Committee says 'yes' to $120 fee increase for Cal Poly students

By Travis Money

The Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee agreed Wednesday night on a proposal that includes a $120-per-year increase in student fees.

Discussion of the fee raise was the primary reason for the special session, which focused on a proposal brought by Cristin Brady, Mike Bocca and Tony Torres, the student representatives on the committee.

The proposal the students brought forth depends on two areas of investment—technology and a combination of curriculum revision and access to classes. Each area was allocated approximately $900,000, to be divided among specific areas at a later date.

Areas the student representatives had marked for possible funding included: lab equipment, new technology and increased hours for computer labs, on-line library access, on-line access to evaluations material and the hiring of student assistants.

"The Cal Poly Plan is ambitious," Torres said. "But we need some areas more clearly defined.

"For now, we think this is the best thing for everyone."

Although many members of the committee felt too many items were left out of the student proposal, the students decided more information is needed on many areas before they could spend more money.

"We didn't feel that we could just throw funds into more areas without more information," Torres said.

The $120 increase that was adopted falls short of the minimum $180 fee hike that Cal Poly faculty and staff seemed to be ready to adopt last Saturday.

However, there is no provision in the $120 increase for financial aid, which made up at least a third of the $180 proposal. Instead, ASI President Brady called upon promises made by Bill Boldt, vice president for University Advancement, to raise funds for scholarships from the private sector.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker agreed that funding for financial aid could come from other avenues.

"Like any other fee, the Cal Poly Plan fee will be added on to the total cost of attending Cal Poly according to Baker. Financial aid awards are created to help students overcome the total cost of going to school, not just tuition, he pointed out.

"We can expect additional financial aid this year," Baker said. "The governor put $10 million into the Cal Grant fund."

The fund was becoming depleted in recent years, Baker said. This led to a drop in financial aid awards.

Other points made by the student proposal were centered around further study of target areas and a more detailed, more comprehensive four-year strategic plan for the Cal Poly Plan that would directly address any fee hikes.

"My hope is that we can finish these two and agree on something that directly benefits the students," Torres said.

Any fee increase for the plan must still be passed by the CSU Board of Trustees. Baker plans to pass the Cal Poly Plan at the May meeting of the board, according to Linda Dalton, interim associate vice president for Academic Resources.

White House official visits Poly campus

By Justine Frederiksen

It's another election year, which means politicians are popping up all over the place—even at Cal Poly.

Carol Hampton Rasco, assistant to President Clinton for Domestic Affairs, spoke at Cal Poly Thursday morning at the Agribusiness Management Club's second Annual Speaker's Forum.

The forum, titled "1995 Farm Bill: California's Perspective," presented a panel of five speakers who addressed their goals and concerns, and answered questions from the audience.

In addition to Rasco, representatives from the California Farm Bureau Federation, and both the California Cotton and Wheat Growers Associations spoke.

The 1995 Farm Bill is an updated version of the Agricultural Reinvestment Act, originally passed in 1949. The original legislation was designed to be revamped every four to five years, and was up for renewal last year.

The main focus of the 1995 Farm Bill is a system of price supports to protect farmers' income and to lower the cost of living for consumers. The bill supports price floors and manipulation of the free market, which was very important in the Great Depression.

However, there is no provision in the bill for aid to farmers in rural communities.

No skateboarding allowed, police say

By Christina Rambouts

Skate or die—or get a citation from Cal Poly's University Police.

The university says it must prohibit skating on campus because of personal safety, damages and liability. But skaters say they aren't causing harm and the need quick transportation.

Cal Poly has tried to accommodate skaters. Seven years ago, skating was allowed in designated areas and times. But increasing complaints, property damage and liability issues prompted the university's decision to ban skating only.

University Police Sergeant Bob Schumacher said the terror cotta steps in the business building had to be repaired and replaced just a few weeks after the building was completed. He also said hockey games have ruined the tennis court's surface.

But property damage isn't Cal Poly's only concern. It has to be concerned with potential liabilities that might cost the university millions in litigation and medical costs.

Schumacher said a suit was recently filed against the university by the parents of a young boy injured on campus.

"There's always the possibility of a lawsuit," he said. "A ( rollerblader) might fall on a rock and turn around and say the sidewalk was uneven. Litigation involves money and time that could be spent on better things."

Schumacher said skating has become increasingly popular in the last few years, especially at Cal Poly. He said the campus presents certain challenges because of hills, stairs, rails and other features.

"The skaters today are so good they can ride their boards off the stair hand rails," he said. "But this causes additional costs for repairs, paints and Nick's."

