Public discusses EIR for proposed sports complex with scientists, consultants

By Leslie Miyamoto
Daily Stall Writer

Scientists and environmental consultants met Monday night with concerned residents Thursday night at the Monday Club to discuss the environmental impact report (EIR) for the development of the proposed Cal Poly sports complex.

Chris Clark, representing Fergus & Fergus, discussed his consulting company's finding and proposed solutions for the EIR.

Clark began the meeting by explaining what the proposals are for the sports complex.

The proposed site is located on the northwest corner of campus and will occupy 30 to 40 acres of land. The first phase of the sports complex includes baseball and softball stadiums, soccer and football fields and a 250-car parking lot. The second phase includes a football stadium built to seat between 10,000 to 12,000 fans.

Since Cal Poly has proposed that students, the city and the Athletics Department pay for the first phase, the sports complex would also be used by the community.

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See EIR page 3

New student-seating quota for men's basketball games upsets students

By Melissa M. Geisler
Daily Stall Managing Editor

While a battle was being fought on-court between the Cal Poly and Simon Fraser men's basketball teams last Friday night, another smaller fight was going on outside Mott Gymnasium—in the ticket line.

Student's arriving after tip-off found they could not get in for free by showing their school ID because a "student quota" had been filled, even when Mott Gym had not.

City and regional planning junior Belinda Kazanci and journalist junior Lenna Chavdarian were just a few students who were both confused and upset about having to pay for admission.

"We went to the game hoping to support our school and team, and we were told by the doorperson that the student quota had been filled and it would cost us $4 per person to see the game, even though Mott Gym wasn't filled," Kazanci said.

Mott Gym's capacity is 3,200, but the attendance Friday night was listed at 2,741.

English senior Michael Pinson was one student who was told he had to pay, but didn't.

"He said that tickets "should be on a first come, first serve basis until Mott Gym fills up."

Kelly Newton, Cal Poly ticket office coordinator, said the quota system began this season and allocates 1,300 seats for students at home basketball games.

"The quota was filled," she said. "Students were not turned away at the door. They were told they could buy a $4 ticket."

Chavdarian said door attendees would not explain why they had to pay, just that they had to if they wanted to see the game.

"We protested and asked to speak to someone who could help us understand why we were being forced to pay for an event that is supposed to be free for tuition-paying students, we were given the classic runaround," Chavdarian continued.

Both Cal Poly Athletic Director John McCutcheon and Ticket Manager Brian Bartles said students have been informed about the allocation of seats available to them.

In a press release, the Athletic Department encouraged students to "pick up a ticket in advance" to "insure convenient student access to home men's basketball contests during the 1996-97 season."

The release also stated that "students will have an opportunity to pick up a ticket in advance at the Recreation Ticket Center Office for each game that they intend to attend" and "any tickets not secured by the students by the end of the pick-up period will become available for public sale."

"No where in the release did it list that there are only 1,200 seats available to students for free," Bartles said.

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True identity of female arrested discovered

San Luis Obispo police resolved confusion surrounding the Friday arrest of a female who identified herself as Erin Renee Carlson.

The female arrested in Atascadero for attempting to sell music equipment stolen from five local bands was actually a 17-year-old runaway who goes by "Jen," from New Milford, Conn.

Police realized the female was not Erin Renee Carlson, a computer engineering senior at Cal Poly, after questioning her.

The juvenile had assumed Carlson's identity shortly after May when she took a bus out to San Luis Obispo, where she arrived unexpectedly on the doorstep of a pen pal.

Detective Dave Darbyshire said he would not comment on whether Carlson was the juvenile's pen pal.

"The juvenile had taken Carlson's Pen ID card and got enough information to assume her identity," Darbyshire said, adding that an intern California driver's license in Carlson's name had been found on the juvenile.

"She had even gone through court before and had been sentenced under (Carlson's) name," Darbyshire said.

On Oct. 7 the juvenile was arrested in the county for carrying a concealed weapon and vandalism, Darbyshire said.

The juvenile, whose name police cannot release, has been moved from county jail to the juvenile center and has been charged with applying for a driver's license under false pretenses, in addition to attempting to sell stolen property.

Darbyshire said she will now go through the juvenile system, and most likely be put on probation.

He said the department will contact local law enforcement agencies to clear Carlson's police record. He met with her on Monday to advise her on checking her credit records, and said that everyone should check their records periodically.

"This happens all the time. A lot of people who get booked on misdemeanors are not going under their right identity," he said, adding that police do not have the time or funding to check fingerprints on every arrest.

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Carlson was unavailable for comment.

