Poly planning to cut fire station

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Mustang Daily Staff

University officials are planning to eliminate Cal Poly's fire department in June despite earlier plans to spare it from the budget crisis, a memorandum revealed Tuesday.

Frank Lebena, the university's vice president of business affairs, said the move should not be coming as a surprise.

"We have been phasing them out and downsizing for awhile," he said. "This is nothing new."

Lebena said Cal Poly's budget crisis has forced the administration to choose between eliminating classes or services, and the fire department was an alternative to be sacrificed.

He said operating costs for the department were about $450,000 per year before the scaleback.

With the city providing protection, Cal Poly would pay about $150,000 annually.

Lebena said money saved by cutting the fire station could be funneled into academic programs still reeling from state cuts in funding.

"I'm trying to keep classrooms open," he said.

Lebena said negations between Cal Poly, the city and the San Luis Obispo Fire Department will begin immediately. Emergency Medical Technician Glen Claypool, an agricultural graduate student, said he wasn't surprised about the move.

He said firefighters had been hearing rumors about the closure for some time, and the department had already been scaled firefighters.

Claypool said fire department employees were not to be informed of the decision until Thursday. But they were told at an 8 a.m. conference yesterday because information leaked out from a memorandum posted in the university's Public Safety Department.

SNAP changes brought to ASI

By Todd Hogan
Staff Writer

Revisions made by the city of San Luis Obispo to ASI's already approved student peer policing program were introduced to the Board of Directors at an ASI workshop Monday.

Changes made by the city to ASI's Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) — in which students would serve primarily as first-call respondents to noise complaints — concern issues of liability and who will be the official employer of the student participants.

"The city wants ASI to run the administrative duties as well as be the official employer of the SNAP volunteers," said ASI Vice Chair Brent Hultquist.

The city has agreed to reimburse ASI for costs associated with SNAP, although SNAP personnel would technically be employed by ASI.

Hultquist said that could increase ASI's liability if ASI were sued as a result of SNAP's activities.

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Zoran and Olivers have built a new life as naturalized American citizens, speaking slowly, he told of his aunt having her throat slit by Muslims in her home town near Srebrenica, Bosnia. One of her children, he said, was taken by those who killed her.

The international press has largely ignored the suffering of Serbs in this conflict, the couple said.

"I see (what happened to my aunt), and now they want to tell me Serbs are the only killers?" Zoran said, leaning forward and speaking with passion.

"Everybody has a sad story. Everybody's touched."

The reason Serbs have been judged so quickly, Olivers said, is "that people here don't travel, and they believe everything they see on CNN. And it's different when you're over there."

"Americans just don't understand."

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Crassia, Serbs's biggest bitter enemy, is primarily Catholic.

Zoran and Olivers stressed that they did not agree with all the actions of Serbia's leaders. They are offended when people accuse them of contributing to a civil war they hate.

"People don't want the war," Zoran said. "Politicians do. Leaders all seek their name to be put in history. They don't care about people, only fame and money."

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Zoran said Millove never really used his Communist and totalitarian roots. "People can change, but not that much," he said. "How did he learn about democracy overnight?"

Not all sense of nationalism has been relinquished, though.

"We sympathize with our people," Zoran said. "We have to. Crassia and Muslims hate Serbs more than we hate them."

Serenity settings like this of a barn nestled among the hills are symbolic of these first days of spring.
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New Rec Center opening delayed

By Deanna Wulff
Staff Writer

The same rains that ended California's drought problems this year brought a flood of problems for the new Rec Center, pushing the planned opening date back to mid-June, according to Rec Sports officials.

Bill Ashby, assistant director for Rec Sports, said that in addition to the opening, "the rain delayed the builders ability to do a lot of things."

Construction crews have found several leaks in the building and are in the process of fixing them, Ashby said. In addition, the landscaping and cleaning still need to be done.

As a result, the building — which was scheduled to open this spring quarter — will not be open until summer.

The grand opening is tentatively scheduled for fall.

The contract for building the center, held with SAE/Continental Heller construction company, expired on March 21. On March 22, the company began paying a daily fine of approximately $750 a day, according to Mike Deneve, ASI project manager.

"There is a notion that Rec Sports is stalling, but we are just as excited as everyone else," Ashby said. "We have already hired a full staff."

The staff has already been trained and is ready to work, but they do not have regular work schedules assigned due to the delay, Ashby said.

Some of the staff, however, is being employed to guard the vacant building.

"The building is not ready to be used and it is just not safe," Ashby said. "The facility supervisor staff watches over the building 24 hours a day."

Other workers will remain out of work until the center opens.

"I don't have a job," said Ted Johnson, a business junior scheduled to work in the center upon its completion. "But it is not hurting me that badly as far as work is concerned."

Johnson, like many students, is disappointed that Rec Center is opening late, and not simply for the job opportunity.

"I want to use it just like everyone else," Johnson said.

Sean Jenkins, a forestry and natural resources senior, said he is disappointed by the delay and "that the majority of students won't be able to use it until September and that all those people counting on jobs don't have them."

Alex Pock, an electrical engineering senior, is graduating and said he won't get to use the new facilities at all.