Schumacher said Cal Poly received some unwanted publicity when it was mentioned on MTV and in a skating magazine as a good place to skate.

The majority of the problems are caused by high school and junior high students, Schumacher said. He indicated that Poly students comprise about 20 percent of the citations.
Train jumps tracks, burns; two crew members die

By Larry Gerber

CAJON SUMMIT, Calif. — A train hauling hazardous material jumped tracks, set cars on fire and forced the closure of a major freeway.

An eyewitness said the derailment was accompanied by a 500-foot fireball.

The engineer didn’t know what had happened to the other crew members, Davis said. He was pretty sure they hadn’t escaped.

The shutdown affected traffic as far as Yucaipa Valley, 60 miles southeast of the derailment, as authorities diverted Los Angeles-bound 15 motorists south on state Highways 247 and 62 and south on Interstate 10.

All four of the train’s locomotives and 46 of its 49 cars left the tracks, said Mike Martin, a spokesman for the Schenburn, Ill., railroad.

The train, which originated in Barstow and was headed for Los Angeles, included five tank cars of hazardous chemicals, he said.

Martin’s figures differed from officials at the scene, who said the train consisted of 42 cars and 4 locomotives and included nine tankers.

Firefighters stayed back from the fire while flames shooting 20 feet in the air burned cars and put gray-black plumes of smoke belting into the air.

Emergency crews identified the hazardous materials on the train as trimethyl phosphate, methyl ethyl ketone, butyl acrylate, denatured alcohol and petroleum distillates.

All are highly flammable and in their fumes can cause skin or ir­ritative eyes, noses and throats if inhaled, said Bill Peters, a hazardous materials spokesman.

“Their tails, not real deadly, but they are really uncomfortable,” he said.

Fire crews, concerned about exposing themselves to harmful fumes, planned to let the fire burn itself out, Peters said.

Do you have a little extra time on your hands? Most students are so bombarded with homework, term papers, exams and jobs that they don’t have a lot of extra time.

However, there are some students at Cal Poly who take time out of their busy schedules to volunteer activities and organizations in the community, and say it is really rewarding.

One organization that appreciates student volunteers is the Rape Crisis Center, which offers 24-hour crisis hot-line, short-term counseling and prevention education.

According to Director Marilyn Hamilton, the student-volunteers usually work on the phone, but they must first complete 40 hours of group training at a rate of eight hours per week.

“The volunteers are the heart of the organization,” she said. “We would not be able to function without them. “This is a perfect time for someone to come through training,” Hamilton continued. “Our next training period is scheduled for Feb. 26.

Once volunteers are trained, they sign up for the shift they can work, which varies from one hour to eight hours.

They can take a home a pager from the center, so if they need to return home if necessary.

For some students it would be a big-time commitment, but it would certainly encourage look­ing into it,” she said. “Just be aware of your time and don’t over-commit yourself.”

Several animal-loving students with minimal extra time find volunteer­ing at animal shelters rewarding.

Even while she was student, she said. “It doesn’t pose an im­mediate threat to property or life and if we don’t need to risk emer­gency services, why do it?”

Hazardous material specialists wearing asbestos over­suits and dust masks were sent into evaluate the fire and discovered the body of a male shortly before noon, Peters said.

The engineer was pulled out a few hours later.

The train’s engineer narrowly escaped serious injury when a passing resident and a relative pulled him from the window of an overturned locomotive.

“I couldn’t see anybody else and one engine was on fire and the other engine blew up,” said Davis, 24-year-oldPLATFORM

The Taliesen Fellowship (of Northern California) Frank Llyod Wright Apprentice Exhibit "A Living Legacy" is now at the architecture art gallery (05-105) until Feb. 9. Gallery hours are: Tues., Thurs., Sat., Sun., 12-4 p.m. and Wed. and Fri. 9-12 p.m.

Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences is having its first meeting Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. in building 10, room 222. For more information, call Juan Gomez at 781-9763 or Carolyn Jones at 756-2577.

The SLO Tree Group invites everyone interested in enhancing our region’s natural resources to meet at Laguna Lake Golf Course Feb. 3 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call Lionel Johnston at 772-1701.

The Students’ Watts Patch is taking place Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at Dr. Shawn Burn’s house. For directions and information, call 756-1525.

Agribusiness senior Jerry Steel, a volunteer for Animals Requesting Friends, loves the feeling of helping people adopt unloved or running low pets with their owners / Daily photo by Jessyko Yamada

Animals Requesting Friends (A.R.F.). A.R.F. is an organization that focuses on reuniting lost animals with their owners and offers guidance to those who are considering adopting an animal.

