feared that the sing-song, club-friendly style of SO Chit and company would negatively affect "Blood Money." In reality, only a few tracks follow in SO's footsteps. While "Backstage Pass" and "Click Click" (featuring Tony Yayo) are probably Havoc and Prodigy's at their worst, these bubblegum tracks can't overshadow the rest of the album. The record is set straight on the clever "In Love With the Money," in which the Mobb establishes that money, and not women, is its true love.

Fans of the old gangsta-rap style of Mobb Deep will appreciate "Speaking So Freely" and the Sha Money XL-produced "Put 'Em In Their Place," while club-goers will find something to dance to on "Outta Control (Remix)." Alchemist lends his best beat production talents on the addictive "The Infamous," the best track on the record. The album features just about all of G-Unit, along with production from the legendary Dr. Dre.

"Blood Money" is not likely to receive the same classic status as the eleven-year-old Infamous. Still, it is the best Mobb Deep album in years, even if the duo sacrifices a few tracks to G-Unit contamination. At least Havoc and Prodigy will be able to reap some monetary reward in exchange.

Nikhil Joshi
THE DAILY NEWS (U. MARYLAND)
Coachella: scenes from the cultural oasis

I was somewhere around India, in the apex of the desert, when I turned and the Jokey Creek drummer ran up to me, warming his arms and torso in a spastic model of the Ad Rose dance move. I continued graving on the corn, and ticked my eyes upward in annoyance. He chuckled and regrouped with his bleach-blond entourage to continue down the field, toward the thrashing bass of Daft Punk. Even without the icy hair-metal run-ons, this year’s Coachella Festival still would have been the strangest one yet. The cultural oasis of the Mojave Desert (held May 29-30) featured a predictably strong lineup of eclectic indie artists but, surprisingly, an additional interest in capturing the mainstrokes, from Franz Kean West's shining ego on Saturday to Madagascar’s short-and-skanky dance tent appearance Sunday, the indie snobs once-safe haven was taken over by squealing stranglers … whatever. For the most part. (There’s got to be some travel woes. As I walked through the manicured grass, happily eating corn on the cob, the thin and dour-faced Molotov Creekboy grinned down at the funereal press photographers, shockingly drawing some responses. Songs were rapid and precise; I marveled at how tight they were, ironically as they were playing “Michael.” They got to be some gentle kapers. Kapranos wore viciously contrasting stripes and jumped backwards onto the ban kaw, his royal package right in drummer Paul Thomsen’s face.)

The Miss Congeniality award of the festival went to Cat Power. The former folk whiner was exponential-ly less lost in her own gloom (and trendy) since her last tour; outfitted in a strappy white dress and perfectly groomed locks, she clapped, laughed, and danced (flips) throughout her extended set. With her smart back-band, “Up and Gone” sounded wonderfully clean, and her solo version of “Where Is My Love” carried her lovely, throaty voice into the rafters. (It was comforting to see her still carry something black, though, when she hailed a dark guitar onto her shoulders.) New sound, new girl — and who needs Vincent Gallo? Depeche Mode revealed their vision of the future — though a vision likely conceived in 1986 — with a silvertip and UFO orb with piped lights. Despite singer Dave Gahan’s aromatic mic-strand twirling and age-defying abs, the show belted up with too many repetitive, mid-tempo new tunes before appealing the audience with older hits. The blues-infused “Personal Jesus” and shrieking “Enjoy the Silence” brought them into good form, and sounded to have scarcely aged.

Gahan pranced in various states of undress and flipped his hands furiously in gesturization, by the encore, a vintage selection (1985). Dave Gahan (above) and Yeah Yeah Yeahs’ leading lady Karen O (left) were among the many acts at Coachella 2006.

