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Donations, state funds revamp rooms

By Nanette Pietroforte
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

All of Cal Poly's buildings are not created equally.
While Facility Services maintain and pay for general-use classrooms with funds from the state, individual departments use private funding to renovate special-use rooms such as computer labs. "It's mostly private money that funds modifications," director of Facility Services Ed Nazzaro said.
For example, private donations are responsible for the current renovation in the graphic communications building. "The major portion of funds were donated from private donations. According to the Cal Poly business department web site, the eight-year-old business building cost nearly $15 million, most of which came from private donations. "It's a beautiful building," business junior Cliff Alaimo said. "It's part of one's experience when they first come here." The faculty decided to add the laboratories, but Nazzaro said the decision supports the students. "Ultimately, the students will benefit," he said.
Business students are also benefiting from private donations.

Students, community take time out to sweep up

By Carolyn Picara
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Like a cleaning tornado, Cal Poly and Greater San Luis Obispo students, clients, staff and others from the community whipped through the EOC Homeless Shelter Saturday morning, washing floors and walls, raking leaves and painting.
Saturday was National Make a Difference Day, Cal Poly volunteers from Beyond Shelter joined millions of people across the country who took time to contribute service to their communities.
Beyond Shelter director Matt Cechini said, "I think it gives people hope, that they aren't the forgotten people of our society. We don't just talk today, we do."
Smiling and laughing, children are testimony to volunteers that their efforts really do make a difference in another person's life.

SLO homeless speak out on stereotypes

By Erin Crosby
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

He may be the man walking down the street downtown, or the woman sitting in the back of the bus, or even the kids that play on the grass in the park. The homeless are everywhere, but they often go unnoticed.
Last Thursday night's homeless panel held in Tenaya Hall, sponsored by Beyond Shelter, helped to spread awareness to Cal Poly students. "The purpose of the homeless panel is to reveal the truths about the realities of homelessness in San Luis Obispo to the students and to break the stereotypes that many people possess," Beyond Shelter co-director Pado Younse said. "When people hear the word homeless they think of panhandlers, drunks and mentally ill wandering the streets and harassing members of the community. The reality is that many of the homeless are just like you and me."
According to Younse, there are currently 2,200-4,000 homeless people in San Luis Obispo County.
Thursday night's panel consisted of three homeless men who are currently staying at a homeless shelter in town. Ed Neeley, Eric Lehr and Kelley told their stories of how they ended up homeless and what they are doing to better their situations. "It is an eye opening experience," Beyond Shelter co-director Matt Cechini said. "It makes you realize that they are real people."
During the panel, students were able to see that homelessness is a problem that can affect anyone. One man had a past filled with drugs and alcohol, while another fell into hard times after a back injury. "So often people see the homeless and immediately judge them," said Eliza Hoshier. "But often times they are just people down on their luck looking for a second chance."
These men are trying to get back on their feet through programs at the shelter. They are working with Case Management, a program designed to help them find a job and housing.
Even though the men have been through so many hardships in their lives, they manage to keep a positive outlook that things will get better. "It isn't easy, and there are many times when you will get very low and very depressed, but you have to have faith that things will get better because otherwise you have nothing," Lehr said.

Getting a job while at the shelter is another serious problem they deal with. "When I apply for a job and tell them I live at the shelter, they start wondering if I'm a drug addict or an alcoholic or something," said two-week resident Kathleen Denoff. "There is a lot of stigma attached to being here. But we all have different situations for not having a place to live. I'm not an alcoholic or drug addict. I get unemployment but $392 a month isn't enough to save up for a house."
One client said because there are so many students in San Luis Obispo, the rents are sky-high and apartments are impossible to find.
Josh Powers, a member of the staff, said, "If the colleges would get creative and come up
Construction industry breaks down barriers at forum

By Tracy Brant Colvin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Last weekend's Construction Sciences Forum brought together aspects of the construction industry from landscape architects to firms that build stadiums. The forum consisted of seminars with guest speakers, product booth displays and a round-table dinner discussion.

Architecture senior Craig Chinn said the aim of the forum was to bring together many facets of the construction industry and expose them to students and local construction professionals.

