ASI postpones sports complex vote one more week

By Amanda Keller
Daily Staff Writer

The doors were wide open at Chumash Auditorium, the site of ASI's Board meeting Wednesday night. The accommodations seemed equally accessible, judging by the number of seats available for the public. The meeting, normally held in U.U. room 220, was moved to Chumash to accommodate more than 200 attendees.

Although the board discussed the controversial sports complex issue for more than 90 minutes, no final decisions were made on the issue for more than 90 minutes, saving it for some future project.

ASI's Parker said; "This university is sorely lacking facilities. This has been on the table for a long time. Club sports deserves this facility."

Still others wanted to put the issue to a vote and let the public make a decision. Representing the public was Greg King, ASI vice president of operations.

Another issue has to do with the $350,000 a year maintenance fee will not be provided by the University as it will be if ASI goes with option "C." Option "C" consists of the decision to go ahead with the 30-year extension, putting the full $4.9 million into the complex and going with the original size. All six fields would be built in partnership with the University and maintenance would be provided for 30 years with no cost to students.

"I see the only option the University has given us is the $4.9 million," said board member Diane Martin. "But the University has an option, it can take away the maintenance it has provided (the sports complex)."

"I don't see option "D," said social science senior Susie Oliver

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Move over computer science. Ornamental horticulture graduates from Cal Poly are in big demand by industry employers throughout the country.

Graduates working in turf management are sought by the golf course industry that is growing by leaps and bounds, said Virginia Walter, interim department head of environmental horticultural science.

Walter emphasized the wide variety of careers available to horticultural graduates. They can work in production as greenhouse managers growing flowers, potted plants or foliage plants. They could grow industry stock like trees and shrubs. They are in demand in the irrigation and pesticide management fields. They also work extensively in small-scale landscape design and installation, and the retail plant industry.

Social Security numbers as I.D. can bring trouble

By Joefrey Varner
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replaced paper filing systems in most businesses and government agencies. Administrative services want a simple way to sort out each person on file. To avoid confu-
sion when people share the same name, most systems assign a unique number to each file. Many businesses and government agencies believe the Social Security number is tailor-made for this use.

Besides Cal Poly, most California universities use a different system other than Social Security numbers for identification
number purposes.
We use computer-issued permanent numbers," said Sandy Swarson, director of student serv-
ices at U.C. Berkeley. "I appreciate the conversion because I am a student myself and I know a couple of people who have gotten ripped off, and I sure as hell don't want it to happen to me." Sanders said.

Despite this danger, Cal Poly hasn't yet converted to a new sys-
tem of identification cards. According to Cordova, a lawyer for the University Legal Counsel, Cal Poly is not changing its system.
Cordova, who has researched this matter off-and-on for nine years, said Cal Poly's system was in place before 1974 and is exempt from the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, also known as the "Buckley Amendment") of 1974.
According to FERPA, schools that receive federal funding must require written consent for the release of educational records or personal identifiable information. The courts have stated that Social Security numbers fall with-
in this provision. Schools must comply to retain their funding.
FERPA applies to state col-
eges, universities and technical schools that receive federal fund-
ing. Students can argue Cal Poly is violating FERPA by displaying Social Security numbers on iden-
tification cards or distributing class rosters or grade listings con-
taining Social Security numbers.
But many campuses and univer-
sities including Cal Poly have not interpreted the law this way and continue to use Social Security numbers as a primary student identifier.

However, according to the Privacy Act of 1974, Cal Poly and other universities that request a person's Social Security number are required to tell him or her four things:
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Most Cal Poly forms request

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Lighting for fields draws OH concerns

Staff and students in the environmental horticultural science department have recently become concerned about potential lighting pollution from the proposed sports complex.

The new sports fields are planned directly west of the horticulture unit, and the location and intensity of night lighting could negatively affect plants growing at the unit.

"All plants have a light-sensitivity response," Walter explained. "We have some plants that need short days to flower. Winter dormancy in plants is triggered by short days. Lights would interrupt this natural plant cycle."

Ellen Bradk, the technician who manages the horticulture unit, said excessive lighting could affect the poinsettias. "They need darkness to turn red."

According to Walter, the horticulture department does not know if the lighting will cause problems at the unit, but they are concerned that the issue has not even been addressed. "I am 100 percent in favor of intramural fields, as long as they are not lighted." Walter said she is concerned whenever the Friday flower sales in the University Union begin.