The organization, located in See V olunteers page 6 -
UC president cites Affirmative Action delay, rift on failure to communicate

By Michelle Locke
Instructor Press

BERKELEY, Calif.-University of California President Richard Atkinson took a conciliatory tone in his first public remarks since a showdown with regents, blaming the fracas on a failure of communication—his.

Atkinson said he should have conferred with the UC Board of Regents before making the surprise announcement of a one-year delay in implementing the regents’ new policy banning current affirmative action programs.

“I have no question that board members who had not been consulted should indeed feel very annoyed...it was a peculiar set of events,” he said.

Regents angry over the delay, and Atkinson’s subsequent refusal to rescind it, came within two days of holding a special presidential performance review, an extraordinary measure.

The review was called off only after Atkinson backed down, writing letters to the regents and Wilson admitting he was wrong. He also cut the delay by six months and acknowledged the board’s expected. Atkinson later agreed to announce his resignation within two days of holding a meeting.

“Actually, it looks as if there may have been a total misunderstanding of both questions,” he said.

Atkinson is predicted to reach a student body that reflects the state...you get to get education...and that’s what this is all about,” said Regent Thai Busakir, who was also at the news conference.

Questions Thursday, however, were mostly about Atkinson, and how he thinks the confrontation with the regents will affect his future as UC president, a job he has held only four months.

Trouble between Atkinson and the board began when he announced non-blind admissions would not be implemented until fall 1998, a year later than expected.

Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, who is president of the board and has pushed for repealing UC’s old affirmative action policies, then summoned Atkinson to a tense 45-minute meeting.

Atkinson later agreed to make the changes by fall 1997 for minority and professional students, but refused to budge on undergraduate admissions.

$125 million for Poly by 2001?

By Jan Brooks
Daily Trojan Staff

If everything goes according to plan Cal Poly could celebrate its 100-year anniversary in 2001 with a $125 million present.

The Cal Poly Centennial Campaign, the largest fund-raiser in the California State University system, hopes to raise $125 million for Cal Poly departments through alumni and corporate contributions by 2001, said Bill Boldt, vice president for University Advancement.

Boldt said the campaign was initiated so departments can keep their technology and curriculum up-to-date as possible. The colleges have appointed full-time advancement directors to work with faculty to identify the needs of the colleges and match them with alumni and corporate contributions, said Boldt.

The campaign is still in its initial stages and, said Boldt. Ad­vancement directors will not begin publicly seeking funds until September 1997 with all fundraising scheduled to con­clude Dec. 31, 2001.

“This campaign will enable Cal Poly departments to continue their high level of excellence,” Boldt said. “State support is not getting the job done. We need to reach out to the private sector to stay ahead.”

All faculty and staff members for each college are involved in identifying their departments’ needs, said Boldt. However, only the advancement directors and their committees will be involved in the actual fund-raising.

Michael Barr, Agriculture Ad­vancement director, said the key to fund-raising is to get outside people interested and excited about the department.

"After that, the fund-raising will take care of itself," Barr said.

However, he said the first step in the campaign is to make sure the department agrees on where it needs to be in 15 years.

“We must learn from our respective industries," Barr said. "They are the ones who dictate what type of technology we need to acquire.”

Barr said the faculty is traveling throughout the state to visit with alumni and corporations to determine what needs to be improved.

Linda Emmick, Business Ad­vancement director, said she has been inspired by the high level of interest of the faculty.

“The dialogue and interest of the faculty have been great,” Emmick said. "We have a very open relationship with the faculty and we want to continue that with corporations and alumni.”

The advancement directors have their hands full and must follow a strict timetable to raise the money for the colleges, said Boldt.

Following the identification of individual department needs, the advancement directors will work for one year beginning this March to discuss the feasibility of their needs and establish a plan for raising the needed money.” Boldt said.

Boldt stressed that the money raised will primarily be used to improve academic programs.

The Cal Poly Plan will help provide direction for us to follow in determining and evaluating the needs of specific colleges," Boldt said.

The campaign goes hand-in-hand with the Cal Poly Plan by identifying the needs of depart­ments, said Boldt. The difference will be in how the money is raised.

“The Cal Poly Plan will help provide direction for us to follow in determining and evaluating the needs of specific colleges,” Boldt said.

Boldt previously worked at Cornell University in its Univer­sity Advancement program. Corn­ell raised more than $1.5 billion from alumni and corporations, said Boldt, and he will apply the same successful principles used there to Cal Poly.

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Re: campus rape and college justice

Editor,

I am outraged that Cal Poly would utilize the university's student disciplinary procedures when a crime of rape is involved instead of having the police handle the investigation of such a serious crime. Cal Poly students are not minors to be protected; they are supposed to be adults.

