Financial aid threat challenged by CSSA

By Jon Bachman

An existing law that allows any public or private institution of higher education to withdraw financial aid from students who are "likely to disrupt campus activity" is being challenged in the Senate by the California State Student Association.

A CSSA-sponsored measure, Senate Bill 1414, would delete the existing law, based on its alleged unconstitutionality. The bill will receive its first hearing by the Senate Education Committee on April 22.

Sherry Skelly, CSSA legislative director, said the goal of the bill is to completely delete the whole provision because it discriminates against low and middle income students based on their financial aid need.

"Students who wish to voice their opinions or participate in demonstrations must worry about losing their financial aid, while another student who doesn't need financial aid can voice his opinion," Skelly said.

Skelly said that to her knowledge, the law has never been implemented, but the full affect can't be measured because there is no way of knowing how many students have been afraid to voice their opinions.

"It has a chilling effect," said Skelly. "We'll never know how many students held their beliefs to themselves because of the existing law."

ASI President Kevin Swanson doesn't think SB 1414 would change much.

"It is a small provision that is rarely enforced," Swanson said. "The existing law is not something that is used very often, and for that reason it doesn't impact many students."
All in the name of education

We were ready for it: a weekend away from school, work and the dirty dishes in the sink. It was going to be a chance to rub shoulders with some of the top journalism students in the state, a chance to work with workshops taught by professionals and to try our hands in on-site competitions.

In short, the California Intercollegiate Press Association convention in San Jose was going to be a chance for professional development not available in the classroom.

Professional development? Well, not at first.

Stimulating conversation between other schools about editorial policies and reporting techniques was kept to a minimum, but rumors of broken windows and horrid sing-alongs were flying about.

Cigar-smoking journalists stayed up at night until only several hours before competitions were to begin. One student was seen jumping up and down on a bed with a bottle of Scotch in one hand and a lampshade on his head.

Hotel security at the Hyatt even drained the Jacuzzi one night to prevent a repeat of the previous night's "How many people can you fit in a hot tub?"

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exercise.

And usually coherent, well-spoken writers and editors could be heard babbling "Yo baber, yo baber, yo yo, yo, yo, yo, yo, yo..."

What happened? The same thing might have happened at the conventions for college students. A "party-'til-you-drop" mentality overtook their usually rational minds.

"We worked all during spring break," students were saying. "We deserve this."

But is the cost of food, transportation and rooms — at $120 per night — worth it? Is it wrong for students to — in the jargon of the times — blow off seminars on vague topics taught by journalism unknowns?

What about taking the "proper" attitude toward on-site competitions — should all the students have been relegated to their rooms before midnight, left to ponder seriously the importance of the next morning's contests?

The answers, we found, varied

from school to school. Those who went to sleep early had no doubt believed the awards they won were due to their abandonment from fun.

But at Mustang Daily, who as a group took the first place prize in our awards in the on-site writing competition, believe our achievement was due to keeping things in perspective. Well, talent had something to do with it, too.

So, I think it is OK to miss dull, uninformative seminars — especially if there's a major league baseball game in town. And despite the stern looks from home security, I don't think it was bad to have a few drinks. There were a few slurred words but no one drove drunk.

As college students, this may be our last chance to have no-strings-attached fun, our last chance to cut loose without having to worry about the restrictions imposed by a full-time job or the responsibilities brought on by a family.

For good friends, it's our last chance to have it all, do it all with each other before we graduate and go our separate ways.

And besides, when you bring home 19 awards and are told by San Diego State students that you guys are Überparty people, do you know you're doing something right.
Israel gunships rip refugee camp

TYRE, Lebanon (AP)—Two Israeli helicopter gunships rocketed a Palestinian refugee camp on the outskirts of the south Lebanon port of Tyre Sunday, police said. It was the first such attack since Israel's 1982 invasion.

The police said two Palestinians were wounded in the sun-down strike that came hours after Palestinian guerrillas infiltrated northern Israel and killed two Israeli soldiers in a clash. The infiltrators were all reported by Israel's military to have been killed.

The gunships fired four rockets into the beachside Rashidiyeh refugee camp, about 1 mile from Tyre's southern outskirts, 6 miles north of the Israeli border, police said.