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Depeche Mode frontman Dave Gahan (above) and Yeah Yeah Yeahs’ leading lady Karen O (left) were among the many acts at Coachella 2006.
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"Photographic," executed gloriously, he was visibly slammed by the sight, and minutes later unconvincingly anguished for a similar '80s revival. (The tepid Tommy Lee encounter occurred right around here — another shudder-inducing look backwards.) Dressed like a here — another shudder-inducing encounter occurred right around revival. (The tepid Tommy Lee and croon a cappella, "Run run

imperiously address the audience congestion, and then a lobotomy. You have questions, he has answers. Dr. Drew Pinsky

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MATES of State may be in previous indie love, but that doesn’t conquer all; their closely contrasting voices sounded thin and flat live. They played up their atonal endings, extending them into next year, but the harmonies sounded coarse against their finely tuned instruments. The exact opposite problem struck Ted Leo and the Pharmacists — Ted’s sere-tongued voice rang through clearly but his guitars were muddy and unconfident. Metric was the surprise hit of the day; their mathy dance rock exploded with energy. Despite a shuddery start, they morphed into confident performers, jerking in electrocuted fury and a controlling, powerful wave of noise that left the crowd in hypnosis. (Full interview forthcoming.)

The British Invasion of Coachella resumed with Jamie Lidell, a strange and fascinating artist to ever play Coachella, was an artist to ever play Coachella, was

The British Invasion of Coachella resumed with Jamie Lidell, a strange and fascinating artist to ever play Coachella, was scheduled immediately after the dance stage (in her first festival performance anywhere), and caused a mass exodus there. The red-hot and boogie crowd wanted hundreds—deep outside the tent confines, and the hipster-met-mainstream crowd was less than friendly. Here, more than anything, seemed the corporatization of the beloved fest — and Madonna’s polished crotch-grabbing hardly seemed contradictory.

She tasted performance — at first stunning in her star power, then boring when that faded — lasted under an hour and featured new songs and her old dominatrix tracks. She opened with "Hung Up," and the showgirl and flagrant single promotion was stark contrast to the rest of anti-hero performers. By the end, she seemed tired and starched. "Don’t throw water on my stage, mother——!" Before mopping it up herself with a towel. She also continued to wrangle with dancers, strip to a leotard, and demand commitments about her ass, which was a tongue-in-cheek admission of her aging but still reptile.

Massive Attack’s giant feedback was somewhat friendly, addressing the tens of thousand onlookers with: "We’re back on our first show in many years. We wanted to keep it intimate, invite a few friends. His vocals were more powerful than the instruments though, which was unsettling. In typical Tool behavior (a pretense that how you will), they kept hidden for the entire show, drowning the wide video screens in creepy amorphous cartoons that sometimes looked like windows screens. But without the artist visual, the experience just seemed like a record turned up to 11. And with that ended Coachella 2006 and its uncalm step toward a new direction but a happy return to the old. When the high-profile gloss faded, it was still a welcome escalation of electrifying culture and larg-er-than-life moments. In fact, my own experience was made addition­ ally surreal by the presence of my own personal Jesus. Chock, Klotzerman, the novelist and (until recently) awesomely opinionated SPIN columnist. This, to me, was a meeting with the Saints, and the tall grizzled man shared some advice over lunch underneath the hot after­ noon sun. But his sage and surprising advice is mute to keep, sorry kids. Some secrets need to stay in the desert.

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International briefs

UNITED NATIONS — Poor nutrition contributes to the deaths of some 5.6 million children every year and the world has fallen far short in efforts to reduce hunger by half before 2015, the U.N. Children's Fund said Tuesday.

The finding, announced in a UNICEF report, was the latest evidence the United Nations will not meet the Millennium Development Goals, a series of targets set out in 2000 to spur development and reduce poverty and hunger worldwide.

In its report, UNICEF said one of every four children under age 5, including 146 million children in the developing world, is underweight.

The Associated Press

U.S. troops kill 10 insurgents during raid for al-Qaida official

Robert H. Reid

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. troops raided a suspected al-Qaida hide-out Tuesday, killing 10 insurgents — three of them wearing suicide vests — as American forces stepped up the hunt for the group's leader, terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

American troops searched for "an al-Qaida terrorist leader" in the predawn raid at a safehouse about 25 miles southeast of the U.S. air base in Balad, north of Baghdad, the military said.

The raid unfolded when troops surprised a guard and shot him before he could fire his pistol, the military said. As the insurgent fell, he detonated a suicide vest. Two more insurgents were killed inside the hide-out and the others outside as they tried to escape. Two of the dead were also found wearing explosive vests. One insurgent was wounded.

The statement did not say whether al-Zarqawi was the target of the raid or whether anyone escaped.