The shop sells cut flowers, tropical house plants and nursery stock (outdoor plants), she said. Students also are responsible for the Friday flower sales in the University Union. The plant shop staff makes up the arrangements, and other ornamental horticulture students sell them. The proceeds from the sales go to the department.

The live-in students at the horticulture unit are responsible for plant watering and closing down the unit each day. "You are here to protect the unit," Dameron said.

In addition to lecture classes and a wealth of labs, horticulture students have many opportunities to make money. Utilizing Cal Poly's "learn by doing" motto, they can undertake "enterprise projects," where they develop and sell a product.

Walter listed enterprise projects as one of the key parts of the ornamental horticulture program. "The poinsettia crop is the big thing right now," he said. "Five students are working on this enterprise project. These students have been raising these plants since last spring. It is a long-term commitment. You have to agree to the whole project. It is a fantastic learning experience."

Helen Angley, a clerical assistant assigned to the horticulture unit by Foundation, works with the students on the financial aspects of their projects. She noted that the "poinsettia project is the largest project we have. They take on that project in the spring quarter and grow plants non-stop, each student putting in at least 500 hours. They will sell the entire project in the first two weeks in December.

She explained how the enterprise projects work.

They are completely separate from class experience and work study. It is like a campus job. Foundation works as the bank, students get two-thirds of profit after expenses," she said. "Enterprise projects get unit credit which fills one from three units depending on complexity and time involved in the project. A faculty advisor is assigned to each project. The student signs a contract with Foundation's business office. One-third of the net profit comes back to the EHS department through Foundation."

One of the things the project does, Angley said, is that it

-By Leslie Stevens

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Insane criminals don't consider the consequences

Editor,

This opinion piece is directly in response to all the hoopla over the Pepsi monopoly on campus. It seems simple enough to me that you have two choices in the matter. Do nothing or something.

The doing nothing statement is in conjunction with the philosophy of one dollar equals one vote. Every time the consumer purchases a product they are in fact casting a vote. Every time you purchase a Pepsi from a vending machine, Back Stage Pizza, or The Avenue, you are telling Campus Dining that you like Pepsi. The more Pepsi you buy the more votes that you are casting for a Pepsi monopoly. If you disagree with Campus Dining and their soft drink policy, don't buy any! Hit them where it hurts, in the wallet.

Next time you are in Backstage Pizza order a water or just bring your own soda or beer from home. It’s simple, if you don’t like it, don’t buy it, do nothing.

The doing something statement gives me a warm fuzzy feeling. The warm fuzzy feeling that one can get from chaos vandalism and social unrest. If you don’t like the Pepsi monopoly feel free to vent your frustrations on the nearest vending machine. Knock one over, kick in the shiny chrome and steal the money. Then dump cans of Pepsi in protest on Doster Lawn. If you don’t like that approach try spray painting anti-Pepsi slogans on the white bright Campus Dining vehicles. Hold rallies in the UU, organize an “I hate Pepsi” club on campus. If you don’t like it take an active stance in the anarchy and the ultimate destruction of the Pepsi Empire. You now have two courses of action that you can take. Which course you choose is up to your best judgment. Remember if you want to, you can make a difference.

Brian Shapiro is a political science senior.

Death penalty is hypocritical

Editor,

I just wanted to comment on the opinion article on the death penalty that appeared in Thursday’s Mustang Daily. I had a very hard time sympathizing with the author, mostly because I don’t understand his argument. For example, Mr. Johnson stated that “we need to stop sentencing� on how a murder is committed, and judge on the fact that it was committed.” Does this mean that Mr. Johnson would like us to give the death penalty to all soldiers that commit murder during war? Or how about police officers who kill an escaping criminal? I really don’t think that he would approve of tossing out death sentences to all people who kill, without considering their motives.

My second problem with Mr. Johnson’s point; it sounds to me like he disapproves of all types of murder, whether they were premeditated or not, and that they should be given the same consequence, namely the death penalty. That sounds nice, but in my opinion, the death penalty is murder. How can we tell John Doe that it’s wrong for him to kill, but that it’s okay for our government to kill? I think that by supporting the death penalty, one becomes a hypocrite. If killing is wrong, then it’s wrong and no one should be allowed to do it. And I find it amusing that we put so much trust in a small group of people, and so allow them to decide which humans are worthy of life. I don’t believe that any of us have the right to judge other people; and I strongly disagree when those who judge have the power to take a life.