This year, Israeli aircraft have carried out nine other raids against targets in Lebanon, but the targets were all reported to be guerrilla bases around the port city of Sidon, 25 miles north of Tyre, and in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley in east Lebanon.

Poly chemists help Castle cleanup

By Elizabeth Daymond

Representatives from the Cal Poly American Marketing Association chapter celebrated their regional program award by singing "California Girls" through the streets of New Orleans last weekend. This is the second year in a row the Cal Poly chapter has won the award.

"The award encompasses everything that went into this year's chapter. Every person on the board helped out," said last year's AMA president Kristen Stansbury. "We knew we had a successful year. It didn't matter that we won—it was just icing on the cake," she said.

The theme of the conference was "Career: Do it right," and 22 Cal Poly AMA members joined 1,700 AMA members from the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada in New Orleans. "I was surprised how similar we all were," said Kara Smith. "It was a fun time—1,700 people your age with a lot in common—friendly, loud, wild, and festive... and they were all in AMA!"

The "marketeers" learned to celebrate right, and they also learned to handle their careers right. They attended a formal session on self-assessment led by Sal Divia, where they learned how to best channel their energies. They attended informal sessions where the chapters traded fund-raising, membership drive, and entertainment ideas.

Mark Hersman, this year's AMA president, said he got a lot of new ideas at these informal sessions, but Cal Poly had a lot to teach the other chapters as well.

The program award was one of only six to be given out to more than 250 chapters, and Cal Poly won it for the quality and quantity of its activities.

The chapter's lineup of professional activities, such as tours and speakers, was balanced with community service, fund-raisers such as a 5K run and dozens of social activities. "The executive board is really raring to go this year," said Hersman. "We're out to win it again."

"I've never gotten such a high off a project in my life," said Allison Polka. "It was a pretty well that night, dancing on the tables and chanting "California.'"

Those who went agreed that the most valuable aspect of the conference was the focus on friendship rather than competition, the consequent unity created between the chapters, and that New Orleans was a great place to create that unity.

"We shared good times and good ideas in one of the wildest towns I've ever seen," said John Slover.

"New Orleans is the total opposite of San Luis Obispo. You can drink anywhere, you can take your drink from bar to bar, you can drink all night, you can drink on a riverboat," said Slover. "We made a lot of friends in other California AMA chapters; we visited the San Jose chapter downtown in four hours at the end of May and they can't wait to come."

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Biotechnology can make food products work better for mankind, but some believe the processes are ethically unsound.

By Anna Cekola

Carter described biotech crop experimentation, in which a bacterial injection into plants helps convert nitrogen from the air into a useful plant product. He said that with this conversion, dependency on commercial nitrogen fertilizers and the possibility of water contamination can both be reduced.

Bacterial injection, however, adds the possibility of releasing harmful bacteria into the environment.

Opposition to such experimentation has been strong. Recently proposed testing of the bacteria known as "Frostban" has met with heavy opposition in the Contra Costa County area, even though approval has been granted by such organizations as the Environmental Protection Agency.

Concern also lies in the biotechnology area of embryo transfer, which currently provides agriculture with an important means of upgrading milk and meat animal herds.

"Processes developed in agriculture could be easily transferred to the human population, raising ethical questions," Carter said. Recent surrogate court cases and church rulings against human embryo transplants have clearly shown this concern.

For Cal Poly, however, education in biotechnology will precede experimentation. "The important objective is to provide professors with the opportunity to become aware of developing innovations and enable them to interpret the knowledge into courses. This way, graduates are aware and sensitive to these issues," said Carter.

Senior projects will also provide students with research experience, while grants will allow professors to develop biotech experience.

In reaction to the scientific trend, a biotechnology committee has been established to guide Cal Poly agriculture in the agritech area. Quarterly guidelines are expected to be set next week.

While many developments are new, biotechnology has been in agriculture for years. Cal Poly has been involved in the past with such biotech processes as fermentation and embryo transplants in dairy cattle.

