Will the sports bubble burst?

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Close Look

Item: water polo, cross country and gymnastics will be dropped from this year's schedule because there are no funds to support them, the athletic director has announced.

The athletic director, though, was Roy Hughes, not present. Acting Director Dick Houston. And the announcement came in 1981, not 1982.

The problems the commission has had to struggle with this year are similar to those Athletic Director Roy Hughes fought more than 30 years ago. And it is available to them, realizes it is not enough, then to drop some sports, none of which are minor.

New proposal

By late December the commission had a new proposal to consider. Instead of cutting soccer and men's and women's swimming, as well as men's volleyball and water polo.

All the sports considered for cutting, except for baseball, are sometimes called minor sports because they are directed only by part-time coaches. Another reason these sports are called minor is because they receive comparatively little money from the ASI, as opposed to sports such as football or basketball.

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"This has been going on for years," said Evelyn Pellaton, the associate athletic director in charge of women's sports. "The problem is the same: there is not enough money to support all the sports or all the coaching positions."

Pellaton, who has been at Cal Poly since 1966, said the financial problems began when the athletic program expanded. The following year, gymnastics, cross country and track were cut from the schedule because of insufficient funds and a drop in enrollment during the Korean War. In the same year wrestling, tennis, golf and swimming were designated varsity, or major sports.

Budget balance

Since then the Athletic Department has worked within its budget with the help of subsidies from student government and the incomes each sport is encouraged to bring in to ease their dependence on the subsidies.

And here we are, just like always, waiting," Pellaton said.

What the Athletic Department faculty is waiting on is some word of acceptance or rejection from President Baker on the Athletic Advisory Commission's proposal to save the sports for another year.

But the problem is more deeply rooted. Sheldon Harden, a physical education professor who has taught at Cal Poly since 1948 and created the wrestling program here, said the financial problems began when the athletic program expanded.

In the early 1930s, Cal Poly could boast only the four seasonal sports—football, basketball, baseball and track. By the late '30s the program added swimming, tennis, fencing and boxing and rodeo.

Despite joining the California Collegiate Athletic Association in 1946 and then the NCAA in 1949—and providing strong competition in both—the Athletic Department was suffering the effects of expansion. The 1960 budget reported a deficit of $1,200.83, even after a $10,250 appropriation from the Student Affairs Council—the predecessor to the ASI. That deficit would be more than enough to fund soccer or water polo today.

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Washington (AP) - The United States on Wednesday rejected the latest Soviet arms proposals and accused Soviet leaders of trying to negotiate cuts in medium-range nuclear weapons through the back door.

"This is not arms control," said Dean Fischer, chief State Department spokesman, of the Soviet negotiating position in Geneva as outlined Tuesday by the Soviet news agency Tass.

Fischer also said the United States would not set a date for the start of negotiations with the Soviet Union on controlling strategic, long-range nuclear weapons because of the "continued repression of the Polish people, in which Soviet responsibility is clear."

As for recent talks in Geneva, the Soviets called Tuesday for staged reductions of medium-range missiles in Europe to "300 units on each side" by 1991.

The practical effect of the Soviet proposal, Fischer said, would be to allow the Soviets new deployments of the triple warhead SS-20 mobile missile in Europe and unlimited deployments but a limit on the number of troops.

But, he said, the United States would be forced to cancel planned deployment of Pershing II and ground-launched cruise missiles and the West would have to reduce existing systems in Europe.

"The United States is willing to negotiate in good faith on the basis of equality between our two countries, but cannot allow the Soviet Union to acquire superiority, either at the negotiating table or elsewhere," Fischer said.

Newsline

Birth defects not caused by well

San Jose, Calif. (AP) — The rate of birth defects in a south San Jose neighborhood near a well contaminated by industrial solvent does not appear to be abnormal, county health officials say.

The assurance came in the aftermath of reports of birth defects, stillbirths or miscarriages in the area served by the Great Oaks Water Co., where the contamination was discovered.

City officials planned to meet with residents Wednesday night to discuss the situation.

After conducting a preliminary check of birth records in the county and a census tract that encompasses the water district in the Los Paseos area of south San Jose, county officials said the comparison revealed no significant differences.

Earlier this month, the Fairchild Camera Instrument Corp., began working with the water district, which serves 16,000 households, to clean up leaking chemicals.

Federal furloughs to be required

Washington (AP) — Thousands of federal workers are being told they will be required to stay home one day every two weeks without pay so the government can save money, several federal officials said Wednesday.

The mandatory furloughs, planned to begin in March and April, are part of a government-wide effort to reduce federal labor costs and limit the number of layoffs.

Each agency is determining separately whether to require the mandatory furlough days, which would continue until the end of the current fiscal year Sept. 30.

J. Lynn Haines, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, told his regional administrators Wednesday to require employees to stay home one day every other week beginning in April.

About two-thirds of the FAA's 45,000 employees around the country would be affected by the action.

