Student vote shuts down health-fee increase

By Mark Hartz
Daily Staff Writer

Students won't be paying more for health services next year. The majority of the 971 students who voted Wednesday and Thursday voted against the $25 health-fee increase.

Out of the nearly 17,000 students at Cal Poly, only 6 percent registered their votes on Wednesday and Thursday—587 against the increase and 384 in favor of it. "With a low turnout (at the voting booth), it isn't what people think, it's what the people who vote think," Martin Bragg, director of health services said. "The students have had every opportunity to know what the fee is about. (But) trying to pass a tax increase is difficult." The fee would have increased by $14 in Summer 1998 and by another $9 in Summer 1999. Right now the fee is $28 and is incorporated into the total registration cost.

The money raised would have gone to decrease the Health Center's drain on the Cal Poly General Fund and its own trust fund. One-third of the money would have been added to financial aid funding. The money would also have expanded some specialty services, including dermatology and psychology, kept the center open an extra eight hours a week and paid for after-hours advice nurse.

Cal Poly students probably won't be faced with a similar vote again next year. "It's pretty unlikely that I'm going to go through referendum next year," Bragg said. He said he might go to student groups or Cal Poly President Warren Baker to look for other alternatives to raise money for the Health Center, which has been running on a deficit since 1995. Technically, Baker has the final say on the increase, but he is expected to follow the student vote.

Outside the polls, set up in Kennedy Library, the UU and the Business Building, students expressed their opinions on the increase. "I voted no," Kim Wendell, graphic communication junior said. "I think prices are too high already. I think they should get the money from somewhere else. If they want to raise the fee, it shouldn't be by that much." Grace Fleming, biochemistry freshman said, "I voted against it because it means I would have to pay more money. My mom is already complaining because (school) costs too much."

Anne-Marie Devine, speech communication sophomore, said, "I voted no because I feel our fees are high enough right now. I wouldn't mind paying money for an individual health visit, but we pay enough already." A few students felt the money the fee could generate would be put to good use. "Sara Hartson, journalism junior, voted for the health fee increase. "I used the Health Center a lot and I think it would be good if they had more late hours," she said. "I think the (phone consultation) nurse is a good idea."

"I voted yes," Sivraj Abulaban, biochemistry junior said. "I think the money generated from the fee would have been used to hire new staff and expand weekend hours, she thought it could help her get a job at the Health Center.

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Info booth vote postponed for third time

By Ani Joseph
Daily Staff Writer

For the third straight meeting, the ASI Board of Directors postponed a vote on whether to set up an information booth during U.U. Hour. The board will decide the booth's fate at its first meeting next quarter.

Instead, the board voted on another business item, a resolution in support of fraternity and sorority housing near Cal Poly. The postponement of the booth's vote was suggested by Kevin Schimmel, College of Business board member who developed the original bill weeks ago. The board agreed to wait on the vote until Schimmel rewrote it to include where the booth's funding would come from and to determine exactly how much it will cost to set up the booth.

Last week the board discussed and rewarded the bill on how to enforce the times ASI members will work the booth. ASI members will not be paid for working the booth. "As much as I want to get this through, there's still rewriting that needs to be done with where we're physically getting the money from," Schimmel said.

It's clear this is a good move on our part to show our support for all those involved in fraternities and sororities.

Jeremy Kreck
Author of resolution

The board also unanimously passed a resolution in support of new housing developments for fraternities and sororities near Cal Poly. A policy in the General Plan of the City of San Luis Obispo states that fraternity and sorority booths should be located either "on the Cal Poly campus," or in "high density residential zones adjacent to campus rather than dispersed throughout the city."

Despite these guidelines, the board remained stuck on the how to fund the project. The money would be used to hire new staff and expand weekend hours, she thought it could help her get a job at the Health Center.

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BEGINNING fall quarter, students will not worry about having two low registration priorities in a row. The Registration and Scheduling Committee approved a new rotation schedule last week to ensure good priority for students every-other quarter.

This means that every-other quarter, excluding summer, students will register in one of the top six priorities.

