Economy hits Asian students

Poly denies fee waivers for Southeast Asian exchange

By Louise Attard
Mustang Daily

In less than one year, biochemistry senior Arongin Virasiri went from living a comfortable life with a roof over her head to barely having enough money to feed herself. Like many Southeast Asian students on international exchange in the United States, Virasiri's family in Thailand was hit badly by the drop in the Asian economy.

"Being an international student, having money for school and living here just stopped when the economy collapsed, just like that," Virasiri said. "Where am I going to go? I have no money to pay the rent."

Philip Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Math, and his wife Christa, a chemistry and biochemistry professor, took Virasiri into their home so she could

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Biosphere: home to Poly students

By Kristin Dohse
Mustang Daily

Four Cal Poly students are studying abroad - in Arizona - on a one-of-a-kind environmental science project.

Todd Davidson, Nick Tolchin, Jennifer Cook and Joshua Kister are studying at the Biosphere 2 Center as part of an interactive program called Earth Semester.

The center, a 250-acre campus created by Columbia University, is located about 30 minutes outside of Tucson, in Oracle, Ariz. Biosphere 2 is a completely enclosed glass

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AT&T vies for Cal Poly ID cards

By Louise Attard
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly Foundation is considering another corporate-campus combination.

Cal Poly could soon enter a joint venture with AT&T to increase the function of the student ID card and create a more efficient one-card system.

Current ID cards only do about 1/8 of what they could do for students, according to Beth Hard, photo ID office manager at Student Life.

The National Association for Campus Card Users held a conference at Las Vegas in April, informing universities nationwide what other campuses are doing to improve their ID card systems. Cal Poly has wanted to improve its one-card system for a couple of years, but various delays have prevented a decision being made on which vendor to upgrade with. The decision to go with AT&T or to expand in-house and upgrade Cal Poly's existing system is what the university would like to see within the next year.

Changes

The California State University system signed an enabling agreement with AT&T, giving all CSUs the opportunity to use AT&T's software on the one-card program. Included in the deal is $100,000 up front from AT&T to each university, which would go toward upgrading photo ID equipment.

Staff from Student Life developed a proposal outlining the benefits of expanding within Cal Poly and creating a joint effort between departments.

"We could do a lot more with our program if we expanded but it costs staffing and it costs software and it costs readers. The proposal is about staying by ourselves and expanding what we have," Hard said. "We could do it in small increments - a department at a time, a quarter at a time, a year at a time. AT&T has a wonderful program, it's just that it costs a lot of money making it work."

B-D Dignam, director for fiscal services, said he has no biases which way to go, and would like to see a decision made that is in the best interests of the university. He said he is more familiar with what AT&T is offering because its system is already packaged and ready for use.

"My feeling is that AT&T is offering us complete system with software that..."
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and frame structure housing several miniature versions of Earth's many different ecosystems.

According to William Harris, president and chief biologist of Biosphere 2, there are seven ecosystems within the 2.4 million cubic meter structure, including a 900,000 gallon ocean, a tropical rainforest and a desert.

"Our goal with this year-old project is to educate students with the knowledge of how to manage Earth's resources and preserve the fragile condition of the atmosphere," Harris said. "By simulating conditions that scientists expect to see on Earth with this model, we can test the future consequences and effects of climate change." Harris said biochemistry seniors Kristen and Cook are working on the new ecosystem in their research projects. "We're growing tomatoes and creating a microclimate in the ecosystem to simulate conditions that will help us understand more about the future of agriculture," Harris said.

The four Cal Poly students are discussing the possibility of temporarily moving their tuition fees for Asian students. But the committee decided the situation was not serious enough based on individual cases, and they didn't know if the students could pay the money back.

