New crackdown on loan defaults

By Margaret Barrett

Although the percentage of Cal Poly students who default on their student loans is not as high as the national average, they could still be affected by a new practice announced by the Education Department last week in which the IRS will withhold the amount of the outstanding loans from federal tax refunds.

A million borrowers will get notices from state agencies warning them that they will be denied federal tax refunds next year unless they make good on their debts, the Department of Education announced.

The states will be acting on loans made by state agencies and insured by the federal government.

According to a letter written to President Warren Baker in March from the California Student Aid Commission, the statewide percentage of defaulters in the California Guaranteed Student Loan program is 12.8 percent. The percentage for the California State University system was lower at 9.4 percent. The percentage of Cal Poly students who default on their student loans was still lower at 4.9 percent.

Education department officials say former undergraduate and graduate students have defaulted on loans in low interest loans subsidized by the government under the Guaranteed Student Loan program of low interest loans to students through their schools.

“Our default rate is not too bad even system wide,” said Mary Ann Hinkle, program manager for the student loan department of the Cal Poly Financial Aid Office. “I think it’s the quality of students we get here. They’re pretty employable.”

Hinkle said the IRS policy of withholding tax refunds will be good for those students who feel that nothing will be done if they do not pay back their loans.

“But there are a lot of honest mistakes because students don’t even know what their obligations are,” said Hinkle. “A great number of people default by accident.”

Students sign a promissory note from their bank stating they will notify the bank about many students move or change schools and do not notify their bank. If the bank cannot contact a

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On the street

Your feelings about street-side evangelism?

By Renée Shupe and Ken Dintzer

Tom Hoey, senior mechanical engineering: I think it's kind of fun and interesting. I have a hard time taking it seriously. They're not on the same level of communication as everyone else.

Dave Duker, senior landscape architecture: Religion is a personal experience not to be forced to the public.

Brian Nilles, senior architectural engineering: I never even listen to them and think that they make more of a spectacle of themselves more than anything else.

Jackie Bouzakian, senior biological science: I think they're fine as long as they're preaching the word of God. They turn a lot of people off and that can be bad to Christianity, and that's a shame.

Janis Reid, senior child and family development: It depends on who they are. Some are offensive and don't listen to people or interact with the crowd. The ones I don't mind are those who listen and answer questions and don't put anyone down.

Navid Haghdan, senior fruit science: I think it's low class. I think it's kind of silly to have bumper stickers that say "We Are the World," without knowing the song. I think they're fine in this country so they have a right to speak. It also gives people to think.

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'Assassin' attacked; promotes violence

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There are many examples of people who break themselves up into smaller groups of people, excluding others, in order to feel more important. It's done every day with a certain group of people, usually exclusive clubs. We all do it and we have some sort of a barrier-free way of feeling closer to people we care about (or who care about us) and don't get out of hand sometimes.

The world we live in is often broken down into "we" and "them" thinking, which is a dehumanizing way to look at things because it precludes seeing issues from different points of view. On this campus there are few organizations as active or ethnocentric (look it up) as the religious clubs. Many can be seen daily, in the University Union, with informative literature and signs condemning disbelievers to Hell. They claim to be performing a service to humanity's sake, but it seems that they're especially presenting a certain line that people can be divided over. As recent events in the Middle East have made obvious, religious differences are not to be taken lightly.

What don't we understand is that we as a country have some of the most religious beliefs public knowledge. The God we worship is a personal concept, and we can't we treat it like any other personal relationship and feel it to ourselves. If someone feels a need to wear a cross or medallion or another religious artifact, then wear it inside the clothing, close to the heart, where it belongs.

In the days of the 60-second commercial spot, do we have to shock our religion with bumper stickers, sweatshirts, and jewelry? Do people fear God won't recognize them as his, "chosen people" if they don't have it emblazoned on the shirt or on the arm? For example, should we make it apparent to everyone that the USA for Africa is not solving the problem; of course USA for Africa is not solving the problem; of course it is great public relations for the musicians who participate. However, someone for someone in dire need is better than nothing at all.

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number in the hundreds of millions—what a fantastic force this could have on the world. Instead, practitioners accentuate every difference by creating an offshoot congregation, and giving themselves a new name. These differences are often negligible, to the point that four San Luis Obispo churches have joined together to hire a campus minister for the University Christian Center. If they feel their beliefs are close enough to minister for the University, won’t even pretend to understand the differences in the Muslim faith, but it has incited Iraq and Iran to a bloody war that pits Moslem against Moslem.

It seems that if the incredible power that religious beliefs wield won’t go toward unifying this world, at least we can keep them from dividing it any further. The next time someone asks you your religious persuasion, treat it as if they’ve asked for intimate details of your sex life...it’s every bit as personal and eventually they will stop asking. One less thing to worry about is one step closer to understanding each other...and isn’t that what religion is all about?