Under the old system, summer was included in the regular CAPTURE registration. This resulted in many students, because they didn't attend summer quarter, missing out on their good priority. The new system gives summer quarter its own rotation.

The schedule was created by Samuel Aborne, industrial engineering sophomore and member of ASI Board of Directors. Aborne said he wanted to come up with a schedule which would change the occurrence of two good priorities followed by two bad priorities.

"In the current system there are) repetitive quarters of lower priority and I thought there had to be a solution. I just had to find it," he said.

Aborne said when he started working with the committee in January, schedule changes were already being looked at.

"When I stepped in they were looking at revisions number 67 or something like that, of how to change the policy. They were already looking at the 67th or even 90th quarter on its independent rotation," Aborne said.

Wyatt Brown, associate crop science professor and chair of CAPTURE page 3
Hospice Bereavement Workshop Series

After losing someone we love, we often find ourselves filled with questions, doubts and uncertainty. In addition to general grief support meetings, Hospice is offering a series of three workshops titled "Life After Loss."

The second in the series of workshops called "Dealing With Grief" will be held Monday, March 16. In this session, facilitators will discuss many of the feelings that accompany grief, along with suggestions on how to manage these responses. Workshop subject matter will also address why it's often difficult in this society to grieve or to feel support during this time of loss. Additionally, this session will take a look at the new rules those in the bereavement process often have to deal with when losing someone close.

The next and final workshop called "Moving On" will address such questions, doubts and uncertainty. In addition to general grief support meetings. Hospice is offering a series of three workshops titled "Life After Loss."

The members of the board considered that affordable housing near campus is highly desired and is also becoming increasingly scarce. They said many students would appreciate the opportunity to both join a fraternity or sorority, and live near campus as well. This also allows members of the Greek system to live in close proximity to each other.

Cuesta Health and Wellness Expo offers 'Spring tune-ups'

Each year the Cuesta College Health and Wellness Expo features information booths, demonstrations and the latest in health and wellness from healthcare organizations throughout the Central Coast. This year’s Expo, free and open to the public, will be held in the Cuesta Student Center on Tuesday, March 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Expo features health information for the whole family. Activities include blood pressure screening, body fat composition testing, back/pos-
Poly hosts petroleum bioremediation symposium

Daily staff report

Internationally recognized scientists from around the United States will meet at Cal Poly during spring break to participate in a symposium on bioremediation, the process of using bacteria to breakdown organic materials that contaminate soil.

Guest speakers from Johns Hopkins University, Michigan State University, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other institutions will discuss the latest developments in their fields. The symposium, sponsored by the Environmental Biotechnology Institute (EBI), will be held Sunday through Tuesday, March 22-24.

The Central Coast, like many areas around the country, has several sites where petroleum has contaminated the environment. Two of these sites will be used as case studies for a featured event of the symposium—a problem-solving think-tank that will be directed toward real-world applications of biotechnology.

The EBI is a research institute, founded in 1996 by Cal Poly microbiologist Saul Cano. The EBI has studies under way in the areas of bioremediation, pharmaceuticals, engineering systems, DNA and genetics and biological systems.

The symposium is open to the public, but guests must call the EBI at 756-2749 by Monday, March 16, to reserve a spot.

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Registration and Scheduling Committee, said the problem of registration priority was brought to the committee's attention two years ago by Matt Schaffer, a student member of the committee at the time.

"He brought it to our attention that the way the CAPTURE rotation was set up was that you got first priority in the summer, the next time you got first priority was in the summer, and it always came the same time," Brown said.

"It seemed like if you were penalized, you were penalized heavily, so what he did is restructured the capture rotation so that now every other quarter you are either 1-6 and then you'll be 7-12 every other quarter," Brown explained.

Implementation of the new schedule was approved to begin Fall 1999.

The rotation is set up so that when a student is either first, second or third priority one quarter, the next quarter that student would be either 10th, 11th or 12th priority, followed by a quarter of fourth, fifth or sixth priority.

For example, fall quarter of 1999, Aborne will have 12th priority. For the next 11 quarters following, the schedule is set up on a 12-quarter system, Aborne's priorities will be the following: 5, 7, 3, 11, 4, 9, 2, 10, 6 and 8 for Winter 2003.

