$750,000 Cal Poly asbestos removal plan to continue

By Monica Ortiz

Cal Poly has invested nearly $750,000 in the removal or repair of asbestos insulation as required by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations.

"The regulation says that asbestos that is in locations where it could be captured by people or disturbed in any way has to be secured so that it doesn't present a hazard to the environment," said Douglas Gerard, executive dean of facilities administration.

"We actually started the removals about four or five years ago," said Robert Polio, manager of engineering services. "It's a pain because it (the removal) can turn a 15-minute leaky pipe job into a five hour job that has to wait until after hours.''

Asbestos is an inert, fireproof mineral that works as an insulator. When sprayed on, the mineral that works as an insulator can turn a 15-minute leaky pipe job into a five hour job that has to wait until after hours.

"We don't present a hazard to the people or disturb in any way asbestos that is in locations of asbestos insulation as required by the regulation says that asbestos is disturbed and becomes friable, or easily crumbled by hand pressure. This will cause the asbestos fibers to break free and linger in the air. In some cases, asbestos was falling off walls and ceilings in the decades.

Douglas Gerard said that all the buildings on campus built between 1950 and 1978 have some form of asbestos in the insulation.

Both Gerard and Polio said that asbestos has already been removed or secured in the Ornamental Horticulture unit, the Farm Shop, some rooms in Engineering West, the South Mountain residence halls, and most recently the Vista Grande dining halls.

EPA studies have shown that exposure to the asbestos fiber for any length of time tends to cause lung cancer. Since it is an inert mineral, asbestos fibers enter and irritate the lung when inhaled. The fiber does not dissolve and eventually causes a cancerous growth.

"We have employees that don't like working with it — they'd rather not have anything to do with it," said Polio. "That's a struggle we've been having.''

"We only involve our own university employees when it's a very, very small project," said Gerard. "... (such as) a section of pipe a foot or so long or when they have to get at something on an emergency basis.''

Science Journal published a study, however, that said that low exposure levels to asbestos fibers pose relatively fewer health risks than if it is unnecessarily removed. The study noted that this unnecessary removal only creates a risk for

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Doggone it...

Nancy Schneider, an architectural engineering sophomore, adjusts part of her final project for an architecture class. For the class, 45 groups of five people each were given a site on campus and told to enhance it to the best of their ability.

Give a hoot, don't pollute

Columnist Joyce Stark reminds students that their attitudes and actions affect the environment.

It's deja vu all over again...

How would you like to be Elizabeth Taylor...but only in name? Find out how she and other students cope with famous names.

In INSIGHT...

Reporter Adrian Hodgson looks at the relationship between academics, athletics and economics.

Escape Route, Gulliver's Travel offer a myriad of options for spring break

By Shanna Phillips

It's dead week — time to finish last minute projects, prepare for finals and plan for spring break.

If plans are still uncertain, Gulliver's Travel and the Escape Route in the University Union may suggest some ideas.

For those interested in getting out of the country for a week, popular spots for Cal Poly students include the Mexican municipalities of Rosarita Beach, Puerta Vallarta and Mazatlan.

Monika Parker, travel agent at Gulliver's, said trips to Hawaii, Lake Havasu and Phoenix, Az. have also been requested.

Airfares to Mexico and Florida are in the $300 to $400 range, said Parker. "At this time of year, prices may be closer to $400.''

The Escape Route has four openings for the Havasu Canyon trip, according to Mike Jollif, a volunteer and trip coordinator.

The Havasu Canyon tour begins March 24 and ends April 1. The $140 fee includes food, gas and transportation.

If a shorter vacation in California is preferred, backpacking in the Marin Headlands could be an option. The trip near San Francisco runs March 25 to March 31. The cost is $22, but money for extras is necessary.

A Monterey Bike Trek will also be available.

Students feel more on-campus housing is an undesirable option

Rules, rent would be too restricting, hard to monitor

By Marianne Biasotti

Stacy Montgomery arrived in San Luis Obispo just before fall quarter began, and like many students she spent a few days looking for a place to live. Although it was more than she wanted to spend, she settled for a shared room in a townhouse for $250 per month.

Now she lives in a house with her own room and bathroom and pays $15 less than before, and said she will never go back to living in an apartment. The benefits of living in a house — the low rent, the proximity to downtown and the quiet neighborhood — could never be accommodated by the on-campus apartments proposed by the city, she said.

