No I.D.'s for new students until fall

By Lori Witmer

Freshmen and transfer students who started Cal Poly this year have no identification — at least not permanent, state-issued one.

And it doesn't seem they're likely to get them until next fall.

When they started here about eight months ago, all new students received a paper identification card with their name and student I.D. number. This differed from previous years, when new students got their pictures taken for plastic Cal Poly I.D. cards.

The paper identification cards were issued because the Cal Poly Administration decided to change the format for the permanent cards.

New students were told they would receive a picture I.D. by January, but those are yet to be seen.

Walt Lambert — who is overseeing the identification card changes — said under present plans, students would be getting their new Cal Poly picture identification cards 

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California to consider smoke ban
It's still puffing, sans the extras

By Steve Lawrence

SACRAMENTO — In a defeat for tobacco companies, the Senate Appropriations Committee pushed new life Monday into a bill that would ban smoking in virtually all indoor workplaces in California.

The panel voted 8-3 to send the measure to the full Senate after agreeing to remove amendments that the bill's backers said would shatter support for the legislation.

Committee members also approved a bill that would eliminate state tax deductions for business expenses related to tobacco advertising, handing tobacco distributors a second loss in the same day.

The smoking ban, by Assemblywoman Terry Friedman, D-Sherman Oaks, stalled last month after the Senate Judiciary Committee added amendments that supporters said would splinter the coalition of health, restaurant, hotel, local government and labor groups backing the bill.

Accidents happen

By Steve Lawrence

Construction management junior Fredy Fong never thought about health insurance until he sprained his ankle. For students who do think about it, many say they can't afford it.

Daily photos by Michael DiMartini

CSU budget picture full of unknowns
Poly says no dept's. will be cut; fee hike remains sole certainty

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8 Poly baseball gets heartbreaking news — the Mustangs won't go to the playoffs
GEORGE CHEN/MUSTANG DAILY GRAPHIC

If it's a good thing most students are healthy, active types. With their lack of insurance, many couldn't afford otherwise. By Joy Nieman.

Biology junior Robyn Cooke came to Cal Poly to plan for her future. She didn't plan on having her appendix removed.

"I had to have surgery in college," she said. "The end bill was outrageous." Cooke, 22, said the bill would have totaled more than $10,000 if she hadn't been covered by her father's Kaiser Permanente plan. "I would have been in a lot of trouble," she said.

Although health insurance may be a distant concern to most college students studying for finals, a major accident could leave any scholar scrutinizing a bill in the thousands of dollars. ¶ According to campus health officials, as much as one-third of Cal Poly's student population is uninsured.

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Military Institute are the only two all-male, state-supported military colleges in the nation. The Citadel has about 2,000 cadets, VMI 1,200.

After VMI’s admissions policy was challenged, a federal judge approved a plan that would leave VMI all male but establish a similar, military-style program for women at Mary Baldwin College, a private women’s school.

The Justice Department is appealing the VMI ruling.

“The door to education is one through which all Americans should be permitted to pass,” Deval L. Patrick the assistant attorney general for civil rights, said in a statement Monday, the day before the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s Brown vs. Board of Education decision that outlawed school segregation.

The school’s attorney, Dawes Cooke, said the lawsuit seeks to remove any sexual distinctions from the law.

“This case is not just about The Citadel, or just about Shannon Faulkner, or just about higher education,” Cooke told U.S. District Judge C. Weston Houck. “It’s about a unisex worldview of the law of the land.”

Houck has allowed her to attend classes, but not march with the corps, while her lawsuit continues. She finished her first semester last week.

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Students deserve to know outcome of baseball probe

Soon, our administration will conclude an internal investigation launched on allegations that former baseball coach Steve McFarland used an off-campus bank account to pay players' university fees in violation of NCAA regulations. Apparently, the administration is working to get a clearer picture of what went down and who was involved, and we're concerned they will keep the information to themselves.

We don't demand this information out of mere curiosity, nor out of a desire to 'burn' or embarrass anyone. We demand it because it is in our right: Students provide funding for the baseball team and we have a right to know what they are doing — whether it's winning a title or violating an NCAA regulation.

