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By Peggy Curtain
Daily Staff Writer

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This year's homecoming, "Spirit Under Construction," is going on in full force. This whole week has featured events that began Monday, and will culminate with Saturday's football game at 1 p.m. in Mustang Stadium.

Laura Miller, agriculture business junior and publicity coordinator for homecoming, said she is excited about homecoming.

"There are more activities, there are more clubs involved, it's just bigger and more fun," she said.

Damas Johnson, agriculture business junior and homecoming chair, said he was also excited about this year's homecoming. He said it was just a few years ago that Cal Poly was lacking in spirit. But now, he said, the camaraderie is back.

"Three or four years ago, homecoming wasn't happening. The parade was maybe 10 floats. Now it's going to be about 60," Johnson said.

This year's activities include the Lough Olympics, and one of its events involves mackerel. Each participating club will send two representatives to the event—people onto the field fine man to hold an egg while in any public area. It also states that no person under the age of 21 is legally permitted to consume alcohol unless supervised by a parent or guardian.

ASI rejects proposed city alcohol policies

By Amanda Keller
Daily Staff Writer

Ears perk up during a discussion concerning alcohol and minors at Wednesday's ASI Board meeting.

The topic centered on a recent draft of the city's proposed之城 to crack down on minors caught with alcohol.

The city brought prohibition ordinances to the Student Community Law Committee (SCLC). This committee, with one of its members on the ASI Board of Directors, then asked ASI to state its stance on the ordinances.

The SCLC, made up of Cuesta and Cal Poly students as well as representatives from various city and university groups, is a go-between between the student body and the city.

"If it's endorsed by students, it will be easier to pass by the city," said Board Vice Chair Noel "Bubba" Murraka.

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However, it was not these statements that ASI had difficulty digesting Sections 9.05.010 and 9.05.020, dealing with consumption of alcohol in private areas and homes, caught the board's attention and criticism.

"I felt the two city ordinances focused on the punishment and fear instead of the roots of the problem," Murraka said.

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Tuition decrease made up for in state funds

By Iolea Lay

The 5-percent tuition decrease Cal Poly and all California public universities saw this fall will be covered by a $79 a-year increase in state funds.

Quick Facts

• Student fees dropped 5 percent in early October.
• The $79 increase is in a $29 drop in CSU undergraduates.

Tuition decrease is accompanied by a replacement of an equivalent of taxpayer dollars, said the governor's office.

State Sen. Jack O'Connell said there is an excess amount of money in the state fund.

"It's a result of the expanding economy," O'Connell said. "It's a function of a healthier economy. That's why the revenue is on the plus." The College Affordability Act of 1997 (AB1318), proposed in March by Assemblywoman Denise Ducheny (D-National City), reduces student fees for the University of California, California State University and California Community colleges.

Governor Wilson approved the law on Oct. 10.

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Sue Arell, business senior, said the fee freeze will help him save some money. "It'll help me save a lot extra pennies," Arell said. "And it makes it more stable so you know how much to plan out for every year."

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He added that U.S.-mandated U-2 spy planes would continue to fly over Iraq despite Baghdad's threats to shoot them down.

In Paris, the French Foreign Ministry condemned the expulsion. France is among the Western powers most sympathetic to Iraq. "The execution of its Oct. 29 decision is unacceptable," the ministry statement said. It regretted that Iraq has failed to "answer our call to cooperate fully with the special commission, which remains the only way for Iraq to succeed in having the embargo removed."

For the last 11 days, Butler has insisted on sending Americans on U.N. inspections, and each time the Iraqis have barred the U.S. inspectors from entering suspected weapons sites.

Last week, Butler accused Iraq of taking advantage of the suspension of inspections to move sensitive equipment and tamper with cameras that monitor weapons sites around the clock.

Iraq claims Americans dominate and manipulate the U.N. Special Commission, which conducts the inspections, to keep some sanctions in place.

After more than six years of inspections, Butler's team says Iraq is still trying to conceal information on its weapons programs.

