Baker takes $1 million of student money for complex

By Andy Castagnola
MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

Cal Poly President Warren Baker dipped into nearly $1 million of student-fee money to fill a Sports Complex funding gap Tuesday.

The complex has surpassed its budget by $31.1 million, bringing its total cost to $191,000 from the University Union reserves maintained by Associated Students Inc. The excess money comes directly from students’ tuition.

Previously, ASI committed to contributing about $50,000 per year to the Sports Complex, or 52 percent of the total estimate. Now, ASI is responsible for about $56 million in funding, although the percentage of its contribution decreased to 4.6 percent.

"(ASI’s) proportion has actually decreased," Gonzalez said.

However, a source close to ASI said Baker had vowed not to reach into student fees for more Sports Complex money. In addition, the source said Baker did not consult with ASI nor make a formal request for the funds.

"University officials will announce the decision tonight at 5 p.m. in UU Room 220.

"We will have enough money to push forward with the master plan. The UU future will not be jeopardized," Gonzalez said.

The ASI source said the university exhausted other options for funding and began exploring ASI for money about two weeks ago. The other funding options make up more than $2.1 of the $31.1 million in added costs for the Sports Complex.

"This is not about not doing enough fundraising," Gonzalez said. "We want an absolutely wonderful Sports Complex."

University officials will announce the appropriation at tonight’s ASI Board of Directors meeting at 5 p.m. in UU Room 220.

Baker could not be reached for comment.

Groundhog shadow shines on businesses

By Karin Driessen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Today’s appearance of the groundhog and his shadow may tell us how local students' participation in Groundhog Day 2000 may help determine more important things.

Groundhog Shadow Day, a national job-shadowing program, is taking place for the first time in San Luis Obispo County.

San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce Communications Director Alex LaCapelle said approximately 200 students from area schools will visit businesses in a wide variety of fields to see what career opportunities are available to them in the future. The program will continue for two months, and organizers hope to have 400 students participate during that time.

About 50 businesses have signed up to participate, but more businesses may sign up during the next two months. Participating businesses include health services such as French Hospital media such as The Tribune and television station KSBY; local government work at Los Carps' office; and various departments at Cal Poly, including the Society of Women Engineers.

Groundhog Shadow Day is in its third year nationally and is being coordinated locally for the first time by the Education to Career Connection and the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce.

In previous years, the Rotary Club has organized job-shadowing programs, but organizers of this year’s program want to see them grow.

"We’re looking to expand it and make it into a year-round program," said Karen Lopez, Education to Career Connection.

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'Roofie' test free if students file campus police report

By Kimberly Tahsuda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

You are at a party or social event with both friendly and unfamiliar faces. You may set your drink down or mix it to go, not noticing a change because it is colorless, odorless and tasteless. You may not even know what happened until the next day, because the drug often causes temporary amnesia.

At Cal Poly, there are numerous confidential options available for students in contact with Roofies.

If a police report is filed with Cal Poly Police, a student has the option to take a free test at Bishop Labs in San Luis Obispo to determine whether any date rape drugs are present in his or her body. By filing a police report, the student does not have to agree to file charges against anyone.

"I want people to understand that by filing a report, it doesn't mean you have to proceed with criminal action," University Police Investigator Mike Kennedy said. "The report simply gives them an option of coming forward.

"Most confusion is due to not knowing what filing a report entails. At the very minimum, filing a see ROHYPNOL, page 2

Poly recruits female sergeant

By Amy Lovell
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of winter quarter, Cal Poly welcomed its first female U.S. Army recruiter to help guide students in their decision to join the army or ROTC.

Staff Sgt. Anna Daffin, US Army Recruiting Program's recruiter, took the job because she loved to help students.

Daffin said that her recruiter made a major impact in her life.

"I wanted to be just like her," Daffin said. "I decided I wanted to be a recruiter, and I was told I was taken at least four years.

Daffin accomplished her goal in three and a half years. Last fiscal year she was named recruiter of the year.

Reser-vists Fox, West Point graduate and captain company commander of the army's Gold Coast Recruiting Company in Oxnard, believes Daffin was the best prospect for the job.

"We were looking for someone who would relate well with the local populace, a leader who would make an impact and promote the army," Fox said.

Daffin is a former winner of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command’s recruiter of the year award.

"I didn't want to work with [her] and I knew her," Daffin said.

Daffin has the added distinction of being the first female in a pilot program aimed to "marry up" the Reserve Officers Training Program and the U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

"This will expand her job in the sense that now, if Daffin discovers that a student is not right for the army but is better suited for ROTC, she is now qualified to let the person know that's available in ROTC," Fox said.

"In the past, the two departments shared no communication," Daffin said. "Now, we're trained to take initial information from an individual to determine which program is best and pass that along to the appropriate person.

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"Age said recruiters are the heart and soul of what both programs do and that Daffin's job can be very difficult.

"Right now the 'baby boom' is over, the economy is doing well, the army has to provide additional incentives to attract more new recruits," Age said.

"How this program does here will determine how it expands or contracts in the entire country," Fox said.

Daffin said the army hopes to get the word out about its benefits.

"Many people don't know there is an All Army Sports Team and that some of its members have gone to the Olympics," Fox said.

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cal Poly officials stress the importance of filling a report because it allows the victim to proceed with further action if desired. It is crucial to file a report as soon as possible if further action is desired.

"When drugs are given to a person, it is even more critical to file a report" because we are dealing with a time element," Kennedy said.

"Time is of the essence," Martin Bragg, director of Health and Psychological Services said. "Most of the date rape drugs only remain in the system for four to 12 hours."

It is not required to file a report or proceed with criminal action when discussing with options with Cal Poly officials.

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In California, there is a confidentiality statement sexual assault victim can request, Kennedy said.