The charges being investigated are serious violations of NCAA guidelines — if true unchecked by Cal Poly could have resulted in sanctions against all our NCAA sports.

Two years ago, students were asked to pay an additional $43 fee per quarter to cover the cost of moving our athletic program to Division I. Students — by a very narrow margin — voted to pay the increase.

Students have shown their interest in a quality athletic program, and have put up the money to make it happen.

Now, we ask those investigating the baseball team to tell us the same thing about the students. We're paying for the athletic program — through CSLU fees, IRA fees and ASI fees — so why can't we know what's happening?

As supporters — both financial and emotional — of our baseball program, we demand full, prompt disclosure of the baseball investigation.


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Cal Poly men's baseball team did not earn a playoff berth as mentioned in Monday's Daily. See related story on page 8.

Opinion Policies
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Bill Niemi, a parent, also quoted in the Times, said, "If you've got typical math questions, two plus two is four, that doesn't concern me. This is a psychological test."

His comment also concerns me. I want to know — is the CLAS test a psychological test or not? At this point, I think the Department of Education owes the parents a specific answer, don't you?

As a solution to this argument between the parents and the Department of Education, I suggest that parents be allowed to review the CLAS test the morning it is to be given to the students. This will prevent the parents from discussing what is on the test with their children, and thus, keep the test fair.

As a parent, I believe the courts should give the right to parents to decide whether or not the CLAS test should be given to their children.

After all, most parents are more concerned about their child's education than the schools are, and if they are not, they should be. If the test is truly an improvement on grading how well students think and express themselves, then the Department of Education has nothing to worry about. Parents will be in favor of it. Parents should wise up. It's time to be prudent and find out just exactly what this CLAS test is all about.

• Cindy Utter is a journalism senior. This is her first quarter reporting with the Daily.
AGENDA: 18 to 24 age group rarely insured; some don’t think about it, others can’t afford it

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According to a March statement by the White House, young people between the ages of 18 and 24 are the single largest uninsured group in the country. And upon graduation, many students are no longer eligible for coverage under their parents’ health plan.

Jim Aiken, interim director of Cal Poly’s Health and Psychological Services, said the Health Center conducted a survey on students who used its services fall quarter.

The results showed that 57 percent of Cal Poly students are covered by some kind of health insurance, which could include coverage by partners or an employer. Aiken said. The results also indicated that 38 percent of students either had no coverage or were uninsured.

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Young people should shop around, she said, because private health care policies can vary according to age, gender, location and type of coverage.

Bob Butlar, who works with MetLife Insurance Company in San Luis Obispo, agreed.

"Like any health (policy), you want to sit down and see what's covered and what's not covered," Butlar said.

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"We really had no way of knowing how long it would take," Lambert said. "We hope to start taking pictures of summer quarter students and be in full production by the start of fall quarter.

Lambert said the delay was unavoidable because the I.D. committee had to decide on the best equipment, buy it and have the computers set up.

"The equipment is here, but we're still waiting for (parts) for the computer and the (blank) cards to come back from the printer," Lambert said.

According to computer science fresh­man Ben Sciarola, not having a picture I.D. has been inconvenient.

"The Rec Center has spot checks for student I.D.s once in a while, but they require a picture I.D.," he said. "So my friend and I had to go back to our rooms to get our driver's license and student I.D.s.

Either student wasn't as worried by the delay and even said he didn't need a permanent I.D.

"The only place I can think of that I would need (a picture I.D.) is the Rec Cen­ter, but I don't go there that often," said electronic engineering freshman Mike Mark. "What's going to happen is, I say I'm a student and they give me the student rate, no questions asked."

According to Lambert, all Cal Poly ser­vices in the present permanent card—such as the meal plan and library—will still be permitted using one wallet card. In addition, he said the new card could also be used for services in the Rec Center.

New campus computer identification program will require all students to retake I.D. photos next year

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It typically makes sense for young, healthy people to look at plans with large deductibles, he said, so that the premium is as small as possible.

"There's no sense in paying a (large) premium for something you're not using," Butlar said.

