Honors program awaits Baker’s final approval

By Eric Macauley 
Daily Staff Writer

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“This was done by the presidents in order to get the issues on the table,” Koob said. “The policy issue is, should the university provide the computer or (should) the student?”

The university is working on establishing a relationship between the campus community and vendors, he said.

“We are trying to establish an environment to provide the maximum amount of help and students to approve an increase in fees for the center from the current $1 per quarter to $5. To show their support for the center, Cal Poly students and parents who depend on the center have circulated and signed a poster-sized letter to Mustang Daily calling for student support.

Business senior Michele Schiller has been working at the Children’s Center for more than a year. She said she has received valuable knowledge about children and parenting skills from working there.

And she said its existence should be important to everyone.

“Every female on campus is one sperm away from needing the Children’s Center,” Schiller said.

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By Maria T. Garda
Daily Staff Writer

The ASI Board of Directors is scheduled to vote today on an issue likely to impact students who rely on the Children’s Center to meet their child care needs.

But tonight’s vote will also affect those students who have no connection to the center whatsoever.

According to agribusiness senior and Collage of Agriculture representative Antonio Torres, ASI is likely to grant the center the $30,000 it needs to stay open until June.

However, the center’s problems will continue unless ASI approves a separate measure in the coming weeks creating a spring referendum on the Children’s Center. The referendum would ask students

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Cal Poly explores options for providing computer access

By Derek Aney
Daily Staff Writer

Students, information committee members and two representatives from IBM met Tuesday to discuss the future of computer and information policy at Cal Poly.

The primary issues considered were implementation of a student technology fee, and a policy that would require students to have access to a personal computer.

“Cal Poly has never intended to require students to buy their own computers,” said Bob Koob, vice president for academic affairs.

According to Koob, presidents of three CSUs — Humboldt, Sonoma and Cal Poly — wrote a letter to the CSU Chancellor Barry Monits requesting permission to institute these policies.

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A GOOD CLEAN STORY

Cal Poly’s custodians are as adept at advice as they are at sanitation

By Natacha Collard
Daily Staff Writer

Scrubbing floors, shampooing rugs and cleaning bathrooms are not the only things the custodians do at Cal Poly. They become students’ advisors, friends, confidants and offer them encouragement.

“We become a part of their lives,” said custodian Max Morales, who works in Tenaya residence hall. “We see and talk with students everyday.”

Morales, who has been working as a custodian at Cal Poly for more than five years, said many of the students

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IT’S A LIVING

This week Mustang Daily examines the often-overlooked occupations on campus and the people who fill them. Following is a partial list of what to look for.

TODAY: Custodians have a dirty job, but someone has to do it

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CUSTODIANS: Many provide a friendly ear for Cal Poly students

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The custodian who met on the job are pleasant to work around and some have also become his close friends.

"I met one student a couple of years ago," said Morales. "He eventually became the best man in my wedding." According to custodian Susan Rea, who also works in Tenaya, the students make her feel good and teach her more about herself.

"You see students going through (difficult) situations," Rea said, "and you listen and encourage them. Many times they just need to hear that their work will pay off.

Rea, who has been working for Cal Poly for about two years, said that the students she has met have helped her with her own children.

"I'll see these kids going through (problems) and I'll talk to my own children about it," she said. "Nothing (my children) do surprises me. It's really made me open my eyes.

Rea and Morales both said they categorize the different floors of the residence halls they clean based on the music the floor listens to or the amount of mess that is usually left.

Morales recalled one floor that was especially messy.

"They have moved the kids into some of the dorms," he said. "These kids are doing things and they're just moving around and they would always get charged, but didn't seem to care.

Morales also said that the freshmen floors tend to be the worst.

"I think (because) they are away for the first time," he said, "they party more than the older students.

According to Johnny Rios, a custodial supervisor who has been working for Cal Poly for 21 years, being a custodian is a very pleasant job.

"I've enjoyed my job," Rios said. "My days are enjoyable and having weekends off is important to me.

According to students who live in the dorms, the custodians are greatly appreciated and have a positive influence on their lives.

"I only have good things to say about them," said business freshman Megan Bradford. "They are always friendly and very hard working.