Up to five years ago, the California State University Chancellor's Office collected foreign emergency loan funds to help the Asian students in their current situation. "The problem for the Asian students is not a short-term one and the emergency loans are short term," said John Anderson, director of financial aid. Anderson said the university does have a student deferred payment option, where students can apply to pay their tuition fees in installments if they can't pay them up front. CUS did offer two scholarships for international students, but the students had to be on the mailing list because they were ineligible for both. One scholarship required Cal Poly to submit an emergency plan, which it does not have the funds to do. The other, provided by the state's Asian Loan Authority, was for institutions that had at least 50 Asian students. Cal Poly has only seven, Snetsinger said. "This is an incredibly low number compared to other campuses that have hundreds of Asian students.

"The Southeast Asian students had a crisis which was unforeseeable, which was not their fault and they're here trying to finish their degree programs with half the money they would (usually) have."

— Barbara Andre

Global Affairs international student advisor

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graduate from Cal Poly at the end of the quarter.

When the Asian economy first collapsed, Academic Affairs set up meetings in January and February to discuss options for helping Asian students. The Southeast Asian countries affected by the crisis include Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines.

"We were hoping that out of these meetings there would be some kind of emergency plan," said John Snetsinger, interim director of Global Affairs.

At the meetings, officials discussed the possibility of temporarily moving for all universities on issues concerning foreign students in the United States, temporarily lifted work restrictions for Southeast Asian students facing economic hardship. INS gave foreign students permission to find work off-campus and to drop below full-time study. One Southeast Asian student at Cal Poly deferred his studies and has moved to Thailand to take advantage of the emergency work authorization.

International students at Cal Poly must show proof that they have sufficient funds to cover about $20,000 for their entire program. Cal Poly伊拉m the Asian financial crisis so quickly students didn't expect their money from home would devalue. "Now all their money they have saved to come to school here is cut in half when they change it into dollars," Andre said. Each quarter, Cal Poly international students pay anywhere from $2,700 to $3,700 per student. The $740 resident student pays. With a 12-unit minimum, the total tuition for one quarter is about $2,700. That does not include the yearly health insurance fee of about $550, mandated by the Chancellor's Office, or living expenses estimated at $1,170 a year.

Andrei said the money from foreign student tuition would be better served if it went to emergency scholarships and programs for other international students. She said this would give departments more of an incentive to accept more international students above normal enrollment. But because students take general education classes along with classes for their major, rationing the money to individual college may be difficult. "My personal goal is to open a foundation account for emergency loans for international students," Andrei said. "We want them to go out and inspire others to be the same."

For Tolchin, Biosphere 2 has been a great experience and recommends the program to students from all majors.

"It's an excellent educational experience," Tolchin said. "It's such a great time that you don't even realize how long the program is. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn about classes, and perform a semester-long research project that could change the world." To find out more information or to request an application for the Biosphere 2 Center, call 800-992-4603.
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This need prompted Cal Poly to
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ID card system. Foundation is the entity

that uses ID cards most. Campus

Dining is the arm of Foundation that

runs the meal plan system and

Campus Express.

Cushman said if the university
do not decide to go with AT&T,
then Campus Dining will choose
to go with the next upgrade of Diebold, its current vendor.

"The registrants have an extremely
outdated. I've been waiting to
upgrade my systems for a number of
years," Cushman said. "For the new
millennium, I have to make some
cost-cutting changes no matter what."

Corporate appeal

AT&T appeals to Cal Poly because its
revenue. Students are offered a 10 percent

rate of 20 cents a minute on private
long distance calls. From that, about five

percent will go back to Cal Poly. Students will have the choice
whether to use the calling card option, but the AT&T logo will still
be on the back of all the cards, branding
students as customers.

"I don't relish the idea of recruting
the entire student body, staff and
faculty for the express reason of plac­
ing a logo on the back of their
ID card," said Associated Students
President Dan Gen in his memo­
randum on the AT&T one-card pro­
posal.

He is also concerned that students

aren't being branded by AT&T in the aftermath of the Pepsi agree­
ment. Cal Poly contracted with Pepsi last
year, giving the soft drink manufac­
turer sole sales rights on campus. Students' on-campus beverage choic­
es were limited to Pepsi products.

