Students to vote on Poly Plan

Andy Castagnola
Mustang Daily

Students will return to the polls for a yes-no vote on the Cal Poly Plan $135 fee increase.

The Poly Plan Steering Committee agreed Monday to hold a college-based vote on April 7 and 8. Students last voted on the Plan's proposed fee increase in May 1997, when more than 70 percent of students rejected it. This time, students will report to designated poll locations, read through a college-specific resolution, and check either "agree" or "disagree" to an increased fee.

The resolutions will outline how much each college will receive and how the college plans to spend its share. "This adds a quantifiable element to the alternative consultation process," said Amy Laker, chairwoman of the Associate Students Inc. Board of Directors.

Laker added, "A higher turnout is going to increase the amount of influence.

In other words, a high voter turnout will hold more weight with President Warren Baker and the Steering Committee than the vote outcome.

Laker and the three other students on the Steering Committee will combine the vote results with other sources.

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Vote in April

The Poly Plan Steering Committee has decided to put the proposed $135 fee increase to a campus-wide vote on April 7 and 8. Voting locations will be determined next week.

Cal Poly agriculture prepares for dry winter

By Steve Noon
Mustang Daily

The Central Coast may be facing its driest winter since 1991, but the Cal Poly College of Agriculture is well-prepared.

Crop science professor Wesley Mueller said he is primarily concerned about the impact of a drier winter season on the Central Coast. Avocados like these need more irrigation than usual.

"As it turns out, Cal Poly has been quite forward-thinking on planning ahead for its water supply. We are in much better shape for all our water needs than any other municipality in the area," Wyatt Brown, also a crop science professor, said plans were made in advance for

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Day-O! Belafonte plays Performing Arts Center

Lauren Nowen
Mustang Daily

Singer, actor and songwriter Harry Belafonte is scheduled to perform to a full house tonight at the Performing Arts Center.

Ralph Hopkins, Cal Poly Arts director, said Belafonte was really the first artist to introduce world-beat sound to American audiences.

"For lack of a better word, he was labeled a jazz artist," Hopkins said, adding that some of Belafonte's songs are now considered to be pop music.

Hopkins said though Belafonte was born in the United States, his music has aspects of it from other cultures. Hopkins attributes some of this flavor from time that Belafonte spent in Jamaica during his youth.

"You can hear that sound," Hopkins said, humming a few bars of Belafonte's "Banana Boat" song.

Hopkins said that Belafonte's third album, "Calypso," was the first album ever to sell more than 1 million copies. "It was pretty remarkable, it was really a ground-breaker," Hopkins said.

Yosef Tiber, a community member who donates funds to Cal Poly Arts, and who is planning to attend Belafonte's performance, has liked Belafonte's music for many years.

"I probably started listening to him when he started singing commercials," Tiber said.

"I think he gives a program that appeals to a broad spectrum of people," Tiber continued.

Jessica Getman, a music junior, said she has heard Belafonte's name, but doesn't quite know who he is. However, Getman said she is not sure the concert is sold out.

"There are probably a lot of older people who know who he is. He appeals to an older audience," Getman said.

Belafonte was born on March 1, 1927, and is 72 years old.

Melissa Underwood, a music junior, said she thinks Belafonte's songs sound like Caribbean dance music.

"I just know that Belafonte has his own section at Po-Re-Bo records," Underwood said. She added Belafonte's music is old popular.

Belafonte is known for his association with the civil rights movement. He has been honored by many organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the Peace Corps and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Throughout his career, Belafonte has also been an actor and producer of movie and television shows. He starred in films such as Island In The Sun and Odds Against Tomorrow.

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BANANA MAN: Singer songwriter Harry Belafonte, 72, is scheduled to perform in the PAC tonight at 8 p.m.
Prof gets set for bike ride of her life

Valerie Barboza gathers up community donations for AIDS Ride 1999 event

By Joellen Smith

Mustang Daily

A Cal Poly lecturer hopes to use her love of bicycling to help those afflicted with AIDS.

Valerie Barboza, an active 50-year-old English instructor, recently pledged to raise at least $2,500 for California AIDS programs so she can be a cyclist in the 1999 California AIDS Ride.

The California AIDS Ride, an annual fund raiser in which cyclists tour from San Francisco to Los Angeles, lasts seven days (560 miles). The event begins June 6.

In order to participate, each of the more than 2,000 cyclists must raise at least $2,500 a month before the event. Pledges total $85 million last year.

Barboza decided to ride in memory of friends who died from AIDS.

