Candidates impart views at open forum

By Carolyn Nielsen
Staff Writer

PolySCOPE held an open forum for its three student candidates for City Council in the U.U. Plaza Tuesday morning.

Todd Fernandes, Brent Petersen and Mike Schmitt fielded three rounds of questions from a panel consisting of polySCOPE Chair Kirk Taher, ASI Chairwoman of the Board-Elect Dierdre Flynn, San Luis Obispo Mayor Ron Dumin and Mustang Daily Opinion Editor Peter Hartlaub.

The session was then opened up to questions from the audience. Questions were asked by ASI President-elect Kristin Burnett, polySCOPE Media Coordinator Rex Smith and former polySCOPE candidate Vince Battaglia.

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CSU BUDGET CRISIS

By Allison Garlin
Staff Writer

The budget cuts that have hit Cal Poly have been mirrored at campuses throughout the California State University system. The approaches taken by those other campuses, however, do not always reflect the actions taken here.

The following is a synopsis of the budget crisis at six of the CSUs 20 campuses.

• Cal Poly Pomona
   At Cal Poly's sister campus, Cal Poly Pomona, administrators began with across-the-board cuts to all divisions of the university.
   Because reduction requirements expanded from 5 to 8 percent, however, the university is considering some vertical cuts, said Evelyn Wens, Cal Poly Pomona budget officer.
   Reductions exceeding 8 percent are being proposed in some areas in order to allow for smaller cuts elsewhere, she said.

• Humboldt
   Specific areas affected have not been decided yet, Wens said. The possibility of eliminating departments is still possible.

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Ag schools consider how to save programs

By Elizabeth Magill
Staff Writer

Across the state, leaders of schools of agriculture are contemplating how to save their programs, faculty and staff during the budget crunch.

Four schools in the California State University system — Fresno, Pomona, San Luis Obispo and Chico — are homes to agricultural programs.

The budget crisis that faces higher education has forced these schools to make drastic cuts in hopes of salvaging their programs.

See AG SCHOOLS, page 6
Japan urged to help in fighting pollution

TOKYO (AP) — Japan should take a leading role in fighting pollution around the world, the Environment Agency said in a report released Tuesday.

The agency said Japan should share the lessons it has learned as it struggled to develop. It cited widespread mercury poisoning in the 1950s, blamed on discharges from a chemical factory.

More than 940 people have died and thousands more are crippled from Minamata disease, named for the area where victims were stricken after eating mercury-laden seafood. The government has paid $698 million in compensation.

Japan provided $9.2 billion in foreign aid in 1950s, blamed on discharges from a chemical plant in the city of Minamata. The beach previously showed pristine waters.

Police arrest man for plucking zoo peacock

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A man seen plucking plumage from a peacock at Philadelphia Zoo has been charged with cruelty to animals.

John Navlakha, 29, of Hazleton was arrested in a zoo parking lot Sunday and four or five feathers were recovered from an observant Naturalist Dick Marini.

A zoo visitor and her family confronted the man when they saw him grabbing some of the bird’s exotic feathers, Marini said.

“You think you’re going to leave the zoo with those feathers?” the mother demanded, according to Marini.

Plucking can be fatal to a peacock because of blood vessels at the end of its tail, Marini said. The peacock was not hurt, zoo spokeswoman Milly Hodgins said.

Nightmares decrease after one therapy visit

NEW YORK (AP) — People who suffered chronic nightmares for an average of 21 years showed marked improvement after a single visit to a psychiatrist, a study says.

Patients were taught techniques that involved confronting their nightmares while awake. Two forms of such at-home therapy worked equally well.

It is not clear why the patients responded, but the confronting of the nightmares while awake may be important, said psychiatry professor Dr. Robert Kellner of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

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In addition, the overall group showed reductions in depression, anxiety and health anxiety.

Los Angeles (AP) — Water off Santa Monica and Redondo Beach piers, part of Malibu and Mother’s Beach in Marina del Rey show high bacteria levels and may be unsafe for swimming, an environmental study said.

Results of the latest yearlong study by Heal the Bay show the water at some county beaches breaks health guidelines 50 percent of the time. When it rains, 90 percent of the beaches are unhealthy.