The Office of Personnel Management issued a rule in December urging the heads of agencies and departments to take a variety of actions, including mandatory furloughs, to "minimize as much as possible" the number of federal workers who will have to be dismissed.

John Scholz, a spokesman for the agency, said he believes "a good share of the departments are considering" mandatory furloughs. He could not estimate how many agencies had decided to adopt the policy.

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Poly suffers with too many sports, too little money

From page 1

There was discussion in 1969 among student body presidents of the California State University and College system — although not taken too seriously — to drop the athletic programs entirely and use the money elsewhere. That was the last major time sports have been considered for the chopping block.

Instead, the expansion continued.

"What would happen is that a coach from a sport would say, 'Hey, we shouldn't still be considered a minor sport; we want to be a major sport,'" said Hayden. "Administration would say there isn't enough money to do that, and the coach would say, 'Don't worry, we'll get the money later.'"

"But the later comes, and there's no money for the sport," he added. Then came the task of looking for cuts in the program.

The problem of expansion without money to cover it has been the problem especially of the last seven years, but expansion of a different kind — the mandatory addition of women's sports to the athletic program under Title IX, which bars discrimination by race or sex, has also caused difficulty for athletics.

A hard-to-finance program of 11 men's sports suddenly became a more worry program of 19 sports, especially with the rising costs of travel, meals and lodging.

To complicate the expansion and inflation, Pellaton said the merger of men's and women's sports created a conflict in financing philosophies.

"In the men's sports the money didn't cover all the sports sufficiently. Some got more that others," said Pellaton. "And in the women's sports we tried to spread all the money equally through eight sports."

"When the two programs went together, that was a problem," she said, "the women trying to spread the money out and the men giving only to certain teams."

Separate programs

The two programs are still not completely joined, though. In 1960, President Baker announced a five-year plan to combine men's and women's sports fully under Title IX and to secure outside funding for the program.

Now two years into the plan, men's and women's sports are not operating under the same philosophies.

"Oh, no, we're not there yet," said Pellaton. "The attitudes have not been very good. Men who were involved in sports here used to be king of the mountain. But then the women started saying, 'We have an equal chance to play sports, because we pay the same fees and we go to the same school.'"

"It's very hard to the male ego," she added. "Attitudes are getting better, though, and I'd say there may be true equality in the next five years."

The search for outside funding has been equally difficult in the last two years.

But this year the search may be over, with the proposal of an athletic development director, who would serve as the executive director of the Mustang Booster Club, organizing fund-raising programs for the Athletic Department.

"That position has been alternately praised and condemned."

"It's something we've needed for a long time," said Pellaton. "If the money is raised purely for athletics, then I think it will be great."

"It's a fantastic proposal," said ASI President Dennis Hawk. "The time has come for it."

Weased funds

But at least one Athletic Department member believes the fund-raising director will do little good.

"With the salary this director will get ($31,000 to $30,000), the athletic department is going to have to get somebody locally," said soccer coach Terry Mott, whose sport, at one time this school year was considered for elimination.

"And that person is not going to have important contacts for donations, like large companies. All that person will have are the local businesses," he added.

But that is where the Athletic Department future may be. An ASI representative said the ASI Finance Committee may take action next Monday on the $20,000 requested of the ASI to bail out the athletic program.

If the appropriation is approved, it will go to the Student Senate for a final decision. And if the full $30,000 goes to the athletic program, then it will be up to the fund-raising director to come up with more than $10,000 over the next year to save the program for another year.

But Pellaton said that isn't the way athletic finances should be run.

"Why didn't anyone analyze this a long time ago?" she said. "Instead of sitting down and saying, 'Let's take a look at what we should do with the overall program,' what happened is we took money away from the men and gave to the women."
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Seminar speaker talks business

BY LORI MARLETT
Staff Writer

The U.S. Small Business Administration's mission is to help people get into business and succeed at it, according to Irene Maree Castillo, Region IX administrator.

"Money is not the panacea," said Castillo at the Business Seminar luncheon held Tuesday in Chumash, "Management problems will always be the largest difficulties.

Castillo's speech to Cal Poly students and faculty concluded the 16th annual Business Seminar, sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Management.

Student wins $1000 scholarship

An engineering technology student at Cal Poly has been awarded the J.W. "Bud" Burke Memorial Scholarship by the Institute of Heating and Air Conditioning Industries. Mark Langerere of Rolling Hills Estates, a senior specializing in air conditioning-refrigeration technology, was selected for the $1,000 scholarship which honors the memory of the late J.W. "Bud" Burke, pioneer member of the Institute of Heating and Air Conditioning Industries and head of Burke Engineering Co.

Langerere, who is emphasizing heating, ventilating, and air distribution controls in his studies, hopes to work in the same specialized areas in industry following graduation from Cal Poly.

Appointed to her post in November 1981, Castillo is responsible for management and delivery of all Small Business Administration programs in California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Guam, and American Samoa.