Earlier Thursday, Aziz said again that Iraq was willing to cooperate with the U.N. weapons inspectors — except for the Americans. Aziz, who arrived here Monday for the council debate, said Iraq "is ready to continue its cooperation with the non-American inspectors and allow them to perform their duties 'fully.'"

Aziz said, however, if Butler decided to remove the entire team, "he will bear the responsibility for his decision."

The U.N. Special Commission said a skeleton Gym: a high priority, and we've lived up to that," McCutcheon said.

With last year's success of the men's basketball team, students have had to get their tickets ahead of time to make sure they had a seat for the game. Some students who have not gotten their tickets in advance have turned away.

"Every game, student tickets sell out," industrial technology senior Matt Hendry said. "We're already committed to these games, and by emphasizing education, we want us to make (the renovation of Mott Gym) a high priority, and we've lived up to that,"

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Cal Poly Athletic Director

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theater-style seats.

"It's going to be a design-build process," McCutcheon said. "The exact configurations, the exact number of seats, all these things will be answered through the process."

McCutcheon would not comment on other additions that could be made to the gym, such as an upgraded donor reception room, but he did say the job will cost less than $1 million, none of which will come from student fees.

He said most of the money was expected to come from ticket sales and the selling of seat options and licenses. Seat options allow people to buy tickets for a set number of years. The other money will come from private donors.

The gym, built in 1969, is much smaller than most other Division I venues, such as the Thunderdome at U.C. Santa Barbara and the Pyramid at Long Beach State.

As a provision for entering the Big West Conference in 1996, the ASI Outings committee was charged to put the renovation of Mott Gym high on its overall list of improvement projects.

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it is unlawful to host a gathering where alcohol is being served with five or more persons under the age of 21 present. Both sections are open and under the control of those in debt.

But the statistics of student drinking still have city officials concerned.

Martin Bragg, director of health and psychological services, said, "We did a survey of Cal Poly students last year. While drinking among Cal Poly students is lower than the national average, it is still considerable.

According to the San Luis Obispo County Police Department reported that the majority of perpetrators in violent crimes are intoxicated while committing them.

"The city and state are becoming very serious about stopping minors in possession," said Juan Gonzalez, ASI vice president of student affairs.

The board wrote its own resolution on the matter, stating its disapproval of sections 9.05.010 and 9.05.020 and approval of the other two. The resolution encourages the city to educate and not just punish minors after the fact.

The board also encouraged SLC to follow its actions by not endorsing the two sections and by emphasizing education, not fear, while still recognizing the severe problems of under-age drinking.

SCL will pass its decision on to the City Council which will then vote on the issues.

In other matters, the board passed a motion made two weeks ago to forgive club debts from the 1996-97 fiscal year. The

staff of about 15 people would remain in the Iraqi capital. The number included a few technicians to monitor surveillance cameras along with a Chilean helicopter crew working for the United Nations.

In Bagdad, Iraq turned back U.N. inspection teams. After Friday refused to let Americans on the teams through to visit suspected weapons sites.

About 1,500 Iraqis, meanwhile, took to the streets of Baghdad shouting anti-American slogans and waving Iraqi flags in the latest government-orchestrated protest.

"Our soul, our blood, we sacrifice for you Saddam," the crowd chanted, jabbing their fists into the air. One banner read, "We condemn the stance of the American spics."

Hundreds of Iraqis camped out at Saddam's main palace in Bagdad for a fourth day to protest it from any possible U.S. attack.

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Have you ever fallen asleep in class? Your head drops onto the hard, icy desk-top and dreams have already started brewing in you. You are taken to a peaceful place, you are warm, comfortable, surrounded by remnants of your nap that it won’t move. Suddenly, the desk is too small and your body is stiff. You feel the overwhelming urge to stand up and stretch.

Sometime shortly after my arrival at Cal Poly, I fell into a comfortable nap. I was blanketed by Cal Poly’s outstanding reputation and the so-called “prestige” that comes with acceptance to the school. I don’t feelI was keeping myself peaceful.