"People have asked why I'm doing it," Barboza said. "I choose to do this and challenge myself, because I feel strongly committed that together we can find a way to cure (AIDS)."

Valerie Barboza gathers up community tour from San Francisco to Los Angeles in which cyclists pledged to raise at least $2,500 for the AIDS Ride if they had the time.

"I would like to do this, that would be so much fun," said Ivon Chen, an industrial technology specialist.

Barboza said she is seeking donations from local businesses and individuals that would like to help with AIDS Donation. Background information about the AIDS Ride is on her web page at http://www.calpdos.org/~vbarboza.

"This is something we can do that over our neighborhood, beyond our borders," Barboza said.

So far, Barboza is the only bicyclist representing Cal Poly at this event.

Barboza is one of the few students representing Cal Poly at this event. The others are:valle Obispo, you can tell, because it is a big group," Barboza said. "(The group) lasts for miles and miles."

Bicycling through San Luis Obispo during the AIDS Ride will be a special moment for her, Barboza said. "(Oh) would be great to have the community come out and cheer us on.

She said that overcom ing the challenges of raising money, training, and finishing the race is a small sacrifice compared to the struggles people with AIDS face every day.

"I have people along the way to encourage me and remind me that if I can do this for seven days is going to be worth it," Barboza said.

CSEA must approve 5.5 percent raise

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The Davis administration and California's biggest public employee union reached an agreement Tuesday that would give about 52,000 state workers a 5.5 percent pay raise.

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"State workers deserve more, and this agreement gives us time to start negotiating a fair long-term contract to begin in July," she said.

Barboza said she was disappointed to hear a strike by some CSEA leaders criticized of his early contract offerings, said he was pleased an agreement had been reached.

Most state employees have been without a contract since Jan. 1, 1995.

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Jailed violinist wins $30 million settlement

CHICAGO (AP) — A jury awarded $30 million to a prize-winning violinist who lost a leg and part of her foot when she was dragged down a train platform after her visa case got caught behind a door.

"I think what she is doing is awe­ inspiring," said Michael Montgomery, a former judge in suburban Antioch in Cook County who heard the case.

"One thing Women's Programs is doing is sponsoring (Barboza) by giving her our table at an annual Health and Wellness Conference," Harris said.

Barboza will be handing out pledge sheets and possibly holding a silent auction on donated items at the conference. Organized by Women's Programs and other community groups, the Health and Wellness Conference takes place April 10 at Cuesta College.

"I think what she is doing is awesome, and I want to support her in whatever way I can," Harris said.

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students are sponsoring partners for the event.

This means that they give us (Cal Poly) a five percent cut of the artist's fee, so high," Holmack said, adding that the additional money helps the Performing Arts Center compete with larger markets such as Fresno and Los Angeles for big-name performers.

"Without these spon sors, we would lose money on the event because the artist's fee is so high," Holmack said.

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the cool, dry winter that often follows an El Niño year.

"This term is what's called a 'La Niña,' which is kind of like an El Niño in reverse," he said. "Warmer ocean temperatures result in the warm, wet (El Niño) winters, but in a La Niña, instead of the systems moving toward us, they stay away. The net result is not a lot of rainfall.

Brown said the fruits and vegetables grown on campus are irrigated by water pumped from an area reservoir, and as a result the lack of rainfall, has not been a major problem. "Most of our crops are irrigated, so we don't really depend on the rain — we depend on the reservoirs," he said. "I would definitely consider this a drought year — but I think people were expecting it to be less.

According to Sharon Graves, Meteorologist for KSBY, San Luis Obispo has had 7.2 inches of rain so far this year — well under the 9.5 year average of 17.68 inches by the end of February.

"This is the driest season since 1982-91," she said. "That year we had the March Miracle with 12 inches of rain in March."

Brown said the lack of rainfall could become a problem if the current drought continues into next year.

"The water we use comes from the reservoirs, but the reservoirs are replenished by rainfall," he said. "Some years we get a lot of rain, often not so much. It goes back and forth like a pendulum — I just hope next year it swings back."

GOOD EARTH — El Niño years are followed by La Niña seasons, characterized by dry weather and cool temperatures. Cal Poly is better equipped than other local agriculture to deal with dry weather, with a reservoir to feed its crops.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Groves of towering redwoods that were saplings more than 2,000 years ago have been saved by a middle-of-the-night deal that includes environmental protections on the rest of a timber company's vast holdings in the fog-shrouded coastal hills of Northern California.

The 7,470-acre Headwaters Forest, which includes redwoods as tall as 22-story buildings, is now officiallyitive in government hands and will become public property.

