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Fee possible for Rec Center use

By Dawn Sievers
Staff Writer

Faculty and staff may not be able to use the new Rec Center for free, but some alumni and former students will.

The Rec Center Use Committee is debating over whether or not faculty who use the building for classes should have to pay for personal use of the facility.

While students will have free use, faculty and staff may have to purchase a membership to use the center.

Originally, the Use Committee decided there would be no membership fee exemptions for non-students — not even for Rec Sports Director Rick Johnson — because it would be too difficult to determine who should be exempt and who should have to pay.

But at a Use Committee meeting Monday the policy was questioned by Dwayne Head.

Head, physical education and recreation administration department head, said those who have keys to the building and free access anytime will not pay for any use in addition to what is required for teaching their classes.

"I am very confident that none of our faculty will buy a membership," he said.

Margarita Pires, ASI executive vice-president and the committee's chair, said the issue will be discussed at their next meeting on Feb. 8.

Pires said members of the committee will inform their represented groups and departments about the issue. Then they can get an idea of how students and faculty feel about fee exemptions, he said.

Also discussed at the Monday morning meeting was alumni use of the center.

It has been promised that all who have paid for the center will have access to it. This includes anyone who has paid registration fees since 1986, when the referendum to begin the building of the center was passed. The referendum was passed by a student vote to assess them a $28 quarterly fee to fund the building.

The committee also wants to grant some sort of credit to presently enrolled students for the number of quarters they have been paying for the center. See REC CENTER, page 8

ASI to try teacher evaluations soon

By Marla R. Van Schuyver
Staff Writer

Despite continued opposition from the Academic Senate, some students will be given the opportunity to evaluate teachers next week.

ASI's Student/Teacher Evaluations Task Force has developed a plan in which more than 1,500 students from all sections of History 315 and Philosophy 230 will be handed evaluation forms by volunteers standing in hallways before class sessions.

Volunteers will again be in the hallways when the classes let out, so students can turn in the evaluations then or return them to the ASI office.

Although many students may recall filling out evaluations in their classes, those evaluations are conducted by the departments for their use only. ASI's surveys would be used to share information with students, according to ASI Academic Coordinator Nicole Brown.

Both ASI and Academic Senate officials are concerned with the lack of control during the evaluations. But Brown said she is happy with the efforts of the task force, and believes this is a step in the right direction.

"Because we can't get into the classrooms to do an evaluation, I'm afraid they will be a little less accurate," she said. "We are risking the fact that some students won't take the time to turn them in, and that there may be some confusion in answering the questions.

"If we were able to give the evaluations in class, then we would have people present who could answer questions. But we need Academic Senate approval to do in-class evaluations and we've been denied access the last couple of years.

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By Silas Lyons
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President Clinton and Democratic congressional leaders have agreed to a process that will speed consideration of Clinton's economic package by putting it on a "fast track," the White House announced Tuesday.

The maneuver is designed to result in nearly simultaneous votes, perhaps in April, on two measures: Clinton's $16 billion package of short-term spending increases on roads and other projects, and a separate budget resolution laying out unpopular tax increases and spending cuts.

White House spokesman George Stephanopoulos announced Tuesday evening that Clinton had talked to House Speaker Thomas Foley and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell on the plan. Democratic leaders had pressed for the early votes on Clinton's budget-cutting proposals to improve their credibility on deficit reduction. They have been facing mounting defections in their own conservative wing.

Lawmakers had planned to approve the emergency spending increases in March, with the budget following a month or so later. Holding the votes at the same time will let lawmakers show voters that they are as intent on distasteful budget-cutting as they are on the easier moves to increase spending.

Stephanopoulos said that in phone calls to Mitchell, Foley and House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., Clinton "asked them to put the budget resolution on a fast track so we could lock in the spending cuts as soon as possible and they have agreed."

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News Briefs

Budget cuts hurt preparedness

Sacramento, Calif. California's readiness for the Big One may be the latest casualty of the budget crisis, state officials warned Tuesday.

Local governments squeezed by budget problems are cutting emergency staff. A mapping of places potentially hazardous in an earthquake because of their geology won't be done for 30 years. State government doesn't have money to fix the thousands of state buildings that aren't as safe as they should be.