Rachel Brady, a journalism freshman, said at one time the custodians came to her aid.

"I was sick with the flu and they were there to help me out," Brady said. "They were very nice and I've come to depend on them.

According to Carla Fermelia, a business freshman, the students and custodians hang out together during their free time.

"The (custodians) will be in the lounge during their break," said Fermelia, "and they'll be talking and laughing with students.

Jaime Bori, a journalism freshman, said the presence of the custodians is definitely missed on weekends.

"I talk to them all the time," Bori said. "They always ask about our weekend, and mention 'it must have been exciting' especially if there is a huge mess in the lobby.

The custodial staff works from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and cleans everything on campus but the students' rooms.

"Many people think we work only during the school year," said Loree Creath, another custodial supervisor. "But we work year-round. In fact, summer is our busiest time.

In the past, Creath said the supervision was very strict and that the custodians didn't receive much recognition.

"Now we have more of a say and the staff is recognized more," she said. "The dorms have Appreciation Days (for us) and really make you feel good.

Morales said that one year a dorm even held a Christmas party for the custodians.

"They baked cookies and gave us presents," Morales said. "It was nice to know they appreciate us.

None of the custodians interviewed said they had any complaints about their jobs. In fact, each said they hope to continue working for Cal Poly in the future.

"We're well off," Rea said. "We couldn't ask for anything more.

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Landslide creeping into town; next deluge triggers worries

Associated Press

LA CONCHITA — Twenty houses could be buried by a second landslide likely along two flanks of a coastal bluff that has already displaced nine homes, authorities said.

Drenching rains expected with Wednesday night's arrival of a Pacific weather system will likely bring down more of the mountain looming 600 feet above the community of 700 residents.

"It's going to be horrible," sheriff's Sgt. Chuck Buttell said of the forecast for up to 5 inches of rain. "This will make it much worse. It will cause this ground to become more unstable and trigger another slide."

CENTER: Student-parents, employees sign petition

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Among those who signed the petition is former Cal Poly student Stephanie Allen, who was on the center's waiting list for more than two years.

Allen and her husband Jeff, a business graduate student, said, "If the center closes, it will affect because students will be forced leave school for lack of child care.

"We have three daughters and one is in preschool. We've been waiting for the center to start. We have no other options. It would be a tragedy to lose a program like this one." Iversen, the university will be affected because students will be forced leave school for lack of child care.

According to Children's Center Director Tonya Torres said, "But that's just, my reasoning is, the general student population."

After the referendum this spring, "It's like a tripod and removing one leg," said Buttell.

The storm brewing in the Pacific was sucking up subtropical moisture on a "Pineapple Express" path from Hawaii, the same track that brought record rains and flooding to Southern California in January.

"It will arrive late Wednesday with the main brunt of the storm expected Thursday and Friday with periods of rain through at least Saturday," said meteorologist Naasema Cus­meer of the National Weather Service.

Saturday's slide made a second or third massive slide inevitable.

"It's like a tripped and removing one of the legs. The whole thing's going to come down," said Buttell.

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According to Children's Center Assistant Director Tonya Torres, the university will be affected because students will be forced to school for lack of child care.

"We are on the forefront of what quality child care is," Iversen said. "It would be a tragedy to lose a program like this one."

However, Iversen is confident Alt will still be able to refer the ballot. She said she feels students will be looking out for the general student population. Although Torres said he has always been in favor of the center, he is not confident students will pass the referendum if Alt votes to place it on the spring ballot.

"I don't think the students will vote for the referendum," Torres said. "That's just, my gut instinct."

Board Chair John Lew could not be reached for comment late Tuesday.

At the end of the letter, it reads in part: Please show your support to the center's performance and dedicated staft by attending this referendum this spring. "Please show your support to the center's performance and dedicated staft by attending this referendum this spring.

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To say that this injury came from lack of preparation is entirely wrong. In order for these horses to perform, they need their legs. The care they are given directly reflects this. They are watched for any abnormalities on a constant basis. It is more cost effective for the horses to get a few days off before pushing them while injured may lead to months out of training. In addition, the horses are not put into workouts specifically set up to meet the nutritional requirements of a horse's performance.