The importance of combining biological and technological sciences was realized as early as 1855, when William Rogers said, "Each has borrowed from the invaluable methods and instruments of research, and each involves the aid of physical laws and force as part of the machinery by which the phases and activities of organic beings are to be explained."
Cleaning campus: costly, time-consuming and necessary

By Paul J. Roberts
Staff Writer

Maintaining Cal Poly's reputation as the cleanest California State University campus costs almost $33,000 a month. Students pay $25,000 of this through their ASI fees to clean ASI-operated areas. This includes daily routine cleanup and other projects such as cleaning gum off the University Union Plaza during breaks. The remainder of the campus is maintained by Plant Operations and paid for by the state.

Despite daily litter, Cal Poly maintains one of the cleanest campuses in California. By keeping the campus litter-free, people are discouraged from dropping more trash. "If we don't keep it clean the trash becomes a standard on campus and people thrash it even more," said Ed Naretto, director of Plant Operations.

Maintaining ASI areas, which includes the University Union Plaza and the common areas inside the building, takes about 31 man-hours a day to clean — seven in the plaza and 24 inside. Most of the trash in the U.U. consists of newspapers, food and fliers. Cleanup is heaviest on Thursdays after activity hour. "Bands on Thursdays get a lot more traffic and a lot more trash than any other time," said Mat Wiener, U.U. building superintendent. Wiener also said that Food Services plates and silverware have become a problem in the plaza. Excess litter is also present during give-aways in the plaza and when the bookstore hands out coupon books.

However, the litter problem in the plaza has eased somewhat. "What we've done this year is place brightly colored cans in the plaza, and that's helped more than anything," Wiener said. "You can actually watch people notice the cans and walk over to dump their garbage."

Improvements have also resulted from an effort to communicate the importance of a clean campus to new students during Week of Welcome, which is one of two heavy litter periods of the year. Poly Royal generates the most litter. During Poly Royal special crews will come in Friday night and Saturday morning to clean up the extra trash.

Although Wiener believes the litter problem could be improved, he said the bulk of the cleanup is necessary from normal use. Naretto, who directs grounds cleanup for most of the campus, agreed. "It's just something we have to live with." Naretto said if certain things, such as the area around the Campus Store and fliers in the parking lots, could be improved then the grounds crew would have more time for landscape improvements.

"If we didn't have to pick up trash, we'd be doing things to make the campus look better, like updating landscape and planting more flowers."
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From page 1 dropped by the instructor, but student must not assume they will be dropped automatically. This seems to be a real problem.

Corrie Lee, the registrar's secretary, said Records Office employees have tried desperately to get the word across that the only way for students to be sure they are not mistakenly enrolled in a class is to check their official class study list.

"We have advertised in Mustang Daily and distributed posters around campus telling students to pick up their study lists," Lee said. "Nothing seems to work, and it's the students who suffer. We have added the course number and the name of the instructor on the study list to make it easier for students to catch errors, but if students don't pick up their study lists it's not going to help."

Another common error is students using the wrong schedule code number when dropping or adding a class. Instead of dropping the correct class, they drop classes they never had, or add classes they didn't want.

"That happens frequently," Punches said. "Students are in a class they don't remember signing up for, but there is it on their study list. That's why it's so important to check your study list before the end of the sixth week. We can correct it a lot easier, and faster."

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All AIDS infections result in the disease

OAKLAND (AP) — Almost all of the million to 3 million Americans and 12 million people worldwide who are believed to be infected with the AIDS virus will eventually develop the deadly disease, according to a published report quoting several researchers in the field.

"Everyone is searching for a co-factor," to explain why some carriers of the acquired immune deficiency syndrome virus might contract the disease and others may not, said Dr. Robert Benjamin, director of communicable disease control for Alameda County.

"And it sounds awful, but I think the only co-factor is time," Benjamin was quoted as saying in the Sunday edition of The Tribune of Oakland.

Experts say AIDS, which attacks the body's immune system, is spread by the exchange of bodily fluids such as blood or semen.

Few viruses cause disease in everyone. For example, the polio virus is readily transmitted but causes disease in only a small percentage of those infected.

Dr. James Allen, assistant director of the AIDS Division at the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, said, "The probability is very high that most people infected for some period of time will develop some clinical sign."