Carey M. Moles is a psychology senior.
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 ajust special component of the ornamental horticultural unit is the student-maintained arboretum.

The Loening Pine Arboretum provides a living lab for the students to do research and experimentation with growing new varieties of Mediterranean plants. Arboretum overseer and professor Thomas Eltzroth said that "all work is done by the students. There is no staff involved. You name it, it is done by the students."

The arboretum was started in the early 1970s, and was named for a leasing pine tree that was planted at its entrance, Eltzroth said. The tree was lost in a windstorm about three years ago, he added.

The goal for the arboretum is to grow and evaluate any plants from the five Mediterranean areas of the world and see how they do in our area. Eltzroth said. Once the students have proved themselves, they will be grown for the public to see how they can be used in a garden setting.

Education is the overriding thrust of the arboretum," Eltzroth said. "We educate the public as well as the student.

Nursery people take cuttings from some of the plants to start new plantings, and landscape people also ask for new, he said.

The palm area of the arboretum is currently undergoing redevelopments as part of a student's senior project. Eltzroth said. Succulent and other plants grown by the student are being added to the area to provide color and interest.

Two other garden areas have recently been added to the arboretum. They include the dwarf and unusual corder collection and the formal garden. These areas depart from the Mediterranean plantings in other areas of the arboretum, but are valuable for their distinctive plants and planting styles.

In sharp contrast to the more natural Mediterranean gardens, the formal garden uses an old-world, European style. Formally clipped, low hedges create pathways surrounding plantings. In the center of the garden is a large, raised, wooden planter filled with flowering perennials, highlighted by a 4-foot, multi-tiered fountain.

To maintain and develop the garden, the arboretum uses some fund-raisers. Eltzroth said that the Adopt-A-Tree program is open to whoever wants to participate. Individuals, organizations, or businesses can adopt a tree for a fee.

They are basically donating a fee for the long-term maintenance of the tree. It's a way for them to put a plaque with their name on it," he said.

The arboretum is currently being paid by a nursery to perform these plant evaluations to find out how well the plants will grow here, Eltzroth said.

The arboretum is used occasionally for some social functions. There is a barbeque area with serving tables that can be used by campus groups. The area is reserved through the department, and food service is provided by Campus Dining.

In the summer the lawn area in the arboretum serves as an extra stage and picnic area for the annual Shakespeare Festival. When the campus location and lush natural environment, the arboretum serves many purposes. And that is okay with Eltzroth. "My philosophy is that I want people to come up and use it for lunches, naps on the lawn or just to enjoy it.

As a way surrounding nature's beauty wasn't enough, Angley said, the arboretum has "four or five jobs for every student that graduates. The only problem is that students cannot always get their first choice of location."

The bottom line, Angley said, is that 'people are begging for our students.'

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while addressing the board.

Another issue addressed at the meeting was that of the urgency for ASI to vote.

"As a result of last week's meeting," said Rick Johnson, ASI associate executive director, "the University has reinforced the need to move forward."

Many students and faculty asked the board not to rush their decision on a $4.9 million commitment.

"Whenever there's no time, it's a good signal to this board that you're not being given the chance to look at the board range," Oliver said.

"Where's the emergency?" math Professor Paul Murphy asked the board. "You are not Individuals, organization (the project). You were the first ones in. You waited 18 months for everyone else to catch up to you."

Despite the desire to slow down the voting, many once again pointed out the importance of the fields.

Sargent King, ASI vice president of operations, said: "We've been through discussions on time con- straints. If we do not start in April of '98 we'll have to wait a year and that's just not a really good position."?

"NCAA dictates that we have to provide our athletes fields to practice on," said Juan Gonzalez, vice president for student affairs. "We will not delay. The athletic department will proceed forward. There will be a ground breaking in spring of '98. There's no debate."

While students have been pleading to obtain the voting rights on this issue, not one word was spoken by the board about sending the complex or fee extension to a referendum.

"The only thing on the table was to either vote on the fee extension or extend the vote until next week," said Sargent. "My recommendation to the board is to go with option C - the $4.9 million. If we go with option B we'll have to re-negotiate our contract with the University."

"We've all heard about the three options and time constraints," said Dan Geis, ASI vice president of finance. "I think it's bad policy to collect money and not service it. The best bang for our buck is definitely option C."

Board member Jennifer Makalintal asked: "A lot of students are very upset. They are still in a time constraint. I think we should wait until we're sure."