The number of horses that actually make it to the track is only a fraction of the horses started in training. On the 1993-94 Cal Poly thoroughbred Enterprise Project, there were four horses started in training and only three were in racing. In order for a horse to make it as a racehorse, it must have the desire to run. Without that desire, there is no way the horse can make it to the track.

Unforeseen accidents do happen, but all precautions and care possible are taken. Another reason a veterinarian is always present at the track to decide what will happen to an injured horse. Rallies and races are can be used for breeding, even after severe injuries, including broken legs. The legs can be repaired using a variety of materials, including screws or titanium rods to splint broken bones. If there is no other option, the horse is humanely and quickly euthanized by the veterinarian.

As for your statement, "Many people may not consider this a tragedy since the jockey was not seriously injured," it is completely wrong. The death of any animal before its time is something that should affect us all.

Shari Duncon
Agribusiness senior

Karen Mielke
Animal science junior

Do You Have an Opinion?

Mustang Daily is seeking columnists for spring quarter, 1995. If you are interested in writing a biweekly column, please submit a proposal including your name, major and contact information. Columns are typically 400-500 words and should be written in a style similar to a letter to the editor. All proposals must be received by Sunday, March 12.

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Children are an asset to Cal Poly

By Dawn Sievers

My roommate tells me I don't laugh in my sleep anymore.

I typcially get really, really into a class and sit there with my head down. That's probably why I had dreams about the children. Images of them playing around... I just got to laugh at my sleep.

When I worked at the ASI Cal Poly Children's Center, I often had dreams about the children. Images of them playing around... I just got to laugh at my sleep.

Parents have the current job as Mustang Daily opinion editor, but my work related to the children is still going. I have mostly kept my promise to keep you informed about the children's daily accomplishments and disappointments.

The Children's Center, a joy and laughter that fill the Cal Poly campus as a whole. We could help smiling from seeing six toddlers wave to us from their Bye-Bye Buggies as they are pushed around campus. Or have you ever watched the kindergartners bowling in the University Union?

But the center is not an asset only because of the joy these cute kids bring to Cal Poly. The center provides a valuable service to everyone involved with it.

The children benefit from having a variety of challenging and stimulating opportunities to play, explore, create and learn. They are able to play with other children their age in a safe and fun environment.

Parents have the convenience and confidence of having their children nearby while they are on campus. Student parents, who pay less than faculty and staff parents, receive quality childcare at a reasonable price.

Many of these student parents would not be able to be in school without the Children's Center. A mother whose four-month old is at the center can still nurse her child between classes. Parents can come visit during the day or eat lunch with their child.

I can't understand how hard it is to be a student and be a parent at the same time. But I can understand what a great asset the center is based on what I have gained from working there.

More of us can relate to the need for work than the need for quality daycare. All students need money and understand the convenience and benefits of an on-campus job.

The Children's Center provides about 100 student jobs each quarter. Its directors and teachers are committed to working with student schedules each quarter, no matter how many times they change due to added or dropped courses. It was such a relief to me each quarter to know that my work schedule would be flexible. It's hard enough to get classes through CAPTURE; having my job with the Children's Center made it easier.

Working at the Children's Center is great training. The teachers are not only teaching the children; they teach the staff as well.

I began working in the center's office in the fall of 1992. I loved kids, but to have to admit I was somewhat afraid of them — especially the ones who couldn't talk. I wouldn't have known what to do with a kid who couldn't tell me what he or she needed. I was happy to be safe behind the center's front desk, answering phones and organizing files.

Less than a year after starting my job at the center, I moved from the office to the classroom. I was a little apprehensive at first, but learned quickly. I began to gain respect for the children, and thoroughly enjoyed interacting with them. I gained skills that have affected my relationships with all kinds of people — not just children.

I grew to have confidence that I could be a nurturing mother, aunt and grandmother someday. My experiences at the ASI Children's Center were an invaluable part of my education.

The center has helped hundreds of students at Cal Poly gain a better and richer education. I would hate to see such a wonderful place close because of economic troubles.