"What the forum is about is breaking down barriers," said Chinn.

Architecture senior and president of Multicultural Association of Environmental Designers Holman Vilchez agreed with Chinn.

"There was a good dialogue between the different disciplines," Vilchez said.

The dialogue aspect of the forum also made it conducive for professionals to discuss issues that are facing the industry.

"The forum is worthwhile for students because they get exposed to different things," said Vilchez. Also, said that attendees are representative of the industries that he will be dealing with after graduation.

Chinn concurred with Vilchez, saying that a group of a hundred students continued to ask questions of one speaker even after she had finished her talk.

Chinn was impressed with the response by the professionals in the construction field.

"We had more interest from speakers than we had time for," said Chinn.

He added that if Cal Poly changes to a year-round system, better ventilation will be needed for the summer.

"Most of the summer school classes are in the morning, but if Cal Poly goes year-round, we'll have more classes in mid-day," Naretto said.

Facility Services is also responsible for the equipment in the general-use classrooms. This year they added 100 new desks to upstairs classrooms in the English building and the science building.

"We look for the worst ones and replace them," Naretto said.

Each year, Facility Services modifies about 30 classrooms. Some students have suggestions for the next modifications.

Computer engineering junior Mike Davis said the computer science building and the agriculture building need to be re-done.

"They are absolute dumps," Davis said.

Chairmen of the agriculture department Ken Scott disagreed.

"It's a good old building," Scott said. "It's a fairly comfortable building, and it's highly used."

Scott said state funding for renovations is rare.

"The state updates their prisons before they update their classrooms," he said. "I think professors and students alike would like to have updated facilities."

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Important people in the California State University system are currently discussing the semester system, with the intent of unifying all CSUs under a similar plan. It seems Chancellor Charles Reed is willing to sacrifice a broad, polytechnic education for the sake of system unity. Although system unity may ease administrative tasks, it has few educational benefits, which should be Reed's primary concern as CSU chancellor.

The message Cal Poly needs to send to Reed: "It's not broken, don't fix it." Right now, Cal Poly students are getting argued about educating the state in the same, and Reed wants to interfere with that.

The quarter calendar needs to stay intact for several reasons beyond just familiarity. Under that system, quarter calendar students have the opportunity to study more topics, from geology to British literature to music theory. The switch to semesters would limit students to only a handful of classes per year, which in turn limits educational breadth. In a world that prides itself on an expansive curriculum, semesters would deliver a blow to this world of opportunities that should continue and which should be abandoned. Currently, there are a variety of classes to only a handful of classes per year, which is inadequate for educational breadth. In a world that prides itself on an expansive curriculum, semesters would deliver a blow to this world of opportunities that should continue and which should be abandoned.

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First, this self-proclaimed lover of nature should contract International Paper to manage the Redwood Forests. Why does columnist after columnist treat that little slice of the editorial page like a damn soapbox to preach from? You're not a profound thinker of your time — you're a goddamn embarrassment to Cal Poly and your Critical Thinking professor!

I read the Mustang Daily for entertainment and Cal Poly news, not to become a "better person" one morning at a time. I don't need some half-wit telling me that Jesus is going to send my liberal ass to hell every other day. If I wanted to read about God every morning, I'd go to Church, not Cal Poly!

Dustin "going to hell with a Gore 2000 bumper sticker" Okada is an aeronautical engineering junior.

Quarters are best for Poly

I'll let someone else argue for the merits of the quarter system (I'm sure they will), so let's just assume that it's superior for now. I hope that nobody is too quick to forget the antics of the same Chancellor Reed who is now proposing a unilateral move away from the quarter system. All the programs to which Reed alludes have been in existence since the 1960s. If he, himself, is incompetent administrative ability and derivative, ignorant comments towards our teachers caused a strike on campus just last year. And the postpone of the Poly Plan for lake, which was supposed to slide through unnoticed by an apathetic student body with freshly minted engineering degrees.

If you can so easily rip into the quarter system in favor of semesters, why can't you become the best engineering school in the country, and on a public school budget? All it takes is administrators with vision that reaches beyond their own nose.