Those were some of the problems outlined at a hearing by the Local Governmental Organization Committee to determine if California is ready for the next big earthquake or other major disasters.

L. Thomas Tobin, executive director of the Seismic Safety Commission, said many financially strapped local governments are reducing or eliminating emergency staff and shifting those responsibilities to already overburdened fire and police departments.

Minorities placed on UC Board

Sacramento, Calif. Gov. Pete Wilson, under criticism for having a University of California Board of Regents that looks like a "good old boys' club," has selected two minorities to fill vacancies.

But minority and public interest groups suggested Tuesday that Wilson was trying to trade the appointees for state Senate confirmation of John Davies, a white millionaire, as a UC regent.

Davies has contributed $39,000 to Wilson's political campaigns. California Common Cause, Latino Issues Forum, the UC Student Association and other groups oppose Davies' appointment.

"Local government is hurting in this area," he said. State Office of Emergency Services Director Richard Andrews said local governments that de-emphasize emergency services could have trouble fitting into the statewide system should a disaster strike.

"The fundamental problem is the potential for discontinuity at the local level because of budget cuts," Andrews said.

Skiers found alive after 4 nights

Gunnison, Colo. Five skiers who disappeared in treacherous mountain back country turned up alive Tuesday after surviving four nights of subzero weather.

Two of them walked into a trading post and called authorities. Hours later, the others were found alive, said rescuer Tom McCabe. The three were in reasonably good condition, authorities said.

The location of the three extended an intensive, three-day search of the rugged back country near Aspen.

Their ordeal began when the three set out Friday with four other skiers on a planned two-night trip. Two from the group made it to safety Saturday.

Earlier Tuesday, Ken Tarp, 50, of Denver, and Elliott Brown, 43, of Golden, reached a trading post in Taylor Park and called officials from a pay phone.

Tarp and Brown told Taylor Park residents they broke into privies and outhouses, and melted snow for drinking water to stave off dehydration during their ordeal.

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UC clubs lose their funding
Court says UC's forced student fees unconstitutional

By Brad Hamilton
Senior Staff Writer

The California Supreme Court recently ruled that the University of California cannot make students pay a fee to help fund student political groups.

A five-justice majority said UC Berkeley's mandatory $21 annual fee for ideologically oriented groups was unconstitutional because it forced some students to pay for causes with which they disagrees. The court said groups whose expenses are reimbursed by the Codes and Bylaw committee. A subcommittee of the ASI Board of Directors determines whether a group is a political or a greek organization, and whether a club receives funds. ASI President Kristin Burnett said Cal Poly doesn't fund any political or greek clubs on campus.

"All the organizations we fund I would not consider political," Reeves said. "No clubs have argued their political status. "We are not Berkeley. They have a lot more activities going on than we do."

Reeves said the committee checks out all the aspects of a club when one applies to be funded. The board takes care not to discriminate, but it also is very careful to take each club that applies to become coded on an individual basis, he said. ASI recognizes the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual United (GLBU) for funding, but has never given the club money. The nature of the organization evoked concern whether ASI fees could be used to support it, Reeves said.

"It depends on who is interpreting what," Reeves said. "It could be considered a political organization, a social organization or an educational organization."

GLBU Vice President James Vasquez said the Supreme Court ruling resembles censorship. If a school accepts a club, then the club should be free from censorship by anyone else, he said.

"We need to be more accepting of diversity," Vasquez said. "If we can't split tuition for teachers, then we shouldn't split money for clubs."

If colleges grant students the decision to direct their mandatory fees for clubs, it shouldn't stop there, Vasquez said. Students should be able to decide how much to pay for athletics and other areas, too, he said. That way, students would end up only paying for what they used, he said.

Former College Republicans executive Richard McLeod disagreed. "If a student doesn't believe in what club is doing, then the (club) shouldn't have to give (the club) money," he said.