Mark Gold, a staff scientist with the Santa Monica-based environmental group, said Tuesday he was surprised by a high bacteria count near Latigo Shore Drive in Malibu. The beach previously showed pristine waters.

A number of areas improved, he said, in cladding waters off Ashland Avenue in Santa Monica, the area surrounding the Pulga storm drain in Pacific Palisades and the Pico-Mentor drain near Venice Beach.

Urban runoff causes most of Los Angeles County’s pollution. The runoff is an accumulation of domestic and commercial waste dumped or spilled into the county’s storm drains, where it washes into Santa Monica Bay.

Heal the Bayanalyzed daily and weekly data from state and county water pollution monitoring sources from April 1 to April 22, 1992. Data was collected at 49 locations from Leo Carrillo State Beach to Torrance.

Conclusions were released Monday in the county’s annual report card for the county’s beaches.

Existing home sales up slightly in April

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California’s existing home sales edged up slightly in April over the previous month but were down compared to year-earlier sales, the California Association of Realtors said Monday.

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Festival blends food, fun for (straw)berry good time

By Krystn Shrieve
Staff Writer

The ninth annual Arroyo Grande Strawberry Festival, held on May 23 and 24, offered not only strawberry shortcake, strawberry daiquiris and other strawberry delights, but music, entertainment, arts and crafts and the chance to meet with various political candidates.

All local, state and national political candidates were invited to set up booths at the festival and visit with local residents before the California primary in June.

William Danemeyer, candidate for the U.S. Senate, and congressional candidates Michael Huffman and Bob Largamarsino each had booths at the event.

The Strawberry Festival was sponsored by the Arroyo Grande Village Improvement Association. Lori Lautenschleger, publicity director for the event, said the festival originally began as a small old-fashioned ice cream social for the merchants and families in the Arroyo Grande village.

"In the beginning, it was just supposed to be a simple old-fashioned ice cream social for the merchants and families in the village," Lautenschleger said.

"The first year, 750 people came to the event. It was so popular, they decided to do it every year. The whole town was invited, and the Strawberry Festival was born," she said.

The festival offered more than just strawberries. Local merchants donated gift certificates, T-shirts, pizzas, a weekend stay at a local resort and a trip to Reno, which was given away on Tuesday.

There was also a Strawberry Blond contest, a Strawberry Festival Button contest and hundreds of prizes given away in the kiddie games sponsored by 92.5 Country Radio. KST 101.3 also held a Strawberry Festival pie-eating contest.

Lautenschleger said there were 70 food booths, approximately 200 arts and crafts booths and an estimated 250,000 people participating in the Strawberry Festival this year.

John Clark, chairman of the event, was also pleased with the turnout. "We weren't really expecting that many people to show up. Last year, we had 250,000 people come to the festival. This year it was impossible to count. People came from all over California and even some from Nevada, Utah and Arizona. It just keeps growing every year," he said.

Although the amount has not been calculated, Lautenschleger explained how profits from the festival are used. "Money from the Strawberry Festival are used to preserve old buildings in the village. The money also helps maintain the small-town atmosphere. The atmosphere in Arroyo Grande is very important," she said.

Clark said the Strawberry Festival attracts tourists. "It brings people into the area. Tourists love it here, they spend their vacations here, and that's good for business," Clark said.

Diane Saylo and Gay Robinson are two local residents who brought their families to the festival. "We love to come here to eat, shop, visit with friends and be with our families," said Saylo.

"The Strawberry Festival is a great family event. We have a lot of fun and we plan to come back every year," Robinson said.
City politics – today is your turn

By Gabe Joynt

You have been to a City Council meeting? Have you talked to a council member? Do you ever see them in action? If you have, then you will see that these people don’t have any invisible intellligent or divine insight; they are normal, dedicated people. But in some respect, these people are not as intellectual unassailable elite. The beauty of democracy, particularly, in a small-town city government, is that it is accessible to everyone, even young people. People have told me that Cal Poly students are apathetic; they don’t care. This is true. Poly students, like everyone, DO care and WILL get involved when they see that their contribution will make a difference.

The students involved with polSCOPE have seen the effect of their efforts on people. They’re city officials who have come to meet with students; to talk, to listen, to show that they are interested in the student’s voice.