I hope that the ASI Board will vote to put the referendum on the spring ballot. And I hope that students will vote to keep the ASI Cal Poly Children's Center. I think that if all we had children, there would be no question about whether the center was worth an extra $5 per quarter.

Dawn Sievers is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily opinion editor. Seeing the one-year olds in the Bye-Bye Buggies this morning made her day.

Letters to the Editor:

Children's Center calls for support

As parents of children who attend the ASI Cal Poly Children's Center, we would like to ask for the continued support of the ASI Board and the campus community. The financial support of the student body and ASI to date has been instrumental in keeping the center open, and has meant a great deal to the parents, staff and children at the center. We would like to take this opportunity to tell you what the center means to us.

As students and working parents, we continually struggle with balancing the demands of work and parenting. The safe and nurturing environment provided by the center gives each one of us the peace of mind we need to continue in our studies and careers, knowing our children are in the best care possible. The center maintains an atmosphere of mutual respect between parent, child and teacher, setting the stage for good communications as our children mature and face the difficult issues of the '90s. The qualities of strength, bond, independence and self-reliance are those we all strive for, and we feel that the center fosters these qualities in our children.

As many of you know, the center has been faced with the difficulty of absorbing the high costs of a new facility, and continuing to provide a quality childcare program. Since the $1 per quarter referendum passed a few years ago, the center has covered its entire costs, a new referendum of $5 per quarter has been proposed. Without this referendum, the center faces closure, which may force student parents out of school, and put almost a hundred student employees out of jobs.

The ASI Board will vote on whether to place the referendum on the next ballot at their meeting in the University Union on Wednesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. Please show your support for the children of the center, their parents, and the center's dedicated staff by attending this meeting and voting 'yes' on the referendum this spring. Thank you, from our children — potential Cal Poly graduates of 2009-2015.
COMPUTERS: Trustees to decide fee this month

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flexibility for faculty and stu­
dents,"  Koob said.

According to Koob, the CSU
Board of Trustees will decide on
the two policies this month.

The student technology fee
was discussed at the meeting,
but no specifics are available
regarding allocation of a fee until
a policy is formed.

Previously, it was reported
that a fee of $24 a quarter — $72
per year — would be needed to
cover the cost of maintaining a
network for students to access.

" Access to information is not
free any more than phone, cable
and other (utilities) are,"  Koob
said.

The modem pool for remote
access to the campus system has
increased from 40 modems last
year to 182 this year, Koob said.

The increased costs associated
with equipment and providing
phone lines need to be addressed,
according to Koob.

He said there are several op­
tions to deal with the problem,
including: restricting access,
charging a subscription fee or
charging the students an overall
fee. He added that the CSU
Board of Trustees will determine
if access to computers is neces­
SARY to basic instruction, in
which case, the state would be
required to provide funding.

"The reason (a fee) is done, is
that it minimizes costs for
everyone,"  Koob said.  "If
everyone is using (the computer
system) it makes sense, if only
15 percent are using it, it
doesn't.

"The university feels that if
the students are charged a fee,
they ought to have a strong
sense of how it is being used."

While the university has not
been authorized to require stu­
dents to own computers, Koob
said that professors could offer
classes that require the use of
computers without being respon­
sible for providing access to the
necessary equipment.

IBM representative Cynthia
Thomas discussed some of the
computer systems that are avail­
able through IBM. Thomas
quoted system specifications and
said IBM is proposing to sell to
universities at their national
education price.

According to Thomas, these
prices can then be adjusted by
the seller at the university.
Two lawmakers crack, snap and pop over cereal prices

By Larry Margasak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two con­gressmen produced a breakfast shopping list Tuesday and called it a rude awakening: $4.49 for a box of Raisin Bran, $4.25 for Rice Krispies and $3.59 for Cheerios.

"Every once in a while there is an issue that just gets your goat — a pet peeve that you wish you could do something about," said Rep. Charles E. Schumer, a New York Democrat.

"I understand the difficulty of the law­makers to undertake an antitrust inves­igation to see if major cereal manufacturers were conspiring to keep prices high."