Ken Donazar is a junior computer science major and a Summer Mustang staff photographer.

Siren test

Don’t be alarmed when you hear sirens shortly after noon on Saturday. The 128 sirens are part of the San Luis Obispo County early warning system that is tested once each year.

“No public action is required during the test,” said Jeff Haman of the County Office of Emergency Services. The test will occur at 12:30 p.m.

The sirens are located from Cayucos to Nipomo and in the case of an emergency would be used to alert the public to fires, chemical spills, flood dangers or any other dangerous event. Lasting three to five minutes, the sirens signal the public to turn radios to the county emergency broadcast system for information. Emergency broadcasts are made on 900 and 1400 AM and other participating radio stations.

“The system is tested all the time, but this is actually the one time a year when we blow the horns,” said Mosin Hobson, Pacific Gas and Electric spokesperson.

Library hours extended

By Michael Finucane

The Robert E. Kennedy library will be open longer hours during finals week, Aug. 25-29. The building, including the Reserve Room, will remain open until 10 p.m. each night of the week.

Over quarter break, Aug. 31 to Sept. 22, the library, will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The facility will be closed on weekends during the break.

Dr. David Walsh of Instructional Resources said the hours offerings are a function as much of available staff and funds, as it is of student demand.

“We operate on an annual budget, so we have to take that lump sum and divide it up as best we can,” Walsh said.

Pointing out that the building covers more than five acres of space, requires the personnel to maintain 2.5 million items and the drain of electricity to run it all, Walsh said it was necessary to cut back on the open hours during summer.

“We’re open fewer hours in summer than the other quarters because of the retrenchment in use,” Walsh said. “The use in summer is very low. During the last three hours of the day, we average only 64 users an hour. That compares to between 1,500 and 2,000 users per hour during the evening hours of the other quarters.”

Although the library is open a reduced number of hours in summer, its 62.5 hourly availability each week is actually among the most hours of any library in the California State University system. Walsh said the range of hours offered by CSU libraries is between a low of 30 hours and a high of 79.5.

Walsh said the library has received complaints concerning reduced summer hours, but “no more than usual.”

“We always try to be sensitive to students and are not insensitive to this issue. But it’s a question of trying to serve the needs of the many versus trying to serve the needs of a few,” Walsh said about the varying demands between summer and other quarters.

For a recorded message giving library hours, interested persons can call 546-2598.
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Handicapped equestrians helped by senior project

By Chuck Buckley
Staff Writer

Thanks to a Cal Poly senior project, disabled people can enjoy not only the pleasures of horseback riding, but also the independence of being able to mount and dismount their needs virtually by themselves.

Mike Leo, a recent Cal Poly mechanical engineering graduate now living in Washington, designed and began building a hoist and trapeze device for the disabled as a senior project last winter quarter. The volunteer project was done for Rancho de los Animales for the Disabled, located just off Highway 1 stop the mesa near Arroyo Grande.

Beth Currier, a wheelchair user, runs the non-profit ranch which is dedicated to youth groups and the disabled.

Currier, who is an assistant coordinator for Disabled Student Services on campus, said Leo returned this summer to complete the project, which consists of a ramp and deck with an adjoining electric hoist and trapeze bar. The trapeze bar is for people with strong upper bodies who can swing themselves from the bar onto a saddled horse below. As for the hoist, riders sit in a butt bag attached to the hoist cable.

A cable spool is situated at the end of a movable overhead bar, enabling the rider to swing out over the horse and lower onto it using voice commands. Cheryl Vaughn and Vicki Bolanis, two Cal Poly students, built the redwood ramp and deck.

The redwood was sold at cost to the Five Cities and San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Rotary Clubs, which then donated it. McCarthy Tank and Steel donated the steel for the hoist and trapeze, and Granite Stairway Mountaineering donated the butt bag.

Four other Cal Poly mechanical engineering students are also doing senior projects for the ranch to make an adaptive playground for the disabled, Currier said. Loren Frazonci is planning to add a slide and a wagon with a pulley system to the redwood ramp of the horse mounting set-up so children can pull themselves up the ramp and use the slide.

Kelly Smith and Jessica Torbet have begun constructing a swingset for four people made of two opposing benches with a small table between them as a means of hand propulsion. David Porter has drawn up plans for a single-seat hand propelled swing.

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“We'll need people with crowbars and pickups to take down the houses and transport the lumber, and we'll have a barbecue with drinks and pony rides for those who help out,” said Currier. The lumber will be used to build a riding arena and a barn to cover the 25-ton winter hay supply. Currier is hoping to find volunteers to build the structures.

More than 1,000 disabled people have enjoyed Rancho de los Animales since its beginning in July 1983. The free ranch experience offers the disabled, and youth groups the chance to ride on more than 50 miles of trails on the mesa. A pony cart adapted for those with balance and coordination difficulties is also available, and the ponies are trained to follow voice commands.
Children are participating in a variety of educational activities at Cal Poly this summer through a program offered by the Children’s Center.

