Legality questioned

by CONNIE BECCHIO

Based on Title V of the California Administrative Code, the Cal Poly administration has been advised that mandatory student fees cannot be used to provide legal advice.

Dean of Students Everett Chandler said he asked the office of General Counsel of the Trustees of the State University and Colleges for an opinion concerning whether or not the Legal Aid Office of the Associated Students, Inc., is in compliance with Section 52010 of Title V of the State Education Code. The Counsel's letter is in response to a request for legal advice.

Legal Aid, which is located downstairs in the University Union, is funded by ASI funds. Chandler said he is concerned that Legal Aid is giving out personal advice at the expense of the students.

"I want to make sure we don't get a challenge for the use of the funds," he said.

However, ASI attorney R. Michael Devitt said Legal Aid is not in violation of Title V, in his opinion, because it offers assistance and direction rather than legal advice.

"Legal Aid workers direct students where they can go for help but do not act as lawyers in the true sense of the word," Devitt said. "No way is there representation by myself or the legal aid office. Specific legal advice doesn't occur."

Devitt said the Legal Aid office has not been determined to be in violation of Title V. He said if this were to be the case, the activities of Legal Aid would be outlined more specifically for the General Counsel's office. If it was still judged to be in violation, Devitt said the cause would be determined and steps to correct the situation would be sought.

He explained he is communicating with ASI attorneys at other state universities and colleges to see what their situations are. Chandler said he is planning no action against Legal Aid and feels under Devitt's direction it will provide a good resource.

Hill said Legal Aid was going to get a pretty good budget compared to the pressures of the past, he said. "Holding this decision against us would be unfair to the students."

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"If we were the only university in the state system that uses ASI money to support a legal aid office I would have an attorney actually on campus for 20 hours a week. He said San Diego, Northridge, Long Beach, Fresno and Chico legal aid offices also actively advise students with ASI money.

Hill added that Northridge provides six attorneys for consultation with ASI money.

"We were the only university thought to be operating illegally, maybe we ought to change," Hill said. "However, we're just following the rules, and the current need is not met by Title V."

Hill also pointed out Title V allows ASI money to be used for general disease education and child day care centers.

"These are individual concerns," he said. "If VD can be treated why not landlord-tenant problems?"

Hill said the university is worried about being held liable if a student sues because he received poor assistance from Legal Aid. He said, however, the only complaint he receives are about Legal Aid's hours and office efficiency.

The Legal Aid director added he is concerned that the Title V opinion would handicap his office's request for its budget next year.

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Gov. Edmund Brown Jr., in a budget amendment message last week asked the state legislature to include additional money in the 1975-76 budget for some state university and college programs.

According to Scott Plofkin, Associated Students, Inc. president, Cal Poly will feel the effects of the governor's amendments if they are added to the budget bill by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

Plofkin said, "The amendments provide $69,100 of additional funds for the National Progarm. Since Cal Poly sends more students there than any other university, this amendment would mean additional funds for the Cal Poly program."

Plofkin said that for the International Programs amendment, as with most other additions in the budget, students would have to make sure they go all the fees before the final decision is cut to the budget.

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Correction

There will not be a dance sponsored by MECHA on Friday at 8 p.m. as the Veterans Memorial Building reported in a story in the Mustang Daily Wednesday. The story mention- ed the dance was to be part of Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Another event scheduled for the celebration, a presentation by Teatro de la Esperanza was reported to be a political pse­ donymography show. The presentation is not a political pse­ donymography show, but a "theatrical insight into a social revolution."
Hurtado
Editor: Many times during the year the Student Affairs Council has been criticized for the actions and the direction they've chosen on many issues. However, being a member of the body, I can't allow the meaningful work and sincere commitment of SAC to go unnoticed. The council isn't the sleeping government which the media reports it to be, it is a dynamic body that is genuinely concerned and dedicated to pursuing the needs of this university.

One example, is the progress made in increasing the level of student representation throughout the academic community. Because of their actions, there is now a student disciplinary review board, students representation on a variety of committees which deal with student housing problems in San Luis Obispo as well as a new Off Campus Housing Coordinator. Also, through increasing student representation at the state level, bills concerning student rights are pending before the state legislature. This is but one of the many areas which SAC has acted positively in and with significant results.

Perhaps one individual who has been the driving force in the body is its chairman, Mike Hurtado. The quality of Mike's leadership is reflected in the many strides that SAC has made this year.

He is a fine legislator and his vacancies next year will be difficult to fill. However, Mike Hurtado is not ending his commitment to student government as he is running for ASI president. Too think that we aren't aware of the need for good student government and which candidates possess the skills needed to meet the challenges. It's time that we begin a new awareness of our government and concern for the candidates in the coming election.

