Closed books are fair game

ASI resolutions within legal bounds, attorneys say

By Len Arends

ASI is within its legal rights not to disclose all its budget information, according to ASI officials and outside attorneys.

The ASI Board of Directors decided to keep the budget figures for its Program Board "in confidence." Resolution #93-19, "If you're bidding for something and everybody knows what everybody else is bidding, you'll lose," she said. "So it's not smart business practice to disclose it."

Deirdre Flynn, chair of ASI's Board of Directors, said revealing complete budget information about Program Board's Concerns subcommittee would "destroy any competitive advantage we've have in bidding for performers to come to our campus.

She said revealing ASI's bid for a performer would allow other organizations to undercut its offer.

"If you're bidding for something and everybody knows what everybody else is bidding, ... then you'll lose," she said. "So it's not smart business practice to disclose it."

Erica Brown, chair of the Program Board Oversight Task Force Committee, authored the two resolutions.

"These concerns were brought up by the concerts committee, because they are the ones who directly deal with the artists," Brown said. "They would be the ones directly affected by it if the amount of the artists were posted all over.

ASI releases budget totals, but does not disclose figures on specific expenses within those budgets to the general public. All information is available to Cal Poly students upon request.

Fynn said she considers the overall cost of a concert more important than the amount paid for an artist.

"That's more inclusive than just what you pay to performer X," she said.

ASI Vice President for Finance Shawn Reeves said even though it is a public and nonprofit corporation, ASI does not have to release all of its information.

"You know, there's a limit to what we have to release," he said.

ASI Executive Director Roger Conway said ASI is exempt from some state laws, such as the

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Roger Conway, ASI Executive Director

California Public Records Act. That law mandates public access to records of both state and local agencies.

The act also contains a list of exceptions, one of which applies to ASI, according to Conway. He said that because ASI is only an auxiliary of the state, it may withhold information at its discretion.

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Hospitals brace for new diagnosis

By Matthew Hoy

The Clinton administration has promised every American citizen the right to affordable health care. But fulfilling the promise will radically change the way the American health care system works, one local hospital official says.

While no formal plan has been released, the basics of the proposal have become common knowledge among hospital administrators.

"The old incentives were instigation or hospital centered," said Tom Solerno, CEO of San Luis Obispo's French Hospital.

The new Clinton administration will make it more person-centered.

"The hospital will no longer be the core or center of the American health-care delivery system."

Solerno said the new system will be "managed competition," where insurance providers compete to purchase blocks of patients.

Solerno said he envisions a future where only the extremely sick and those undergoing complex surgeries will go to hospitals.

Hospitals will be basically

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Way to go!

One of the area's special athletes crosses the finish line during the Special Olympics competition last Friday. See story, page 3.

Hart to speak at graduation

By Amy Hooper

Cal Poly spring graduates will listen during commencement to a man known in Sacramento as "Mr. Education." State Sen. Gary Hart, a Democrat from Santa Barbara County, will speak at both commencement ceremonies in Mustang Stadium on June 12.

Hart recently said he will not seek re-election when his term expires in 1994 nor will he run for Bill Clinton's former post of state schools chief.

He cited a desire to spend more time with his family for his decision to get away from the riges of campaigning and politics.
Secretary of State Warren M. Chris­
topher said he was hopeful but skeptical
about peace. "They've been talking about
peace for 20 years," he said.
Meanwhile, Senate Republican Leader
Bob Dole of Kansas said Clinton had
decided on allied aerial attacks on Ser­
bian positions and permitting weapons to
get to the outgunned Muslims in Bosnia-
Herzegovina.
Dole said on ABC's "This Week With
David Brinkley" that Clinton had told
him the two steps were the key ele­
ments in the new strategy Christiansen
was pressing the European allies and Russia
to endorse.
Clinton spoke twice by telephone to
Clinton and then announced the
United States would not be deterred in
trying to round up support for military
measures against the Serbs.
On the other hand, Clinton's two most important al­
lies on taxes — the chairmen of the House Ways and
Means and Senate Finance committees — are committed
to preserving a major legacy of the Reagan administra­
tion: the 1986 Tax Reform Act. Clinton wants to roll back
several of its provisions.
Dan Rostenkowski, D-I11., and controlled 24-14 by Demo­
crats, begins writing its version of Clinton's bill Tuesday. Those
who watch the panel say major elements of the presi­
dent's tax increase are likely to survive, with little or no
GOPO support, and pass the Democratic-controlled House
as well.
That would toss the hot potato to the Finance Com­
mitee, chaired by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y.,
where Democrats control by an 11-9 margin. Republicans
are preparing several amendments, and a defense by
only one Democrat could force major changes in Clinton's
bill.
The bill's explosive potential was evident when Moynihan
remarked at a committee session last week that enactment could hand control of the Senate back to
Republicans.
Nevertheless, if the measure clears Finance, it is like­
ly to become law.