"If we actually do postpone the vote, I think that we actually do something wrong," said board member Chris Makalintal.

"I really encourage the body to use this time," said Tom Spengler, ASI Chairman of the Board. "If we come back next week and our questions aren't answered, we've bought a week."

The board then voted to extend the vote until next week's meeting, with one dissenter.
that a student fill out their Social Security number as part of the identification process.

For example, when a student fills out an application for a Campus Express Card, he or she not only writes down his or her name, but also his or her Social Security number. In addition he or she will turn in this form attaching a check with the bank account number or write in his or her credit card information. If anyone were to get a hold of this form, he or she would have access to every credit holding that student has. “As a lawyer I should probably protest, but it makes it go a lot smoother if I don’t,” Cordova says.

According to the Cal Poly fall schedule, there were 298 incidents that involved someone using Social Security numbers on student identification cards. Approximately 140 of these incidents were due to credit card companies. “I don’t know of any changes that will be taking place in the near future,” Cordova said.

Other students have flat-out refused to let their Social Security numbers be on their identification cards. “It let be known that I didn’t want my Social Security number on my card, so the administration issued me a different number,” said Martin Haynes, political science junior.

Whether Cal Poly will convert from using Social Security numbers on student identification cards is uncertain. According toCORDA, the use of Social Security numbers on student identification cards is engraved in the school system and it is hard to convert to other forms. “I don’t know of any changes that will be taking place in the near future,” Cordova said.

- Sports Editor Kim Kaney contributed to this story.
Cross Country hosts Cal Poly Invitational at Cuesta

Daily Staff Report

Cal Poly runners' feet will pound competitively over the rolling hills of the Fairbanks Cross Country Course at Cuesta College for the first time this weekend as they host this year's Vaqueros Sports Cal Poly Invitational. The new course, dedicated to late Telegram-Tribune Editor Jeff Fairbanks, includes a wooden bridge, and is mostly dirt hills. Runners from more than 30 schools will cover the 5K women's course and 8K men's course. Cal Poly senior Lori Fancon, who leads the Big West for women, and Greg Phister, third in Big West mens, will lead the Mustangs against such schools as Pepperdine, U.C. Santa Barbara and U.C. Berkeley. Fancon will be supported by freshman Jennifer Spahr, sophomore Hillary Carlson and freshman Melissa Wlarde, while Phister will look to senior Rick Exponda and Joe Taverner and freshman Sean Phillips to place the men's team in the running. The Mustangs are offing a weekend of rest. The meet will start at 9:40 a.m. for women with the men taking off just before them at 9 a.m. Also at the meet will be high school and junior college competitors in separate races, along with men's and women's open races.

SPORTS TRIVIA

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SCHEDULE

TODAY
- Volleyball vs. Utah State @ Matt Gym, 7 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. Univ. of North Texas @ Mustang Stadium, 7 p.m.

TOMORROW
- Cross Country hosts Cal Poly Invitational @ Cuesta College, 9 a.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. U.C. Santa Barbara @ Mustang Stadium, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
- Volleyball vs. University of Nevada @ Matt Gym, 2 p.m.

Sports Bar

Senior defender Gina Moss pushes a Pepperdine forward aside to clear the ball off the Mustangs' end of the field. Moss and the rest of the Cal Poly women's soccer team will run onto the field first Friday night to take on the University of North Texas. The Mustangs, 11-4 overall, are coming off two wins last weekend against University of the Pacific and Pepperdine. While the Eagles, 11-3, are coming off a loss to Cal State Fullerton. Cal Poly leads the Big West Conference with its 3-1 record. But North Texas leads the NCAA in scoring with 69 goals in 14 games. On the defensive side the Eagles' goalie Amy Chandler leads the Big West. Daily photo by David Wood

Elated senior guard Melissa Theriault and senior forward Melinda Mann celebrate the Mustangs' 78-68 victory over the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos Tuesday. The Mustangs, 6-2 in conference and 13-4 overall, are ranked No. 2 in the Big West behind only Pepperdine, 7-1 in the conference and 14-2 overall. With the win, the Mustangs moved into a tie for second place in the Big West with Pepperdine. UCSC, 4-8 in the Big West, is in third place. The Gauchos fell to 3-9 in the conference and 7-11 overall. The Mustangs will host UCSB Thursday before traveling to UC Santa Barbara Sunday. Daily photo by David Wood