Poly aid office buried in avalanche of paperwork

Staffers switch to serving students three days per week

By Lee Andrews
San Luis Obispo Daily Talk

Backlogged by overdue student financial aid paperwork, Cal Poly's financial aid office will be closed to students on Tuesdays and Wednesdays indefinitely.

"The closure is necessary for employees to more efficiently process backlogged applications," according to Financial Aid Director Diane Ryan.

Constant student inquiries as to the status of loan applications has prevented the financial aid staff from processing paperwork, thus forcing the temporary closure, Ryan said.

Ryan could not specify how long the office would remain closed, or if that left that intentionally vague," she said.

Almost 1,200 student loans still remain to be processed, she said.

Financial aid officials are facing an Oct. 27 deadline to finish the forms. After that date, officials must begin processing aid applications for winter quarter.

Closing the office was a dilemma, according to the load well compared with other campus campuses, she said.

Ryan said she learned at a meeting with other state financial aid officials that at some universities, students had to wait in line for several hours to inquire about their loans.

Cal Poly students have had to wait an average of 10 to 15 minutes, she said.

Although the financial aid window will be closed, phone lines will remain open during normal hours to provide all services normally available, Ryan said.

Emergency loan applications and other information are provided in a rack across from the window, and forms can be placed in the drop box next to the window for processing.

Pot advocates deal a blow by county's new report

By Amy Nulw
Santa Barbara County Daily News

A local group seeking San Luis Obispo County's support for the medical use of marijuana is dissatisfied with county officials' recent conclusions.

San Luis Obispo County Health Agency officials said at a Friday press conference, they could not support an endorsement proposed by an ordinance from the marijuana advocates because drugs to help cancer and AIDS patients and others are already available.

Dr. Christine Peralta, spokesperson for Citizens for Medical Marijuana, said her organization was seeking the county's support in March, and referred the proposal to the health agency for analysis.

The board received the endorsement proposal from Citizens for Medical Marijuana in March, and referred the proposal to the health agency for analysis.

The board will review the agency's conclusions and decide if it wishes to support the use of marijuana in prescriptions. If support is won, the board will let the federal government know by way of a resolution.

However, Health Agency Director Susan Zepeda said in a letter to the board that her agency does not support the proposal, based on the conclusions of Dr. Tom Maier, director of disease prevention for the county.

Maier said synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) drugs now on the market are suitable for use by patients with AIDS and cancer. Natural THC is the active chemical in marijuana.

Maier said marijuana is reportedly effective for eight diseases: glaucoma, epilepsy, M.S., migraines, arthritis, cancer, anxiety and depression.

He also said there has not been enough formal study on the effects of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

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Associated Press

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By Eric Dudley
San Luis Obispo Daily Talk

The party may be over for Cal Poly students and other revelers from throughout the state who congre­ gate annually in Isha Vista to celebrate Halloween.

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors on Sept. 28 unanimously passed an ordinance banning live bands during the Halloween celebration in the coastal town.

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NAIROBI, Kenya — Some 2,000 Somalis demonstrated in the capital of Mogadishu on Sunday in support of fugitive warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid, a U.N. spokesman said.

Maj. David Stockwell, the military spokesman, said the demonstrators chanted slogans against the United Nations and the United States. He had no other details about the rally.

It coincided with the arrival of U.S. military officials from Robert Oakley, a former Bush Ad­ ministration official who is seeking a diplomatic solution in Somalia and a negotiated and end to the fighting between Aidid's militiamen and U.N. peacekeepers.

A U.N. official in Mogadishu, speaking on condi­tion of anonymity, said Aidid's reported offer Satur­ day for a cease-fire appeared to be a way of opening dia­ logue with Oakley.

Militiamen loyal to Aidid have brazenly attacked the peacekeepers since June. At least 15 American soldiers were killed Oct. 3 in one of the fiercest battles yet. Two men believed to be American mercenaries were killed Oct. 3 in one of the fiercest battles yet. Two men believed to be American mercenaries were killed Oct. 3 in one of the fiercest battles yet. Two men believed to be American mercenaries were killed Oct. 3 in one of the fiercest battles yet. Two men believed to be American mercenaries were killed Oct. 3 in one of the fiercest battles yet.

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By Tracy Brant Colvin
July 22, 1993

Cal Poly's men's soccer team continued their offensive onslaught that has been the Mustangs' hallmark in the last nine goals just four minutes into the second half.

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Cal Poly scored first with a goal from junior midfielder Kollene Kaaike off a waist-high pass from freshman midfielder Nicole Gunim. Early in the second half, senior defender Holly Harris drilled a penalty shot in the net for her first goal of the season. The Mustangs went up 2-0.

"I gained a lot of confidence after that goal," Harris said. "It got me up, and I played better."

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The Mustangs built on their early lead. In the second half, Henderson earned his second assist of the game when he hooked up with senior midfielder Mike Nelson. Nelson scored his team leading ninth goal just four minutes into the second half.

Senior forward Lee Vera scored Cal Poly's last goal on a feed from freshman midfielder Brian Wilsey with under a minute to play.

The 4-0 blowout continued an offensive onslaught that has been the Mustangs' hallmark in the last five games. In those games they have outscored opponents 20-1.

"It's a result of the work ethics of the guys on the team," Gartner said. It is also the result of outstanding teamwork by Cal Poly's defense, he added.