Poly Trekkers is a program for six- to nine-year-old children. The only requirement for enrollment in the program is that one of the child’s parents must work, be enrolled in classes or teach at the university. Ten children participate in each session with one student assistant and qualified teacher in charge.

"It’s exciting to use Cal Poly as a resource for the children...using education through hands-on experience," said Carmen Elkin, instructor in charge of the session.

Some of the activities included in the program are visiting the poultry, swine and ornamental horticulture units on campus, participating in arts and crafts activities and playing recreational sports. Children also hike to Poly Canyon for a scavenger hunt and visit the Health Center and campus fire station. The Public Safety Department advises children on why they should use their seat belts and gives them other safety tips.

Six-year-old Brian Dunn couldn’t remember where his parents worked on campus but enjoyed the day anyway. "I think it would be hard to experience what it's like to be blind," he said. "I like riding in the wheelchair...I can go backwards and turn around, but I wouldn’t want to stay here forever." Yvonne Rickets, coordinator of the ASI Children’s Center, said the students and staff involved at the various locations on campus have been extremely helpful. "They’ve been incredible and have gone out of their way to give tours to the children," she said.

We’re excited at how different and educational the program is compared to other ones in the community," she said. "The group size is small and the children receive the opportunity to do things on campus that they would otherwise be unable to."
School of CA&H to make council, clubs more visible

By Margaret Barrett

The School of Communicative Arts and Humanities student council wants the school and the school's clubs more visible next year.

Marcia Godwin, political science major and president of Pi Sigma Alpha, a political science honor club and member of the student council, said council members want students to be proud of their school and want the council to become as active and visible as councils in the schools of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Architecture and Environmental Design and Business.

"The aim is to unite the CAFers," said Nan Hagan, a senior English major and chair of the English Club.

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Marjorie Larson, one of the two seniors from the school, said the stories will be half serious and half funny and written to make council members and the club members in the school known.

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The University Union plaza fountain’s "drip" has not made a splash among Cal Poly students. In 1971, when the University Union building was officially opened, the fountain began to flow. "Calling it a fountain is stretching it a bit," said Joe Willis, Assistant Director for Operations Management. "It just drips over the edge when it's turned on all the time."

The fountain ran constantly at a 24 hour a day rate until it began to cause problems. Cigarette butts and trash were constantly clogging up the drains, said Matt Wiemer, building service supervisor. "They would plug up and then the water would overflow," he said.

There was also a safety reason for shutting off the fountain. "Parents would bring their kids to play in the fountain, and the rocks, when wet, would become so滑 for injuries as the kids slipped and fell," said Willis.

But the main reason for the shutdown of the fountain was water conservation. When people were warned to conserve water, they began to complain that the university was not helping during the shortage. Complaints from the university Union Advisory Board drove the action, and so the fountain turned off.

"Now, there is no sign of a shortage I’d like to see the fountain turned back on," said Willis. "But the fountain will stay off until the conservation groups back up. If students began to use the fountain regularly on a basis that would tend to propose this to the UUB and the ASI Business Office."

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"I'm a black male, age 30, who would like a part time job. I am now at home in CMC and I am looking for a full time job. I called 893-9960, CMC west P.O. Box 58."

"Have you been for the white woman again?"

"Let's go out and have fun. It's the anniversary of the coupling. We are looking for a couple of the lovely ladies. Our date will be August 15th, and predictions will be made for the entire evening."

The fountain was also turned off "to do a study done on putting a recyclable system into the fountain, but it was too expensive," said Willis. As a result, the fountain remains a dripping nonrecycled system of water movement.

"Calling it a fountain even at a really slow rate gives the effect of water," said Gene Mancebo, assistant for operations management. But at this point, there is no plan to turn the fountain on. "The water that you see now is the result of a broken valve. The pump is turned off all the way."

The idea of removing the fountain entirely and replacing it with something else has been considered. But unless the UUB sets a policy on the issue, the fountain will continue to drip. "I would like to see the pump turned on," said Shirley West, UUB Chairwoman. "But I would first have to look at the reasons why it was turned off and see what the consequences would be in turning it back on."

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The University Union fountain is not exactly known for an abundance of flowing water. The study done on putting a recyclable system in, but it was too expensive, said Willis. As a result, the fountain remains a dripping nonrecycled system of water movement.

"Calling it a fountain even at a really slow rate gives the effect of water," said Gene Mancebo, assistant for operations management. But at this point, there is no plan to turn the fountain on. "The water that you see now is the result of a broken valve. The pump is turned off all the way."

According to Willis, the amount of water that is dripping from the fountain now is not much less than the actual flow when the pump is fully turned on. He said, however, that it is too expensive to turn on the pump.

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