Officially, the CDC estimates 20 to 30 percent of those infected with the AIDS virus will develop the disease within five years, but the numbers are based on outdated research figures, The Tribune said.

Dr. Donald Abrams, a researcher at the University of California at San Francisco an co-director of the San Francisco AIDS clinic, believes Benjamin's grim projection is reasonable. "I think no one wants to be the first to say it," he said.

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Few hitches still exist in dump plans

SACRAMENTO (AP) — State officials trying to pave the way for a California dump for low-level radioactive waste say they're making progress but still have problems to resolve.

"It's coming together," said a spokesman for Assemblyman Steve Peace (D-Chula Vista) the lower house's point man on the issue. The aide predicted that the process would begin moving faster after hearings are held in the next few weeks.

Jim Morgan of the state Health and Welfare Agency is also optimistic, expressing increasing confidence that the state will have a dump operating by the early 1990s, probably in the Southern California desert near Noodles or Baker.

But Morgan says there are still a number of problems that have to be worked out, including negotiations with more than 30 government agencies. Also, there are standards that must be established, regulations to write and opposition that must be dealt with, Morgan said.

The opponents include Assemblyman Bill Leonard (R-Redlands) whose district takes in a large chunk of the desert. He says he won't support any proposal until his concerns are taken care of.

"There's an urban mentality at work here that says if you put nuclear waste in a rural site, it's out of sight, out of mind," Leonard continued. "If this stuff's so safe, why not put it next door to the hospitals and nuclear plants where it's generated?"

Opponents are concerned that people will be exposed to radiation and that the desert's fragile environment will be damaged.

The low-level radioactive waste that would be stored at the dump includes contaminated clothing and tools from hospitals and industries that use nuclear processes, medical and industrial fluoroscopy, and even dead laboratory animals.

The state generates 250,000 cubic yards of the waste a year. Currently, it is shipped to dumps in other states.

But federal legislation passed in 1980 requires states to create their own dumps or form compacts with other states for regional facilities. The deadline is 1992.
Track teams split triangle meet at Northridge

Women blow out Riverside, 98-18, but lose to Northridge, 73-52

By Dan Ruthemeyer

NORTHRIDGE — Consider the women's track team had its top hurdlers in San Jose, a couple sprinters in San Luis Obispo and the rest of the team in Northridge, it didn't do so bad here Saturday.

The Lady Mustangs, competing without the services of such competitors as Laurie Hagen, Sharon Hanson, Ceece Chandler and Teena Colebrook, beat UC Riverside 98-18, but dropped the first, 1-0, and that of distance runner Craig Godwin.

Southwestern's David Walsh for 3,000 meters.

Poly women lead the pack at Cal State Northridge.

Poly takes one of two against Northridge

By Anthony Lopez

Usually, a split of a double-header is nothing to get overly excited about, especially when your team could have made some drastic changes in the conference standings by winning both games. But after the Cal Poly softball team split a pair of games against the Cal State Northridge Matadors Friday — the Lady Mustangs won the first, 1-0, but dropped the second, 2-1 — it has every reason to be content.

Northridge has become somewhat of an institution in Division II softball. Last year's defending champions have breezed through this season, compiling a 38-5 record overall and an 11-1 mark in league play. The Matadors came to Cal Poly riding a 26-game winning streak.

In the first game of the double-header, their starting pitcher was Lisa Martin, who had yet to lose an outing all season. At that point, it would have been easy for the home team Lady Mustangs to be a bit intimidated. If they were, it never showed during the games.

In the opening contest, Lady Mustang pitcher Michelle Gardiner allowed the first batter to reach first on an error. After that, Gardiner retired 16 Matadors in a row and had a no-hitter going through five innings.

She held league-leading hitters Priscilla Rouse and Beth Onestingle to only one hit between them in seven trips to the plate. Throughout most of the early innings, she breezed through the Matador batters with an almost effortless style, allowing only a few balls out of the infield.

Offensively, the Mustangs came close to scoring in the second and fourth innings.