Monetary, a biology junior, said she thought the $300 per person rent projected by the university to share a room in on-campus apartments was too expensive, and that living on campus would be too confining. Although the location would be ideal, campus restrictions on alcohol and noise would outweigh the benefits.

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Michael Hotie, an agricultural management freshman, agreed that a house is the most attractive place to live. He will probably move into an apartment after living in the dorms this year, he said, because he only wants a few roommates and a house is too expensive, and that living on campus would be too confining. Although the location would be ideal, campus restrictions on alcohol and noise would outweigh the benefits.

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"Everyone wants to live in a house because that is what most people grow up in," Hotie said.

Doug Gerardi, executive dean of facilities administration, agrees that this is the case. Because of the more difficult
was and that we were going in again, reminding me how hot it was during a unusually warm afternoon — not too high outside. I liked the fact that a plastic foam cup, try taking it home, washing it and reusing it. It will last a long time; the landfills are demonstrating this. Other ideas include joining ECO-SLO or the Cal Poly Recycling Coalition. Also, plan on participating in the 20th anniversary celebration of Earth Day. There will be events occurring all over this county the week of April 16-22.

Our world is getting smaller, and it is encouraging that people all over the world care about our shared environment. The list of things each of us can do to create a better environment is limited only by our creativity. Each of us can actively do something to ensure a better tomorrow. This planet is being ruined by our ignorance and apathy.

Joyce Stark is a NRM senior.
Double takes...
Six Cal Poly students relate to their celebrity sound-alike names

By Shonna Phillips
Staff Writer

It sounds like a scene from Robin Leach's "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous." Some of their names are seen in newspaper tabloids, some on real box covers, album covers and even in NCAA slam dunk competitions. These famous people all have one thing in common—they're Cal Poly students.

• Michael Jordan doesn't eat his Wheaties every morning; he's too busy studying biology. The senior is 6 feet and 10 inches tall in intramural basketball at Cal Poly.

"A lot of people know me on the court... because of my name," said Jordan. "They like to give me high fives and ask me for autographs. I'm kind of a celebrity," said Douglass. "Really." Douglass' parents did not name him after the talk show host or the movie actor of "Wall Street" and "The War of the Roses" fame.

"People just give me funny looks when they hear my name," he said. Gary Cooper graduates with an industrial engineering degree this quarter. Cooper will work at Northern Telecom following graduation.

One drawback to having his name is that professors always tease him. "I have a habit of saying 'up just like Gary Cooper did,' and teachers make fun of me," said Cooper. He grew up near a golf course and used to play in the sand traps. When golfers ask, he says, "Gee, you must be a good golfer, you play like Gary Cooper."

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"Students are not outsiders coming in and using the resources," said Echeverria.

Michael McGhee said he resents the extra work the students have to do to lessen the student impact on the campus. McGhee said if student housing was more available, it would not live under the no-alcohol policy, he said, and land will not be made available.

"I'm an ag major... I've had many labs out there, and I don't want to see that land changed," Alberstein said. "I am optimistic that something could be worked out between the city, county and state to purchase property not part of grounds."

Echeverria said the City Council in this town has a habit of treating the students in less than a just way. McGhee said, "Saying that we're draining the resources (housing and water) of San Luis Obispo is ludicrous. We are citizens of this town... most live here for five or six years. We certainly pay for the right to live here."

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Jordan has played basketball since he was six years old. His favorite team isn't the Bulls, though, it's the Lakers.

"Michael Douglass isn't a subscriber to the Wall Street Journal or in the middle of a divorce battle—he's an architecture senior.

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Housing

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admissions policies, he explained, tend to select students with the highest GPA's. Statistics show these students tend to come from upper middle-class backgrounds, which means they tend to grow up in houses, Gerard said.

"Even though we try not to become an elitist institution, to some degree it is happening," Gerard said. "People want to live in the environment they grew up in."

Hoxie said more on-campus housing is a great idea, but it wouldn't work because of the limitations involved.

"The university's ban on alcohol is undoubtedly the number one problem," Hoxie said. "It's definitely a problem in the dorms."

Although on-campus housing would be convenient and close, he explained, the consumption of alcohol would be so hard to manage in the apartments.

Patricia McGhee, an English sophomore who runs the gamut of housing. She has lived in the dorms, an apartment, a housing house, and said she will never go back to apartment-style living.

Houses, she said, offer privacy, independence, and a control of the environment and there are no people living above or below.

