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The California legislature may come to Cal Poly's financial rescue, saving students from the proposed Cal Poly Plan for now. Until the state finalizes its budget, the April

Fine line of Title IX

Students help build awareness of homelessness
By Andy Castagnola
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Cal Poly students sunk their hands in dirt, took swings at nails and slapped paint on cross-Strians Saturday, as part of the first Homeless/Hunger Volunteer Day.

"Beyond Shelter, a Student Community Services group recruited about 35 students for a morning of manual labor to wrap up a week dedicated to homelessness and hunger education.

"I know it's hard for people to get up in the morning," said Beyond Shelter co-director Matta Magnoli, a political science junior. "It shows people care. They found out they made a difference.

The group divided into three camps, each with different work assignments throughout the course.

About 10 students reported to a self-help housing project in Nipomo, where 39 families are working to create their own homes.

Thank Lu, an electrical engineering freshman, took up a paintbrush to coat birdhouses before they were installed.

"This is a great opportunity to change the community in a positive way, to help people start a new home and their new life," Lu said.

Some of Let's work partners climbed onto roofs to hammer-placed to the nests. Others worked with future residents to build roof supports.

"It's a good, fun, helpful way to spend a Saturday," Nipomo volunteer and electrical engineering freshman Dave Fowler said. "We're actually building something, instead of sitting in a dorm room playing on the computer.

Foundation cracks down on Cal Poly logo licenses
By Alexis Garbeff
Mustang Daily

Campus clubs and organizations that want to use Cal Poly's trademarked logo will have to start paying Foundation licenses in the fall.

"The Cal Poly logo, and anything that looks, acts or talks like Cal Poly needs to be licensed for use," said Robert Griffin, associate executive director of Foundation.

According to Griffin, the communications office and Foundation will not mandate how campus clubs and organizations can use the logo — which encompasses anything that uses Cal Poly or is associated with the university — as it is used in a passive manner.

"We are not trying to dictate creation, and we will be liberal as long as the club's design does not cast Cal Poly in a bad light," Griffin said.

Obscene language in association with the logo, stereotypes, such as Cow Poly, and copyrighted material give Cal Poly a bad image, said Nick Bash, associate director of El Corral Bookstore.

However, many campus clubs and organizations, including Running Thunder and the Ski Club, feel that obtaining a license

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Only one candidate runs for ASI office
By Steve Noone
Mustang Daily

Only one candidate's name will appear on the ballot for Associated Students Inc. president when students go to the polls April 28.

John Mottier, an agricultural business junior and current ASI executive vice president, was the only student to officially declare his candidacy by Friday's 5 p.m. deadline.

"It's really strange — typically you have at least three people running for the (president) position," he said.

"I'm not exactly sure why this year is different — I expected more.

"Even if I am the only one running, I'm still going to campaign like there's four or five other people. I think it's important for people to know where I stand," he said. "I'll be the first to admit ASI isn't perfect, but my experience as vice president has given me some insight into some of the things we can work on."
March sky

Cal Poly Space Systems attempted to launch two rockets by the Cal Poly aero hangar on Sunday. Aeronautical engineering senior Mike Minniear, who is an ASI Student Senate member and the student leader of Cal Poly Space Systems, explained that the two launches failed.

"There may be some instances where the impact logo licensing will have on campus groups and organizations," said Griffin and Routh. "In cases in which the group's design is questionable, Foundation Board of Directors will need more time to review."

"We have to be prepared for a vote this year if this initiative goes sour," said Luther. "Also, the Steering Committee has to maintain the Poly Plan momentum."

Walters also said that more students than usual are running for individual college board positions. "Compared to the number of candidates and positions that were available in recent years, we have an increased number of students interested in running for the 2008-09 ASI Board of Directors," he said. "One role that will need more attention this year is campaign chair. We have an ASI resolution supporting the idea of having a separate campaign chair role to help students with campaign logistics."
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It's time to reexamine our anger with the CAPTURE system

Last week my evil twin wrote a column about the pell-mell wildfire of CAPTURE fees. I disagree with several points she made. First of all, it is not the fault of the CAPTURE system that when you call to add classes, there are none available. The CAPTURE system allows you to move around the deficit of classes at Cal Poly. So far as I'm concerned, there is one, and only one way for Cal Poly administration to be sure—more sections of the classes students need to graduate.

Student lounges, remodeled buildings, and more pencil system cannot create classes. Still, all of us, are frustrated. It's time to reexamine our turn. After all, it is the students who started to impinge the system in our hour of desperation, but it may be just a little unethical. Students we will feel comfortable then the registrar says the school will be forced to restrict students to capturing 12 units, instead of 16.

The CAPTURE system is far from perfect. However, I have heard that the staff at Cal Poly care about our registration abilities, and that they are constantly striving to make the system better. My evil twin does not remember the day when you wanted to drop for hour to try to get hopefully one or two, or when students had to mail in a petition, then wait weeks to find out what classes they got into. People who complain about the cheap shots at our leadership and character still leave me groping for words.