Javelin thrower Warren leads victory over Riverside, but team falls to Northridge

By Dan Ruthemeyer

NORTHRIDGE — Cal Poly javelin thrower Brant Warren broke his season-best here Saturday not by a little bit, but by a long shot.

The sophomore thrower came up with a toss of 205-4 to win the event and help his team split its dual meets with Cal State Northridge and UC Riverside. The Mustangs beat UC Riverside 96-43 but lost to Northridge 104-49.

Warren, who surpassed his previous best by 11 feet and now ranks eighth on the all-time Cal Poly list, said he wasn't surprised with the long throw.

"This whole week I've really felt good," he said. "I've been getting really good trajectories." While the 200-plus throw is impressive in the short term, Warren hopes to improve on it in coming weeks.

"I'd like to stay over 200 the rest of the year," he said. "There are things I didn't do right today, so mechanically I can do better." Other strong performances turned in by the Mustangs included those of the pole vaulters and that of distance runner Craig Godwin.

Leading Cal Poly to a sweep in the pole vault was freshman Steve Toney, who vaulted a season-high 16-6. His previous 1987 best was 16-1.

Following Toney in the vault were Steve Horvath, Hans Florine and Todd Cramer. While Horvath topped out at 16-0, Florine and Cramer each came up with vaults of 15-0.

Godwin, meanwhile, ran with competitors from Northridge and Chapman College for half the distance of his 5,000-meter race. He and his Northridge foe then pulled away and made it a two-man race.

The pair ran even for most of the last mile before the Northridge runner pulled ahead in the final 400 meters to take the win.

"The coach and I decided that I was going to try to run some fast surges to try and tire him out but he was too strong," said Godwin.

Godwin finished with a time of 15:08.14, while his Northridge opponent clocked a time of 15:02.35.

Running a strong race for the Mustangs at 1,500 meters was Doug Twilleager, who finished third with a time of 4:02.05.

Twilleager kept pace with Northridge's David Walsh for the first 1,200 meters, but then Walsh opened it up to win the race in a time of 3:54.26.

The Mustangs were hampered in the meet by not having the services of several sprinters, hurdlers and distance runners who were in San Jose for the Bruce Jenner Classic.

Among those making the trip to San Jose were Erik Jospehson, Dave Johnson, Damon Shows,
Riverside falls to women's net team

The Cal Poly women's tennis team beat UC Riverside 7-2 Friday, to bring its season record to 8-12. The team is 4-6 in conference play.

In singles competition, Wendy Elliot beat Erika Shuh 6-4, 5-0. Shuh wasn't feeling well and retired. Susan Norman beat Tricia Weisman 6-4, 6-4. Amy Lansford battled and lost to Andrea DeCarlo 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. CiCi Barbe downed Jill Skinner 6-4, 6-1.

In the only other singles loss, Barbara Cunningham fell to Dawn Weingartner 6-0, 6-4, 6-2. Amy Gorman beat June Skinner 6-2, 6-3 and Lynn Dyson finished ahead of Mary Ellen Nash 6-0, 6-2.

Cal Poly swept the doubles competition. Elliot and Lansford beat Shuh and Weisman 6-1, 6-4, and Gorman and Dyson beat June Skinner and Chrissy Simmons 6-2, 6-2.

—Pamela Varma

Baseball team splits a pair against CSLA

The Cal Poly baseball team split a two-game series with the Cal State Los Angeles Golden Eagles this weekend, winning 5-2 on Friday and losing 6-5 on Saturday.

Eric Bratlien was the winning pitcher in Friday's game, bringing his record to 5-1. The Mustangs scored all their runs on base hits with two outs. Joe Rumsey hit a two-run single in the sixth. Pat Kirby and John Orton each had RBI singles.

Lee Hancock got the loss in relief in Saturday's game, running his record to 1-4. Mark Sappelli started the game. The Mustangs led 5-4 going into the bottom of the ninth inning but committed an error with one out, opening the door for a bases-loaded single which allowed the Golden Eagles to score two runs.

The Mustangs will play Cal Poly Pomona at home Tuesday and Wednesday.

—Pamela Varma

In this game, the Matadors threatened to score in nearly every inning, but solid defense and fine pitching kept the game scoreless until Northridge's half of the sixth inning.