With a reputation like that, surely a good education could be achieved with ease. After all, I was at an academic school right? I just woke up and realized that my desk is too small. It is covered with Seantics, Pepsi cans, and course pages. I try to clean some space so that I can work, but my arm is numb. Maybe I haven’t expressed myself clearly. Am I the only one here who is trying to learn something? I think not. To look at my GPA, you might think “Hmm, just another average biology student.” But talk to me.

By Shonna Waldon

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Is anybody as sleepy as I am?

Three million dollars for sports complex. Seven dollars a quarter extra I am paying to fund something I don’t want or even care about. Did I have a vote? By the way I am not saying I want to go forward education. I don’t even care if it goes to my department. I am sure there are plenty of other departments that could use it. Has anybody tried to campaign a 300-level English course lately? My arm is still numb. What so do I do? Someone please tell me. I want to learn, not memorize. I want to make a change, but I don’t know where to begin. Does anybody else feel this way, or is everybody still sleeping?

Shonna Waldon is a biological sciences junior.

Four million dollars for sports complex better spent redecorating the U.U.

By Nathan Pontious

Fact: If you are poor and/or have lost your Cal Poly identification card, you’re in a lot of trouble.

No free bus ride, no free gym. Why go living in SLO when there is nothing here for me. I am so alone. Crap, another parking ticket. Sound familiar? We all know this person. Maybe we’ve just bored. I guess I am unlike most people in that I see San Luis Obispo as a raging metropolis. Then again, I am unlike most people in that I come from a “city” whose biggest claim to fame is the Roy Rogers-Dale Evans museum.

Nevertheless, the following is a list of quick things that I consider worth doing for free. So slap that “I love the SLO life” sticker on your car, don your favorite beat-up sneakers, and hope that no charges are assessed by the authorities moments before his column comes from a “city” whose biggest claim to fame is the Roy Rogers-Dale Evans museum.

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B. Hang out on the sidewalk in front of Linen’s cafe. Let’s face it, if you’re into Gothic culture, this just may be the closest thing to a Cure concert in SLO county.

C. Play bocce ball or something in the downtown parking structures. This only works at 2 a.m. If you are anywhere downtown at 2 a.m. it is a bit hilarious, as all the bars are emptying out and people are drunk.

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Top teachers could get handsome award

By Leslie Stevens
Daily Ovift Witer

This month Cal Poly students have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of their favorite teachers. By nominating them for the Distinguished Teacher Award, students give these professors a chance to be recognized by students and faculty for the exceptional jobs they do.

The award, started in 1983, is traditionally given to three teachers each year.

There is no set criteria a teacher can meet to receive the award, but the student nominations are looked at very carefully by the Faculty Awards Committee. Mostly, the committee looks for teachers who make a connection with their students and are effective in communicating knowledge.

English professor Linda Halisky, a previous award winner, described her feelings about receiving the award.

"Frankly, it is the thing I am most proud of in my career here. I was very pleased. Teaching is what I am best at — what I love. The feeling that your students felt moved to go to the trouble to do this meant a lot to me," she said.

Professor Thompson has students Elizabeth Ritter, agricultural science sophomores, and Erik Smith, agricultural business junior, in his classes this quarter.

"He seems very enthusiastic about his subject and relates the subject to the students," Ritter said. "You get the feeling he is in touch with the students. He explains it in ways students can understand."

"He makes class fun," Smith said. "He enjoys students, and jokes with us, but he also teaches us a lot of economics. He is a good guy!"

According to Faculty Awards Committee Chairman Philip Ruggles, about 100 nominations are received each year. All nominations are then turned over to the committee and reviewed. The committee consists of five faculty, all previous award winners, and two student members.

Committee member Halisky described the decision-making process.

"Once the nominations are reviewed, nine finalists are chosen. We try to make it possible to spread them around to different colleges. We want as broad a representation as possible. We try to recognize different (teaching) styles. Each of those nine teachers is visited twice, once during winter quarter and again in spring quarter. If they are on leave, we will visit twice in one quarter," Halisky said.

Once the nine finalists have been thoroughly reviewed, Halisky said the committee meets to discuss their observations before selecting the final three winners.