They’ve seen themselves raise over $2,000 for polSCOPE in last week’s bachelor/bachelorette auction at Lower Rancheros.

Try to tell someone involved in polSCOPE that the only students are apathetic. Try to tell them that students can’t make a difference. Try to tell them that we aren’t “qualified” to be effective leaders.

They’ll tell you you’re wrong. You will have a chance to meet with students; to talk, to listen, to show that they are interested in the student’s voice.

We’re half the population of this town and we have been told that you don’t care. This is bullshit!

Letter to the Editor

Be careful of cuts during the summer

While everyone is away travelling, it’s summertime here at Cal Poly. Sometimes either vacationing or working, don’t forget about the cost of the major being cut in some way.

Remember the famous saying, “While the cat’s away, the mice will play.” You can be sure that when you return, the bureaucratic big guys will have made some serious changes.

Why wouldn’t they?

Summer is the perfect opportunity for them to take advantage of this situation. They won’t receive as much opposition from students because more than half the school will be away.

Be aware and stay in contact with friends to find out what’s going on at Cal Poly while you’re away. We need to stick together on this because the next phase, and there will be more, may be sections of you. Anyway, have a great summer.

Tricia Hernandez Jennifer Shaffer Shaffer

Cut to ET will injure America

Everywhere we turn, Americans are blasted for losing the race. We are told we are falling behind in technology, business and quality in the world of work. We watch other countries take over where we used to lead.

We look to the schools to provide the knowledge for us to get back into the race and win. How does Cal Poly gear up for the big push? It kicks engineering technology in the face.

The very group of graduates who go out and make engineering theory work in a real way are being phased out. Whoever made the decision to kill ET does not have a basic grasp of the future. How can we stand, let alone race, if the rug pulled out from under us?

Bill Cosley, in a radio promo to kids, “Study engineering and science. Go out and do great things.” Yeah, right. Just don’t do it at Cal Poly, not anymore.

Bill Eitel

Correction

All Board of Directors did not support the 40 percent fee increase unanimously, as stated in the May 22 Mustang Daily. Dennis Lang voted against the measure. Mustang Daily apologizes for the error.

Letters Policy

Students who are current Mustang Daily subscribers (with the listed stated amount) and are listed should receive the four-page Mustang Daily. Letters Policy should be turned into the letters box at the Mustang Daily office.

 Apartments include a resume, cover letter and up to five clipings. Interviews will be set up on Thursday and Friday. Sign-ups for interviews can be made next day to the letters box in Mustang Daily’s office. Questions? Call Peter Hartlaub at 756-1143.

Editorial Applications

...for Summer Mustang and Mustang Daily (1992-93 academic year) will be accepted in the opinion editor’s box at Mustang Daily’s office, Graphic Arts Building, room 226, until 8:00 p.m. today.

Summer Mustang positions include managing editor, opinion/arts & entertainment editor, photo editor and illustrator.

Mustang Daily 1992-93 positions include managing editor, opinion editor, features editor, sports editor, arts & entertainment editor, city editor, photo editor and illustrator.

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Living through a sentence can strain families

**Friends outside make prison a little easier to endure**

"Too many times, the inmates fall through the cracks and end up back in prison. We use Friends Outside as a rehabilitation tool to help keep the family strong. The inmates need to know that they have somebody to go back to when they get out ... someone to love."

Marjie Baumer
community prison representative

"I originally came here to fulfill a requirement for my multicultural education class. I ended up staying because I loved being with the kids. I really enjoyed myself and appreciated what the program was trying to do," he said.

Mike Tbner, a graduating senior majoring in math, began working with Friends almost two years ago.

"We play basketball and football. We have art projects and coloring books. I like to ride the bikes with the kids. We play house, swing on the swings and just run around and have fun. It's great," Baumer said the program relies heavily on volunteers.

The people here are caring and talented. They enjoy what they do and that's what makes the program so special," she said.

She also stressed that the environment is safe and said that people shouldn't be afraid to volunteer.

Christina Sul, a math junior, began volunteering last summer.

"I love the kids. They are absolutely wonderful, and it feels good to know that you are touching their lives in a special way," Sul said.

"I want to be a good role model. I want them to know how much I care. I am their friend, and I am there for them even if it is only for a short time. Those couple of hours a week can make a big difference."

