Erosion increasing on campus property

Recent rains, Utilidor, reservoir project seen as catalyst of moving soil

By Megan Long Daily Staff Writer

The Utilidor is inconvenient. To students and other people on campus that is well known. But how is it affecting the environment, especially in the areas most people don’t see?

“The Utilidor is tearing up Cal Poly (so it’s losing a lot of soil),” said Erik Kruse, a soil science junior. Kruse specifically feels that there are problems with the excavation site on the hill behind the South Mountain residence halls. At that site, a 500,000 gallon water reservoir is being constructed near an existing 35,000 gallon holding.

Near Poly Canyon Rd., holly bales have been set up to stop erosion.

“The Utilidor is being constructed for firefighting reasons,” said Wolf, explaining that the new reservoir would provide the campus with increased water capacity if ever needed.

Wolf said that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was not done for the site.

“The project is categorically exempt from an EIR because it is upgrading existing facility,” Wolf said, referring to the existing reservoir.

Phil Ashley, a support technician for biological sciences, said the project violates the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA requires an EIR to be done whenever a project may cause significant effects on the environment. It also states that a project should not be found categorically exempt if it will have significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

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Ashley said he doesn’t feel that the construction is very damaging. The new reservoir would provide fire-fighting water capacity if ever needed.

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Cano recipient of national teaching award

Biology professor will accept microbiology award this May

By Kellie Karhausen Daily Staff Writer

Most students at Cal Poly don’t spend much time on the fourth floor of Fisher Science building, unless they are majoring in a science. There, you will encounter a lab that Raul J. Cano and his students have used to discover ancient bacteria and conduct other scientific projects.

In May, Cano will receive the American Academy of Microbiology’s 1997 Caskey Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award at the academy’s annual meeting in Miami Beach, Fla.

Cano found out he won the award while checking his messages from a hotel room in Oregon. He said he had no idea that his students had nominated him. Now, he said he is more worried about giving the 15-minute lecture on the awards banquet.

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Director of Women's Center aims for gender equality on campus

By Jennifer Bark
Daily Staff Writer

The Declaration of Independence states "All men are created equal." But what about women?

Patricia Harris, coordinator of Women's Programs and Services at Cal Poly, is trying to advocate the equality of women.

"I have a soft spot for re-entry programs," she said. "Some of the staff here knows what's going on. She puts everything together." Harris is also involved in the Women's Center without funding the feminist exclusive to women.

"I have a soft spot for re-entry programs," she said. "Some of the staff here knows what's going on. She puts everything together." She added that the vandalism motives of the vandals are to turn the fraternities against each other.

He said that a few years ago, around seven fraternity banners were stolen. He estimated the banners had cost between $300 to $600 each. But he said those fraternity banners that had their banners professionally done could have cost about $6,500 for each banner.

Lambert said the solution to the banner theft may be to remove them every night.

"It's not necessarily a women's issue," Harris said. "I'd like to see it turn into a week just dealing with violence. It's not necessarily a women's issue," she said.

"It seems to be a problem, and women are equal," Harris said. "And as things start to change, more and more students will be able to say, 'We're not going to tolerate such treatment, some of the things going on,'" she said.

"Take Back the Night," a national event held in spring publicizing and protesting violence against women. "I'd like to see it turn into a week just dealing with violence. It's not necessarily a women's issue," she said.

"I think it's guys that are trying to mess up our rush," Upp said. He said he thinks this may have taken place because their fraternity did well last year.

He added that the vandalism didn't affect their recruitment. "Kappa Sigma fraternity's booth was also vandalized.

The idea of feminism, as well as other related women issues, are to be addressed during Women's Week, Feb. 9-21. This year's theme, "Women's History Month, the full spectrum" begins with a Gala Opening in the Performing Arts Center at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Advisor to the student committee in charge of the event, Harris has seen the event grow since she came to Cal Poly more than 13 years ago.

The student-run event was changed this year to open two weeks to make the programs more accessible to students.

"With having only one week, things were packed into a 9 to 5 day for five days in a row," Harris said. "There was no way you could go to all of the activities."

The official Women's History month is March, but due to conflicts with finals and spring break the student committee decided February was a better time.
FEMA: Is it moving too fast now?

By Kevin Gelin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Just a few years ago, the Federal Emergency Management Agency was accused of being slow and woefully ineffective. Now it's catching flak for its speed.

Troubled by reports that FEMA sent checks to California homeowners without conducting inspections after the 1994 Northridge earthquake, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has been pressing the agency for an explanation.

"I find it very disturbing that FEMA is in the practice of distributing disaster payments on a pay first, ask questions later basis," McCain said.

FEMA officials say the agency is being unfairly targeted for criticism after several media accounts wrongly suggested that FEMA's decision was based on social prejudice.

In response, Rubba said she confronted a final argument which says Ebonics patrimony African-Americans by assuming they can't acquire standard English without special help.

"Ebonics is not genetic in the sense of DNA," Rubba explained. "What leads to dialect differentiation is segregation - physical, economic, or social."

Dialect arises from culture, not biology, she argued.