"I am pissed off," Pock said. "I was hoping I would get to use it."  Charles Smith, an electrical engineering freshman, had a more optimistic outlook. "I am very disappointed because they have been leading us on, but I will look forward to it when it finally opens," he said.
By Brad Hamilton

"Bred, what did I tell you about eating that fruit growing from those trees in your backyard?" my sister responded.

But I explained to her that the fruit was different than the time I called her claiming Jenis Joplin and I had a great time at the Mary Chapin-Carpenter concert at Cal Poly. (Scientists have yet to identify the strange mini-pear-looking fruit that tastes like a mango crossed with a golden apple.)

It was soothing to hear my sister had not been arrested for spiking her opponent's rock or for screaming 'Yahtzee' in the college library.

"Pardon the pause. I was confused. I was seeing this beautifully quiet moments I cherished in the slop-house last year."

I guess ARC officials may have a point in banning games from their entire campus. We all know how chess games can attract large crowds and often lead to player altercations and fist brawls.

So, people on this campus need to take care to break up any skirmishes arising from board games to prevent officials on this campus from banning morally erected structures.

Another tip to keep board games legal on this campus: if you see President Baker locking horns with anyone else in a chess deck in your sock.

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Brad Hamilton is a journalism senior. This is his fourth quarter reporting for Mustang Daily — we've referred Brad to psychiatric help, but he refuses to attend.

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Spencer Beli
Crop Science

Learning our lesson

For the first time in seven years, California has received a substantial amount of rainfall. So what does Governor Wilson propose? He declares that the California drought is officially over.

I agree that the rain was seriously needed throughout the state, however, we cannot forget all the water conservation techniques we have learned because of the drought. Sure California has received a good winter with abnormal rainfall, but there are still many lakes and reservoirs in Northern California that are below normal. In order to maintain nature's number one resource, we as citizens of California still need to remember that the water industry has made great strides in attempting to deal with the water issue. I encourage you as citizens to do the same. There is a lesson to be learned from this drought, that is, we must become more efficient and aware of our natural resources.

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REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Criminal card capers

As I read about American River College (ARC) officials banning table games played with cards, I was stricken with thoughts of their "I dig dirty dominoes" t-shirts, and crazed card players "Go Fish." in leathers above the words "Go Fish." I had to call my sister, who attends ARC, to make sure she was not part of this breakdown in morality. I hoped checker-pushers and Parcheesi-boards did not force her into partaking in their 8th. And, if she had, if it was too late, I wanted to call and tell her I love her, it is not too late to get help. I hear there are programs to help repent back-gammoners and those addicted to Monopoly.

I immediately leaped from my bed and sprang for the phone, unfortunately cracking my head against my desk (I forgot I was smoking). I screamed, "They didn't hurt you did they did they put you on parole did they assign you psychiatric help, but he refuses to attend."

"What do you know, Warren, I do have another three," as you carefully pull one from the extra deck in your sock.

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being named in a suit," Hultquist said. "Zero liability just isn't possible."

Included in the city's proposed changes to ASI, Hultquist said, was an indemnification clause which reduces ASI's liability to an "acceptable level."

In exchange for ASI's participation in SNAP, according to the city's draft proposal, "The city hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless ASI and its agents, representatives, officers and employees from any and all loss, liability, claims, demands, damages or costs arising out of any injury, death or property damage...in connection with the operation of the program."

The indemnification clause serves as a transfer of risk, according to ASI Executive Director Roger Conway. "On a liability scale from one to 10, with 10 being the highest, indemnification reduces ASI's risk to a one," he said.

"If SNAP is perceived as not any safer, that's a little bit more professional manner," the city was slated for closure in fall quarter. But administration officials recanted, and gave indications the department would survive, firefighters maintain.

"When Lebens and Risser came and talked to us (in fall), they said basically for the next four years, "You guys are pretty much safe," Claypool said. "I guess that changed."

San Luis Obispo City Council Member Allen Seville, a Cal Poly political science professor, said late Tuesday he was "regretful" the station was to be closed, but would be open to the idea if costs can be mitigated.

However, Settle expressed concern about response time from an off-campus station being delayed by train traffic at the intersection of California and Foothill boulevards. He said it would be logical that fire station No. 2 on 136 N. Chorro St. would be delegated to servicing Cal Poly because, among the city's four stations, it is closest.

However, although there will no longer be students, staff, faculty, and administration officials recanted, and gave indications the department would survive, firefighters maintain.

"The rest are divided up between Poly because, among the city's four stations, it is closest."

If "emergency help has to come via Palm or Highland, response times could be longer," he said.

Call Cal Poly Public Safety Director Joe Risser said Tuesday that, although there will no longer be a fire department on campus, emergency services will be available through city services.

"My main concern is the safety of students, staff and faculty," Risser said. "And that safety, Risser said, is not in jeopardy."

Landscape architecture senior Peter Hass has worked intermittently at the fire station for over a year. He said most of the emergency calls were not for fires, but for other reasons.

"Ninety percent of the calls are medical, on-campus," he said.

"The rest are divided up between fire and Public Safety." Claypool said he is already resigned to the station's closure.

"I don't know that there's anything we can do between fire and Public Safety."

"I don't know if it would accomplish anything."

"I don't know if that's anything left to fight," he said. "As much as it would be nice to try to go out and do something, I don't know if I would accomplish anything."

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