The deal also forces Pacific Lumber Co. to follow new timber cutting and habitat preservation restrictions for the next 50 years on another 335 square miles of timberland. That includes 12 "lessor critical" stands of redwoods dating back 1,000 years.

The agreement was completed two minutes before a $25 million federal authorization would have expired at midnight Monday, imperiling $25 million in state money as well. Leaders of major environmental groups applauded the deal, which had appeared dead Friday after more than a decade of negotiations over the world's largest collection of redwoods outside protected lands.

"Today's announcement is a big step toward protecting the ancient forest of the California" said Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope.

Other environmentalists condemned the plan for failing to restrict logging in more of the craggy redwood forests which are both a worldwide symbol of California's natural wonders and home to more than 150 wildlife species.

"What about the orphans of the Headwaters Forest agreement? Too many areas are excluded," shouted Susan Moloney of the Environmental Defense Fund. "No one object to private and public preserive.

"What we get is great, but we need so much more. It was too little for too much money," she said. "The people who have lived in the trees, the people who have been per­ per­performed, will not give up. This is not the end."
Student group raises concerns

The group is doing so to determine how we “feel.” Wilson says he wants the Poly Plan determined by a student survey. He also says that every student has been sent a letter, a"cost vs. revenue" chart and a card to mail in if they wish to participate.

Alan Dunton

Editorial

Still a virgin, and proud of it

Editor:

I wanted to express how impressed I was

with Andrea Parker’s opinion piece promot¬
ing chastity. While I strongly believe that all people are entitled to their own sexual values and practices, and that far be it from me to impose my own values on others, I would ideally like to wait until I am married, or at the very least in a relationship. Coming to Cal Poly is not something everyone is entitled to. If you can’t afford it, find another state school. There’s plenty of them out there that cost a lot less than Cal Poly. But I warn everyone to Cal Poly to do it. Fine, pay for it.

Courtney Connelly is a psychology senior.

It’s time to rise up and rebel

Editor:

I have a sick feeling the Cal Poly Plan will do little to improve our status. The California State University system claims a huge debt. As students, we eventually become the path of least resistance, due to our masses and overall unawareness of the issues.

Kevin Hastings is a mechanical engineer¬ing freshman.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student group raises concerns

I think it’s ironic. Wilson’s group has a web page on Cal Poly’s server, which is made possible by fees increases, and it meets in a classroom on campus, which of course, was paid for and is maintained by the university. It meets at 8 p.m. and probably uses the lights, which require electricity, which means someone, other than Wilson, gets a bill once a month. But maybe it’s just me.

Wilson wants to know where the money’s going. That’s a legitimate concern. Why doesn’t he check his e-mail, go to a campus forum or read Mustang Daily — all of which will answer any questions he can think of, unless he’s too hitless hunting campus with offensive fliers.

Alan Dunton is a journalism senior.

...And here we see another great example of the students and Administration working together!

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**OPINION**

**Pizza in the name of studying**

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Falcons’ safety offered diversion program for solicitation arrest

MIAMI (AP) — Atlanta Falcons safety Eugene Robinson, charged with prostitution solicitation the night before the Super Bowl, was offered a diversion program on Tuesday that, if completed, would clear the Pro Bowl player’s record.

Robinson did not appear before Judge Teretha Lundy Thomas in Miami-Dade County Court for his arraignment. Robinson’s attorney, Jettie Allen, huddled briefly with prosecutor Marc Weensteins to strike the deal.

Prelim diversion programs are often offered to first-time offenders of misdemeanor and require no plea. Robinson would be ineligible if Thomas discovers he has been convicted or charged with a crime in Florida or another state.

“I would say this is the standard resolution for solicitation cases,” said Don Ungar, spokesman for the Miami-Dade County State Attorney’s Office. “We hope that Mr. Robinson will do what he needs to do on pretrial diversion, and he can this office can move on.”

Under the agreement, Robinson has to have an HIV test and complete a course on AIDS.

Once Robinson completes the program, charges will be dropped after another court hearing.

If convicted of solicitation, Robinson could have faced a maximum penalty of about 60 days in jail.

Robinson, 35, was arrested Jan. 30 for allegedly soliciting an undercover police officer for oral sex. He was among about 25 people caught in a police sting on Poncey Boulevard, a major street in downtown Atlanta frequented by prostitutes.

Frequently Asked Questions #5-6

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The following questions have surfaced in Cal Poly Plan forums and discussions, as well as in letters to the editor of the Mustang Daily and editors.