McGhee said she resents the city's attitude toward students living in the community. "The City Council in this town has a habit of treating the students in less than a just way," McGhee said. "Saying that we're draining the resources (housing and water) of San Luis Obispo is ludicrous. We are citizens of this town... most live here for five or six years. We certainly pay for the right to live here."

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Even if more housing was built and more students were living on campus, she said, the majority of students still would be living in the community.

"You're still going to have the problem of incompatible lifestyles," McGhee said. "You have to put up with different lifestyles when you're living in a college town — that's just the way it is."

McGhee said if student housing could be condensed off campus to lessen the student impact in residential neighborhoods, there is a danger of it becoming another Isla Vista — the student ghetto outside the University of California at Santa Barbara.

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Montgomery thinks the conflict between the city and university competing for limited land and water resources will not easily go away.

"They (the university) will have to deal with negative relations with the city or give up some of that valuable land," said Montgomery.

Terry Alberstein, an agricultural management senior, thinks the possibility of more on-campus housing in the next 10 years is nearly impossible. Students will not live under the no-alcohol policy, he said, and land will not be made available.

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You can't force people to live on campus — students are grown-up," said Echeverria. "If they want to live in the community and are competing for housing, that's the way it goes."
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Ill work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. And it doesn't make Jill happy either. For many Cal Poly students, some form of exercise is essential to the way they spend their free time. Whether it is running, lifting weights or doing aerobics, thousands of students put their schoolwork aside for a small while each day to get a workout.

But Cal Poly also has a group of more dedicated athletes. The devoted ones. The ones who commit as much or perhaps more time to their respective sports than the average Jack or Jill. The intercollegiate road through and out of the school.

"The athletic department is mostly concerned with athletes having some success when they're in the classroom with very brilliant students with high SAT scores and good high school GPAs," McNeil said. "The coaches realize they're better off recruiting an athlete who has a chance to succeed. One of the beaming lights of this (the Athletic) department right now is that, yes, they (coaches) are recruiting athletes who are academically capable."

A recent article in CV, The College Magazine, said athletes are less likely than other students to major in tough subjects, such as computer science and engineering. Williams, an industrial technology senior, was looking at an engineering career before he left high school. "I went to a technical high school, Channel Islands High School, in Oxnard," Williams said. "It geared towards technical subjects and I was involved in an engineering program as a senior. When I came here, I realized I had an opportunity to get a good degree, get hands-on experience and play football."

Wolfgang Gartner, Cal Poly's men's soccer coach, has had the same in-class success with his players over the last few years. Gartner said only one player he has coached in the last five years has dropped out of school.

In gaining entrance to the university, McNeil said the ultimate right of refusal rests with the deans of the different schools at Cal Poly, not the athletic department. But Athletic Director Kendrick Walker spends a lot of time reviewing athlete's applications. McNeil said, "Walker is very careful," she said. "He takes a long time (deciding on athletes). Coaches mostly complain that he takes too long."

And if a student's SAT score is more than 200 points below the average for the individual school to which he or she has applied, McNeil said he or she comes under very special scrutiny. For example, a typical SAT average for incoming business majors is about 1200. Any athlete Walker or McNeil reviews who wants to major in business and who scores below 1000 on the SAT is closely watched. "It's in the best interest of the coaches if they go to all the trouble to recruit an athlete," McNeil said. "They (the coaches) want them (the athletes) around for more than one season."

Williams said when he got to Cal Poly more than four years ago, his first interest was getting an education and a degree. But he said his focus quickly changed to that of playing football, and his grades suffered. Williams went on Academic Probation after his first quarter. That was when the athletic department told him to get his act together. "I got a lot of help and encouragement from Dr. Walker," Williams said. "The (I.T.) department told me one thing, but Walker gave me a few more options. Basically he said, 'If you don't straighten yourself up, they (the university) are going to throw you out.'"

Gartner said he is lucky because recruiting is easy for him. "I think we (attract) top-notch athletes because Cal Poly has become a highly reputable academic institution," he said. "That makes me recruit on the academic side. I have a huge advantage over most other schools (to recruit) a good soccer player because people love to come here.

McNeil said coaches try to get athletes to apply within the deadlines with non-athletes who are trying to get into Poly, and there is success to a degree. "But the requirements to get into Poly are tough," she said, "so if you're a great athlete, you haven't necessarily taken all the honors courses."