Cal Poly is obviously breaking the law by concealing crimes and barring the public from knowing about them. This is outrageous.

When a student reports the crime of rape to anyone at the university, the police should immediately be called and the university should stay out of the process. How can the university be above the law? Apparently the university is trying to prove to the public that there is no justice when it comes to crimes by male students.

My suggestion is that students and the university at all. They should call the police or 911, like any other adult would do if she was raped.

It is ridiculous for Cal Poly to handle such cases. Protecting the rapist more than the victim is unwise and injudicious. This is outrageous.

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BASKETBALL
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The Mustangs were 1 for 11 (7 percent) at the line for the first half and then turned around to sink 11 of their 12 free throws in the second half. Idaho State had almost twice as many trips to the line, a situation which has constantly aggravated Schneider all season.
The Mustangs have now fallen under .500 again with a 9-10 record.
"We're looking forward to being at home," Schneider said.
Cal Poly will also get to show off a semi-new face to the home crowd Saturday afternoon with freshman Ross Ketcham, who began his college career against the Hornets two weeks ago after redshirting for the first part of the season.
The 6-foot-7-inch forward out of Mission Prep High School had a good showing against Loyola Marymount last week with 11 points, and scored 13 against Idaho State on Tuesday.
Tipoff is at 1 p.m. in Mott Gym.
KIEDROWSKI
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people words of wisdom."
The second time around, Kiedrowski has changed her outlook.
"I just do things for me. I don't stop to let the world mess me up," she said. "I just do what I gotta do for me."
The five-foot-eleven prospective registered dietitian also has adopted an unconventional training regimen.
Nicknamed "barnacle" by her teammates for sitting out some of the practice laps, Kiedrowski sometimes doesn't stretch before events and cuts her warmup laps short.
"There's people that go hard every single practice, and then there's people who just kind of hang out," she said.
When it's time to get onto the blocks, however, it's back to business.
"When the beeper goes off, she's out there to win no matter who she's up against," Firman said.
Self-confident, yes. Competitive, definitely.
"The (women's team) admires her because of her competitiveness. The (men's team) does, too, because she has beat some of them," Firman said.
"Krista is an energetic, non-stop athlete," said English senior Tara Shima, Kiedrowski's teammate and roommate.
Even after four years of swimming, Kiedrowski still wants to use her final year of eligibility to resume what she came to Cal Poly to do — play volleyball.
"There's no way I can see myself just being a student," Kiedrowski said. "A lot of people are stoked when they're done with athletics, but I don't think I'd know what to do with myself."
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WASHINGTON — Congress voted Thursday to free the exploding television, telephone and home computer industries to "telecommunications "road map" into the new century — flew benefits of lower prices, better products and view points in radio, television and the print media." Congress has decided, he said, "that consumer protection must take a back seat to industry demand." At one point, the debate veered off on abortion. Seeing a "high-tech gag rule," Rep. Nina Lowey, D-N.Y., joined several other women congressmen, asserted the anti-pornography provisions would outline discussions about abortion over the Internet, the global computer network. Rep Henry Hyde, R-Ill., a leading abortion foe, assured members that nothing in the bill suggests any restrictions on discussions about abortion. To shield children from smut, the bill would outline transmission of sexually explicit and violent material to minors over computer networks. The House and computer user groups call the provision overly broad and unconstitutional, asserting it could outlaw legal speech such as the book "Catcher in the Rye." The House passed the bill overwhelmingly over computer networks. The bill would allow people a powerful new tool — a computer chip in TV sets allow viewers to customize shows and programs and allow children to see shows with less violence and sexual content currently shown on television. The V-chip sets won't be available for at least two years, says the Electronic Industries Association. Indeed, the TV industry, contending it would jeopardize advertising revenue in particular, opposes the provision in court. The bill would make it easier for cable and long-distance companies to provide local phone service — a $5 billion market by pre-empting state and local regulations. On the other side, local Bell telephone companies would be permitted into the $70 billion long-distance business — competing against AT&T, MCI, Sprint and several hundred smaller companies.

"Today, we have broken up two of the big government monopolies left — the monopolies in local telephone service and in cable television," said Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., who co-wrote the bill. Beside lower rates and better service, the result will be innovative new products and services. "The new conditions, many of them meant to ensure that," he said. By setting new regulatory ground rules, the measure also would make it easier for telephone companies to provide cable television — a $2 billion business — and other video services to customers. Many phone companies are developing cable systems now.