What do student fees now support?

One-fourth of the total registration fees that students pay goes to designated purposes such as University Union fees, recreation sports programs and basic health services. The balance goes to support the cost of instruction.

What portion of total education costs are students supporting through fees?

The State of California covers approximately 80% of the cost of education. Cal Poly’s registration fees (along with the fees at other CSU system universities) are nearly the identical $512. The yearly registration fee (1998-1999 academic year) at Cal Poly is $2,210. The average fee for a comparable institution is $3,611. Moreover, student fees paid at those universities (like the UC campuses), which mostly compete with Cal Poly for students, are more than twice as much.

Questions can be directed to the Cal Poly Plan email "inststdy@calpoly.edu" and the ASI email "polyplan@asi.calpoly.edu"

All Cal Poly Plan information can be accessed through the home page of the University’s web site (www.calpoly.edu) by clicking on "Cal Poly Plan."
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to the Big West Tournament.
"Price remembers the speech.
"It was one of the most impressive
tings that I've seen in 20 years of
"Last year, Elam established himself
as a leader offensively as well.
"Unlike the Mustangs, Pepperdine
led the team in runs scored with 45.
Bunting in the lead-off spot, his presence on base
gave opposing teams fits, as he stole 23 bases.
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In the top of the fifth, the Waves
added to their lead. Cal Poly pitcher Prentice Rio
missed the play at first, allowing the runner to advance to second.

Pepperdine third baseman G.J. Raymond dove a high fly ball into
the right-center field gap, bringing in another run. Then Pinetey stepped up
and hit a sacrifice fly to right field.

The Mustangs got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the fifth when
Mustangs shortstop Craig Ritter hit a line drive over the shortstop, scoring Tanner
Tropper.

Two more runs came for Pepperdine in the seventh. Pinetey put
down a sacrifice bunt, advancing the runners to second and third. A single
to center by Woody Clift put Pepperdine up, 7-1.

Finally, in the bottom of the ninth,
the Mustangs were able to
put another run on the scoreboard.

"He told me that he took his team
to the game to watch me as an exam­
ple for hustle," he said.

In the past, and now I really want to do
something to help my team." Because of the example he sets for
younger players, the second baseman has become a role model for young
and area Little Leaguers. Last sea­
son, a local baseball coach brought his
team to watch Elam play.
"He was always there to help him
[the game] to watch me as an exam­
ple for hustle," he said.

"It's easy to accomplish things
when you're thinking in terms of
things that I've seen in 20 years of
in 20 years of

"He has a great light every time
he gets on base," Price said. "Every time
he gets on base, I try to recite that."

"He kind of snuck up on some peo­
tle until he had about 20 stolen
basestep Craig Ritter said.

"Not only did the comment reflect
well on Elam, but it also resonated
on a personal level.

"I'm not really worried so much
about individual accomplishments," Elam said. "I think I've had those in
the past, and now I really want to do
something to help my team."

A couple of years ago when he was
starting, his determination pushed
him to hustle and work harder, fol­
lowing his parents' advice that such
effort brings rewards. That hustle
finally earned him a chance to start,
giving him an opportunity to display
his ability to be a prime-time player.
"I was in a position to show others
that if you work hard, good things will
happen," Elam said. "If things aren't
going well, you've got to keep your
head up and keep working hard; and
let things fall into place."
Elam steals leadership role

By Chris Arns
Mustang Daily

Elam has helped the Mustangs concentrate on teamwork and handle the whole displaying those values each moment he's on the field.

"He's one of those guys who's a consummate quiet leader," head coach Ritch Price said. "If you had a son, you would want to buy a ticket and bring him out to a game to watch Matt. He plays as hard as you can play."

I asked them what we all had in common, and someone said it was that we all had our backs to the wall," Elam said. "That's what it was. We were in a position where we could go nowhere but forward. We had nothing to lose; we had to fight and scratch if we wanted to make it."

A season to remember. He fits his role as motivator.

Matt's really a good example," his head coach Ritch Price said. "I don't try to be too vocal. I try to be quiet and do my job."

But even though he's stolen more bases than the Newton Boys, Liam still has a long way to go to catch Joe Richardson, third baseman for the Giants.

The 37-year-old may seem nonchalant about the opening day title, but he knows what it means. He knows that he too has to prepare for the mind.

"It means more than just physical training; an athlete has to prepare the mind as well."

"I want to do good, I cannot be stressed out," Serrano said. "I relax and know that because I trained hard, I can perform to the best of my abilities."