Deep feelings for 'Cheers' probed
Washington, D.C.
A respected polling organization has settled a bar­
room bet over whether most Americans would rather
have seen "Cheers" character Sam Malone marry
Diane or Rebecca.
The answer: Neither.
Forty-eight percent of those polled by the Times Mirror Center for The People and The Press said Sam
should have stayed single in the long-running sitcom's
final season. Only 21 percent said Sam should have mar­
ried Rebecca, played by actress Kirstie Alley.
Incredibly, 12 percent had no opinion on this most
pressing issue of the day.
However, all this may be just beer over the dam, so
to speak.
NBC has announced that "Cheers" will air its final
episode on May 20.
Sam Malone, portrayed throughout the series' 12
years by actor Ted Danson, was the favorite "Cheers"
character of 26 percent of those surveyed, the Times
Mirror Center found. The next most popular character
was Woody, the dim-but-lovable assistant bartender,
played by actor Woody Harrelson: 18 percent. And the
third most popular character, named by 14 percent, was
Norm Peterson, that pugly, paternal patron
played by actor George Wendt.

The tax increase would provide most of the deficit
reduction that Congress agreed to in concept when it ap­
proved the outlines of Clinton's budget April 1. The same
"reconciliation bill" will include num­rous spending cuts
and restrictions.
It also carries more than $85 billion in costs associated
with stimulus taxes to boost spending and economic growth.

Secrecy shrouds gang summit
Kansas City, Mo.
Current and former gang members discussed extend­
ing a truce between street gangs Saturday, an organiza­
tor said. They also expressed the need for what they said
was positive action to bring about peace.
President Clinton ended his two-day visit to the
National Urban Peace and Justice
Summit Saturday with a show of unity: participants
held hands in a circle outside the church where the meet­
ings were held.
Once inside, they could be heard discussing action
and applying what they had learned.
Carl Upchurch, a conference organizer, said extending
the truce that followed the Los Angeles riots last year
would "empower" the people. "If you know anything
about urban America, you know that this is a historic
day."

A news conference ended abruptly after a shouting
match over a story in Saturday's editions of The Kansas
City Star that quoted a group of teen-age boys — iden­
tified as gang members — as saying they thought the
summit would not persuade people to leave gangs.

"Our meetings were closed to the public, and
several news conferences scheduled to give updates on
the conference were canceled. The only participant who
would comment was Upchurch, who ran the Council for
Urban Peace and Justice in Granville, Ohio.
"It's wonderful," Upchurch said. "If you know anything
about urban America, you know that this is a historic
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Spring sniffs on the rise

Allergy sufferers make mad rush to the Health Center

By Monique McCarty

"Tis the season to be sniffing, sneezing and stuffy.

The allergy and hay fever season has officially begun, according to Cal Poly Health Center pharmacist Darrell Bennett.

The Health Center has experienced an increase in the number of springtime allergy sufferers. More red-eyed students have paid visits to the Health Center searching for relief from sneezing, stuffy noses, scratchy throat and itchy eyes.

"Our goal is to help relieve students' symptoms," Bennett said. "We will provide therapy to take away their symptoms without making them drowsy to sleep.

"I get them every year. Each year they are not as bad as they were the year before," Ponce added.

"We provide therapy to make them feel better." Bennett said.

Cal Poly volunteers flock to area Special Olympics

By Heather Crookston

Lauri Kirk's main events are the 50 and 100 meter walk, and 1500 meter run. While Erik Paxton prefers the 90 meter walk and the softball throw.