Aborne said that out of all the combinations he and the committee reviewed, this was the most beneficial to students.

He said he wanted to make sure that students know the summer quarter will be completely separate, with its own rotation schedule. He said there may be some duplication of priorities, but only because of the way the numbers fall.

"One of the concerns we have though is that there is going to be some duplication about four years down the road of a summer and a fall quarter priority being exactly the same," Aborne said.

Marcia Friedman, associate registrar, said Aborne's method looks really good.

"This model looks like the best model we've seen," she said. "Clearly the (current) system has disadvantages for some students in that they only have first priority once a year. We're trying to make the system more equitable."

Friedman said the Records Office staff are sensitive to students' problems with registration. She said students do have questions and concerns about the current registration system, and there have been enough questions to realize that changes need to be made.

"We felt the current system could be improved," she said.

Aborne said he has gotten positive feedback from the students he has talked to about his schedule. He said they are excited when he tells them that every other quarter they will have a good priority.

Brown said the committee needs Provost Paul Zingg's approval before the schedule is implemented.

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I have heard and read the arguments and arguments against concerning the pollution of our campus, the misinterpretation of those painted red hands, other body parts painted across campus and the global and subjective deplorable of the deploring on color. These however have been disposed of without much verbat, yet familiar, peculiar. I am talking about traffic.

From the occasional swipe of the backpack or scuff of the shoe, I don’t mind the people overflow that floods the campus street. That matters not at all. What I do mind is the times in-between when the unwary student carelessly walks across campus, immersed in the latest “Leaves the “P” alone.” “Stop stereotyping me”. “Leave the ‘K’ alone.” “Stop stereotyping me” cannot hear the “tilidor vehicle sneaking up behind him. He w ill get knocked down, and this “In families, why not create bus stops in front of every major building and every classroom as well as those nifty obstacle-course campus will be reduced to a transit buses that are forced to travel only on intersection. as well as those nifty silvered.

Hence, we must become aware. The next time you are holding up those gigantic stop lights at each campus intersection, get some input and, per­haps, just get to know a little of what’s going on.

There are certain expectations of an ASI officer. One, in particular, comes to mind. They have made commitments to the people elected to them. They are an erosion, a stu­dent, elected student. No matter what, ASIS first priority should be to represent the students, and the student’s interest, fairly and fully on all issues which concern them.

As an information booth during UU Hour would help students communicate directly with their representa­tives. It’s an excellent idea.

So why, after three weeks of hearty debate, do you decide to seek election? It’s just a small information booth! Something that would help ASI members and students alike.

We at the Daily are fairly certain that students would know what their elected and appointed student government officials are up to. Students would like to be able to express their concerns, get some input and, perhaps, just get to know a little of what’s going on.

If you are not angry about what you wrote. You are a member really not care. That is the case then you are working along with others, seriously believe that was not your intention. We are not separate, the government is the one that sets up barriers and ghettoes and makes it nearly impossible for us to escape. For you to state that we are indeed separatists is a false statement with no real proof. Once we escape the barriers, we end up forgetting about our roots and our people who are most in need of our assistance.

The people sholdish Affirmative Action and, instead, create a different form of Affirmative Action called prisons. But may’be I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to me on a personal level about how he feels about MEXA. Stop hiding behind the words and come and inform the people who elected you, face to face. It seems to me that the outcome of the vote will be, but you don’t have to stay with your choices. It is an excellent idea.

Another question that I would pose to you is...why did you not have the motivation to write about the obviously racist column written in the Daily “by the Daily.” It seems to me that our own people hate each other more than the “enemy” hates us. Why is that? You are trying to work as an ally, here is a good example of that is the case then you are working along with others, seriously believe that was not your intention.

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — For a few scary minutes, Maryland wondered if it was doomed to a third straight year of one-and-out of the NCAA tournament.

The Terps could hardly believe what was happening to them Thursday. So much bigger, so much stronger, and just as quick as Utah State, the Terps opened with a 14-3 spurt on the muscle play of Obinna Ekezie and Rodney Elliott. Then they watched it evaporate.