Mike Hurtado has demonstrated his commitment to meaningful government consistently as SAC chairman throughout this year. As a candidate for ASI president, I fully support him and personally feel he is by far the most qualified in terms of experience and ability which are both equally necessary in fulfilling the duties of the office.

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Tactics
Editor: As Kevin O'Connor's campaign manager, I am disturbed over the unfair tactics waged against my candidate. A great deal of work, time and money has been expended on his campaign. As of Wednesday, all of Kevin O'Connor's signs have either been defaced, vandalized or stolen.

It is unfortunate that others must stoop to low. We have run a clean campaign and will continue to do so.

I urge you to look and listen to each candidate and evaluate their character. Look for the one who'll provide you with honesty and integrity and you'll find Kevin O'Connor on top of your list.

Russell Wong

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ASI presidential candidate

Political Mechanic

by Pete King

The political process is a complex system of concepts, committees, and controversies that constitute the political machine—just like a car's internal combustion engine. Justice Greg Fowler, an aspirant to the ASI presidency, is the mechanical equivalent of the ASI presidential candidate, grease loving auto mechanic.

Fowler is entrapped by all the concepts, committees, and controversies he thinks will make the student government more effective. His campaign is based almost solely on his beliefs which are practical and pragmatic. Fowler says he realized this during his time as a history major wants a chance to become the next president.

Fowler plots to build this bridge with some new committees, perhaps a couple new SAC representatives (one from the ethnic groups) and a reorganization of the ASI itself.

"There is a lot of deadwood in the ASI that has got to be eliminated," he says.

Ironically, Fowler admits that the position he now holds, Chief Justice, is part of the deadwood.

Fowler says this campaign is for a new committee of 14—two members from each of the seven schools—to make his philosophical decisions for him. Fowler says this committee's job will be to find out what the students want. Once the committee decides, Fowler says he will use himself as a political monkey wrench to twist and turn the proposals through the proper channels.

"If eight out of the 14 decide they want something," he says, "I'll support it all the way, even if I don't agree with it."

What does this man—who vows to be a president of the ASI presidential candidate—agree with? He claims he is politically a moderate conservative with an emphasis practicality.

He believes student government here should be concerned with making education better for the students and with protecting students' rights.

But he doesn't believe the ASI should be involved in the national political arena.

"If you want to form an antiwar committee," he says, "that's fine. But I don't think we should waste ASI money on it. That is not what the ASI is here for..."

The thing that irks Fowler most about Cal Poly student government is the hypocrisy he sees exist here.

His frustrations are like that of the mechanic who is flabbergasted by a fellow who can't fix a flat tire.

"What we have to do," he says, "is get more people involved so that student government is more credible as a representative of the student body. The gull between student government and the students has to be bridged."

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Mustang bats surface, destroy Gauchos 7-1

by JON HASTINGS

Mustang hitters decided to return from their brief vacation Tuesday and then promptly prepared UC Santa Barbara pitching for ten hits and seven runs in a 7-1 romp over the Gauchos.

The win squared things with the Gauchos for the year, at two games each and a half game lead for Poly's season record to 27-14. Bruce Freeberg and Tony Ongarato led the offensive barrage as he collected four hits on the sunny afternoon. Ongarato also stole base number 27 on the year to increase his single season record.

Freeman Dave Premillo started on the mound for the Mustangs after a two-week layoff. Premillo appeared to be slightly rusty when he walked his first batter in the third inning. Freeberg appeared to be struggling with the kind of rhythm that made him one of the top pitchers on the coast earlier in the year.

Poly will be trying to prevent this weekend in a do or die situation. The Mustangs find themselves two games behind league leading UC Riverside with six UCAA games to play.

Mustang coach Bruce Harr believes the Mustangs are going to keep putting up runs and defense together if they are going to capture the UCAA crown. "We need to combine any three of the assets in the rest of our games if we want to win the title."

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when he sand off after last spring, but thought he could do something to make the Student Judiciary group a viable part of the ASI government again.

Fowler admits he hasn't been successful.

However, in true Fowler fashion, he is tinkering with plans to make Student Judiciary more important next year by combining it with the Legal Aid Office and the Student Disciplinary Review Committee.

While he enjoys this type of planning and planning, Fowler says the people in politics also intrigue him.

"I feel I've always had a background in government," he says. "Is that you get into government to serve the people and fight for them."

As far as future plans for Fowler, he envisions going to law school, and after that, involving himself in government work again.

And perhaps it is only right. For a Fowler out of politics might seem as odd as a mechanic without grease on his hands.

No tools. No glue. No finishing. Just twist together in minutes.