Chancellor approves athletic fee referendum

By Debbie Aberle Staff Writer

CSU chancellor Barry Munitz accepted President Warren Baker's recommendation and officially approved Cal Poly's $43 athletic fee referendum Wednesday.

It is ''extremely unlikely'' that a re-vote on the fee increase would have any effect on the administration's course of action at this point, said Hazel Scott, vice president of Student Affairs and Baker's representative.

Scott refuted allegations of unethical election procedures during the ASI Board of Directors meeting Wednesday.

There have been rumors of a huge conspiracy by the administration to keep students uninformed just so you'd vote affirmatively on the IRA referendum, Scott said. ''We just don't have that much power.''

''We don't have any hidden agendas, and we try to be as open as possible,'' Scott said.

''Your own (ASI's) Election Committee did not find any violations of a substantial nature to invalidate the elections,'' Scott told the board.

A re-vote on the referendum would only serve to divide the campus further and would be in no one's best interest, Scott said.

Not only would another election be costly, but it would be held in a biased environment, Scott said.

''Since the initial election, the entire tone of what you've read in the Mustang Daily has been negative,'' Scott said. ''It has been one-sided and all anti-athletics.''

''The university has made commitments and is moving forward,'' Scott said. ''It doesn't plan year-to-year — it plans for the long term, which is in the university's best interest.''

Several ASI members told Baker they were pressured into making a hasty decision to approve the referendum election results in December, Scott said.

Timing was critical, Scott said. Due to the state budget shortfall, the athletic department had been forced to give coaches a one-quarter contract.

The university was compelled to make a decision by Dec. 31, Scott said.

''Given the time frame we had, I believe the (election) was well organized and that the IRA task force, ASI and the IRA Board worked extremely hard to educate the college community,''

Scott said. Scott said the overall concept of an IRA fee increase was not rushed. In fact, preliminary discussions for the fee began as far back as 1990.

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Rap band Public Enemy will perform at Cal Poly

By Debbie Aberle Staff Writer

The ASI Program Board confirmed a Public Enemy-Board of Directors meeting that rap group Public Enemy will perform at Cal Poly on March 3.

Steve Miller, chair of ASI Concerts, said the deal with Public Enemy was finalized on Monday.

IFC sponsors Cal Poly's first alcohol-free Dry Rush this week. Spring Rush has so far attracted fewer participants than past Rush events.

Poly fraternities rush dry this year

IFC plays it safe to sidestep alcohol-related mistakes

By Jennifer White Staff Writer

Rush activities this quarter have taken on a new focus with the Interfraternity Council's implementation of Dry Rush.

Cal Poly fraternities participating in Spring Rush, Feb. 2 through Feb. 10, are not allowed to include alcohol in any Rush events from noon last Sunday until 12 a.m. this Monday morning.

Wait Lambert, coordinator of Greek Affairs, said this series of events is the first all-dry Rush Cal Poly has had.

Why this new phenomena? Lambert said the reason Dry Rush was implemented was because of the problems that had occurred from having alcohol at past Rush events.

Minors drinking alcohol was one such problem, Lambert said. Another problem was the effects alcohol had on people and the problems that resulted from their intoxication.

''By having a dry Rush, the pressure is removed from having potential liability suits caused by alcohol-related problems,'' he said.

Lambert added that it was not the Cal Poly administration that started Dry Rush, but the Interfraternity Council.

John Grinold, a physical science senior and IFC president, said that a dry Rush had been suggested to Cal Poly by national fraternity organizations and other universities.

The executive board of IFC is s u p p o r t i n g the "progressive move," Lambert said.

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Professionals await Bush's national health care plan

By Bryan Bailey Staff Writer

President George Bush ran his plans for improving the state of national health care Thursday, a package which will cost an estimated $100 billion over the next five years.

Some local medical professionals said in interviews Wednesday that they have been waiting quite a while for a president to address health care.