Tbner and Sul agree that volunteering can be difficult when they become emotionally attached to the children.

"When the inmate gets out and the child leaves the program, you wonder what will happen to them. We spend a lot of time with them and sometimes get very close," Sul said. "You've been there for them and you can't help but wonder who will be there for them once they're gone."

Tbner also worries about the children.

"When the kids leave, I am definitely happy for them, but I'm sad for myself because I know I'll never see them again," he said.

"I know that I can't be there for every single child every time he needs me. That would be impossible, but I do my best. I try to be a positive influence on the kids. I have built some strong friendships and I will never forget them."

Tbner said that Friends Outside offers transportation and other services besides child care.

"We pick visitors up from bus stations, train station and hotels. We give them a ride to the prison and bring them back when visiting hours are over. This saves them $15 in cab fare and is sometimes incentive enough for them to visit," Tbner said.

"We feed the children lunch."

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FRIENDS

...and that certainly helps. We also have emergency clothing. Sometimes visitors come all the way from L.A. and are turned away at the door because they aren't dressed appropriately. So we lend them clothes. We do what we can to help them see their "loved one," he said.

Beaumer said it is easy for an inmate to get into trouble, but explained that Friends Outside gives the inmates and their families hope.

"We give them a way to keep their family unit together. The inmates receive $200 when they leave. Most need to buy clothes and find a place to stay, and there goes most of their money. The way things work, they usually get out on Friday night, but can't see their parole officer until Monday. They have to live between Friday and Monday and sometimes sleep under a bridge or end up stealing food because they are so hungry," Beaumer said.

"Friends Outside keeps the families going and keeps the gap between Friday and Monday. We give them hope. We tell them where they can find shelter, food and sometimes clothes. We also get them someone to talk to, someone who understands," Beaumer also explained how the families are affected. "For the most part, we are dealing with young families who are struggling..."

Krystn Shrieve is a journalism junior.

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Enrollment cuts will create favorable renter's market

By Bryan Bailey
Staff writer

While Cal Poly's decrease in enrollment will have negative impacts on the community, students may actually benefit, a Cal Poly housing official said.

Robert Bostrom, the director of Cal Poly's campus housing office, said that, ironically, while the decrease in the number of students "will not be good for the community," it "will be very good for the students."

"It will be a renter's market," Bostrom said. "They'll have more choices."

However, Bostrom said, the situation is still an economic hardship in the long run.

"We're anticipating some vacancies in the residence halls for fall quarter," he said.

"We've taken Sequoia Hall out of use for residents and turned it over to the conference center to utilize it for conferences throughout the year.

"We had to remove some of the money we were going to lose from those vacancies."

While the on-campus housing situation is just beginning to look bleak, housing programs in the community have been well aware of the university's financial troubles.

"We've actually been affected the last several years," Stanner Glenn general manager Chris Becker said.

Stanner Glenn is an off-campus housing community which is geared toward serving freshman- and sophomore-level students who choose not to live in the campus residence halls.

With only 1,960 new students expected for fall quarter, according to Bostrom, Becker said that "the future could be devastating to not just Stanner Glenn, but to all large student housing complexes."

"Everybody (owning rentals) will feel it, but those of us that are so focused on the students, we're really going to take it hard."

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Mountaineers slam Mustangs

Ahead 6-4, reliever gives up grand slam in loss to Mansfield

By Neil Pascale
 Editor Staff

Following a crushing fifth inning, the Cal Poly Mustangs fell to Mansfield University, 11-8, in the second round of the NCAA Division II World Series. The crucial fifth inning started poorly for the Mansfield Mountaineers, who improved to 38-10 with the win.

Mountaineers' starting pitcher Brad Crills gave up a 4-1 lead to the No. 1-ranked Mustangs in the top half of the inning. Poly exploded for five runs off Crills.

However, the Mustangs' 6-4 lead didn't last long. In the bottom half of the fifth, Mansfield's Andy McNab slammed a two-ball, one-strike curveball over the left-field fence for a grand slam. McNab hit the home run off reliever Chal Fan­

ning, who came in for starting pitcher Paul Souza.

The Mustangs, 38-18, will play Livingston at 5 p.m. today in a must-win game for both teams in the double-elimination tournament.