Having dealt with these arguments and fielding questions from the audience, Rubba cautiously approached her summation.

"The insistence upon standard English is the root of social prejudice," Rubba said.

In a handout given to the crowd, Rubba stated, "The belief that some varieties of English are inherently inferior to others is no different from the belief that some skin colors are inherently inferior to others."

Ebonics graduate student Lori Levine said, "I agree with Rubba's conclusion, but I question how we get over this subtle prejudice so children can learn." Others that attended asked about the implementation of Ebonics, the mechanics of teaching it, and the government cost. In response, Rubba said she see LECTURE page 7.

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In her opinion piece (Professors should teach facts...), Heidi Laumen failed to make her point, and managed to prove only that she apparently still hasn't learned how to present her facts in class. Heidi wants us to know that her political science professor gave her a "spineless attack" on unnamed professors.

Heidi tells us that, in her professor's opinion, states "are countries without a sovereign government." But her professor wasn't expressing his personal opinion on the subject. He was defining a term as it is used in the field of political science. When her journalism professor explained the definition of the word "copy," she told him that for the first time, did Heidi think he was just giving his opinion? And I won't go into the fact that, even if her professor was giving her opinion, she would have to be a hypocrite not to respect it, since this is what she expects from him.

Heidi also misses the point in the same way when she gets indignant over the use of the word "revolution," and whichever or not the American Revolution really was one. It's just a matter of definition. Heidi, hot this down though. I'd love to compare handy on your upcoming midterm: A revolution is the comprehensive" transformation of a system and society."

Heidi also complains that her professor is trying to force "newfangled kind of history" on her and her classmates. But what "facts" of her own does she give us to support this complaint?

She seems to believe in - you know, the philosophical advantages of democracy. It was driven by a minority of rich white slave-owners who were more concerned with economics than philosophy. The Americans were able to assert their independence because Britain was unable or unwilling to pay the military costs to protect or maintain its hold on the colonies. How much was all that political philosophy worth when the Confederates wanted to assert their independence during the Civil War? I would encourage you to challenge your political science professor on some of his claims. I don't doubt that for every claim he has made, he can give you a reading list of sources and back up everything he says with research, all of it supported by fellow academics in his field. To be fair, it doesn't mean he's any more right than you are, so long as you are able to back up your own claims with similar support. What often happens in Liberal Arts classes is when a student expresses an opinion and receives a poor grade, it is not because the professor disagrees with the opinion, it is because the opinion is not adequately supported or not argued very well. Devotion or faith in a particular belief is no substitute for rhetoric.

I would also urge you to consider this - if you had a different political science professor that, instead of objecting to your own personal moral and political views, agreed with and supported you, would you be so quick to question his authority? Would you truly be concerned about your other fellow students failing to obviously biased opinions out of fear of getting a bad grade?

Liberal arts professors are not being paid to support or carry your own personal views. They are being paid to tell you if you are arguing and supporting them effectively.
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ally see yourself in a power posi­
tion," Harris said. "But these posi­
tions sometimes create situations
with harassment." Working with the Sexual
Assault Task Force, Harris also
deals with a lot of safety issues. According
to Harris, the biggest problem is not the
lack of resources, but the poor location
of them.

"They are so scattered, they
need to have a central location," she
said.
The VIP (Violence Intervention
Program) also ties in
with safety issues. A grant from
the federal government allowed
Harris to put together a diverse
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Control Board with a govern­
ment claim, a document required for
using a branch of the government,
Hamilton said.
The complaint could only be
amended to include Cal Poly 45
days after the government claim
was served, Hamilton said.
If Adida has his way, Cal Poly
won't be part of the suit.
Adida has three reasons for
asking that Cal Poly be dropped
from the suit. First, the university is "legisla­
tively immunized (by Government
Code section 845) for any alleged
failure to provide sufficient police
protection or security services on
campus," according to Adida's
motion. Second, Adida claimed that "it's
really not the alleged lack of light­ing
that is the cause of her injury,
but what her assailant did to her.
Adida supported his argument
by discussing five similar cases in
which the court found that the
quantity of light had nothing to do
with the opportunity to commit a
crime. The third reason Adida gave for
asking that Cal Poly be dropped is
"that even if the university or its
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down on Sunny Cloud, an Atlanta housewife, for selling such kits without the agency's approval. Critics said the FDA, despite con-

ling teen-age drug use, was

ommissioner William Schulz said in outlining the proposal at the hearing.

After the agency completes work on the plan, it will be sub-

mitted for public comment prior to becoming an FDA regulation.

Under the proposal, most home kits could sell without FDA

permission as long as samples are mailed to laboratories where tests are done by a method the FDA has certified to be accurate at detect-

ing drugs, Schulz said.

Also, the kits must contain proper consumer instructions and, because no test is perfect, must disclose the chances of a false result.

The FDA has approved 200 urine tests, and most laboratories use one of them, so Cloud's home kit probably is permissible, Schulz said.

"No laboratory drug test for hair has been approved, however. So unless the FDA approves such a test before the proposed regula-

tion becomes final - probably in two years - kits that collect hair samples would have to stop sell-

ing, pending formal FDA approval, Schulz said.