It was the fourth raid reported by the U.S. command against al-Zarqawi's al-Qaida-in-Iraq network since April 16, when American troops stormed a house in Yusufiyah just south of the capital, killing six people, including a woman, and arresting five people, among them an unidentified al-Qaida official.

However, CNN reported that the captives said al-Zarqawi had been in a nearby house.

Stepped-up operations against al-Zarqawi's network are taking place as U.S. and Iraqi officials are making overtures to the Sunnis, aiming for the group's leader to persuade insurgents to leave the political process.

In an interview with the BBC in April, the ambassador also cautioned that the dialogue was "a long way" from a deal to end the fighting.

According to the newspaper, the official said his group presented a memorandum to Khalid bin, who expressed interest and promised to respond. However, no response was received and the insurgents decided to break off the dialogue after the new government was announced April 22.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormick said "we have made it clear that we are interested in talking to people who know somebody who knows somebody who might be involved in insurgent activities in an effort to bring these people into the political process."

Khalid has spoken in several interviews about reaching out to the Sunnis, but U.S. officials have avoided saying publicly that they had met with representatives of insurgent groups.

In an interview with the BBC in April, the ambassador also cautioned that the dialogue was "a long way" from a deal to end the fighting. Since the drop in U.S. deaths in March, American casualties have been rising.

A U.S. soldier was killed Monday in a roadside bombing south of Baghdad, the U.S. command said. At least 2,407 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

U.S. overtures to the Sunnis appear to have dissuaded in recent weeks as American diplomats and Iraqi politicians focused on speeding up formation of the new government, which had been deadlocked until the Shiite agreed to replace Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaffari with another Shite, Namiri al-Maliki.

Al-Maliki was officially appointed as prime minister-designate on April 22 and has pledged to complete his Cabinet this month. That will be the final stage in establishing the new government. U.S. officials believe a unity government can over time cajole sectarian tensions and lure many Sunnis away from the insurgency.

On Tuesday, Shiite officials reported a new snag emerged in the negotiations when Sunni politicians insist ed on key posts, including deputy prime minister and a major ministry, such as finance or education.

Shiites, who hold 130 of the 275 seats in parliament, offered a lesser ministry but the Sunnis refused, according to Shiite politician Bassem Sharif. Talks were to continue Wednesday, he said.

Sunni politicians are also eager for parliament to consider amendments to the new constitution. Sunnis oppose several provisions, including one allowing formation of regional governments. Many Sunnis fear that would lead to Iraq's breakup and deprive them of a fair share of the country's vast oil wealth.

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U.S. troops kill 10 insurgents during raid for al-Qaida official

The Associated Press

Iraqi police inspect a vehicle damaged in a roadside bomb explosion in Baghdad, Tuesday, May 2, 2006. An Iraqi civilian was killed in a roadside bomb blast which was aimed at U.S. troops.

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Under Four... or burning bridges?

THE AVERAGE CAL POLY STUDENT DRINKS UNDER FOUR DRINKS IN ONE SITTING

69% of Cal Poly students never brag about their alcohol use
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote Todd because... The cookie cutter response is to talk about the experience and qualifications that make you the best candidate, but I think it is important to talk about why you believe in ASI President is experience. My experience in ASI has been through the byproduct of experience, knowledge and connections. Todd knows the process and responsibilities, the role in the organization and the university, as well as the proper channels to communicate issues. Todd has knowledge and has worked with the people in the organization, the city and university officials. In addition to these qualities, Todd has the uncanny ability to relate to people with diverse thoughts or beliefs with the common cause of student advocacy. When I look at the last year you saw the Republican and Democrat boards next to each other, united for a common cause! Bottom line, Todd has the passion needed to dedicate 40-hour work weeks to serve the students on top of a full class schedule. On May 3 and 4, please vote Todd because... Adam Serrani Business and Administration senior Todd Maki is qualified as the student voting experience for over a week, I believe it is important for students to understand what they will be voting on. It is important to decide who will be your next ASI president. I have chosen the person who will be the most qualified to be our leader. When electing a president, you should want someone who has experience with the position and has already demonstrated dedication to their work. Todd Maki has worked with ASI the last three years that he has been a student at Cal Poly. Although most students may feel that they have no idea what our student government does or how it affects them and the solutions are involved with, he is involved with all aspects of Cal Poly. Todd has devoted himself hard to make sure everything behind the scenes is running smoothly. In the past year, Todd has dedicated himself to increased diversity, focusing our campaigns on campus. He has worked on making Cal Poly a more sustainable and aware campus and has surveyed students to find what changes to transportation options should be made for the future. Todd knows the campus and help it make it easier to commute to school. There are many reasons why I believe Todd Maki would be the best choice for our next ASI president, these are just a few of the issues he has worked on that I am passionate about. I hope that when we make our decisions this week, we will remember that a person who has experience and dedication to ASI is a better work choice who has more experience than someone who has adhered to not being "involved in politics." Sarah Eldridge