This new competition, sponsors hope, would keep cable television prices constrained after price controls are lifted. The bill would gradually deregulate cable rates which were put under government regulation just three years ago. Rates for customers of small systems would be deregulated immediately and rules on the rest of the industry would come off by 1999 — or sooner upon local phone companies getting into the cable business. "Cable rates are going to go up," said Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., and could rise significantly in the future," said Lyndon B. Johnson, D-Texas, who voted no. For the month of February

VOLUNTEERS: Play an important role with animals

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the county animal services building on Hwy. 1. asks only 2 hours a week from its volunteers, according to A.R.F. Director Larry Kahn.

"Whatever works for you, works for us," he said.

Volunteers take in information on lost-and-found animals, and then cross-reference information to reunite animals with their owners.

Volunteers play an important role in the lives of the animals at the shelter, Kahn said.

"The more people involved with the animals, the more likely the animals will be placed in a home. We always need more volunteers, they don't have to volunteer for the full 2 hours — it's not too demanding since it's only once a month," she said.

"And it's a gratifying experience. We invite for a community to come together and help each other. The hard part is trying to entice people to come into the animal shelter."

Anyone can help. "You don't need to be a member, she said. "If you've ever felt that you've helped someone else or you've made a difference. It's something you've done for someone else do for you."

For more information on these organizations or how you can help, call 544-0558; A.R.F., 544-1079 and the Rape Crisis Center, 545-8888.

SKATEBOARDING: Quick and easy transportation

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and warnings his department is issues.

"Most of them don't do any harm. But if we know they do it, we can help ourselves out," she continued. "It's not too demanding since it's only once a month," she said. "Just a small thing we do," she continued. "If it wasn't for our volunteers, we would not be able to serve that many people, " she said.

Although Steele, who volunteers six to eight hours a week, said it is sometimes difficult for them to manage his time. He encourages other students to volunteer.

"It makes you feel good to know that you've helped someone," he said. "You just need to have a little time and a good heart."
RASCO: Rasco said they’re concentrating on a “lifelong agenda” of education and training

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“We need to get back to the fundamentals,” she said. “Historically, agricultural issues have been nonpartisan.”

As Clinton’s top domestic policy adviser, however, Rasco has more on her mind than the 1995 Farm Bill.

Rasco serves as Clinton’s top domestic policy adviser, directing the president’s Domestic Policy Council, which helps to shape, implement and articulate the president’s domestic policy agenda.

“The biggest generalist in the White House,” she said. “However, the main areas we’re looking at right now are education and training, what we call our lifelong agenda.”

The focus on education, she said, starts at elementary school and continues through to the college level. But college students hold special regard.

“They are the emerging leadership,” she said. “We are constantly looking to see what we can do for higher education.

“We’ve tried to hit it on several fronts, such as larger tax credits, work-study programs and upgrades on the current loan programs.”

But for most students, graduating is only the beginning of an even tougher journey – finding a job. Rasco said she understands this, and offered hope and advice.

“I would tell (graduating college students) that I fully understand that (the job market’s) very tough. It’s very different than 25 years ago when I finished college,” she said.

“But I would also tell them that they need to have a really open mind, and to be flexible about using the training they received.”

FROM THE BLEACHERS

The celebrated frog dunking contest of Calaveras County.
The swimmer who couldn't quit

Krista Kiedrowski was a red-shirt her freshman year for the volleyball team and had not planned on swimming in college. But, the pool beckoned and she just couldn't resist.

By Pegoy Curtie

Junior Krista Kiedrowski originally tried to avoid the swim career that now boasts three Cal Poly swim records as a freshman and two nominations for the school's Athlete of the Year award.

"I hadn't planned on swimming in college," she said. "I felt like I had had enough with swimming, and I didn't want to deal with it anymore."

The Lodi native actually came to Cal Poly to play outside hitter and middle blocker for the Mustang volleyball team.

Midway through her first year as a red-shirt on the volleyball team, Rich Firman, asked the volleyball coach to mention swimming to her.

"We had heard about her (accomplishments)," Firman said. "And I know that she wasn't making the progress that she thought she would have made playing volleyball."

Today the 20-year-old is one of the Big West's top backstrokers, currently holds three Mustang swim records / Daily photos by Dawn Kulsar

By Doily Stoff Writer

Junior guard Shanta Cotright came to the same conclusion about the road losses.

"We didn't play as hard as we should have," Curtight said, and also blamed the road-minded enemy within. "It's not said, but it's there."

Cal Poly hopes to pick itself back up Saturday afternoon by beating a seemingly-easy American West foe.

"We'll redeem ourselves for Tuesday night," Levesque promised.

Sac State is currently in the dumps with a six-game losing streak; its last win coming from an overtime victory at Idaho State.