Ethan Pratt is a mechanical engineering junior.
Week teaches environmental smarts

By Cynthia Neff
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

Students can explore transportation options, endangered species and air-freshening plants during Environmental Awareness Week starting today at Cal Poly.

The second annual event includes exhibits and contests to help students appreciate their environment.

Allyson Nakasone, an EcoSo employee, said the purpose of the week is to show students how they can become environmentally conscious. EcoSo is organizing the student staff who will oversee the week's exhibits, contests, walks and plantings.

Daryl Wintrone, publicity director for Cal Poly's Wildlife Club, said his club is planning to feature threatened animal species in San Luis Obispo County, from kangaroo rats to condors.

"There are opportunities to learn about ecology no matter what major you are," Wintrone said. "You can always make a difference."

Sheila Stephan, president of the Environmental Horticulture Club, said the club's emphasis will be plants that eliminate 90 percent of pollutants in the atmosphere, making a home's air quality more safe to breathe.

Jason Luke, president of the Human Powered Vehicle Club, will show students possibilities in human-powered transportation. The club has the fastest bicycle Cal Poly has ever produced, an aerodynamic model able to accelerate up to 54 mph. Luke hopes the exhibit will "stir up students' creative juices" in order to find additional routes to campus. Luke added that his club is completely different from the Electric Vehicle Club.

Neera Mannas, a member of the Electric Vehicle Club, said, "My club is going to feature a battery-powered '79 Mazda so students can learn about the car as well as what electric vehicles are trying to accomplish."

Mannas said there are still problems with the distance an electric car can travel, adding that the Mazda is only able to drive 25 miles on one battery.

Ronse Chow, another club member, said within the next 10 years electric cars will become more common.

Besides the exhibits, held on Dexter lawn today and Tuesday and in the lower University Union plaza Wednesday and Thursday, there will be either a walk or planting held each afternoon.

Brian Stark, deputy director for the SLO Land Conservancy, will lead the Steen Creek walk on Tuesday to teach students the history and current restoration process of the creek on campus. The creek's problems date back to the 1950s, due to hydraulic factors by people upstream from Cal Poly, "SLO Conservancy is just coming in to speed up the healing process," Stark said.

SLO Conservancy's planting of 1,300 trees will also help restore the natural environment at Cal Poly. Stark said a local grower will supply 100 trees to recreate a native community of trees and bushes, which grow better when they're together.

Ed Johnson, energy and utilities manager at Cal Poly, will accompany Stark to Steen Creek and help guide a Poly Canyon hike. Johnson pushes for an increased awareness in using utilities and natural resources more efficiently.

Cal Poly's residence halls are conducting their own events to reduce material waste on campus. In addition to a canned food drive fund-raiser, students have planned a day of garbage awareness to show what is thrown away on an average day and what can be recycled.

Justin Price, coordinator and student director for Fremont Hall, predicts that the majority of garbage will be recyclable.

Campus Dining is also going to participate in a food audit that will look at 352 discarded trees from the Lighthouse to determine food waste. According to the amount of waste, Campus Dining will plan menus.

According to Campus Dining assistant director Mike Voth, past tests have indicated room for improvement, but he was not aware of what changes would take place to reduce food waste.

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trialed 2-1 in the second game when the team scored 14 unanswered points, winning 15-2. The team dominated the third game as well, finishing off the Aggies, 15-5.

VOLLEYBALL

Monday, October 25, 1999

the team scored 14 unanswered

blocks. Outside hitter Cyndi Ellen

added a match-high nine digs and

Carly O’Halloran had 13 assists.

UNR’s outside hitter Lauren

Netherby contributed 10 kills and

setter Jennifer Harris added 19 assists

in a losing cause.

The victory was the team’s sixth

in a row and kept the Mustangs in

the thick of the Big West title race.

Cal Poly is currently tied for third

but only a game out of first place.

“Our progression as a team has

been good so far this year,” Schlick

said. “The more time we spend together, the more efficient we become.”

Cal Poly plays away next week at

UC Santa Barbara on Thursday and

Boise State on Saturday.

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Scores

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UC Davis 31

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Andy Jepson 14-29
for 189 yards and 1 TD.

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Long Beach State 1

4 second half goals.

Cal Poly 2

Team wins Big West Conference title.

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