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—Belinda Kazanci, city and regional planning junior
Students helped by new aid services

By Stacey L. Johnston
Daily Staff Writer

Two new services are being offered to assist Central Coast students with college planning.

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A new educational consulting company located in Atascadero called United Student Aid (USA), and the other is national financial aid advice services provided by Sallie Mae.

USA staffs a student in determining education and career goals and also conducts specialized scholarship searches.

The office opened last year and is one of more than 700 licensees nationwide of the HOPE Center of Colorado, the databank where searches are processed.

For a fee of $150, USA provides clients with a customized 135-page report which identifies their financial aid, education and career options.

"That report is specific to your particular needs and desires," said Hayden of the Atascadero office. "It's not a general report for everybody."

Hayden said planning your college education involves more than just securing a financial aid package.

He said USA provides information that students can use to make lifelong decisions.

The report includes information about occupational opportunities, and additionally to scholarships, grants and loans.

Director of Financial Aid John Anderson was not familiar with this particular service, but said, "people who have questions regarding career choices should start with Cal Poly's own Career Services office to assist them—that's free to them."

Anderson also said, "We don't encourage students to do scholarship searches through paid services, since they can do that through (the financial aid office's) web page."

Hayden, however, is confident with the quality of his services.

"There's a guarantee," Hayden said. "If you're not happy with what you receive, we'll refund your money. We are so sure of what we have here.

The financial aid information, the office's web page is an option. It can be accessed from Cal Poly's page at http://www.colpoys.edu."

"I would encourage (students) to access that page," Anderson said. "There are also web sites that are in the information available from that single page."

Anderson said the page features links to sites where students can find out about other sources of aid.

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CSU trustees pass 10 percent fee increase, hope state will cover costs

By Jennifer Bark
Daily Staff Writer

The California State University Board of Trustees approved a $1.9 billion budget that includes a 10 percent increase in student fees.

According to Kia A. Smith, a representative of California State Student Association, there will be no fee increase at this time. The 10 percent student-fee increase was added to the 1997-98 Support Budget proposal just in case the governor thinks it is needed.

Dennis Armstrong, representative of the CSU Chancellor's office, explained that every year "we have to put it in the budget whether we want it or not. If we don't ask for it now, we can't get it later if it is needed."

Armstrong said the trustees are looking for state funds to cover the increased costs of soaring enrollment. From fall 1991 through fall 1994, CSU enrollment dropped because of state budget cuts and subsequent course reductions. However, last year's enrollment took a "drastic leap," with an increase of 5,500 more than the previous year.

CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz believes this is due to a "strong demand for the CSU's academic programs, as well as the healthier state of both the economy and the state budget," according to a statement released by his office.

Cal State Northridge has recorded the biggest leap in student enrollment, while Cal Poly has increased its enrollment by almost 1,000 students over the last year. San Diego still remains the system's largest campus at 29,096, according to Karen Young of the chancellor's office.

EIR: Concerns addressed were noise, traffic, environment and social development.

Some concerns addressed by Clark were noise, traffic, environmental and social. Yet Clark's company suggested solutions, some of which involved Cal Poly students.

"From a long-term standpoint the key issues have to do with the operation of the facility. We are going to have about 15 acres of turf that's associated with the playing fields and stadium fields," he said. "The turf is something that is carefully managed which means there are pesticides and fertilizer on it. One of the features that will be provided in our analysis is the idea that the university will have to develop programs for turf management here."

Another concern recognized in the EIR was whether or not to tear down the existing sheep unit since it is more than 50 years old, and therefore considered a historic resource.

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By Karen E. Spaeder

Ah, to be a salesperson.

To be able to plaster a phony smile on one's face, pounce on every potential sale, convince customers that they need $60 wrinkle cream or a mink for that bitterly cold California weather — and to be paid for it. It must be dreamy.

Then there's the other side of the dollar bill: Ah, to be a customer.

To be able to snoop at salespeople, order them around like servants, gripe about the price of things to the 16-year-old girl who gets paid minimum wage and who, of course, must make all the decisions when it comes to pricing the items in the store, and later scream at her when she points out the large "No refunds or exchanges" sign on the counter. Even dreamier.

I'm no stranger to the world of sales. In fact, I spent more than three years of my life sizing people's feet, squirting perfume on little fragrance cards, running back and forth between sales floors and stock rooms, holding back when I wanted to let loose on ladies demanding a refund on their three-year-old shoes — nasty, petty ladies who, when I'd try to explain company policy, had no problem yelling at me till I was sure they had mistaken me for an ex-husband. Quite dreamy.