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date director, said McCain that ineligible homeowners were noti-

fied by letter, and then by tele-

phone, that they had to return the money.

"Using these procedures, the vast majority of ineligible ex-

uated assistance awards have

already been recovered," Sutter wrote.

Trapped in a Cold War mind-

set, FEMA used focus more on nuclear war contingencies than on disaster relief. But the scorn heaped on the agency for its

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ASI from page 1

but added he was glad a decision was finally reached.

In other business, ASI also approved a final resolution, against the sale of alcohol at the Performing Arts Center (PAC). In writing this resolution, ASI asked Foundation and the university to

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sees the problem handled most effectively on an individual and local level.

Linguistic Professor Habib Sheikh said, "The background and explanations Rubba presented helped calm debate."

Sheikh also said, "The debate on Ebonics lies in calling it a second language. Linguists view Ebonics as a dialectic variation."

Sheikh said Rubba's lecture imparted knowledge rather than inciting debate.

A final question remains. Is it okay to discriminate against people for the dialect they speak? For Rubba, the answer is no.

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This season, Jackman continues to be a threat to Cal Poly. He is fifth in the Big West Conference with 17.9 points per game, second in shooting from the field with 54.9 percent and third with 82 percent from the free-throw line. In last weekend's 57-40 win over U.C. Irvine, Jackman sank 17 points and grabbed five boards.

Point being: when Jackman is hot, the Vandals win.

Idaho has won its last three games, after a five-game losing streak. Currently, it is shooting 47 percent from the field and 35 percent from the three point line. As of January 29th, it was ranked 10th in the NCAA Division I with a 73.5 free-throws percentage.

Off the court, Cal Poly and Idaho have a few similarities:

- Both teams have a 3:5 conference record (Idaho in the Eastern Division, Cal Poly in the Western Division) and a 10-11 overall record.

- Both are new to the Big West; the Vandals were part of the Big Sky Conference last year and the Mustangs were in the American West Conference.

- Lastly, both teams play better when at home — a lot better. Cal Poly has an 8-2 home record (2-7 away) while Idaho is close behind with a 7-3 home record (3-4 away).

The home to away records alone show that the Mustangs have a slight advantage entering Saturday's 1 p.m. home game against the Vandals at Mott Gym.

"It does feel good to be back at home," said Cal Poly senior guard Shanta Corlett. "It has been tough for us on the road — it always has been — and in the Big West it is even tougher."

"It's going to be good for us, this five-game stretch," he added. "The home games: will give us the confidence boost we need to jump start us into finishing the season strong."

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Men's basketball more prepared than ever

By Melissa M. Geisler
Daily Assistant Managing Editor

The Cal Poly men's basketball team finally gets to play its first home game against Westminster College Saturday at 9:30 a.m. The Mustangs were originally scheduled to play Westminster on Jan. 25, but the game was canceled due to rain. Cal Poly is 1-4 this season and is looking to get some wins under its belt before conference play begins on Feb. 21.

Daily photo by Michael Torres.

Schneider said Idaho's main style of play focuses on senior forward Jason Jakman. "They send the ball inside to Jakman," he said. "He was the player who hurt us last year, he averaged 16 points per game."

Last season, Cal Poly and Idaho split games. The results of both games could be linked to Jakman's overall performance. In the 86-84 overtime loss to the Mustangs, Jakman only sank 19 points. In Idaho's 84-78 win, Jakman scored 31 points.

"Those were great games," Schneider said. "The game here was one of the best we had played all year."

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SPORTS

University on Saturday and U.C. Davis Sunday. Last year the Mustangs went 1-1 against Northridge and 1-0 with Santa Clara.

"They aren't going to be easy matches; we have to play well," Rios said. He added that home matches will give the Mustangs an advantage because they are used to the courts.

Last year the Mustangs finished in second place in the American West Conference with a 7-13 record. This year is the Mustangs' third season in Division I play and Rios' second season as a coach.

Mustangs ready for weekend

Daily Staff Report

The offense is on fire, the pitching staff is soled and the Mustangs are 4-0 heading into this weekend's series against University of San Diego (USD).

**Baseball**

The Mustangs swept the series against St. Mary's last weekend, out-scoring the Gaels 32-12. On Wednesday, they routed Patten College 19-4.

Leading the offense is second baseman Scott Kilgore, who is batting .692 with 6 RBI and two home runs. First baseman JD Rader is also on fire, batting .756 with six RBI for the season.

Strong pitching is helping the Mustangs. Sophomore Mike Zirelli, who is expected to pitch Friday, picked up his first win of the season against St. Mary's after seven innings of shut-out baseball.

Last season, USD finished with 19-9 and lost to the Mustangs 8-9 in the West Coast Conference, 25-29 overall.

Returning starter include out- fielder Job Dougherty and catcher Tony Betancourt. Dougherty was the Toreros top hitter with a .348 average.

The series begins Friday at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's and Saturday's and Sunday's games are at 1 p.m.

**Track**

The 10-11 Mustangs hope to hit .500 or above Saturday when they face the University of Idaho Vandals at 1 p.m. in Moth Gym.

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