"That is hard, because you are seeing really good teachers at this point," she said.

In some previous years, faculty members were also permitted to submit nominations. But, with the implementation of the teacher merit pay system known as PSSI, Halisky said the decision was made to return to student-only nominations. She explained that because the award can be used as criteria for merit pay increases, the committee wanted to ensure that this issue would not be a part of the nomination process.

In addition to the recognition and personal satisfaction that comes with the Distinguished Teacher Award, winners receive a $200, an official notification from President Baker, and about $1,000 to spend any way they wish.

"We want to use homecoming to give clubs and organizations time to plan their event — let their hair down. This is the break students need. All we do is try to give them an opportunity to enjoy their excitement instead of their frustration after midterms. "I hope they will remember that no matter how old they get, they'll always keep their kid at heart. Because that's what this is. This is us going back and having a good time. Back when you were little and you didn't have a care in the world and you could just have fun. That's what I want this to be about," Johnson said.

Johnson said coming up with the homecoming theme was not very hard. Inspiration was all around them.

"We came up with the theme because we thought it would be a great way to market homecoming. Because you got all those orange cones everywhere, you got tractors everywhere. So what we were doing was putting our posters on cones, we use caution tape everywhere — it's an easy way to market homecoming," he said.

A complete list of events can be obtained in UU room 209. Since rain may force the relocation of some events, up-to-date information is available at 756-7576 or 441-0037. Don't miss this weekend's games, Cal Poly Television will have full homecoming coverage for the new, run-down and a "lookback," plus a sports preview and highlights on the "The San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency, Inc. (EMSA) is offering the following emergency medical training courses. Preregistration is required for all classes. Call 546-8728 Ext. 2, for additional information/application.

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Nazi war criminals barred from getting veteran benefits

By Tony Czviko  Associated Press

BONN, Germany — Shamed by the protests of Jewish orga­
izations, Germany put a stop Thursday to nearly 50 years of go­

government disability checks for those suspected of being Nazi war criminals.

By unofficial counts, 50,000 German veterans suspected of Nazi war criminals are quietly drawing such bene­

fits, including former members of the notorious Waffen SS.

Meanwhile many Holocaust victims are still struggling for restitutions from the German government.

Parliament sought to redress the balance Thursday by amending the 1956 Federal Benefits Law to strip veterans of disability rights if they "volo­
ted the principles of humani­
y or the law" during the Third Reich.

The vote came in a show of hands with Chancellor Helmut Kohl's ruling coalition and most opposition lawmakers in favor of the amendment.

"Atrocities must weigh heav­

er than war injuries," said

Birgit Schnieber-Jastram, a

Kohl's ruling coalition and most

leftist opposition Social

Democrats dissented in the amendment under pressure from Jewish groups and opposi­

tion politicians after the dis­

ability pensions came to light early this year through reports in the German media.

In March, the Los Angeles­

based Simon Wiesenthal Center threatened an inter­
national campaign against Germany if it didn't stop the payments.

Three lawmakers from the leftist opposition Social Democrats dissented in Thursday's vote. They voiced concern that the new amend­

ment "is a great moral and po­

litical success."
Golf takes a shot with a grass-roots project

By Ron Sirks
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NEW YORK — Despite the impact of Tiger Woods, golf is an overwhelmingly white sport in which the average age of new players is nearly 30, according to organizers of an effort announced Friday to make the game more accessible and affordable.

The initiative, called The First Tee and organized by the nonprofit World Golf Foundation, plans to create hundreds of new golf facilities over the next 10 years to bring a more diverse group of people into the game.

"While the focus of The First Tee will be introducing young people to golf, everyone will be welcome to join those of us who love the game and want to see it grow," said former President George Bush, the honorary chairman who spoke at Thursday's announcement in Central Park.

Other announcements were scheduled for later in the day in Detroit and Houston.

Despite the fact that more than 8 million of the 25 million golfers in the United States play on public access courses, well-off adult players are largely responsible for the game's recent growth.