"It is important to recognize that Cal
Poly students will be hesitant to
accept any agreement intent on name branding the student body,"
Gen said. While AT&T is offering
the means to provide Cal Poly with a new networking system, Gen said all
other avenues of achieving this tech­
ology should be investigated.

Jerry Hanley, vice provost and
chief information officer for
Information Technology Services said AT&T has technology that Cal
Poly would be interested in using:
"My personal philosophy is that we
need a networked card on this cam­
pus," he said. Hanley said that the security of the ID card is also
important. But the more secure the ID cards are made, the more information can be
kept on students. This could infringe on the student's right to privacy.

The question is how to build it in a
secure way so that people have responsible access to that informa­
tion," Hanley said. "I don't think this
campus has done as much as it could to provide security.

One-card system

Costs

In his proposal on the one-card sys­

tem, Cushman said the one-time, first­
year cost to go with AT&T is esti­

mated at $418,426, minus the
$100,000 up front that AT&T is
promising.

To upgrade the current system,
Cushman estimated the one-time first­
year cost to be $462,406, including server equipment, wiring and miscel­
naneous costs. The main departments
involved are Student Life, Rec
Sports, Kennedy Library, Information
Technology Services and Campus
Dining.

Yearly on-going costs would be
about $72,105 for AT&T and
$66,902 to upgrade in-house.

Comparing

other campuses

Cal Poly's one-card system is one of
the most advanced in the CSU sys­

em. Many CSUs, such as
Sacramento State University, took on
AT&T's program because they had
little in the form of card technology.

Ron Grant, director of support ser­

vices at Sacramento State, said the university installed AT&T's software
last November. Before that, the uni­

versity used Polaraids to identify stu­

dents. Sacramento State also did not
have a carded meal plan system.

Cal Poly's photo ID card equip­

ment is so advanced it can already
carry out many of the applications
other CSUs didn't even have before
joining with AT&T, Hurd said.

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By Louise Attard

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Where's the vote Dan?

A SI President Dan Gens, Athletic Director John McCutcheon, Cal Poly's Chief of Police Tom Mitchell and President Baker's son, athletic department marketing assistant Chris Baker, all said in a recent Mustang Daily article that selling alcohol at this weekend's Homecoming game is a "no brainer.

"Yeah, and Poly Rural was just a misunderstanding between overzealous college students and trigger-happy cops.

If Steve McBane catches wind of this, I'd bet he'd start spinning in his high-back executive chair. He was quoted in the Mar 2, 1992 Mustang Daily as saying the alcohol policy is inconsistent and in need of specifics.

Apparently, the only specifics that have been hammered out are the ones that let the few decide for the many.

Foundation is trying to pass this off as a charity event, saying they plan to give half the profits to the athletic department and the other half to A.S.I.

Hmmm, in this the same Foundation that charges clubs $60 bucks for cookies and punch and now they're doing something for the students? I don't think so. I doubt they've recently adopted a philanthropic lifestyle. And if they have decided not to make money then at least they're consistent, making poor business decisions like failing to bring Cal Poly reputable food providers and selling it so quickly to Pepsi.

Just what is our alcohol policy? To my knowledge Cal Poly is and always has been, or at least sober on paper.

According to the Campus Administrative Manual (CAM), section 270.1 — "Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus is prohibited." But section 270.2, says the sale of alcoholic beverages on campus is the exclusive privilege of the Foundation. All right, so the Foundation is above the law, kind of like Poly's Mafia.

What should happen then is that we should decide to vote. But let's not vote today or tomorrow because we have a game on Friday. We should vote. I'm sure you want to vote, right? I'm sure we should vote.

Yesterday he was quoted in the Daily as saying, "That is the environment we all go to games for. It will be great to have a beer." The article also said Cal Poly has been working with the athletic department to establish "Mustang Main," which is located directly in his front yard. Parking on campus during football games is handled by the Campus Police Department. I would not call the services rendered to guests in the President's Box a "handout.

