Report says ET should stay
Recommendation to be forwarded to Academic Senate

By Brad Hamilton
Senior Staff Writer

A review of Cal Poly's engineering technology program has found the department's cut unwarranted. ET officials say there is little hope, however, that the program will be revived despite the favorable report.

By a 5-1 vote, a discontinuance committee that evaluated the major recommendations ET be retained by the university because no specific reasons for its discontinuance were identified.

"(ET) looked like a strong program in us from every direction," said committee member Norm Etnaugh, a chemistry professor. "It is as strong as any other engineering program.

Kent Butler, associate dean of the College of Engineering and a member of the review committee, opposed the recommendation. He could not be reached for comment Friday.

The committee began meeting in fall 1992 and finished its work at the end of winter quarter. It presented a report to the Dean's Council last Monday and will present a report to the Academic Senate sometime this quarter. The Senate will then pass its recommendations on to Baker, who will pass his recommendations to the CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz.

In its report, which totals more than 100 pages, the committee also recommended the administration:

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He also wants to build a better relationship between Cal Poly and the city.

"I know David Blakely, Ron Dunin, Jim Gardner, Penny Rappa and have worked with Peg Pinard and the Chamber of Commerce," Piros said. "My involvement with them are helpful now and for next year."

"I think we need to do a lot better job of bringing back Poly Royal," Reeves said. "I'd also like to see student-community relations continue with outreach and Good Neighbor Day. I'd like to look for ways for students solve city problems.

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"The committee's recommendation to retain ET has no chance of materializing," Davis said. "We were told before the committee met that no matter what the (investigation's) outcome, ET would be discontinued and defunded," Davis said.

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Yeltsin vows to remain in office if he loses referendum

Moscow, Russia

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Then in a gesture to voters angered by soaring inflation brought by his economic reforms, Yeltsin said he would repeal a sharp price hike for gasoline and rents for state-owned apartments in the Moscow area.

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said. "With those contacts, I'd like to increase awareness." "If I like to see communication open up with Cal Poly organizations. If they're doing something that would enhance our standing, I'd like to compile that information and bring it to the City Council every month and show them what students are doing. I'd like to make them aware of the money and time that's going back into the community from this campus."

In an interview with Mustang Daily's editorial staff, Piros said he stands behind last year's athletic referendum. The vote narrowly approved student funding to move the athletic department to Division 1.

"Students passed the referendum," he said. "I feel it's my responsibility to further champion that vote until another one comes along."

Piros said he supports athletics — and other non-academic student organizations — for benefits that the classroom can't offer.

"I think the athletic department should continue to grow," he said. "Athletics provides diversification. It brings a different element and unites students together."

"I believe that Cal Poly's move to distance itself from the California State Student Association (CSSA) was a positive one. The CSSA is a lobbying organization for the CSU system, although Cal Poly hasn't been a member for four years. Other CSU campuses — including Stanislaus, San Bernardino and Sacramento — have left the organization."

"I believe the CSSA represents the majority of voices in the CSU and not necessarily Cal Poly's. Piros said "CSSA opposed the 40 percent student fee increase." Cal Poly supported the initiative," he said.

Piros said he would like to see changes in the way ASI allocates money for such things as club trips and the proposed ropes course. Piros also hopes to promote diversity at Cal Poly by incorporating cross-cultural workshops in his administration.

— Kelly Rice

Yenigues

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"The meeting with the Housing Authority, the Chamber of Commerce and the United Way to find funding for programs for students to work on," Yenigues said.

With regard to the athletic referendum, Yenigues said academics should come first.

"I love athletics. I played (football) here," he said. "But it's not a well-funded program and it doesn't get a lot of support. With the budget cuts, we need to get down to priority issues. And I think the athletic department education to come first. Student education is why we're here."

When asked about the disintegration of the California State Student Association (CSSA), Yenigues said he doesn't "want to see any body of students disintegrate. It takes a lot less effort to improve it than to start a new one. I think we should stick and improve it."

But Yenigues was uncertain of Cal Poly's current relationship with the CSSA.

Yenigues believes there is something fundamentally wrong with ASI. He said he went to ASI to get help with his Campus Watch Program, but encountered bureaucratic red tape.

"I went along with the idea that ASI is there to listen to student needs, and policies are created from those needs," Yenigues said. "But it doesn't work that way."

"President is there to represent every student. Going to club meetings, department heads, making the effort. Leadership is getting out on your feet. I know how the government works and I know how it's not working for us."

Yenigues said he believes campus concerts aren't frivolous expenditures, but thinks ASI needs to work on its planning.