McNeil gave a shocking example of how hard getting into Cal Poly can be for an athlete. "The women's track (and cross country) coach (Lance Harter) was just here with a girl who had around a 1200 SAT and a 4.3 high school GPA. She had been accepted to UCLA and Stanford, was a top runner in California, but had been rejected by Cal Poly."
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Rabbi fears resurgence of Nazism if two Germanies are reunified

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The West should insist that German reunification include a "blueprint for the memory of the Holocaust," a Simon Wiesenthal Center official said Tuesday after corresponding with leaders of both Germanies.

"We should ask, What will you do to institutionalize the memory of the Holocaust? Not a special demand," Rabbi Hier wrote Prime Minister Heinz Arnold.

"I have a right to ask." But Kohl dismissed the rabbi's fears as unjustified, saying in a Feb. 28 letter that West Ger­manns had been "informed without any taboos of the causes and consequences of the National Socialist tyranny."

"It has probably also escaped your notice that in our Penal Code precisely these 'crimes of hatred' whose combating you recommend to me are punishable with fines or prison sentences," Kohl wrote.

"To my mind, there is no doubt that these provisions will also apply in a united Germany," the chancellor continued. "This certainly does not require any special demand."
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The hills are wonderful, the air is clean and I think for a sport like cross country," McNeil said, "most athletes would come here and think, 'The hills are wonderful, the air is clean and this is my place.' Clean air was just one of three reasons Gartner gave for soccer players wanting to come to Cal Poly — the other two are the high academic standards and the quality of the soccer team.

"Players come from all sorts of environments, even trash air. I didn't dare imagine what it's like training in Pomona (in the smog). I don't know how of approximately $20 million for its 19-sport, 350-athlete program. That averages out to over $57,000 per athlete. They have tutoring systems, study halls and lots of academic ad­visors," McNeil said. "And all we do, in Dr. Williams' words, is show them where the library is and say 'Study now.'"

On the other hand, Cal Poly has 17 sports, more than any school in the CCAA or the Western Football Conference. Playing those sports are close to 900 athletes, more than the number of athletes at Michigan, because some of his teammates were black and he was able to make friends easier with them than he would if he had been white. McNeil said the ethnic mix at Cal Poly is not what many, including the athletic department, would like it to be. "We'd like to bring in minority athletes, but in many cases they don't have the academic preparation that's needed to get in here," Gartner said.

Gartner said soccer crosses all ethnic and racial barriers because it is played in almost every country in the world. "We'll have more of an ethnic mix this year than ever before," Gartner said. He said in addition to Hispanics and blacks, Vietnamese players will join the team in the fall.

Academic regulation

Williams, like many other athletes, has worries off the playing field and in the classroom. After he had difficulties with his grades during his freshman year, Williams turned things around and now has a 2.7 GPA. He estimates he has 12 hours a week taken off from practice or classes. But hiring more staff members requires more money, why doesn't it begin charging ad­mission fees to students for sports other than football?" "But do Cal Poly's high academic standards reflect the quality of the athletes the university is able to admit?"

McNeil said she believes bigger schools such as Michigan and UCLA have a decided advantage over Cal Poly because of their huge athletic budgets. Michigan has an annual athletic budget of approximately $20 million for its 19-sport, 350-athlete program. That averages out to over $57,000 per athlete. "They have tutoring systems, study halls and lots of academic ad­visors," McNeil said. "And all we do, in Dr. Williams' words, is show them where the library is and say 'Study now.'"

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McNeil said that his team's $12,000 annual budget is insufficient. Harter's track team got $10,100 in funding last year. McNeil summed it up when he said, "Most of the time we see it (poor grades) after the fact."

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Student poetry contest scheduled

The Academy of American Poets has announced its annual poetry contest for students. A $100 prize will be offered for the best poem or group of poems submitted to the Cal Poly English department. The judge for this year's contest is Ai, the Arizona State University professor who was on campus last October as part of the Cal Poly Arts and Humanities Lecture Series.

Poetry manuscripts should be submitted to the English department office by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 23. Students' names and addresses should appear on each page of the manuscript, and must be printed, along with a local telephone number, on the submission envelope.

For additional details, contact the contest coordinator, Dr. Angie Estes of the Cal Poly English department at 756-2596.

Ride-a-thon to aid ranch for disabled

People with physical and development disabilities will be the beneficiaries of ride-a-thon scheduled for Saturday, April 14.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. and cover an eight-mile loop trail that will begin and end in the parking lot near the Horse Unit just north of the university's main campus. The ride-a-thon is being sponsored by the Cal Poly Cutting and Reining Club.