"I have the best job in the world," Gibson said. "It's rewarding," he said. "It's good for the athletes and a positive effect on everyone's lives." Kirk and Paxton are not ordinary athletes. They're special athletes who competed in the Special Olympics last Friday.

The annual Special Olympics event, held at Morro Bay High School, had more than 350 participants and 800 volunteers, said Mary Ellen Gibson, the area director for the Special Olympics. One hundred and fifty of the volunteers were Cal Poly students, she added.

"I have the best job in the world," Gibson said. "I love it! I get paid to work at something that has a positive effect on everyone's lives." The athletes, ranging in ages from 7 to 70, came from all over San Luis Obispo County.

"I get them every year. Each year they are not as bad as they were the year before," Ponce added.

"I heard a few years ago, that if you buy local honey and eat one teaspoon a day, you will become immune to local pollens," she said. "This is because the bees use local pollens to make the honey. I have not tried it yet but, I wonder if it really works."
By Lisa Iruguin

It was a huge reality check for me.

I had never been robbed before in my life. I had never even been pick pocketed. I had no idea what to expect. My mom and dad were robbed.

I drove up to the driveway thinking that I’d be greeted by an empty home, and I found my sister, her husband and three kids with my parents. I walked in, excited to have such a warm welcome. I did not realize that I was going to be slapped in the face.

My sister blurted out, “Mom and Dad, $500 that my mother had been saving for over 40 years, and tor rifles worth over $4,000 that my dad bought in Alaska 10 years ago!”

I remember feeling like a hard slap in the face: what’s with the obsession with material things? My parents have lived in an empty home, and I found my sister doing laundry in the living room, and my parents hugging when they came home.

I remember being turned over. I remember being violated and sad that the collection of two dollar bills was gone, and that it reminds you to always be alert to surroundings and what’s happening in the world around you.

My heart was thumping in my chest. I saw my parents hugging when they came home. I saw their bedroom was the only room disturbed, he must have caught anyone’s fault. My dad says that he didn’t leave it open, it finally dawned on him that someone had broken into their home and taken what wasn’t his.

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critical care centers," he said. "But the rest of the medical procedures will be done in outpatient centers." Salerno said French Hospital is in the process of moving toward the future.

"We have developed an integrated system (of patient treatment)," he said. "We have acquired an ambulatory outpatient surgery center, and we are in the process of acquiring urgent care centers.

Salerno said the new system will be an innovative change from hospitals as people have come to know them.

"Since Benjamin Franklin had the first hospital in Philadelphia, hospitals haven't structurally changed," he said. "All we have done is added boxes. We've added money that you have available from hospitals as people have changed."

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It's a big day for them." It is a broadening experience for the volunteers and it gives them an insight into another world." Kirk, an Olympian who attends the Escuela Del Rio School, said she was really excited about competing in the Special Olympics and she had been practicing very hard for her events.

"It's nice that people do Special Olympics," she said. "It makes me feel good." Patton said he was also excited. "I practiced every time I got a chance," he said.

Arroyo Grande athlete Gabe Lopez took first place in the 100 meter walk. With a huge grin on her face, she said she "liked winning."

Gibson said there are gold, silver and bronze medals in all the events. "But each athlete, whether they get a gold medal or not, has been through challenging their disability," she said.

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Corporated entities," Conway said. "We are under the review of the state, but we are really required as an incorporated entity to set our own policies.

"We have standards that we have to follow that are slightly different than what the state follows.

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Poly literally distances itself in CCAA race

Three pitchers toss complete games to help Mustangs win three of four

By Brad Hamilton
Senior Staff Writer

The race for the California Collegiate Athletic Association title is turning out like a folk tale.

The CCAA resembles the "Three Little Pigs" story. The first little pig — Cal State Dominguez — built their lead out of a 10-4 record early in the season. But the big bad wolf — CCAA opponents — blew their lead down.

The second little pig — Cal Poly Mustangs — built their CCAA lead out of a 11-8 record two weeks ago. But the big bad wolf — CCAA opponents — blew their lead down too.

The third little piggy — the Cal Poly Mustangs — built their first place lead 11th with a 15-9 record, and so far have fought off the overwhelming attempts by the big bad wolf in the form of Cal State Dominguez this weekend.