''We have been waiting for some time now,'' said Dr. Stephen L. Hansen. Hansen is a representative to the board of trustees for the California Medical Association, as well as a representative to the House of Delegates for the American Medical Association.

''We have had bills that have gone nowhere in the assembly, which is dominated by various industries, most notably the insurance industry,'' Hansen said.

''We've got to come up with a better system,'' he said.

Philip Wolfe, administrator for Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center, agreed.

''Health care is in need of reform,'' Wolfe said. ''Our current system is becoming unaffordable.''

The inflated price of care is due to programs such as Medicare and Medicaid not paying their share, Wolfe said, which results in insurance companies and private employers having to shoulder the burden of nearly 23 million Americans who can't afford medical coverage. In many cases, doctors and hospitals must absorb some of that cost.

''Access to the care is the real issue,'' Wolfe said. ''All Americans don't have equal access to care.''

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70 people in custody after boat interception

ALMERIA, Spain (AP) — Two North Africans drowned and about 70 others were taken into custody Thursday when a fishing boat packed with would-be immigrants just off southern Spain.

Spain is the closest European country to North Africa and a traditional arrival point for illegal migrants seeking work in Europe. Madrid has tightened up its immigration policy since joining the 15-member European Community.

Spanish news agencies said up to 300 Moroccans were aboard the boat when authorities spotted it off this Mediterranean port before dawn.

Girl throws baby from 12th story of building

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — A 17-year-old girl forced her way into a 12th-floor apartment, grabbed the sleeping baby and kicked a tricycle outside, said a police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said the teen-ager was treated for violent behavior.

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The baby's mother, Yoko Tbkaiya, 37, told police she opened the door of her Osaka apartment, grabbed the sleeping baby and kicked a tricycle outside, said a police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

He said the girl burst into the three-room apartment, grabbed the sleeping baby and some of her toys and threw them from the balcony.

The official said the teen-ager was treated at a hospital about an hour later.

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Sex to be focus of Valentine week

By Tracey Adams

Valentine’s Day is a time to love, cherish and send a condomgram to your sweetheart.

This is part of Love Carefully Week, which starts Monday and is sponsored by the Cal Poly peer health education sexuality team of eight student educators.

“This is a big week to focus on sexual awareness and bring in speakers on different topics,” said Rilyn Down, an English senior and coordinator of the group.

Love Carefully Week will consist of four seminars ranging from the risk of AIDS to the issue of campus rape, Down said.

Peer health educators will also have a booth in the University Union plaza Monday and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to sell condoms. The message includes a free condom that will be sent to your Valentine.

Down said the booth will also provide pamphlets on safe sex and condoms, as well as sell T-shirts that say “Just Do It Safely.”

Prizes such as safe sex kits can be won by guessing the number of condoms in a bowl and answering quiz questions correctly, Down said.

Love Carefully Week coincides with National Condom Week, which also starts Monday.

National Condom Week serves to remind couples who are sexually active to share responsibility in preventing unplanned pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS, said Sally Rogow, health educator at EOC Family Planning.

“There is not enough use of condoms in college,” Rogow said. Contraceptive use may be increasing, but sexually transmitted diseases are still prevalent, she said.

NUTRITION

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due to increased losses encountered through menstruation.

The recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for iron in a male’s diet is 10 milligrams per day. For females the RDA is set due to increased losses in menstruation.

For females the RDA is set at 15 milligrams to compensate for menstruation. The best way to achieve adequate iron intake is to eat a wide variety of foods every day. Foods high in iron include meat, fish, poultry, beans, eggs, dried fruits and leafy green vegetables such as kale, bok choy, collard greens, and, of course, spinach.

In obscure as some of these vegetables may sound, they can be found in the produce section of any grocery store. Incorporating iron-rich veggies into soups, salads, stir fry or casseroles are easy ways to introduce them to the diet.