The $35 ASI Programs fee students will pay for this year, excluding the $8 fee for summer, are allocated to coded clubs. ASI tried unsuccessfully to raise this fee by $11 per quarter in November 1991. The program fee has remained the same since 1983.
Wake up, everybody. San Luis Obispo is not SLO town anymore. I'm talking about the increase in crime we seem to have been having in this area. For the past couple of months, I've read reports of sexual assaults on women in San Luis Obispo. Last quarter, a female student was attacked in her Sierra Madre dorm on campus. Now I read that a woman tried to break into my house and her boyfriend managed to scare away whatever was out­side. When she arrived home, she informed me that someone tried to break in through a window over the weekend.

Fortunately, my roommate and her boyfriend managed to scare away whatever was outside. They called the police to the house, then told her to insta­ll a floodlight in the back yard and get better locks for the win­dow.

My roommate was visibly shaken by the incident, and just hearing about it left me emotion­ally drained. It is possible some­one might have noticed her and assumed she was alone, and the intent of the intruder could have been burglary or even rape. Whatever the intent, it left her feeling scared and angry, and we were tempted to put signs on the window warning any potential intruder to keep out.

That night, my fearless room­mate, who always sticks up for herself, asked me to sleep in her room.

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Underneath the window, I discovered that the screen­like metal on the house was loose, as if an animal had tried to climb through. In my room, the screen was intact, and I tried both the window and the screen, but she could not identify which one made the noise she heard.

All right, so it is possible her intruder could have been a cat or an animal or potential rapist, whichever you choose to believe, everyone at my house has taken additional precautions. We nailed shut the windows that did not lack. We double check the lock on the front door at night. If one of us needs a ride, we know to call home.

The other day at the library, I saw signs warning women of a rapist on campus. The sign said that a rape had occurred on cam­pus, and that women are not sure who is responsible for the signs, but I feel better to see them. Hopefully, more people will become aware of the potential danger and take precautions.

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Goethe might just have thought otherwise if he had ever visited the California Men's Colony.

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Imagine living your life locked behind clanking steel doors and bars and being surrounded by armed guards watching your every move. This scenario is harsh reality for the 6,150 inmates at CMC.

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It also gives them the motivation to educate themselves while incarcerated.

According to Bonnie Ross, a former professor at Cal Poly and Cuesta College and currently director of the education program at CMC, 225 students are enrolled in classes at the prison.

"One of the most satisfying things I do is to give out diplomas, and see their response ... it's written all over their faces," Ross said.

Classes range in level from basic high school equivalence courses to college-level courses. The three-hour classes begin at 6 p.m. and are taught in the evening.

Several Cal Poly professors moonlight at CMC. Three of them, Tal Scriven, Phil Fetzer and Dan Krieger, shared their experiences.

"I think they were prisoners in the outside world, in more ways than one," he said. "I would like to be sort of a role model for them.

They are basically all good people who have made bad mistakes," he said. "To be able to feel that you are giving something to someone who has nothing in an indescribable feeling.

However much the professors may care about the inmates and would like to be role models, it seems they do not want to get too close to the prisoners.

"We are cautioned not to give personal information," Scriven said. "We must keep in mind they are violent individuals.

However violent the inmates are, not one security problem has occurred with any of the three professors.

While teaching, professors wear a beeper. And during emergency response drills, the guards arrive within 15 seconds.

"I feel safer there than at Cal Poly," Krieger said. "At least I won't get run over by a flying bicycle.

CMC's classrooms are similar to Cal Poly's, only smaller, with older desks and bars on the windows.

Outsiders visiting the prison are given a background check; they walk through a metal detector, have their identification and are searched. They are also given a disconcerting bit of information.

CMC has a no-hostage policy. If, while visiting the prison, you happen to be taken hostage by an inmate trying to escape -- and guards determine there is no other way to apprehend him -- the words can and will shoot through you to stop the prisoner.

Inside the gates, the prisoners in Fetzer's class did not seem to fit their stereotype. They were being polite, considerate and articulate.

Three men clad in blue jeans, blue chambray shirts, dark blue jackets and tennis shoes, shared their stories. All three were convicted murderers who had been sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Eric Schlaglager has served 10 years of his life sentence. He has escaped two times since being in prison, and is also a father.

Tom Fox, 45, has been in prison for 11 years for murdering his ex-wife's lover.