The Mustangs won three out of four games in the weekend series against the Toros at SLO Stadium.

Cal Poly (15-9, 29-15) defeated Cal State Dominguez Hills 14-6 and 5-3 in Friday's doubleheader.

In Saturday's twinbill, the Mustangs run up their win streak to seven games with a 16-6 trouncing before losing 1-0 in the final inning.

"We focused on winning this series and we won the first three games and felt real confident about the fourth game," Mustang coach McFarland said. "We actually pitched the best ballgame in the last game but did not get any runs to give us a chance to win.

McFarland said he hopes Cal State Dominguez Hills' victory over his team will pump up the Mustangs for their upcoming series against Cal Poly Pomona.

Cal Poly leads the CCAA with its 11-7 mark, followed by Pomona (15-12), UC Riverside (12-11), Cal Poly San Bernardino (14-13), Dominguez Hills (12-14) and Cal State Los Angeles (8-17).

Oliver, Schmidt fare well at Wildflower

By Cam Inman
Sports Editor

Cal Poly triathlon club member Barry Oliver took fifth place in the 3-Pred National Collegiate Championship Wildflower Triathlon and Festival at Lake San Antonio.

The second and Orange Coast Community College engineering senior, finished the mile swim, 20 mile bike ride and 4.5 mile run in 1:35.11.

The Wildflower Championships were part of the 25-Mile Cornua National Triathlon.

Former Cal Poly student Ryan Druth won the International Triathlon in 1:29.23. Kevin Hodgkiss of Pacific Grove was the women's winner in 1:36.11.

UC Santa Barbara placed first in the college team competition with the total time of 11:04.04. UC Berkeley was second and Orange Coast Community College third.

Team Cadepher from San Luis Obispo was the fastest relay team in 1:34.22, while Team SLO Roadrunners took third.

Saturday, the sport's professional triathletes battled in the long-course race, which was won by Andrew MacNaughton and Donna Peters.

MacNaughton, who became the Wildflower's first three-time winner with victories in 1988 and 1990, and other male pros were hampered at the nine-mile mark of the run and led a mile off-course.

Peters, meanwhile, became the first female or female to win back-to-back Wildflower titles.

In Saturday's sprint-course triathlons, Cal Poly's women's basketball star Carrie Schmidt finished third in 1:01.09 while Erika Jaramillo of the Mustang soccer team placed 15th.

Mueller sweep as he won in 3:47.6. Kevin Berkowitz was second, Casey Candelese third and Scott Hempel fourth.

In the high jump, Aaron Maddix cleared 6-10 9/1 to take first, and follow Mustang teammate Cabe Matthews placed fourth.

Cal Poly's Robin Campana won the women's high jump, soaring above 5-5.

Cal Poly's Brian Adams triumped in the pole vault by clearing 17-4 3/4, and Chris Thurston took fifth.

Four Mustangs win at UCLA

Four Cal Poly athletes recorded victories at UCLA's Kevin Young Invitational Saturday.

Teamwise, Cal Poly's men finished with 329.8, followed by UCLA who won 99 and Brigham Young took second with 175. BYU's women totaled 78 points to edge UCLA by two while Cal Poly gathered 15.

Among the individual highlights, the Mustangs were never more dominant than they were in the 1,500-meter run. Dan Cabello led a first through fourth Mustang sweep as he won in 3:47.6. Brad Hamilton was second, Casey Candelese third and Scott Hempel fourth.

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Recruits sign letters with Poly

The recruits continue to march Cal Poly's way as four Mustang athletic teams recently signed high school and community college players to letters of intent.

The men's basketball team is bringing in five new faces who should help the Mustangs with their two-sided game. Leo Williams, a 6-6, 190-pound forward-center, signed a letter of intent last week to transfer to Cal Poly from Dodge Valley College.

Cal Poly's tennis teams have also signed four new faces.

Signing with the men's team are Jason Deverson of Villa Park High School, Rafael Huerta of Chatsworth High School in Granada Hills and Danny Wood of Saddlesback Community College.

Christine Water of Pacific High will join the women's team.

The softball team has also acquired a new player in Jenny Krudsen. The outfielder balls out of Ballard High school in Arizona, where she is an all-league and all-citry player in 1991 and 1992.