Kellogg's, General Mills, Post and Quaker Oats control 85 per­cent of cereal sales, they said, and take too much profit. They said 55 percent of the price of cereal goes to advertising and profits.

While the lawmakers point critically to the overall prices of boxes of cereal, the Grocery Manufacturers of America em­phasized the price and other way.

"Today the average bowl of read­y-to-eat cereal is almost the same price as it was when the cereal industry was young," the industry group said. "Cereal prices in real terms have risen less than the rate of infla­tion — between 1 and 2 percent annually. Consumers are actual­ly paying less for many of the top brands."

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Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob cleared up the Senate's apprehension.

"There is no new exchange of money in the honors program," Koob said. "He added that general education professors have agreed to accept more students to allow smaller honors classes.

This raised concern on the space in classrooms for the extra students.

"And if there is no space in the classroom, that must lead to the inability for students to get classes," said environmental histo­rical professor David Ham­nings.

However, Koob said he doesn't expect the extra students to be a problem.

"Cal Poly has never been full in terms of classrooms," Koob said.

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"We want the costs in terms of money. We are also interested in the source of that money."

The proposal originally called for 100 to 125 students to par­ticipate in the first year of the program. However, the Senate agreed to reduce the total num­ber of honors students admitted the first year to 50 and added that these students would be "strongly encouraged to declare a major by the end of their fresh­man year."

The honors program is scheduled to begin in 1997. Senate Chair Jack Wilson said it is likely Baker will approve the proposal.

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He explained that after inter­viewing both the campus and the community, the Athletics Department had concluded both "want more field space for ath­letic purposes."

He outlined fields off High­land and Highway 1 that could be designated for soccer and baseball fields and also for a brand new football stadium.

The land is Cal Poly property and is currently being used for lab purposes for the agriculture classes.

The idea of turning it over to athletic fields worried some senators.

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**SPORTS**

**Cal Poly ignited by double-header sweep**

Louie's 9th-inning single key to first of two wins over No. 17 Hawaii

By Anthony Padgett

Maybe the Hawaii Rainbows should have stayed on the Big Island a little longer. In its first series on the mainland, Hawaii ran into a Cal Poly team that has found a spark.

The Mustangs (8-8) swept a double-header Monday against the 17th-ranked Rainbows (15-7).

After scoring a run in the bottom of the ninth inning to win the opener, Cal Poly jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second game.

"It was a rough double-header, but we just went out and did our job," Hawaii junior pitcher Andrew McNally said.

Hawaii pitcher Nathan Treggs hit the lead-off batter to open the game and the Mustangs used a five-run eighth inning to take the second contest, 7-6.

Marking the final home game for Cal Poly catcher Chris Garrett, the Mustangs were able to knock off a ranked team for the first time this season.

"We've been going game by game and trying to take momentum from our wins," Louie said. "It was a rough double-header, but we just went out and did our job."

**Baseball**

7-4 in the opening game, the Mustangs used a five-run eighth inning in an 11-7 win over the Rainbows Monday.

In the second game, Cal Poly rallied from a 2-0 deficit.

Trailing 2-0 in the fifth inning, junior centerfielder Brent Mitchell launched a two-run home run in the sixth inning, and Mitchell capped the second win of the season for the Mustangs with a walk-off two-run triple in the bottom of the ninth.

"It's a mixture of sadness and excitement," Jason Novi, the Mustangs' senior centerfielder, said before the game. "It doesn't feel like we'll see each other because we'll be playing the Spring Games for another couple of weeks."

But Allen was able to cause some doubt as the Mustangs scored off with a two-run triple in the bottom of the ninth inning, giving Cal Poly a 9-6 victory.

Senior guard Keith Berard of Southern Utah led all scorers with 16 points. The Mustangs successfully held in check Southern Utah senior center Sean Allen — who is the leading candidate for AWC player of the year — to only 10 points.

"We had a problem getting fired up," Dineen said. "We were a little more motivated for tonight's game since it was our last at home."

Even in defeat, Cal Poly drew praise from its vanquished.

"I think that the Cal Poly basketball team played extremely hard," said Southern Utah head coach John Carroll. "It's a credit to them. I don't know if we played a team all year that was playing any harder."