President Baker's guests include university officials, such as vice presidents, Advancement associates, and the Athletic Director. President Baker has a limited number of tickets which he allots to different organizations, on and off of campus, but these are not donors or contributors. In fact, if he finds that he has extra tickets for an event, he will give them as a gift to an organization on campus, such as the Foundation or an academic department.

What do you think of alcohol being served at Homecoming?

I don't think it's right for certain activities to be deemed okay for alcohol and others not. If a decision is made they should stick with it across the board, no exceptions.

It's really no big deal to me.

"Considering this is a dry campus, it goes against our school policy. It ought to be a wet campus if they are going to do that."

Bakers' 'workhorse' defends his box and his guests

I am the student coordinator of the President's Box which is located directly beneath the press box on the home side of Mustang Stadium. As noted by Gie Panoni in his article last week ("President Baker's guests get too many privileges"), this section serves as the seating area for the President's guests during football games.

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These tickets are not purchased and no budget compensates for them. The food and drinks served within the box are purchased by a division of the Athletic department, Athletic Operations. The President's office covers these costs.

I do all of the ordering for the President's Box and it is no more food than would be used for any other club on campus for a party or gathering. I am an employee of Athletic Operations and assist in the coordination, set up, and supervision of athletic events on campus. However, I have been chosen as the "workhorse" in the President's Box because I have seven years of waitressing experience. The parking spaces behind the visitor's side on California Boulevard are for those who have donated thousands of dollars to the university. The parking spaces on the south end of the stadium are for reference, officials, and the media. Guests of the President park near the Children's Center and Student Services which are, incidentally, in his front yard. Parking on campus during football games is handled by the Campus Police Department. I would not call the services rendered to guests in the President's Box a "handout.

Anyhow, President Baker is a pretty nice guy. I encourage any students who are interested in becoming one of his "guests" to contact his office and ask about the University Seminar which he personally teaches or to get involved in ASI or other campus activities. Or just call the Athletic Department because I graduate this quarter!

Janelle Sargent is an English senior.
Smokers have rights too ... at least they should

...The land of the free and home of the brave. Is that not what America stands for? We the people of the United States have a right to freedom — a right to be free as long as our actions don't infringe on the rights of another individual.

Our government is slowly taking back this right given to us by our forefathers. The burden of proof is clearly viewed in the recent abolishment of the right to smoke cigarettes freely in our society.

Our government officials are elected to serve, not rule. Therefore, our government needs to listen to where and when we can smoke cigarettes. We, the cigarette smokers of America, should not tolerate this tyranny anymore!

In a democratic society in which the majority rules, is it not right to present both sides of an issue before a decision is made? Instead, our government officials listen to the minds of individuals into taking a stand on issues in which the government is in favor, such as banning cigarette smoking in public places. Our government is able to commit such deceit by misleading the public through falsehoods and the alteration of experiments and studies.

Let us examine this more closely. Haven't you heard time and time again that secondhand smoke kills? This basic principle is based on three claims: 1) secondhand smoke causes 3,000 cancer fatalities in Americans each year 2) secondhand smoke causes 50,000 fatal heart attacks in Americans each year and 3) an unspecified number of Americans are dying each year from respiratory illnesses attributable to secondhand smoke.

With this in mind you may choose to ban smoking in public places. After all, these claims emphasize the notion that your life can easily be threatened by another's actions.

If you, however, were to be exposed to the true facts on secondhand smoke, you would realize that this so-called life-threatening exposure isn't so life threatening after all. It takes at least 20 years for cigarette damage to manifest in a smoker. Mainstream smoke is hundreds of times more potent than secondhand smoke. Therefore, a non-smoker would have to live under smoke conditions for over 2,000 years to incur the same damage.

Secondly, many of the same "deadly" components found in cigarette smoke are also found in charcoal. A ten-pound bag of charcoal reportedly produces as much smoke and harmful chemicals as 160 packs of cigarettes. Is the government likely to start an anti-barbecuing campaign, and slowly take away the rights of those who like to barbecue? I doubt it. Yet many anti-smokers express their feelings of hatred and disgust at even the slightest whiff of a burning cigarette, while at the same time they smell their neighbor barbecuing and wonder what's cooking.