Quality of experience over quantity of experience After being exposed for my shopping spree agenda I had to think of new legitimate reason why I am running for ASI president. We’ve lived with the mistakes of Wildfox Black Friday might never be the same. Safe Ride is gone and Oracle doesn’t work. If you vote for the same people with the same perspective, then you go no right to complain next year... Vote for someone new with new opinions on May 3 and 4. Enzy Huddar

Why Todd Maki makes equal progress Todd Maki is the only reasonable college student would agree that progress is the most important part of our educational studies we want to advance in knowledge, we want to direct the university and we desire to grow in our relationships with friends and significant others. The students win because we have a solid foundation of a blossoming sustainable community and the most pressing challenges and opportunities facing Cal Poly students. Transportation — There are three solutions that need to be addressed within transportation. Effective and efficient public transportation during peak service hours (6 a.m. to 11 p.m.) safe, reliable and affordable late-night transportation services, such as Safe-Wake, Police Escort Vans, etc.; and accessible, sustainable transportation options to four and throughout campus. Together this package is tough to tackle all at once. The exciting part is that the university is currently engaged in a broad process of improving our campus technology resources and the time is ripe for student leaders to provide the student perspective while these programs are under development. The exciting part is that the university is currently engaged in a broad process of improving our campus technology resources and the time is ripe for student leaders to provide the student perspective while these programs are under development. The exciting part is that the university is currently engaged in a broad process of improving our campus technology resources and the time is ripe for student leaders to provide the student perspective while these programs are under development. The exciting part is that the university is currently engaged in a broad process of improving our campus technology resources and the time is ripe for student leaders to provide the student perspective while these programs are under development. Volunteering — I believe that Cal Poly is an institution is on the verge of becoming a recognized national leader in environmental stewardship. This is a small part because of the passion and commitment of hundreds of our students who have laid the foundation of a blossoming sustainability initiative on campus. In addition, the support and encouragement that students have received from our talented faculty, staff and administrators along the way has been incredible. If we continue developing these technologies collaboratively, and implementing small solutions over time, it won’t be long before Cal Poly becomes known as not only the best academic university in the West, but also the most sustainable. Wouldn’t it be exciting to have a hand in that effort? You, the student, will genuinely impact the university’s progress over the years ahead. Vote Anne Giapapas.

Vote Anne Giapapas Ayaohana junior

David Bailey a good choice for CP Board of Directors In my four years at Cal Poly, I have never had a candidate for the position that I can enthusiastically support. I believe that a candidate for the position of Cal Poly president is your delegate to the ASI president is your delegate to the position, it’s as responsibly for advocating on your behalf for the university as you matter to the university, accountable to your concerns and perspective, and responsible for associating your position within the community. Please limit length letters should include the writers appreciation and are thankful for your careful reading. Assistant design editor Jessica Sanders, Ha'iinan photographers Toni Sanders, Brianne Angel, Whitney Guenther, Nick Caranoz design editor Louise Dally assistant design editor Jessica Greenwell copy editors Justin Fiorella, Kristen Mason online editor Ryan Chamsrad ad director Taya Young office manager Jennifer Yenena ad assistant Lauren Johnson, Tiffany Mine, Alan Ninam, Jacob Zukerman, Jimmy Dish, Jessica Greenwell advertising representatives Liz Carus, Brandon Collins, Linda Smith, Lucy Boezerburg, Phung Yau, Akiko Doers, Anny Freyternith, Emily Hornuth, Rachna Chilanta, Jamie Raimon ad layout manager Clare Chen classified ad manager Jackie Chan facilities manager Donna Lucas general manager Paul Benck

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"I just placed my face and I'm good."
Cal Poly's new men's soccer coach Paul Holocher, along with the Cal Poly director of athletics, Albench Aune, announced the signing of seven recruits to the National Letter to the National Signee Report for Fall 2006.