Suddenly, the Aggies ran wild, pumping in 13 straight points on Marcus Saxon’s outside shooting and taking a 20-18 lead midway through the half. Could history repeat itself again, sending the Terps home once more after the first round? They called timeout and decided, no, it wouldn’t.

“We got together in the huddle and said, ‘Look, we can’t let this happen again. We’ve got to pick it up big time if we want to win,’” said guard Sarunas Jasikevicius.

And the Lithuanian showed his teammates the way, floating in three 3-pointers to spark Maryland to a 44-36 lead at halftime that wasn’t threatened the rest of the game as the Terps beat Utah State 82-68 in the West Regional.

Ekezie, a 6-foot-10, 256-pounder from Nigeria, started the game with a two-handed dunk and finished with 17 points and seven rebounds. Elliott, leaner at 6-8 but strong and quick, posted 21 points and 11 rebounds.

“They said player was like, 6-8, so we just kept pounding the ball inside and they couldn’t stop us,” said Ekezie, who bulled around the basket like Shaquille O’Neal. “We were a little nervous. I think you saw that in our play sometimes. But we’ve got this first win and now we can go.”

Jasikevicius scored 16 points and had seven assists for Maryland, and Lamar Profit added 12 points and six assists.

Maryland (20-10) ruled the boards with a 47-27 advantage, as the smaller Aggies (25-8) had to rely almost entirely on Saxon. That worked pretty well in the first half, when Saxon scored 18 points. But the strategy failed in the second half when Maryland made adjustments on defense to limit him to seven points and a total of 25.

“At this level, the NCAA tournament, one guy isn’t going to beat you by himself too often,” Maryland coach Gary Williams said.

“Late in the second half, I kind of got worn down,” Saxon said. “They kept a guy on me all the time, trying to get the ball out of my hands. They got us down early, and we fought back once, but it wasn’t enough. It was just bad defense on us.”

Jasikevicius. We worked so hard to come back and we expended a lot of energy. We tried to do it again but we couldn’t find a way to get over the hump.”
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Baseball from page 8

lowed by Luther Salinas (2-for-4) on Saturday and Mike Zerillo (2-for-4) on Sunday.

Cal Poly is coming off a loss to Santa Clara, 6-5, Tuesday. But Jeff Hageman are sharing the Hageman is batting .304 until an O-for-3 performance at Mustangs shortstop duties.

Freshman Patrick Wood is leading the Mustangs from third base, Magnet's at the plate and scored twice for the Mustangs. Ellman also hit his first career home run. clearing the ball over the 350 foot sign in left field and is a team.

Matt Brady leads the Mustangs with 11-for-35 and is batting .315. Ellman is also 11-for-35 and is hitting at a .299 clip under 3.00, with four having made at least four appearances. Fullerton's batters have provided more than enough support for their hurlers, hitting at a .299 clip this season. The Titans have combined to hit 23 home runs already this season.

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The Titans' top defense will try to stop the Mustangs. Cal State Fullerton's pitching staff holds a 3.17 earned run average.

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SPORTS

Mustangs mount home attack on Big West rivals

While most students are looking forward to a week of vacation from school, the Cal Poly baseball team will face some of its toughest opponents this season.

The Cal Poly baseball team has stepped onto their home field only five games this season. This weekend they are set to begin a two-week, six-game homestand. After dropping their last four games, the Mustangs will face their toughest opponent so far this weekend, Cal State Fullerton.

Cal Poly is 6-17 overall and 0-3 in the Big West. The Titans are undefeated in the Big West Conference this season and 14-6 overall. Depending on the poll, Cal State Fullerton ranks anywhere from 14th to 21st in the nation.

The Mustangs and the Titans have each played Fresno State and Cal State Northridge. The Mustangs lost their only game against Fresno, while Fullerton swept a three-game series from the Bulldogs. Cal State Northridge defeated Cal Poly twice, but Northridge lost to Fullerton in the only game they competed in against each other.

Cal Poly will start Jason Fargo (1-2) on Friday, followed by...