Our government considers society's nonsmokers as the victims in the anti-smoking campaign. What they have failed to realize, however, is smokers are the true victims in this scenario. We the ones that are denied our rights, we are the ones who are making sacrifices, we are the ones who suffer and we are the ones who take the blame. Am I supposed to believe the victim is the stranger who voluntarily sits next to me as I smoke a cigarette? No, I am the victim. I am the one who is criticized in society and told where and when I can smoke a cigarette — a cigarette that is virtually harmless to my peers. A cigarette that I myself choose to smoke and face the consequences. We the smokers are the victims, and society needs to recognize that.

We the smokers of Santa Cruz cannot smoke in restaurants, nor can we smoke in bars. In fact we cannot smoke inside any public facility. So what's next? Is the government going to ban smoking on the street, or how about in our cars, houses and backyards? Where does it end? Rolling Hills, Calif. has already banned smoking in both smokers' cars and their yards. Santa Cruz has banned smoking on the beach. Palo Alto banned smoking within 20 feet of building entrances, making it nearly impossible for a smoker to enjoy a cigarette in the downtown area. A smoker may smoke downtown "as long as they keep moving." The government should never have the power to take away our freedom without a worthy cause, and secondhand smoke is not a worthy cause.

The battle between the smokers and the anti-smokers has only just begun. Anti-smokers have the upper hand and won't stop until cigarettes are completely out of their sight. We the smokers should not take this lying down. Stand up for your rights and the rights of your fellow smokers!

Heather Hershman is a journalism junior.

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Leslie Koenig, Joe Koenig's father, and become more focused on academia. He saw an opportunity to leave through a joint valedictorian scholarship and said that his father told him, "People detest that my kids did so well," Leslie Koenig said. "I don't rank them, I rate leaders."
Watching their father in his drywall business helped instill a strong work ethic from an early age, Karl Koenig said. Both brothers say they owe their success completely to their father, who raised them as a single parent. "My father never mentioned college to me once in his life," Joe Koenig said. "He's accused of punching and kicking anyone else he's ever known when it comes to focusing on a goal. He said Joe Koenig's driven personality is something to be admired, as well as his kindness. "He's a really sensitive and humble individual," Wheeler said. "He's always looking to help someone out. I would have rather shared a room with him than had the room to myself."
Joe Koenig may face another set back in returning to pole vaulting. He has to have reconstructive knee surgery in the next weeks, which will leave him out for a while. Karl Koenig feels optimistic that his brother will come back from this as well as his back problems. "There is no doubt in my mind that he will vault again," his brother Karl said.

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"People detest that my kids did so well. I don't raise sheep, I raise leaders."

—Leslie Koenig
Joe Koenig's father
SPORTS

By Whitney Phaneuf
Mustang Daily

The day he discovered he was unable to walk, Joe Koenig cried for the first time in 10 years. He's walking now and working hard to get back where he was before he broke his tailbone and back last spring.

"The day after the accident, my back and legs had too much nerve damage to where I couldn't walk," Koenig said. "I was very lucky to not be paralyzed." Koenig said. He left the hospital four days later with the help of a walker. His coach, Dean Starkey, took Koenig into his home. Starkey let Koenig stay with him until he could take care of himself.

"Without Dean I might have had to go home and would not have been able to finish the quarter out," Koenig said.

Bedridden for the remainder of the quarter, Koenig tried his best to finish his classes. He relied on his friends, family and Starkey for support. "A lot of guys would have given up," Starkey said. "The pain was so bad he would begin to pass out when I tried to move him around." Koenig went home to Yoakum, Texas for the summer, where his father and older brother helped him recuperate. One of the biggest inspirations in his life, his father helped him keep a positive attitude and kept reminding him not to push it too hard.