One more tip to boost iron levels is to consume iron sources with vitamin C-rich foods. For example, eating an iron-fortified cereal with a glass of orange juice will increase absorption of the iron present in the cereal by 10 percent.

With a little extra effort, adequate iron intake shouldn’t pose a problem and the use of dietary supplements will likely be unnecessary.

Linda Cloney is a nutrition peer health educator.

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I am so tired of hearing about racism. Wednesday's Insight article gave me a migraine.

I disagree with the lone opinion editor that I suggested I write a response to her column on racism. So, I am typing this thing up and putting it HERE TO THE CONSERVATIVES:

Racism is superior to all others. I have no tolerance for people of another race, religion or sex, affirmative action is an example of reverse discrimination, Assembly Bill 101 and similar legislation should be abolished.

Now that you have your attention, let me enlighten you with the real truth about racism. In the real world there is racism. By living in this plastic bubble we call college and separating ourselves by ethnicity, minorities are not being prepared to withstand the racism they will face in the real world. In the working world, a minority college graduate will still walk into an executive meeting, consisting mainly of middle-class white males.

If that minority graduate is not able to establish a rapport with his or her classmates in college, how is he or she going to function in a world dominated by many of the same people? (Now, before you grab for your pens to write the editor, I did not write, "All upper management in the world are white males and that will never change." I am simply stating reality — today the workplace is dominated by middle-class white males.)

There is an entire group on our campus that facilitates minority segregation, resulting in the alienation of SOME minorities from the rest of the student population, and self-devaluing.

Secondly, it is not fair to force the entire student population to finance an activity or club that is exclusive from participation.

I realize that anyone can legally obtain a membership in these clubs, but it is unfair. Why would a "white" person join a group whose purpose is only to crush the suppressive strong arm of the white elite supremacist? I did not have slaves, I do not exploit Mexican farm workers — their anger is directed at all people who are really being exploited.

On to one of my favorite topics. This legislation has not done any but hurt minority groups by setting quotas and forcing employers to hire people based on their race or sex instead of their individual achievements and abilities.

In no way has this legislation helped minorities gain self-worth or self-respect in the workplace.

History has proven that minority groups that achieve success through their own efforts will never be refused.

Once upon a time there was a poor, uneducated black man from the south who broke through the barriers of racial discrimination with a head full of education because he became a leading scientist in his time.

This man was George Washington Carver. And nothing is so sobering as the discrimination that was held against the people on the East Coast during the turn of the century.

They were discriminated in school and forced to work the lowest-paying manual labor jobs. Yet many Catholic men and women worked as servants to help themselves to some of the highest positions in the country. Even against these great odds, a determined Jack Kennedy was one of these men who helped to minimize the prejudices directed against Catholics.

Neither of these people had legislative regulations forcing employers or others to advance them. Through their own efforts they did more to advance their own causes than all the politicians and religionists and dealt with reality.

Carol Passendorf is a journalism senior. This is her first quarter reporting for Mustang Daily.

Administration is not concerned

Dear David Bock,

I am writing this note to clear up a misconception that you seem to share with many other students at this school. You seem to have the impression that someone in the Cal Poly administration cares about the betterment of this campus.

The people in the administration are businessmen. They exist to get money from the government. Anything they can do to increase the prestige of Cal Poly are fine with them. Jack up the fees enough so that only the rich can afford to attend.

Generate a big, publicity-grabbing sports program. Nevermind the washed out students, this is the dream the, wasted years. Ignore the student government, it is just a joke anyway. In fact, if the administration could accomplish these things without the bother of actually putting up with students, this campus would be a ghost town tomorrow.

Oddly enough, these people who actually teach classes here seem to be better connected with the individual student. Of course, there are procedures in place to make sure those folks don't get a chance to influence what the administration does.

Once these simple truths are understood, the actions of our school administration make perfect sense.

Matt Poultney
Mechanical Engineering

Student wasn't quoted correctly

I feel like I've started a war of ignorance, no one has listened to a word that has been said.