In that frame, a single by Lisa Jordan combined with a sacrifice fly and an error on left fielder Kathy Jones broke the scoreless deadlock and put the Matadors ahead for good. They scored an insurance run in the same inning, making the score 2-0.

In the Lady Mustangs' final at-bat, Kecia Gorman led off with a double, but Cal Poly was not able to take advantage of the opportunity. Cal Poly was scheduled to play a double-header with UC Riverside Saturday, but the Highlanders could not field enough players and had to forfeit. That gave Cal Poly two more wins and improved its record to 21-24 overall and 9-6 in the conference.
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Brent Griffiths and Mike Livingston
While the Mustangs had Godwin and Twilegger provide some punch in the distance and mid-distance events, they seemed to be more hurt in the sprints and hurdle events. The Mustangs did, however, score fairly big in the field events, with Warren leading the way with a first-place in the javelin and a third-place in the discus.

Other strong field performances included Paul Nighswonger's first-place discus toss of 137'-9" and Nighswonger's and Dave Mosbacher's second- and third-place finishes in the shotput.

While Nighswonger came up with a toss of 43'-1" in the shotput, Mosbacher hit a distance of 39'-8 1/2". High jumper Anthony Mudy came up with a mark of 6'-10 for the second week in a row en route to winning the event. Rob Campanella placed third with a jump of 6'-4.4"

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said Cal Poly coach Lance Harter, "Today she showed that herself."

For Priest, she is left the task of developing some consistency.

"I felt relaxed out there," she said. "My quarters are getting faster and that's one thing I'm happy about. But it's not always consistent. (In training) I'm not going to worry about the mileage, but the quality."

Priest came on later in the day to post a 59.9 lap in the first leg of the 1,500-meter race, an event in which Cal Poly placed second.

"It's a big breakthrough for Glades," said Harter. "It shows that the leg speed is there and that the strength is starting to show." Also finishing strong at 1,500 meters were Lesley White and Kris Katterhagen.

White White outkicked her Northridge opponent in the final 100 meters for a time of 4:32.81 and a second-place finish, Katterhagen crossed the finish line in fourth with a time of 4:35.52.

In the 3,000-meter race, the Lady Mustangs accounted for nine of the 11 competitors en route to sweeping the event.

Paced by White and Katterhagen, the duo of Minkler and Kuehnis ran at a national-qualifying pace for the first 1,500 meters. After serving as the pace-setters for the first mile, White and Katterhagen dropped out of the race and left the other seven Cal Poly runners to their own devices.

Minkler, Manning, Colleen Donovan and Lisa Rizzo finished first through fourth, but failed to break the national-qualifying mark of 9:52. Minkler finished first with a time of 9:53.80.

Harter said the Lady Mustangs went with the two pace-setters and the large field to get some fast times after Northridge pulled most of its distance crew.

"It was just a situation for them (the other Cal Poly runners) to help each other out," he said.

In the hurdles and the sprints, the two types of races in which the Lady Mustangs weren't as strong as usual, junior college transfer sprinter Angela Lee and hurdlers Stacy Kuehnis and Christy Bins pitched in some support.

While Lee ran a good 100-meter race, Bins and Kuehnis placed second and third respectively in the 400-meter hurdles.

Kuehnis, who earlier in the day fell in the 110-meter hurdles and didn't continue the race, led the 400-meter hurdles for three-quarters of the distance before giving way to a Northridge runner and Bins.

The Lady Mustangs also got strong field performances from Celeste Paquette, Buffy Sexton and Jule Wiegmann.

Paquette took firsts in both the shotput and discus, with marks of 44'-11½" and 159'-10" respectively. Sexton placed second in the shotput and Wiegmann won the high jump with a mark of 5'-8 1/2".

Runners fare well at Bruce Jenner Classic

SAN JOSE — Competing against at least 50 men's track teams and clubs from throughout California, members of the Cal Poly men's and women's track teams posted lifetime bests in the 100- and 5,000-meter races in the Bruce Jenner Classic this weekend.