The average age of the beginning golfer is 59 and less than 2 percent of children ages 12-17 are introduced to golf each year, according to the National Golf Foundation, one of the project's sponsors.

Of those under 17 exposed to golf, only 15 percent are from families earning less than $30,000 annually.

And, in an issue dramatized by the success of the 21-year-old Woods, only 3 percent of golfers in the United States are black and only 2 percent are Hispanic.

"Those numbers have to change," said PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem, chairman of the World Golf Foundation. "Golf can teach many lessons and open many doors, but it has been too difficult for many people, particularly kids, to find affordable access to the game."

Joining Bush and Finchem in Central Park were U.S. Golf Association president Andy Bell, Tiger Woods Foundation chairman Bob Charles, PGA player Tom Watson and LPGA Hall of Famer Pat Bradley.

"Those of us who believe in the values of golf want to see the opportunity to play the game extended to all segments of our population," Finchem said.

Part of Woods' impact has been a noticeable increase in the number of children, minorities and newcomers in galleries at PGA Tour events.

And the record victory in April by Woods at the Masters — played at Augusta National Golf Club, a private club that symbolizes the exclusive side of the game. Augusta National is one of the major sponsors of The First Tee project.

The Tiger Woods Foundation was started a year ago to help those from disadvantaged backgrounds get involved in golf.

"Our goals are compatible with those of The First Tee," Tiger's father, Earl Woods, said. "We have pledged our full support to the new program."

The initial two-year goal of The First Tee is to identify sites for 100 golf facilities that will be able to introduce golf to as many as 1,000 children and adults annually.
Wooldridge follows in brother's steps

By Kellee Kerchens
Daily Star Writer

"I feel like I may be around the best soccer player in the world," said Wolfman's older brother James. "I remember when I was four years old sitting at his games." Wolfman said. "I tried to do anything he would do, and since he played soccer, a lot was the best way to be like him.

Since then, Woolridge, 20, has been playing soccer. He played four years of varsity soccer at Leland High School and was the captain his last two years.

The summer after his senior year Woolridge went to St. Louis, Mo., as an All-American. He played soccer as a part of a 16-member team that represented all of the Western region. Woolridge said he got the opportunity to play with some really good players and let him see how he would do against players heading to Division I college teams.

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There is one difference between the two brothers. James Woolridge came to Cal Poly for a year, but he never had the chance to play for the Mustangs. He is now playing for a Division II professional team in Hawaii.

Woolridge said seeing his brother playing pros over the last five years has made him strive to do more than he did. Woolridge's one of his biggest goals is to start every game this year against Cal Poly. So far he has done just that, starting in 44 consecutive games since his arrival in San Luis Obispo in 1995.

"The best thing at Poly is being able to see my parents every weekend; come to 90 percent of the games," Woolridge said.

Woolridge, 5-foot, 9-inches, stands out on the field for his footwork and for his shaved head and unique ethnic mix, a look of African American and Japanese.

"His vision is great, he has excellent ball skills and that combination leads him to be able to anticipate things, so he's not reacting at the time, he is initiating things," Gartner said.

The team practices two hours a day during the week during both fall and winter quarter. Woolridge said soccer gives him a break from school everyday. The worst part of soccer for Woolridge is having to get work done on the road.

"Poly Woolridge is a very good player, he's very calm mannered, calm and composed on the field," Gartner said.

Woolridge said his strengths are that he makes things simple and his vision and knowledge of the game. But he added his weaknesses are his size and that he is not good one-on-one.

"I think my most memorable game was my first year when we played Portland at Portland. They are a top-10 team and we were pretty much a no-name at that time and we ended 3-3 in overtime and tied," Woolridge said. "We were happy underdogs.

Woolridge said this year of few wins has been frustrating, but winning the tournament each year has been a highlight.

The outlook for next year's team looks good, according to Woolridge. He said the players are more motivated than ever, "They are hungry to play and win.

As for life after college, Woolridge, a psychology junior, has plans to go to graduate school to become a therapist, but only if he can't follow his brother's footsteps into professional soccer.