I'd like to start by first asking why I was denied my college education? (Due to an illegal act committed by a member of the university administration.)

I'd like to quote our first letter (the letter that was written by myself and a friend) correctly, "This (the Black Nationalist Thought) is college. If you are African-American student, this is what 99% of race is about." The point is why not find a common ground for all people, accept differences and concentrate on similarities? This means focus on the big picture, the American Culture. Wouldn't this be energy better spent? I'll say it five times for you, Peter, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes!

The Star Spangled Banner is for all races, all Americans. Why can't you take pride in that? I'm proud of being an American, and that means I carry this anthem for you as well.

Your race is of no consequence in the American culture, I believe we're all equal, and as soon as you believe it, you will be.

Teresa Bull
Ag Business

Some Christians preach hatred

As I was walking through the Student Union plaza, I came upon a crowd of people. In the center was an older woman clutching a Bible, I managed to catch only one line she spoke, apparently that was enough. "The reason the homosexuals are dropping like flies is because they hate God."

I wondered, does that mean that there was a reason six million Jews were slaughtered in the forties? Perhaps they hated her god too. And does that mean the Nazis were acting as agents of God, doing his will.

And all those people killed in the oil war? They shouldn't have hated her god too. And all those killed by drunk drivers as well, right.

Though this does seem to follow logically, I don't think she meant it this way. I believe she meant to say, but was ashamed to, "I hate homosexuals, my god hates them, and I am glad they are dying."

This woman was preaching hatred. I'm not sure people realize this. She may talk of God and Jesus, but she wants you to hate like she does.

There was quite a crowd around her. I hope people are discerning enough to realize that what some Christians are preaching is not the love of Christ, but the hatred and intolerance of those who killed Him.

John Arina
Engineering

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
New scheme hits a snag

Cal Poly Calendar

The Mustangs' baseball and softball teams begin their regular seasons this weekend.

By Neil Pascale
Editorial Staff

Any game now, Cal Poly Head Coach Steve Reason will decide that he wasn't meant for this era. That is, if he hasn't already.

Reason has introduced a new scheme to the men's basketball team — playing with four guards and one center in, two forwards and one-center lineup.

The new scheme worked early on. Reason's boys jumped out of the gates with a perfect 10-0 start. Since then, the team has played at an even 6-5 pace.

Much of this slide, Reason said, can be attributed to the California Collegiate Athletic Association, a conference that preaches — and plays — slow-down, power basketball.

CCAA teams work the 45-second clock nearl

y to its death before finally giving the ball to a center or forward for a little five-foot shot.

"A couple of weekends ago Bakersfield and Dominguez Hills played and Bakersfield won, 50-37," Reason said. "That had to be a real eye-opener." Reason detects such play. Instead, Poly would rather play an up-tempo game where they can shoot a blizzard of three-pointers.

Unfortunately, the rest of the league doesn't share Reason's interests. And Poly's CCAA record shows it. Poly is 3-4 in the league with one half of the CCAA season over.

By Neil Pascale
Editorial Staff

Cal Poly's Carrie Schmidt is triple-teamed in an earlier game this year.

"I think we will definitely surprise some people this year," Lisa Boyer, softball coach

Poly tries to rebound as Broncos enter Mott Gym

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Editorial Staff

Crazy — that's what Cal Poly's Assistant Coach Sheri Bates calls the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

With one half of the season gone, only one team seems to have a deadlock on a spot in the CCAA Championships.

Cal Poly Pomona, who comes to Poly Saturday, is a perfect 7-0 in the CCAA and ranked No. 16 nationally.

Yet, even the Broncos needed every second of last Saturday's game against Cal State Los Angeles to remain undefeated. Los Angeles owns a mark 3-5 CCAA record.

"On any night, any team in the (CCAA) can beat another," Bates said. "And I guess that's good and bad."