"I thought it could be a career-ending injury," Chris Harvey, his best friend in Texas, said "Joe always knew it would just be a setback." Injuries are nothing new to Koenig who has always played really hard. He has broken every finger on both hands except his thumbs. He has also broken his arm, ankle and elbow. He once put a fishhook through his thigh. The most painful injury he said he ever had was when he burned his legs while lighting a fire where some gasoline had been spilled. Another time, while pole vaulting, the pole broke and went through his bottom lip. But Koenig didn't let any of those injuries stop him from pole vaulting, and he is determined to not let one keep him from competing.

"I can't see myself not pole vaulting," Koenig said. "I still have the potential to be an Olympic athlete." Making it to the Olympics is a dream that Koenig is working toward and he will push himself hard to get there. Before the injury, he was ranked third on a team which has been ranked in the top three. Physical therapy has helped him recuperate quickly.

"He can push through the injury, as long as he can tolerate the pain," Starkey said. The focus and determination Koenig puts into pole vaulting reflects his personal and academic life. He was the only person from his graduating class to leave Texas and attend a four-year university. His inspiration and drive to leave Yoakum was fueled by his brother, Karl, who left for Massachusetts Institute of Technology at age 16. "Joe and I never spent more than a day apart from the time he was born until I left for college," Karl, a pre-med senior, said. Karl's guidance helped Koenig blossom into his own, according to see KOEING, page 7

Gwynn is Mr. San Diego for a good reason

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tony Gwynn's chum is speckled with gray stubble, his cheeks are chancy and his body has spread comfortably in all directions, like the city he's played for his entire career.

They've grown up together, Gwynn and San Diego, and the personality of one is a reflection of the other. Quiet, Successful, Downright decent.

He could have left anytime; for saken the balmy breezes for bigger money and a higher profile in New York, Boston, Chicago or any of a dozen other places that would have loved to him win a batting title in their lineup.

But Tony Gwynn stayed home for 17 years, perfectly content to be Mr. San Diego. Only one active player in baseball has played longer with a single team. Cal Ripken Jr. has been in Baltimore for 17 years.

Gwynn, at 38, is still the best pure hitter in baseball. He still has those stiff, strong hands that can do anything with a bat. He still has the eye that can read a fastball or slider and seem to slow it down so that he's sitting on it with time to space. He still has that sharp mind, honed by years of playing and practicing and thinking about every aspect of hitting, to know what to do in each situation.

It was once said of Gwynn that he had "a body by Betty Cocker." And that was when he packed only 205 pounds on his 5-foot-11 frame. Nowadays at 220, he's thicker around the middle, the thighs, he back, all over.

Yet for much of his career, Gwynn has labored, if not in obscurity, away from the heat and light of bigger cities.

"People have told me on many occasions that if I had done the things in New York that I've done here, I'd be more famous," Gwynn said, standing by the batting cage preparing for Game 3 of the World Series against the Yankees. "That's one of the reasons I'm still here.

"I always liked laying low, being one of the guys. I've had to be out front sometimes, a team spokesman, but it's uncomfortable. For me it was an easy decision, a selfish decision, to stay. I'm happy here."

Gwynn lives in a sprawling, Mediterranean-style home on a bluff in nearby Poway. He and his wife, Alicia, whom he met in elementary school in Long Beach, 70 miles up the coast, have two children, 16-year-old Anthony II and 13-year-old Amanda.

Four other teen-agers live with them, Tony's niece and nephew and two friends of his stin who were having troubles at home.

"Tony wanted to make sure they finished their schooling, so they moved in with us," Alicia told the San Diego Union Tribune recently. Gwynn will talk for hours about batting or anything else to do with base bat. But Gwynn claps up when asked about the many things he does to help people.

He's not looking for publicity or even a pat on the back for the Tony and Alicia Gwynn Foundation, established in 1994 to help the Casa de Amparo shelter for abused children, the YMCA, Police Athletic League and other charities.

He doesn't want to talk about winning the 1995 Branch Ricky Award for outstanding community service by a major league, or being named "Most Caring Athlete" by USA Weekend magazine in 1997, or winning San Diego's Reader's-Clemente Man of the Year award in 1996 and again this year.

"I just don't want to talk about that stuff," Gwynn said.