Poly opens World Series
by routing Sacred Heart

By Brad Hamilton
 Staff Writer

The No. 1 ranked Cal Poly Mustangs flew to the Division II World Series in Montgomery, Ala., then walked to their first victory over Sacred Heart of Connecticut.

The Pioneers' starter, Jerry Fry, walked in the first of 10 Cal Poly runs in the second inning of the Mustangs' 10-1 rout.

Fry's replacement, Tim Ward, gave the Mustangs another run with a bases-loaded walk.

The six walks issued by both Pioneer pitchers along with 14 hits combined for the Mustangs another run with a bases-loaded walk.

The six walks issued by both Pioneer pitchers along with 14 hits combined for

the team with nine RBIs and 16 runs scored.

The win enabled Cal Poly to advance to the winner's bracket.

Cal Poly Pitching Coach Kent Agler said Paul Souza will start for the Mus­

tangs against Mansfield.

"We still have to go three more (games) to be where we want to be," said Paul Souza.

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Player is a threat to both pitchers and hitters alike

By Gregory Rieber
 Staff Writer

The Cal Poly Mustangs went to the Division II College World Series loaded with a double weapon. Phil James, a physical education junior, sparked Cal Poly with an inspir­

ing pitching performance against UC Riverside in the NCAA Western Regionals to help Cal Poly earn a trip to Montgomery, Alabama.

The odd thing, however, is James has also been a great hitter this year for the Mustangs.

"Basically, Phil is just a great athlete," said Cal Poly Head Coach Steve McFarland. "He is as good a two-way player as I've seen."

Going into the NCAA Division II Col­

lege World Series, James has a 2.2 ERA with a 2.246 batting average over 15.33 innings of work. He has also struck out 10. Yet, that's just half the story.

The left-handed hitter is also batting .354 — the second highest average on the team— with nine RBIs and 16 runs scored.

James was a standout football player, as well as a great baseball player, at Templeton High School.

He came to Cal Poly as a pitcher.

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High-speed chase

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — UC Irvine is dropping baseball, men's track and field and men's cross country because of the budget crisis in the state and the University of California system, the school announced Tuesday.

"Due to the magnitude of the financial crisis with the state budget, the University system budget and the economy in general, we regretfully had to drop these three men's sports and make further significant cuts in administrative expenses and operating costs," UC Irvine athletic director Tom Ford said in a statement released by the school.

The cuts, effective at the end of next month, come in the face of a projected $319,000 deficit in this year's athletics' budget and an anticipated minimum 10 per­

cent reduction for all non-degree granting programs at UC Irvine in 1992-93, the school said.

"The major factors in our decision were the University mandate to balance the budget and the fact that we do not have adequate resources to fund the current level of sponsored sports," Ford said. "The criteria used in cutting these sports were the NCAA and Big West Con­

ference requirements, the cost ef­

fectiveness of each sport and gender equality considerations."

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The college pitcher, said Cal Poly. "And the tools needed to succeed as a field, he is not lacking in any of this year has been playing out­platoon player, mainly batting time was the outfield." Although James' main duty this season, James started the next season as a pitcher, said Cal Poly Pitching Coach Kent Agler. "He has good movement on his fastball," Agler said. "And he was called in during a con­" McCarthy said. "Mike Matoso and (Eric) were hurt and we had to go to somebody. "He came into the Pomona game and pitched six innings of solid ball and we scored three runs in the ninth inning and he got the win." Gamberdella said, "Everyone know he had the tools." Against Pomona he came in and showed exactly what type of athlete he really is. "Then, this last weekend against UC Riverside, he solidified himself as a total pitcher."

As Cal Poly prepared for the College World Series, the coach­ing staff realized that they might very well have to call on someone else besides Dan Chergey, Eric Hill and Paul Souza — their est­ablished starting rotation. "There is certainly a great possibility in Alabama that we might give James the call," Agler said. "We know he can pitch well. Everyone has confidence in him. We definitely won't hesitate to put him on the mound." Chergey struck out right fielder Mike Aldridge and then forced the next batter to fly out. McFarland said the strikeout was the play of the game. "We were ahead 4-0 at that point, and when he struck the guy out, I think it deflated their ego," McFarland said. On the other side, Fry left the mound with the loss after giving up 11 hits and eight earned runs. One of the hits Fry gave up was a home run by second baseman Dake Dodder, a switch hitter. He drove a fastball over the right-field fence from the left side of the plate. The 380-foot solo home run, Dodder's fourth of the year, made the score 8-1 in the bottom of the seventh.
Mustangs send 12 to compete at nationals

By David Vorns
Staff Writer

Twelve members of Cal Poly women's track and field team will attempt to bring home a straight NCAA Division II National Championship this weekend.