For example, he said, a $2,000 deduct­ible might cost a student $30 a month, depending on the policy.

"That way, you have protection in an (expensive) emergency," he said.

Clifton's plan

Construction management junior Fredy Fronc, who is covered by his parents, said he knows the value of private insurance outside of college.

"Not too long ago, he broke his nose and had to go to a hospital emergency room. 'It was an emergency,' Fong said. 'I was in pain and I had to fill out the papers.

It was going to cost $1050 (for a doctor) to see my nose. It's good I had insurance. There should be a plan for everybody.

Political science professor Carroll McKibbin, who is teaching a class on the American Presidency this quarter, said the primary objective behind Clinton's health care plan is universal coverage.

"That means everybody," he said.

McKibbin said he's not surprised that young people are the group that's least in­sured.

"When you're 20 (or) 21, (you think), 'Hey, nothing can happen to me,'" he said. "I'm in my 50s, and one day without insurance can be scary."

McKibbin said things balance out be­cause, although fewer young people have health insurance, they also have fewer health problems.

BUDGET: Most colleges say their departments will share the burden of a comparatively minor budget scaleback

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"It's relatively difficult to handle any more cuts," Jen said. "But we'll have to deal with that issue when we get the final figures.

"My dream is to be in a position where I'm not afraid to offer an extra course," Butlar said.

"College of Architecture and Environmental Design faces yet another round of budget cuts, College of Architecture Dean Paul Neel said he feels student services for 1994-95 will mirror those of this academic year.

"If the budget is flat, we'll probably maintain what we have," Neel said. "Each year a new base is established. I'd like to see a budget change in our favor once, but we have to stay realistic.

The College of Architecture received an 11 percent cut in funding in 1993-94 and 6 percent in 1992-93. Neel said he doesn't expect to see a similar cut in 1994-95.

"We've had a pretty big blow in the last three years," Neel said. "The cuts have been steadily declining, but they're still cuts.

Neel said drastic changes are planned for his college next year, although some returning professors will be replaced by new professors who require lesser salaries.

"There's a trend in the number of units students are taking, which is general­ly carrying a heavier workload to graduate sooner and avoid future fee increases.

"We're going to have to get creative," said College of Business Dean Allen Haile. "The budget is probably going to be flat, same as last year with a little less money." Neel said no extra money for major equipment. W e still need the equipment.

But until the state budget is complete, Bailey said all he can do is sit and wait.
HAMILTON: Sinzheimer offers cru de chevres, old tales

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"GOOSE EGG." I saw him walking down the hall wearing a yellow "GOOSE EGG." I saw him yanking on his pants in the bathroom... I was so shocked, I just stood there and stared at him.

I knew he was going to die, but I didn't know how.

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I was walking down the hall, and there he was, slumped against the wall. It was like a nightmare.

I tried to help him, but it was too late. He was already gone.

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And then, just like that, he was gone. I felt so helpless. I didn't know what to do.

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He was so alone. I wish I could have been there for him, but I wasn't. I was too busy with my own problems.

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I felt like I had let him down.

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But I promised myself that when I got back from my vacation, I was going to do something. I was going to make a difference. I was going to help.
Remembering a bonk on the head

Much to the delight of some of the cow pokers on cam­

damp, my days at Cal Poly are drawing to a close.

And the memories flowed through me like urine

through some pink Huggies worn by a disturbed 37-year-

old man.

Top Joes From The Crowd:

When Cal State Los Angeles' coach, who is a short ver­

sion of the Dodgers' Tommy Lasorda, walked to the mound
to yank his starter in Saturday' s game, someone shared

their impression of what the little guy was saying: "Give

me a left-hander and a bowl of fettucini."

"Hit it with your purse."

"Pucker' s head was in the way.

"Come by the Dexter Lawn Event on May 18th & 19th

and senior Marc Ollivier

were the only Mustangs to

win in the doubles competi­
tion and will play the

second round today. They

beat Dominick Hinds and

Ken Phillips of Jacksonville

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effort today," Eppright

said. "They're a little tired,

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