Granted, there are many salespeople who only see dollar signs when customers walk in the door. There is nothing worse than salespeople who attack you as soon as your toes cross the line in between the outside world and their little world of buying and selling. Maybe they are working on commission and need to make sales in order to keep their jobs, but it's a major turn off to me to be bombarded with phony sales pitches, phony smiles, phony statements like "That metallic jumpsuit with orange tassels and velvet, leopard-print pockets would look just fab on you."

But there are also salespeople who are just trying to make a living or work through college, people who like honest interaction with customers and enjoy their job for reasons other than making a buck. They might be hard to find — especially now that Christmas is just one month away and one can't even browse through the card store without being assaulted — but decent salespeople do exist. I hope I can find one. If I have to buy something, I would much rather deal with a human being than with salespeople who seem to have painted smiles on their faces.

Karen Spaeder is an English senior and gets her jollies by pretending to speak only Spanish when talking to salespeople.

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You must include your full name and phone number for verification (the phone number will not be published); students, include major and class standing. Mustang Daily reserves the right to edit for clarity, grammar, length and otherwise.

Recently, I have received an inordinate amount of letters and commentaries that "need to be published for a class assignment." Because of space constraints, I can in no way guarantee that a letter will be published, but if you e-mail your work, make sure it is well-written, concise and regards a subject that is timely and hasn't been overworked already, it has a greater chance of running.

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Silence!
By Elisa Rhein

I am writing to send a message to all freshmen living in the dormitories because the continuous violation of the quiet hours rule on school nights greatly distresses me. Those who have the rule state that freshmen must remain quiet after 10 p.m. on school nights. However, certain noisy freshmen do not consider the many students who are trying to sleep or study during those hours. I don't want to sound like a parent or a nag. But lately it has been extremely difficult to have a moment of peace in my dorm room. In the last two weeks, I've gotten no less than three late hour letters. Enough. But your daily grumble goes worse when you are welcomed by a cacophonous blaring stereo that's running and screaming down the halls when all you want to do is take a short nap. Or picture yourself returning to your room after a long day at school. You thought surviving three hours of class was bad enough. But the noisy freshmen must do their part to respect the needs of those who are trying to study. A compromise would create an environment where students could study and sleep after 10 p.m. on school nights. Perhaps the rest of the day to go noisy.

I hope that this message makes not only freshmen, but also Resident Assistants more aware. It is their duty to enforce the quiet hours. Simply telling students to turn their stereo down is not always effective.

Elisa Rhein is a political science freshman

Don't throw out the baby with the bath water

Editor,

Picture yourself at the Christmas dinner table, breathing in the savory smells, feeling the soft warmth of someone else's hand on your shoulder, listening to the quiet hum of conversation. That's Christmas, and that's the true meaning of the holiday season. In the midst of it all — brown, steaming, and overflowing — is a turkey. For many, the process of selecting a turkey as s/he was strung upside down, shrieking and laughing as you read this letter. But even if you are not a turkey lover, you should at least consider the many students who are born and raised in America, their improved images will be well earned. With all the chaos and complications repeatedly associated with infamous frat parties and crazed rush weeks, it is nice to see that in SLO, "Silence!"

Kristin Long Environmental engineering sophomore

Save the turkeys

Editor,

I must say that I was thoroughly disheartened by both the passage of Proposition 209 and the open怒 response of many people to the turkeys. It is a sad day for the turkeys and the community living in the dorms.

I'm not asking that the dorms be silent all of the time; I just understand that community living is supposed to be fun and a way of making friends, and usually involves conversation or laughter. However, it also means being able to compromise. I do my part by studying at the library in the afternoons and in the main study lounge of the fraternity houses during the early evenings. But the noisy freshmen must do their part to respect the needs of those who are trying to study. A compromise would create an environment where students could study and sleep after 10 p.m. on school nights. Perhaps the rest of the day to go noisy.

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In the time that I have been attending Cal Poly, I have not had any of the most flattering reputations, but if they continue to involve themselves in projects such as the botanical garden, their improved image will be warranted. And what's the point of all the chaos and complications repeatedly associated with infamous frat parties and crazed rush weeks, it is nice to see the houses going out of their way to help their community. Keep up the good work, guys!

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Racism is not
equal

Editor,

This is in response to the Nov. 18 article titled, "Boardroom racism not surprising to many blacks." If this great nation that we live in is going to become a better nation, then whites would be unfairly treated. There is a natural mine of discrimination one of the greatest factors that corporate America needs to resolve. The best person for the job is the one who should be hired, not the one with the lightest skin or the one who is of a certain gender. If this great nation that we live in is going to become a better and stronger nation, we as a people need to stop racial discrimination now.