After coming on staff only a few months ago, on Feb. 1, Holocher has attracted some top soccer talent to the Cal Poly campus with players from throughout the country. Catching the program is, “Our goals here at Cal Poly are high. We want to grow and develop into a nationally-respected program that competes for NCAA titles and we feel that, without doubt, this is one of the best universities in the country that a young person could attend to compete at a top level student-athlete.” Holocher said, “Becoming this type of program will not happen overnight, but it will happen as we begin to gain experience and show more top players the great opportunity here.”

The recruits are: Joshua Didier (Midfielder) 6 foot 2 inch, 165lbs, Fullerton; Cal/El Dorado High School, Club: Wolfpack Soccer Club (Marking midfield), 5 foot 6 inches, 145 lbs, Redwood City, Calif.; Sequoia High School, Club: USAI, California.

Andrew “Boomer” Cruz (Midfield/Forward), 5 foot 8 inch, 150 lbs, Pleasanton, Calif.; FootBall High School, Club USAI, California

Ryan Ulrich (Left Back/Midfield), 5 foot 9 inch, 155 lbs Salt Lake City, Utah/Brighton High School, Club: Sparta United

Dominic Pao (Forward), 5 foot 11 inch, 170 lbs Chandler, Ariz./Hamilton High School, Club: Soccer Club of Arizona

Collin Scully (Goalkeeper), 6 foot 3 inch, 180 lbs Phoenix, Ariz./Desert Vista High School, Club: Denver Golden Eagles

Martina Pilten (Defender), 5 foot 9 inch, 170lbs Carmichael, Calif./El Camino High School, Club: San Juan Song.
Rugby not a foreign affair at Cal Poly

Lauren Zahner

Rugby is a poorly-known sport to most Americans. The terms hooker, maid, flanker, grabber and dummy conjure up little more than vague images of an edge-of-your-seat murder mystery.

Yet, to a few enlightened Cal Poly students, those words are part of an almost daily experience. Justin Lucas, a biochemistry senior, found rugby in high school and said it is the best sport he has ever found.

"Rugby is a fast-paced game with a lot of contact and split decision-making required," he said. "It has the layout of soccer with the playmaking of football and the vision required of basketball."

The rugby pitch, or playing field, is roughly 109.5 by 75 yards. Touchlines, or sidelines, run along the length of the field. When the ball crosses the touchline it is in touch, or out of bounds.

At each end of the pitch are the trylines where the goal posts are located. This is the equivalent to the end zone in football. When the ball is carried or kicked across the tryline and touched down to the ground, a try is scored. A try is the equivalent of a touchdown in football, only it is worth five points.

Cal Poly's rugby team is one of the top teams in the United States, finishing this season at No. 6 in one national poll. Cal Poly's rugby team lost to Brigham Young University this year of traveling followed by a year of home games. They did not travel as much this year.

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Mustangs fall in 'elite eight' of national tourney

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Cal Poly's rugby team lost to Brigham Young University 55-7 in the elite eight of the national playoffs at Berkeley Saturday after defeating the Purdue Boilermakers in the sweet 16 the day before.

This was the fifth time in the last six years that Cal Poly has gone to the sweet 16. According to American Rugby News' rankings, Poly finished the season at the No. 6 spot in country with a 14-3 overall record.

"A big part of it is the desire of the players first and foremost," Massman said. "They have a desire to learn the game and to execute the given information, he explained. Massman also attributed the team's success to the "Gonzaga talent," including athleticism and intellect.

The team trains four days a week and plays on the weekends. They have to juggle rugby with school, jobs and relationships. Massman said the players work hard and are committed to improving and to each other.

Having already fallen to the Cougars in February, BYU was one of only two teams Cal Poly lost to this year.

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This season, Cal Poly went 8-0 in the SCRFU. Rosser joined the club his sophomore year. Both the president in his speech class and his dad, who had played in college, told him how fun it was.

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