Years of mismanagement in different businesses has led to defaults and, for some, bankruptcy. This country can't afford it, said Castillo.

"We need to combine the private and public sectors," said Castillo. "We at Region IX are energetically trying to get private involvement especially in the areas of banking.

Programs should be launched to develop business at the community level, she added.

Business students at Cal Poly with their projects are helping out by taking an active part, said Castillo.

Through the state of the art, students are learning new techniques which will revitalize small businesses, according to Castillo.

SBA staff are "digging deep for information taps" and their image is changing. "I'm personally excited by this," stated Castillo.

"We will be offering more than money," promised the administrator. She sees a brighter outlook for women entering the business world—"SBA will follow that opportunity with you."

"Those of you who have contemplated or decided to go into business—do so—you can help the economic situation that exists.

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Matmen host San Jose

Handing into tonight's rematch between two of California's foremost collegiate wrestling powers, Cal Poly and San Jose State, some similarities can be drawn between the Spartans' earlier loss at the hands of the Spartans and the upcoming bout. The match is slated for 7:30 in the Main Gym.

Three weeks ago the Mustangs handed north for their first showdown of the season with the Spartans. The trip came on the heels of a grueling four-day tour of the East in which the Mustangs won seven straight dual meets in three different states.

In the words of coach Vaughan Hitchcock, Cal Poly's performance against San Jose was "tight." To be sure Hitchcock was being kind: the Mustangs lost 26-14—the lowest score against a Pac-10 squad has given up to a California team. Actually, the Spartan win was just adding insult to injury. The real injury came last year when San Jose became the first California team to beat the Mustangs in Hitchcock's 21-year reign.

Normally Hitchcock would not have to be concerned with team motivation preceding a San Jose State bout—given the circumstances you would think the Mustangs would jump at the chance for another shot at their intrastate rivals. But as with their first match, the Mustangs enter tonight's contest following a rigorous road trip.

Poly dismantled the state of Oregon last week, defeating previously sight-ranked University of Oregon 25-4, Oregon State 27-9 and Portland 35-7.

"We've been going up to the Northwest now for 21 years and it's a very rare occasion that we win all three," Hitchcock said.

In addition, the Mustangs accomplished the feat without the wins of two regulars: 118-pounder Ben Shae and 134-pounder Mike Berfuss.

However, Russ Miller filled in for Berfuss by pinning two of his opponents and outpointing another; while his brother Dave took over for Shae and lost all three bouts but "bought real well," Hitchcock said.

Berfuss will be back in action tonight, having recovered from a rib injury. Shae will not be competing in the match and will likely be replaced by Russ Miller.

The Mustangs are currently ranked 18th in the nation by Amateur-Mat News and 15th by National Mat News. The Oregon victories raise Poly's overall dual meet record to 1-5 and likely enhance their position in the polls.

Poly also has four wrestlers in the national rankings: 118-pounder Al Gutierrez, 12th; 158-pounder Louis Montana, 15th; 160-pounder Joe Ellingson, 12th; and heavyweight Joni Washington, 14th.

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Daily Clubhouse

There might be a petition circulating around the campus to install indestructible plastic chairs along the sidewalk of basketball gyms. It seems that there is a direct correlation between the number of bent up and mangled folding chairs and the number of teams knotted for the top spot in the California Collegiate Athletic Association conference.

As last count, four folding chairs have been severely wounded by the vicious right fist of coach Ernie Wheeler.

Jerry Tarakan of Las Vegas basketball fame has his red towel and Wheeler has his bent up folding chairs.

This happens every year, or at least every time that the Cal Poly basketball team is in the middle of the CCCA conference hunt. Last year he completely destroyed a chair during one game. The poor thing was hit so hard it broke and as for Wheeler? He walked away from the fracas with a cut finger. He is beginning to become a menace to the folding chair population, but that is what makes Cal Poly basketball worth watching.

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**Wicked Experiment**

Editor:

I am writing in regard to the article entitled, "Love Carefully Week Starts Feb. 8." Although I respect and appreciate the purpose of the program—to encourage young people to be responsible in their relationships and reproduce unwanted children, there is still a gaping chasm created by the fact that sex was and is intended by the Creator of it for marriage only.

All these devices (pills, contraceptives, etc.) to solve the problems created by extramarital sex are like trying to put a Band-Aid on a cancer growth. The attitude that "Threat is in the relationship with sex anyway, so we might as well make it as convenient as possible," is totally irresponsible and dangerous to the health and morals of our society.

That is why the Church of the Nazarene is asking God's people to stop running to rob and kill, so let it make as safe as possible for them to do it.

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...and further notice this warning to the newly married: For the wife is not independent of her husband, but she is dependent on her. This is a reflection of God's own nature, for: "It is not man who is mistress of woman, but woman is mistress of man."

(1 Cor. 11:3). The woman is committed and faithful to her marriage partner, who is the one who has the responsibility to help her be moral and, in a sense, answer to her. God will judge those who rebel against this preset moral order.


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Sincerely,

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