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When I walk into a department store, the employees pay extra special attention to me. Employees follow me around the store waiting and watching to see if I shoplift merchandise from their stores. I'll be the first to admit that African Americans steal, but so do whites, Hispanics and other every race on the planet. I feel that African Americans are the only race that gets extra, unnecessary treatment when they shop in a department store.

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The release said that the "policy is being implemented to insure student access to contests, spectator safety and to maximize overall attendance."

McCutcheon said that the quota is in no way trying to deter students from attending the game because the student population is where a large amount of support for the team comes from.

We are really at the high end of the norm.

Another reason McCutcheon pointed out was safety:

"The primary reason is to create a controlled environment that is safe," he said, emphasizing that the department is trying to create a balance between student allocation and reserve seating.

Out of 3,200 total available seats in Mott Gym, 1,300 are allocated for students, while the remaining 1,900 are reserved for paid ticket holders: season ticket holders take up 850 seats, 900 seats are left open for reserved seating and head coach Jeff Schneider said 150 are required by the Big West Conference to be left open for a visiting team.

McCutcheon, Bartles and Schneider met Monday afternoon and told Mustang Daily they have extended the ticket pick-up time from the day before a game to the actual game time.

Date Assistant Sports Editor Jennifer Cornelius contributed to this report.
Bill Walsh's visibility on the rise

By Dennis Geoghan
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — When Bill Walsh rejoined the San Francisco 49ers, coach George Seifert told him he could spend game days anywhere he wanted. The last few weeks, it's been more like everywhere he wanted.

On Sunday at Washington, with television cameras following his moves in a search two newspapers jokingly called "Where's Walsh?" Walsh spent time in a suite with club president Carmen Policy and general manager Dwight Clark.

From there, he went to the coaches' booth, where he stood lit­erally on the shoulder of offen­sive coordinator Marc Trestman. Then he spent the last few minutes on the sidelines consulting with offensive line coach Bobb McKintieck and quarterbacks coach Matt Cavanaugh.

Officially the team's adminis­trative assistant to the coaching staff, Walsh coached San Francisco to three Super Bowl titles in 10 years before returning to work for the organization as an advisor.

Initially, he maintained a low profile but three weeks ago he con­vened a players meeting to discuss some offensive problems. In San Francisco's 38-20 win over Baltimore, he donned a headset for the first time this season and listened to Trestman's play calls so he could make more informed sug­gestions.

He had headsets on again for the Washington game and twice strode into the adjacent coaches' booth and passed Trestman notes with a couple of play-call recom­mendations and a personnel sug­gestion.

Seifert said Walsh has become more assertive over the last few weeks as he has grown more accustomed to his consulting role.

"It's taken a while for Bill to feel comfortable to go up to a play­er or some of the coaches and say something," said Seifert, who was defensive coordinator under Walsh. "It is a bigger story than it really is but everybody under­stands why.

"Seifert acknowledged the pres­ence of Walsh has put additional pressure on both him and Trestman.

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front of Cal Poly's crowd."

Not only is Olive worried about the tough crowd expected for the game, he has also lost several important players to graduation.

"We're not as good as we were last year," Olive said. "We lost a lot of personnel from last year's basketball team."

At the top of the list is former big man Ime Udoka, who scored 17 points and pulled down eight rebounds against Cal Poly last year.

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**Quote of the Day**

"There are no games tomorrow"

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**SPORTS**

**Basketball shoot-out tonight at Mott Gym**

By Franco Castaldini
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The preseason predictions about Cal Poly's chances in the Big West Conference will become more accurate after the conclusion of the Loyola Marymount game.

If Cal Poly defeats LMU, let the hype begin. If they lose in a close game, the indiscriminate predictions will still exist. If it's a blowout for LMU, it could be a long season for the Mustangs.

Tuesday night's game will be Cal Poly's first meeting with a bona fide Division I team this season. It's inexcusable to lose to its Big West opponents.

"Loyola is a huge game for us," said head coach Jeff Schneider. "It was a team that beat us by 12 points last year and a team that finished third in its conference."

The Lions will challenge Cal Poly with its height and size — similar to what the Mustangs will face in their league.

LMU suits up a much taller squad than Cal Poly and will most likely cause problems inside for the Mustangs.

"They play real big," said Larson, who scored 19 points in last year's game against LMU. "If we can contain him and his 246 rushing yards is the second most touchdowns in a game and his 246 rushing yards is the second highest in Cal Poly's three-year I-AA history."

"We expect a really tough crowd," Olive said. "It's going to be a tough game and we have to make it hard for (Williamson) to get the ball down court."

Olive admitted that he's been worried about facing Cal Poly in Mott Gym.

"We expect a really tough crowd," Olive said. "It's going to be a tremendous challenge playing in front of our pressure defense."