"They (ASI) need to use more common sense," he said.

If elected ASI President, Yenigues says he wants to create a campus-community task force to bring back Poly Royal.

"As a representative of Cal Poly, I want to go out and change the students' image," Yenigues said.

— Kelly Rice

Reeves

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bringing community recognition back to Cal Poly."

With regard to the athletic referendum, Reeves said a balance between athletics and academics must be reached.

"Athletics is very important to the university, but it has to be managed," he said. "We need to concentrate solely on academics. We have to determine what is in the correct mixture."

But Reeves said he believes it is up to the students to decide the fate of athletics.

— Kelly Rice

Ortiz

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"The athletics referendum was voted on by the students," he said. "In order to change it, you need to go to the students."

"I don't know why I'm saying this, ... for somebody else's scholarship. If we're going to downsizem (eliminating the fee) should be done first."

Ortiz called the California State Students Association (CSSA) unprofessional. "The lobbying efforts sucked," he said. "It's unprofessional and it's costing us money per head. We pulled out and now, perhaps, we can start something new with the others."

— Kelly Rice

Eugenio

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long as that support doesn't come at the expense of academics.

"If we're having to cut back, we shouldn't just look at athletics," he said.

"We have to look at all areas and shouldn't target just one."

Eugenio called the California State Students Association (CSSA) "disorganized."

"I really like how we approach things," he said. "It wasn't doing anything for us as a whole."

"The representatives represented the majority of opinions, but didn't mention the minority opinions. I like the idea of joining the others (non-CSSA members) to form our own organization," Eugenio said.

— Kelly Rice

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After his inauguration, one of Bill Clinton's first duties was to give the State of the Union Address, basically telling everybody in society what they already knew — that the economy is in shambles.

Addressing the "state of the union" address is a difficult task considering that anyone who has been to the "state of the union" and arrived at this same conclusion.

However, in the midst of the automatically gloom, there seems to be a line that can be drawn. As current developments around Cal Poly have seen its share of dramatic changes and some unsightly gloom, there seems to be a close of another long stressful academic year. I wonder about the state of the "Union" ever-growing fear (or threat) of registration fees. As current discussions about the need for more personnel and faculty, little cuts may be the only thing left recognizable for a topic about crime, I noticed a couple's relationship for one another, another transformer to stop the noise down while turning in to the opinion editor's box at Mustang Daily. Each candidate was asked the same three questions in addition to a series of individual questions. I realize that the economy... literally

I realize that the economy... literally, cries out for assistance but to recognize the same cry in the educational system in which I am now devoting several years is sad and depressing.

But what should we do about these issues and problems? We already know that taking George Bush's approach has just worsened the economy. Maybe we should take the initiative, like Clinton is with our economy. First and foremost, we could add the state of Cal Poly and become aware of the issues which change the way of life of students around campus.

In a past issue of Mustang Daily, a short poll was taken responding to the mood around campus. With the budget cuts and other issues, the response was, as expected, grim. If an increase in registration fees could solve all our problems, I would be all for it. Hey, maybe that's what the president is getting at, but the president gets it next quarter is an ex-early retiree. All we have is in a trust, and expect hard time to come. I realize that the solution to all our problems may be the old, worn-out cliché, "No pain, no gain."

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several other cars parked on Bello Street near the hall were damaged.

Derek Tidwell said the three security guards hired to supervise the event were unable to stop the brawl and were no help in preventing the cars from being damaged.

"The worst thing was that some people's cars were damaged, and they had nothing to do with the brawl," Tidwell said.

A Pismo Beach Police Department official said the department was unable to release information Sunday.
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LOCATED ONLY MINUTES FROM CAL POLY
Train severs man's leg
By Chris Brandi
Staff Writer
A man believed to be an illegal alien was hospitalized Sun-
day after his leg was cut off just below the knee in an attack in
volving a freight train.
"I hope justice prevails," Davis
said. "If you make a bad decision, it's okay to say you did. But cor-
rect it and go on. All humans make mistakes."
Late rally keeps Poly from singing the blues

By Christopher Black
Staff Writer

The fit lady was kept waiting until the final frame in both baseball games Saturday at Cal Poly. Mustangs split a doubleheader with the UC Riverside Highlanders in the OLO Stadium.

Unlike Friday night's contest where Cal Poly's team had 19 hits and 14 runs, in a 10-6 victory of Riverside, Saturday's games were more nerve-racking for the Mustang faithful.

Riverside came away with a 1-1 win in Saturday's opener, while the nightcap was decided on Bob Neil's RBI single in the ninth to give Cal Poly a 11-9 victory.