As members of Alpha Gamma Rho, we are very proud of the achievements of Dan Gies. However, Gies is not the only brother of our fraternity to take a leadership role in our community. Over the last year, in addition to Associated Students Inc. president, ASI members have held the offices of ASI executive vice president and three ASI board members for the College of Agriculture. AGRs have also served as officers for clubs on and off campus, including the president of the Cal Poly Vincenca Club, the president and secretary of the San Luis Obispo County Young Farmers and Ranchers and the president of the California State Junior Holstein Association. Brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho will continue to be elected to places of leadership both in and outside of the agricultural world, due to qualities instilled in them by our fraternity.

Besides taking leadership roles, brothers of AGR take an active role in community service. We were involved with the drive to help Arctic, the Central Coast child who needed a kidney transplant. We help members of the community, like Janice Ung, with things like cleaning and yard work. We will also be involved with the Special Olympics this year. We held annual canned food drives and donate to a number of deserving charities. All of this is above and beyond the many events, like the Sigma Kappa Fruit and Fun, which benefits Alzheimer's research, and Alpha Omicron Pi's Fro Frenzy contest, in which proceeds go to arthritis research, that the entire greek system participates in every year.

As members of the agricultural community, you have a responsibility for the manner in which you disseminate information. Just because a person or group fits into a certain demographic profile, gives you no right to sport stereotypes and misinformation. It is one thing to criticize when one is deserving, but to blind side our fraternity in this manner on an occasion that was intended to be an honor is both illegical and unacceptable.

Kevin J. Genassi is a bioresource and agricultural engineering sophomore.

Stop whining about Poly's diversity — appreciate it

In response to Christina Alveza's patriotic sympathy-seeking letter concerning the lack of interest in a diverse campus — I say get a life! Before choosing this wonderful univers-
The athletic department's decision to create indoor track to reach the NCAA status clearly does not accomplish the intentions of Title IX, as no new coach would be hired to train the female track athletes. Knowing these expectations, we still bring out 30+ girls who play lacrosse strictly for the love of the game.

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Come to find out, the two "teams" are actually comprised of the same female track athletes. Who wouldn't like the athletic department feel it more beneficial to spend the wealth and diversity the women's playing field by allowing the women's water polo team, lacrosse team or any other to compete at the NCAA level? Instead, we have the same athletes doing the same thing — just under a different name. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't think this qualifies for Title IX compliance.

I know this isn't your issue to deal with, Ms. Crawford. What is your issue, however, is your attitude toward female athletes, as evidenced by the comments you made in the article, justifying the formation of the indoor track team. Quite surprising, actually, since you yourself are a female athlete. But I pass, according to your criteria, anyone who doesn't fit your criteria, anyone who doesn't meet your standards. According to you, you want "women athletes to be respected for their athleticism, not the fact that they wear skirts..." So you're basically saying that lacrosse, field hockey and even tennis players don't display athleticism. I beg to differ.

As a member of the women's lacrosse team, I know what myself and all my teammates go through to compete at our Division I level. We play the game knowing we are responsible for making our own schedule, hiring our own referees, providing our own transportation to games and putting up our own money. Knowing these expectations, we still bring out 30+ girls who play lacrosse strictly for the love of the game.

You go on to say that "people in the decision-making position have to look at performance," I don't know how your track team is doing in competition, but I can tell you that the women's lacrosse team is ranked 18th in the nation among club teams and is in first place in a league consisting of UC Los Angeles, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, Arizona University and Claremont.

If you're looking at performance in the program and women's water polo team can say the same thing. But maybe practice facilities aren't the issue here. Maybe the new indoor track team just practices on the outdoor track and competes at indoor events. So now I'm left wondering: What's the difference? Does Cal Poly really need to spend extra money on an indoor track team if it does the same exact thing as the outdoor team?

Irenka Rudnicki is a graphic communication senior and a Cal Poly women's lacrosse member.

Editor:

First, I want to say I understand why there are people upset about the whole issue. But what pissed me off was the fact that whoever wrote the article and Rachel put the track team down by saying to add "a real women's team." What the hell is that supposed to mean? Just because Rachel hasn't heard of indoor track doesn't mean it doesn't exist. The only reason why we had a total of three meets is because it is something new to Cal Poly. And for your information, the reason we placed eighth, along with UC Los Angeles, was because we only took eight girls, whereas all the other teams had a full squad.

We are some of the best athletes here, and we deserve the opportunity to compete against the top NCAA Division I schools. Last year we placed second in the Big West Conference, with both MPSFs of the meet coming from Cal Poly. This year we are looking strong, and first place is not far away, so before you go making judgments about what's a real women's sport and what's not, I think better do a little research first.

Tamatha Jackson is a kinesiology senior and captain of the women's track and field team.
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