Although the Toros failed to score a goal, they played a physical game until the end.

"It is usually a physical game because it's a grudge match," Henderson said.

Corona agreed. "When you play Dominguez, you know it's going to be a war," he said.

Both Henderson and Corona said trash talking and cheap shots came throughout the game from Toros players. But the Mustangs' defense did not allow them.

The Mustangs travel to OSU-San Bernardino Wednesday. Their next home game is against CSU-Bakersfield at 7 p.m. on Friday at Mustang Stadium.
What should be the U.S. role in Somalia?

"I believe we should get all the military men out. They should solve their own problems. America has too much of a policeman type of mentality in all the countries that we've done."

Justin Alswright, Mechanical engineering freshman

"I remember that Desert Storm was 'no blood for oil' and stuff like that. But Somalia - we went there to do a mission, to keep peace. We're not even wanted there by the locals. We should get out."  

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"I think the reasons we went in there are all for the wrong reasons. We went in there because it's the horn of Africa and because irregardless of what it costs in 18- and 20-year-olds who still live "in the closet." Many gay men, lesbians and bisexuals live every day in hiding. They play-act heterosexuality in order to blend in. They live in daily fear of losing their jobs, housing, health care, friends and even family if anyone had the smallest hint of their difference. This country

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"I think we should pull out completely. I think we think we've done our job already. I don't think that we should be involved in any kind of conflict. I thought we should be able to continue to develop in our own government."

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MacDavitt said no fighting was reported overnight Saturday, but attributed the quiet to heavy rain rather than Aidid’s order. “Our experience is that militiamen do not like operating in rain,” he said.

Since the Somalia operation began in December, 31 Americans and 90 peacekeepers have been killed.

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Garage-sale shopping is a serious sport

If hunting is considered a sport, then shopping should also be considered a sport. But not just any shopping. It has to be garage sale shopping.

There is a thrill to it that I have never experienced on a toy crossbow that shoots rubber darts and puts some fines in a world of pain. So I do know the thrill of a kill. That glue-sniffing type of rush that makes you tingle inside argues for hunting's classification as a sport.

But just as intense a rush can be achieved scoring on a bargain at a garage sale. Garage sale shopping can be just as cruel as hunting.

Two weekends ago I roused up an old woman pretty bad (in a shopping sense). There she was sitting at a small table in her garage sipping on a chipped coffee mug. And there it was – a seemingly new Prince graphite tennis racquet for $5. She had already knocked $65 off the original cost, but I figured on going in for the kill (in a shopping sense).

"Hey grandma, I'll give you a buck for this piece of crap," I hollered.

"Thanks," I said.

Before I even reached the sidewalk, it hit me. My face flushed with warm blood, my vision and thoughts went blurry and my feet lifted four inches off the ground — the thrill of the deal. A $69-dollar savings on a $70 racquet.

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Poly volleyball wins big again

Real test for the 4-1 Mustangs comes next week against AWC foe Southern Utah

By Alex P. Ramos

Cal Poly returned the football scoring machine on full-power and cracked out a 44-21 victory against the San Francisco State Bears Saturday at Mustang Stadium.

A crowd of about 5,000 witnessed the victory which marked the first time since 1963 a Cal Poly football team scored 40 or more points in three straight games.

That 1963 team went on to capture a California Collec­tive Athletic Association championship.

The Mustangs overall record to 2-1. The team is 0-1 in Ameri­can West Conference action. It also dropped San Francisco State to 3-3, map­ping a three-game winning streak, and sent the team home wondering if it has what it takes to finish a sea­son with a winning record. The Gators last winning sea­son was 1973.

In Saturday's game, the attack began on the ground with freshman running back Jacques Jordan capping off two 9-play, 61-yard drives with touchdowns runs of four and two yards.

The offensive surge ended in the air with sophomore quarterback Mike Fisher passing for 247 yards and three touchdowns.

Cal Poly's defense held San Francisco State Gators to 256 total yards — 81 yards on the ground and 175 in the air. Photo by Scott Robinson

Volleyball celebrates home return with victory over Cal

By Kristi Ramos

Junior middle blocker Natalie Simonson swings away in Cal Poly's 3-2 win over Cal Friday night / Daily photo by Kent Emmers

last year's 3-0 loss that handed the Mustangs their first defeat of the season and snapped a 10-game winning streak.

Unfortunately for the Bears, the Mustangs didn't interrupt their streak — an eight game losing clip.

"The victory was really great," Cummings said. "There was a great home court advantage, he said of the 710 fans in attendance at Mott Gym. "It's really good being at home."

The Mustangs returned to their home court for the first time since Sept. 25. During their five-game road trip the team managed only one victory. That win came in Sacramento when the Mustangs defeated Hespe­ms University.

"It's nice getting better and better with each match," Cummings said.

Cummings said the ag­gressive play in games one and two trailed off in the follow­ing two games. "We're making a lot of unforced errors, but it came back to get us," he said.

Freshman outside hitter Trisha Pullara led the Mustangs in hitting errors, 11, but she also slapped down 12 kills and co-led the team with 17 digs. Lunadum also col­lected 17 digs.

Team captain Lunadum counted seven service errors. Her service ace, Kaylor led the match with 23 kills, while Lunadum had 16.

The Mustangs have home court advantage in their next five matches. On Friday, they host the second­ranked team in the nation, Long Beach State. The match starts at 7:30 p.m. in Mott Gym.