On Thursday, the women's and coaching staff traveled to San Antonio, Texas, where the championships will be held this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Last year, the Mustangs won the team title by just one point. Cal Poly head coach Deone Voehrer is expecting tough competition again this year.

"Alabama and Cal State L.A. are both strong in the sprints," Voehrer said. "They should score a lot of points in those events."

Cal State L.A. did that two weeks ago to win the California Conference Athletic Championships. But Voehrer said that Los Angeles will face stronger competition in the sprints at Texas.

Cal Poly did not qualify any runners in the 1,500-meter race this year.

Cal Poly seniors Gina Albanese and Kristina Hand are good bets to repeat as individual national champions.

Albanese will also run on Poly's mile relay team with Elana Moore, Shanin Miller and Kim Shepard. They ran 4:21.5 in the 1,500-meter race this year, and 3:04.4 in the 4x400 relay.

At the nationals, Hand will compete in the 1,500 and 3,000 meter races. Her best times this year are 4:21.5 in the 1,500 meters and 9:16.0 in the 3,000 meters.

Other Cal Poly Mustangs competing in events at the nationals are Julie Tingle in the heptathlon, Shann Miller in the 400-meter hurdles, Dina Moore in the 800 meters, Vicki Peterson in the 1,500 meters, Jennifer Lecovara in the 5,000 meters, Tracy Leichter in the 1,0000 meters, Jennifer Peters and Leoni Larson in the shot put and Robin Campana in the high jump.

STEVE HERO/Mustang Daily
\[Cal Poly is sending 12 runners to the nationals.\]
Cal Poly has begun to remove some residents who have neglected to pay their fees.

A number of wild cats have been creating problems on the Cal Poly campus. Animal control, a health and safety program for abandoned animals, surveyed the campus last Thursday to find where the cats are congregating.

This week, animal control will begin removing the cats and taking them to the County Department of Animal Regulation. There, they will determine which cats are adoptable.

Don Van Acker, the Public Safety administrator overseeing the project, said the cats that are determined to be untrainable will be put to sleep. The adoptable cats will also be killed if nobody adopts them.

Van Acker said the cat control program and the campus veterinary clinic will neutron and provide shots to any cat requested. Animal control will avoid taking away any cats that are pets, those neutered already or those wearing a collar.

"If we catch a stray, we let it go," Van Acker said. "We don't want to take anyone's animal. We strictly deal with the feral animals."

The uncontrolled population of cats on campus has been a problem for a long time, Van Acker said. Cats are removed only when the complaints become strong, he said.

"The strongest complaint is that the feral material is all over in the front of the Administration building," Van Acker said.

"The next complaint is by employees - where the cats are coming out all the time and where there is a fax issue," Rob Bentley, a night janitor in the Administration building, said.

"If we catch a pussycat, we let it go," Van Acker said. "I've had three cats fixed on campus and found homes for about 12 other cats, so I don't see a problem."

Bentley recently took "Mama Cat," the feline he was admitting for neutering, to the clinic where kids play outside the Administration building. He said he now has four cats from the campus, and he has taken home about 12. He said Cal Poly should fix and release the cats, a proposal Van Acker agrees with as long as someone wants to take care of them.

The last time animal control removed cats from the campus was two years ago in the summer of 1990.

Van Acker said without some population control, disease is inevitable, and he feels the problem is ignored then when the campus becomes a danger to others.

"Children's Center, where kids play outside the Administration building, is a concern when cats become too prevalent," Van Acker said.

Van Acker said it's an issue on other campuses too. Stanford has just had a contract for a problem for years, he said.

Van Acker said it's a major problem on campus, and he wants to get rid of the cats. The only way is to neuter or to adopt them. I care for cats too."