The first game, featuring a pitcher's duel between Riverside's Tim Tenison and Cal Poly's Paul Souza, was ultimately decided by a blunder in the outfield.

With one out, a man on first and the score deadlocked at 1-1, Riverside's Jim Doyle looped a base hit to center that was over-pursued by Scott Ferreira, who replaced an injured Ben Roldan. The miscue enabled UCR's Jeff Waymire to take third and eventually scored on Dave Panhacker's single. The narrow 2-1 defeat overshadowed a strong pitching performance by Souza, who scattered 10 hits over 8 2/3 innings, struck out five and walked none. "Souza pitched a good game," Cal Poly head coach Dave McFarland said. "We just didn't score any runs ... and had some miscommunication in the outfield. But we got them back in the second inning." Yes, they did.

After coming back from a 1-0 deficit to even the score at 8-8 in the seventh inning, Cal Poly set the table for another nail-biter.

In the top half of the eighteenth inning, UCR took a 9-8 lead on a one-out single by Sonoma's Rob Neale and hit-and-run single by Vine Similli from second.

With two outs and McCarty standing on second, Darren Daskiel stroked what looked to be another run-scoring single. Mustang left fielder Phil James, who delivered a pinch throw to the plate, nailing McCarty and ending the inning.

"That was a big win for us, especially from the team's standpoint," said McFarland. "After losing the first as close as we did, this was an important one."

From a coaching standpoint, Saturday's nightcap was significant as well for the victory was the team's first conference season in which a McCFarland coached team had come back from a game-deciding deficit.

Cal Poly improved its record in the California Collegiate Athletic Association to 6-6 (14-11 overall). UC Riverside fell 6-7 (14-19).

Cal Poly hits the road on Tuesday to play Fresno State, followed by a home game set at Cal Poly the following Friday and Saturday.

The Mustangs next home series is April 9-10 against Cal State Los Angeles.

Poly dominates own tournament

By Chris Brandi
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly men's tennis team used its home court advantage to dominate the second annual Mustang Invitational this weekend.

The Mustangs handily beat U.C. Riverside and U.C. Davis in the three-day invitational, which consisted of two 16-player singles tournaments and a 16-player doubles field.

"We made a nice statement by beating Davis," said Cal Poly's second-year coach Chris Eppright. "They were our toughest loss during the season."

In the finals of the upper-bracket singles tournament, Cal Poly's Mark Nielsen lost to Mark Segesta of Davis, 6-1, 6-1. "Nielsen played smart and consistent in the semifinals," Eppright said. "Segesta did a great job of controlling the points in the finals. He forced Nielsen into a lot of errors."

Mark Ollivier, who also played in the top singles bracket featuring the teams' No. 1 through 8 players, lost to Segesta in the semifinals.

The consolation bracket featuring the teams' Nos. 9 through 16 players, Josh Johnston beat Mustang teammate Dave Mullarkey for the championship, 6-2, 6-4.

The lower bracket's consolation championship was won by John Cristofano in a default. U.C. Riverside's team, which came in third in the tournament, left after Saturday's competition.

The Cal Poly men's tennis in its bid to capture the Southern California Collegiate Athletic Association softball titles.

Cal Poly suffered a severe setback Saturday in its bid to capture the Southern California Collegiate Athletic Association softball titles.

The Cal Poly men's and women's track and field teams complimented themselves with two first-place finishes over two California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) matches Saturday at Bakersfield.

The men snagged 70 points to rout both Bakersfield and Cal State Los Angeles (59) and Cal State Bakersfield (37).

The women tallied 66 points, topping both Bakersfield (50) and Bakersfield (33).

The men's victory was anchored by first-place finishes in six events.

Brian Adams. His consistent excellent performance in the pole vault earned him the top spot. Adams cleared 18-6, three feet more than the closest competitor.

Jesse Maas added to Riverside's dominance with two second-place finishes respectively in men's high jump. Both jumped 6-7/16, but Maasville missed fewer attempts at the mark.

Cal Poly had first and third place finishes in the javelin throw and 400 meter race.

Allison Ellis threw the javelin 127-1 to finish first, while Eric Ahmann took third with a 109-8 throw.

In the 400, Gabrielle MacKenzie finished first (57.3), Dina Moore third (58.1), and Loren Linker fourth (59.2).

Other winners included Kerrin Benson in the 110 meter hurdles (16.1) and Jennifer Waymire, who ran the 1500 in 4:39.25.

The track teams' next contest was the annual Mt. Sac Relays in Walnut Saturday.