Rudy Villalobos, 32, a former Los Angeles gang member, has served 15 years of his life sentence.

All three inmates feel very privileged to be involved in the prison education program. "I got the time to do it," said Villalobos. "With Pete Wilson around, there's no telling when I'll be out." The other two inmates expressed similar concerns about being released with "Uncle Pete," as Fox called him, in office.

Each of the prisoners feel that receiving an education has given them personal satisfaction, and helped their esteem and self-control. "It's given my more control over my life and my future, even though my future is uncertain," Schlaglager said.

They all believe that, when they are released, their schooling will help them get a good job. Villalobos, a high school dropout who joined a gang when he was 12, hopes to become a gang counselor. "I think I could really help," he said. "I'd use myself as an example of what not to be like.

The inmates do not feel that they would be getting an education if they weren't in prison. "I'd be in a gang or dead," Villalobos said.

Schlaglager said it had always been his dream to get an education. "It's a shame that I can get an education and others can't," he said. "I feel sorry for them.

They all agreed that, through education and therapy, they have been rehabilitated and claim to be confident that they will never commit another crime.

But Michael Selby, a Cal Poly psychology professor and CMC staff psychologist, is doubtful.

There is no proof that rehabilitation through education and therapy works, even though inmates often say that it does," he said. "There is a big difference between ... a closely supervised, highly structured environment than the environment on the outside.

He said that because inmates are used to being told exactly what to do, they often do not have coping skills needed to deal with the daily stresses that exist in the real world.

"When they are released, the individual often has not been rehabilitated," Selby said. "You often have a slightly higher skilled, more educated criminal.

Despite the doubts, each prisoner spoke highly of their chances for leading a successful life out of prison.

When Fox was asked if he will ever give up hope, he answered with a sad, nostalgic smile: "Never. I never thought about giving up."
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how big this can get is going to depend on next year's ASI staff. It's going to take manpower and a budget."

Although the task force selected History 315 and Philosophy 230 courses to evaluate, department chairs from both departments were unaware of the plan Tuesday morning.

"This is truly the first I've heard of it," said history Department Chair Bob Burton. "As far as I know, nobody in this department knows this is going to happen. It's hard to say how they are going to feel about this because they have no idea it's happening."

"Personally, I'm concerned about the lack of controls. Because the evaluations will be handed out outside the classroom, I'm concerned about the number who will turn them in."

"If it's a class of 48, how many are really going to answer it?" he added. "Probably those with an ax to grind will be the only ones to return them. How accurate can we expect that? If there were a way that it could be required that everyone complete one, then it might be more accurate and acceptable."

Philosophy Department Chair Diane Michelfelder said she is concerned about the evaluations. "I agree that in principle it's a good idea to get more students some information, but I'm worried about the control element," she said. "Any type of information I get from these will not be used in any way to determine personnel decisions."

Brown said it was never intended that the surveys be used to determine tenure or other personnel matters.

Academic Senate Chair Jack Wilson said he is in favor of evaluations, but would like to see a compromise met where ASI could work out the questions with faculty members.

"I think it's good to get some criticism," he said. "I've always looked at it in my department as evaluations and tried to determine what I need to be doing differently to be more effective. I would hope that is how they are used and that more teachers would be willing to use them."

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A goal decision is not expected for several weeks, but the committee is exploring several options.

One would be to form a database of all students and former students dating back to 1986. People would be granted the same number of quarters of free use as the number of quarters they paid registration.

Because the database would be elaborate and expensive, some committee members were quick to consider other options.

ASI Executive Director Roger Conway suggested handling alumni on an "application by inquiry basis." When a former student comes to use the center, he said, they could give a refundable deposit on the first visit. Then, the person's student history could be checked and he/she would be given an expiration date for his/her free use.

Director of Athletics John McCutcheon said he thought this option would be the best.

"You don't want to build a database of all these people and then discover that you are only dealing with two percent of them," he said. "It's a big investment, but we can't afford it.

Perry said Conway will have a report in two weeks about the feasibility of the database. After that, he said, a document will be formed to ask the price for granting alumni and former students center access.

The document will be submitted to President Baker after a final approval is given by the committee, he said. The center is now scheduled to open in April.