The bad part is the Mustangs are 2-4 in the CCAA after having a successful 9-5 preseason. Poly, 11-0 overall, is currently stuck in a three-game losing streak.

"We couldn't beat all the teams," Bates said. "A 6-1 league record wasn't out of hand."

Another bad part — the only team that convincingly beat the Mustangs in the first half of the CCAA season was the Broncos, who visit Mott Gym Saturday at 6:45 p.m.

Pomona beat the Mustangs, 70-53, at Kellogg Gym.

"We played an OK first half, we were only down by 10," Bates said. Then, she said, Poly started turning over the ball and the Broncos started rolling. Pomona, 16-5 overall, has several outstanding offensive performers.

In fact, the Broncos have three of the top five scorers in the CCAA. Leslie Ellis, averaging 16.3 points a game, and Mildred Stritenberg, scoring 15.3 points a game, are Pomona's top offensive threats.

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By Neil Pascale
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Along with its new field located behind the Cal Poly Foundation building, Cal Poly's softball team also has many new faces.

After losing eight senior players, including All-American Cheryl Lutes and six other all-league players, this year's team has taken in some new talent.

"I think we will definitely surprise some people this year," said Cal Poly Head Coach Lisa Grennan. "We probably have more desire to win then any other team I've had at Cal Poly."

The Mustangs finished fourth in the conference last year with a record of 31-22 overall.

This year's team is very young with only two seniors among the seven returning players. Boyer said the team looks extremely fast with a strong defense and pitching staff.

Leading the Mustangs into the season are returning pitchers Julie Rome and catcher Julie Grennan.

Playing together is nothing new for "Julie & Julie." They have been teammates since their high school days at Saint Joseph High School in Santa Maria.

Rome is expected to lead the Mustang pitching.

As a freshman, Rome was a first-team all-conference selection. Last year Rome pitched for 117 innings, striking out 91 batters and leading the Mustangs to 19 wins.

"Julie Rome has the potential to be an All-American for us," Boyer said.

Returning pitcher Tricia Wayne is another player to watch on the mound. In limited play last season, Wayne was 1-1 and had a 1.56 ERA.

"We've only had two of Cal Poly's top five batters return this year," Grennan said.

Grennan, who batted .359 with 19 RBIs last year, is looking to be a another strong player.

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This may be due to transfer Mario Aubert, a retired long jumper from San Jose City College. Her switch from track and field to softball has added speed to the team.

Coming from American River Junior College in Sacramento, center fielder Missy Gardner is looking to be another strong player.

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Speaker urges Third World sustainability

By Rick Shandley
Pad White

World Neighbors is people teaching villagers in Third World countries how to help themselves. This view is that of Phyllis Davis, World Neighbors president and volunteer, who spoke to a student audience at Cal Poly Tuesday.

In light of the many global concerns, "one of the problems I see is that we have not been working at development as a sustainable process," said Davis, a 1966 Cal Poly agricultural economics graduate.

World Neighbors was founded in 1961 to empower people in more than 40 Third World countries to be self-reliant. World Neighbors is entirely funded through private donations and uses a strategy that is a little different from other service organizations such as the Peace Corps, Davis said.

The first step in the World Neighbors process is to go to the countries and villages where they have been invited. The invitation may come from villagers themselves or an observer such as a missionary who has seen the need for outside assistance, Davis said.

When the World Neighbors team arrives in the village, team members listen to the problems and concerns of the local people.

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Phyllis Davis spoke about creating sustainability in the Third World at her presentation Tuesday.

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Motivation is not the problem — once villagers have the initial motivation, they will continue to develop and practice the skills they have learned, he said.

World Neighbors donor and volunteer Phyllis Davis spoke about creating sustainability in the Third World at her presentation Tuesday.

Once these objectives are accomplished, World Neighbors leaves the area, "so people look to themselves for solutions rather than people from the outside," Davis said.

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