The event is a fund raiser for the B.O.K. Ranch, a non-profit facility where disabled persons, along with their families and friends, can grow, share, learn, and experience a ranch environment.

Poly club plans March floral show

A show of the latest fashion and floral designs for weddings will be presented on Sunday, March 18, in the atrium of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

Scheduled for 3 p.m., the event is being planned as part of a series of activities sponsored by the Cal Poly student chapter of the American Institute of Floral Designers. Admission will be $5.

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Arsonist torches bus in Greyhound storage yard as strike continues

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A Greyhound bus parked in the struck company's Fresno storage yard was set on fire, police reported.

Someone entered the unlocked building and used a road flare to torch the interior, officers added. Police described the damage as extensive but did not have a dollar loss.

The arsonist cut a three-foot hole in a chain link fence to get into the bus storage yard. Police said a security guard was on duty but did not see the arsonist.
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Directors and does not substantially lower the risk to a building's occupants. "If it's in good shape and in a place where it's not likely to get disturbed," said Polio, "you're better off just leaving it there and maintaining the covering on it." The administration is also required to keep health records on any employee that comes in contact with asbestos for 30 years. This is due to the fact that problems stemming from exposure may not become evident for many years.

More often, the administration has contracted with outside agencies to deal with the removal and test that asbestos fibers are not linting in the air. "We're taking responsible action, I think on the campus," said Gerald, "to remove those materials that do contain asbestos. That's what we make sure we do everything to create a safer possible environment."
Speaker addresses problem of world starvation

By Natalie Guerrero

A local advocate against world hunger issued a challenge to a Cal Poly club to help put an end to worldwide starvation.

Phyllis Davies, who has been outspoken against world hunger for the past 18 years, spoke and challenged Cal Poly's Nutrition Club members to get involved in stopping world starvation. Davies spoke during last week's National Nutrition Month presentations in the University Union.

"You and I, with an awareness of nutrition and the role it plays in solving one of the great problems across our world can make the difference," she said.

Davies, who was Cal Poly's agricultural business graduate, said every day 240,000 children die because of starvation.

In order to put this grim statistic into perspective, she shared a powerful analogy. She asked them to imagine a jumbo jetliner with a capacity of 240 people. Fill the jet with relatives, friends and neighbors, then watch the plane crash after takeoff. This is the pain and agony people go through when they watch their children die of starvation.

"Whenever I go to a Third World country and touch the life of a mother whose child died, I can assure you that her pain is no greater than mine when my son died," said Davies, referring to a plane crash that took the life of her son.

Famine and other hardships shown by the media are not the main factors of world hunger, she said. The problem, chronic pestilence, hunger, is the inability for people to feed themselves.

The problem stems from a combination of overdependence on foreign relief aid and modern technology taking farming jobs away from the people.

The relief agencies do not help the immense problem of drought-stricken areas but (the aid) also takes away motivation for farming, said Davies. Farming does not only help the present situation but saves the future. In addition, modern technology, such as tractors, has changed traditional farming so drastically that work is limited, which causes economic hardships for most Third World countries, she added.

Davies presented four guidelines that people could use to make a difference in the hunger crisis. People need to get a picture of what world hunger is all about. By researching the issue and studying the different aspects that surrounds world hunger.

"One of the important things I acquired at Cal Poly was that if I studied a half an hour a day on any subject within five years I would be one of the world's experts on that subject," said Davies.

The second step involves getting

Fifteen dec, 30 wounded in separate incidents between S. African blacks and police

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Blacks demanding an end to police and among police across South Africa, and 15 people were killed, 50 were wounded and hundreds arrested. Another 30 black men were arrested for black-white power sharing.

Police listed 57 incidents on Monday and Tuesday, the largest number on the daily report since violence erupted last month in black areas across the country. More than 200 blacks have been killed since early February, mostly from in factional fighting.

In the southeastern province of Natal, the site of four years of rural fighting between rival groups, police said eight black men were stabbed, shot or burned to death in three separate attacks.

Elsewhere, four black men were killed in separate incidents when police fired birdshot to disperse rocks thrown by (the) mostly young gangs with no political affiliation, and criminals taking advantage of the situation.

The recent fighting is seen as the most serious unrest since the mid-1980s. Some of battles involve bitter political rivals, but elsewhere the conflict is between taxi groups battling for control of routes, young gangs with no political affiliation, and criminals taking advantage of the situation.

The government has said the violence jeopardizes efforts to open negotiations on a new constitution that will include black-white power sharing.

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