Mike Livingston took second place in the 5,000-meter race with a lifetime best of 14:30.8. Men's coach Tom Henderson said Livingston missed qualifying for nationals by just eight-tenths of a second.

In the 400-meter hurdles, Dave Johnson took third place with his second-best time of the year of 51.94.

Erik Josephson turned in strong performances in the 100- and 200-meter races and in the anchor leg of the 400-meter relay. His lifetime best of 21.18 in the 200-meter race gave him fourth place in his section and qualified him for nationals. Josephson also took fifth place in the 100-meter race with a time of 10.84.

In his section, Damon Shows took sixth place in his heat of the 100-meters with his lifetime best of 10.91. Jeff Alquist earned a seventh-place finish in the 1,500-meter race.

For the women, Noreen DeKettenecourt led the Lady Mustangs with a third-place finish in the 1,500-meter race, clocking a personal best time of 4:28.7. Sharon Hanson placed fourth in the 400-meter hurdles. Women's track coach Lance Harter noted that the top three finishers were Division I All-Americans.

Laurie Hagen won her heat in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 60.8. — Pamela Varma

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A Cal Poly high jumper clears the bar at Northridge.
Playing with gnomes and goblins

Club promotes games of a fantasy world

By Danielle Letenyei

It's a world of fantasy and imagination. It's a world filled with gorgons, gnomes, goblins and dragons. Escaping into a world like this is possible simply by playing a game.

The Simulation and Adventure Gaming Association, (SAGA), is a Cal Poly club for those interested in these games.

"Our club's purpose is to get people who are interested in gaming together with others who share that interest," said club president Rob Bates. The two areas of gaming that SAGA deals with are fantasy role-playing games and simulation games.

Fantasy role-playing games were created about 12 years ago when the company Tactical Simulation Rules (TSR) came out with the first rule book for the game Dungeons and Dragons.

"The first books for D&D had much of the same characters and fantasy lands that are found in the novels of J.R.R. Tolkein," said Bates.

Fantasy role-playing games and simulation games. The fantasy role-playing games include Dungeons and Dragons, Runequest and Champions. In these games, each player takes on the role of a character and tries to get out of situations he is put into.

Another area of gaming that SAGA is involved with is simulation games. A simulation game allows players to re-enact a past event, or a realistic event that could happen.

"For example," said Bates, "there is a game called, 'Squadleader' in which the players are fighting World War II in Europe at the squad level. In this game you are able to see what would happen if some event in the war were different and would change the outcome of the war."

Several years ago, there was controversy as to whether these games involve their players so completely that they cannot distinguish between fantasy and reality. Bates said that although the games do attract people who tend to become obsessive, they do not create the tendency.

"Sick people have to find an outlet for their sickness," said Bates. "D&D is great for sick people because it lets them be someone besides themselves. It is the perfect outlet for someone who doesn't want to face reality."

Bates also said that some people think the games are demonic because they deal with such things as witches, wizards, demons and magic. But he said there is no reason for people to be against the games.

SAGA's annual gaming convention, Polycon V, will be held the weekend of June 19 in Santa Lucia Hall. The convention will include tournaments, seminars, games and an auction.

"Polycon is a grouping of people with the same interest of gaming," said Bates. "It's a three-day game orgy."

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Effort urged to curb population growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 1 billion more people are expected on Earth in the coming decade, a figure that could pose catastrophic consequences unless action is taken to reduce births, a leading population researcher warns.

"If we don't come to grips with this problem now, we will face a world in turmoil," said Werner Fornos, president of The Population Institute, an organization that focuses on World Population Stabilization.

Fornos' warning comes soon after a separate group, the Population Reference Bureau, reported that worldwide births have begun increasing again, after a brief period of decline.

Fornos' study was released Sunday, to mark the start of World Population Awareness Week, an effort to bring the problem to public attention.

While births have fallen in the more industrial, wealthier countries, rapid growth continues in poorer nations, raising fears that environmental hazards ranging from acid rain to atmospheric pollution could mount, said Fornos.

The annual population growth rates of 2.5% in 1975 and 2.1% in 1985, he said, are particularly severe in 20 countries, including El Salvador and El Salvador. The population of these 20 countries total 750 million, he said.

Fornos said a billion more people would add another 1.5 times the population of the United States to Earth's current 5.4 billion, while the next billion could arrive after only 8 years.

"We have been too complacent," Fornos said. "We have been too optimistic in our estimate of what the developing countries can do something about.

"We must do something about the United States and other developed nations to immediately population planning assistance to developing nations.

The U.S. should raise its population aid from the current $200 million to $750 million over the next 9 years, he warned, with the world's population growing to 6.2 billion by the year 2000.

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The current annual population growth rates are expected to expand 16 countries the size of El Salvador, the president said, explaining that the president's group.

But, Fornos added, this "silent explosion" is also threatening the ability of people that can do something about the environment. The U.S. should raise its population aid to $750 million over the next 9 years for population planning assistance to developing nations.

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lasted until Friday.

New fuses had to be ordered from New York and air freighted to Cal Poly. The fuses are expected to cost several thousand dollars, and the transformer will have to undergo "intensive analysis," Naretto said Friday that the transformer may have to be replaced, which will cost about $25,000.

A temporary generator was put in and power was restored about 10:30 a.m. Friday, which gave minimal lighting and phone service to the buildings.

Naretto said all the old shower lines have been capped off so this problem won't happen again.

Plant Operations doesn't know who caused the pipes to break or if water started spraying immediately. Naretto said, "but someone must've gotten wet in there."

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parking problem, he worries about future demands on ag lands.

"We're at the point where any more reassigments of ag lands will make the School of Agriculture's functioning ability difficult," Birkett said. "There is a relationship between high student involvement and the facilities located near the main part of campus on a continuous day-to-day basis."

Birkett added that the School of Agriculture hopes the Administration will begin looking at options to minimize the need for any additional ag land reassigments which push facilities farther from campus.

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in favor of students. He said the proposal has recently come into focus because of a situation at Cal State Fullerton.

"The situation revolved around a Ku Klux Klans member who was making a video on the Cal State Fullerton campus," Swanson said. "Some students wanted to protest the demonstration but didn't because there was a line in the education code saying they may lose their financial aid."

Swanson said the real fault with the existing law is its lack of a definition for what disruption on campus is. Disruption in the statute is defined as arrest and conviction or other activities likely to disrupt campus activity.

"It doesn't tell what disruption on campus is," Swanson said. "Are normal peaceful rallies, debates or marches considered disruptive? The term is not defined. It's very vague."

Another flaw with the current law is that it is redundant, because students can already be academically suspended for wrongdoing. Academic suspension is applicable to all students, not just students on financial aid. But when a student on financial aid is suspended for disruption on campus, the penalty can be a suspension from attending any university in California for up to two years.

Senate Bill 1414 would delete double billings for travel expense from student protests. He said that if Brown could present documentation for any of the $2,926 he didn't need to pay back, he would be reimbursed.

In a memo sent from Cal Poly Vice President for Business Affairs Jim Landreth to Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs D. Dale Hanner in Long Beach, Landreth said "At this time (March 25), we deem the University's interests to have been satisfactorily addressed.

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**No charges yet filed against former dean**

By Floyd Jones

Staff Writer

There's still no word on whether criminal charges for possible misuse of public funds will be pressed against former Cal Poly Dean of Student Affairs Russel Brown.

Assistant District Attorney Daniel Hilford relayed a message through his secretary Friday that he has not yet looked over the County Grand Jury report on the investigation of Brown.

The former dean is being investigated for allegedly accepting travel funds for university-related trips he didn't make and double billings for travel expense reimbursements. Concerns were also raised about whether Brown's participation at certain conferences was appropriate.

In addition to an internal university investigation of Brown's travel records, an investigation by the Cal Poly Public Safety office was also launched and later turned over to the district attorney's office.

Brown offered his resignation in mid-March after President Warren Baker told Brown he had "lost confidence in him." Brown has been unavailable for comment.

Brown told Baker that he disputed the allegations, but wrote the university a check for $2,926 to cover funds he had allegedly overclaimed. The university said that if Brown could present documentation for any of the $2,926 he didn't need to pay back, he would be reimbursed.

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