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For mechanical engineering professor Satwar Moustafa, the future of transportation doesn’t lie in flying cars but in solar powered bicycles.

"It’s a very practical, viable and healthy alternative," he said.

Moustafa brought the idea from a similar project he worked on in Palm Springs. One year ago he made a proposal to the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) to help fund the project. The APCD thought it was such a great idea they awarded him a grant of $25,000.

Moustafa thought San Luis Obispo was the perfect place to try out the bike. He estimated that 50 percent of drivers in SLO work between five to 10 miles from home.

"(The bike) would cut down on emissions and traffic," he said.

It would also alleviate parking problems on campus because it occupies a very small space, said Moustafa.

Moustafa and students worked together to create the bikes. There are six total bikes with one to spare in case of an accident.

To make the bikes “zip very fast,” as Moustafa said, there are 12-volt batteries attached to the back of the bike or under the bars.

The bikes are hooked up to an electric plug in a bike locker near the mechanical engineering building. Solar panels are located on the roofs of the lockers to charge the outlets that the bikes are plugged into. When they're charged up, the bikes can go up to 25 mph and travel 20 miles before quitting.

Although the bikes may be confused with mopeds, they are different. They are 10-speed bikes, but the rider doesn’t have to work as hard to make the bike go. The rider can pedal without the battery, use a combination of both or take the easy way out — use only the battery. The bikes have features that include a headlight, turn signals and a horn.

To see how the bike would handle real-life situations, Moustafa loaned the bike out for two weeks to people who had helped with the project. The volunteers had to fill out a time log listing when they used it and wrote their likes and dislikes about the bike.

"The results have been astonishing," Moustafa said.

For Mary Cooper, a mechanical engineering lecturer, the bike came in handy. Cooper already rode her bike to school and found the new bike a refreshing change.

"I didn’t arrive sweaty and out of breath and I didn’t have to work as hard going up the hills," she said.

The only problem Cooper had with the bike was the excess weight from the battery. When it came time to pedal, Cooper found herself working twice as hard.

Darren Connor, a University Union program coordinator, liked the idea so much he invested in a battery and motor which he retrofitted to make a bike for his wife.

"It’s a kick! I like the built-in headlight. The only aerobic activity is switching the on button with your index finger," he said. "It’s perfect for use around town."

The bike had such an impact on the Connors’ life that they downsized their garage and sold one of their cars. A director where Connor’s wife worked liked the bike so much that she now has a designated parking spot.

"She loves it, she parks it outside and plugs it into an outlet," he said.

Moustafa plans to put all comments into a report about the project. He would like to see the project expanded.

"Ideally, I’d like a number of stations on the campus and downtown areas where there are many employees," he said.
Perspectives on the reality of homelessness

Today I give you my shoes to wear. You are now homeless with a 4-year-old daughter. A welfare program is designed to help you but never allows you to keep your child. It meets your immediate needs, but the continual problem is finding a permanent residence. A child and mother receive about $490 a month, plus $90 in food stamps. How many people can live on $580 a month? It is impossible to find an apartment or room to rent because they require deposits. You are compelled to stay in transitional homes, homeless shelters and cheap hotels. In homeless shelters you are given a limited time of 30 days. You are forced to jump from one shelter to the next and you are always telling the same story: "I looked for a place but could not find an affordable one." How do my shoes feel so far?

In this game you are defeated before you start. In most shelters you must listen to a religious service or you cannot eat. This goes for children, too. Many churches will throw you a bag of food or a lunch. The canned food is useless if you have no place to cook. Street people have a long and bitter system of their own. This is how we survive.

In the shelters, you are committed to sleep side by side with strangers. Some women do not shower because there is absolutely no privacy. Your life is an open book and anyone can read through the pages.

The worst part of the situation is being homeless with a child. I truly wanted to die when my 4-year-old daughter would look at me and say, "Mommy, I'm hungry." The system is not equipped to resolve on-going problems for the homeless. It could be that the government didn't spend billions of dollars on nuclear warfare and instead offered enough assistance to pay expected rents. There are thousands of homeless families living in hotels and shelters.

A large percentage of people become homeless for reasons that are out of their control. How many really choose to be homeless?

I can tell you that being homeless is a dark hell. My daughter and I were homeless for four years in Santa Barbara. Perhaps we are alive today so we can tell our story. Do innocent children deserve to suffer needlessly? Please, do not assume that all homeless people are drunkards and drug addicts. The fact is that over 50 percent of homeless people are children.

The United States is a democratic and abundant country. Why are we pretending to be blind to a crisis that worries every day? It is easier to walk away when you are not in this situation! Remember today you are wearing my shoes so you must acknowledge this problem in your own.

Now that you have seen my life, what are you going to do about the homeless people in our community?

Nancy E. Kapp is a political science sophomore.

Opinion

Jury duty should be revised

When I got my summons for jury duty not long ago, I started complaining to anyone who would listen about how it was a waste of time and an extreme inconvenience. After everyone told me to stop complaining because it was my civic duty, I began to wonder what kind of favor I was doing to society by deciding the fate of someone I have never met, don't really care about and have no way of knowing if they are telling the truth.

A Web site called the Juror's Handbook said that as a juror, I am one of a panel of 12 judges with the responsibility of protecting all innocent Americans from unjust laws. If I am supposed to protect people from unjust laws, I should be informed of the laws.

Courts have ruled jurors have the right to decide the law, but they don't have to be told about it. This sounds hypocritical. It goes further to say that judges have the right to ignore a judge's instructions on the law, but they don't have to be aware of the right to do so. I know basic laws, like don't steal or kill, but our country also has millions of laws I don't know about.

In today's society, lawsuits are filed for everything. Is it really a restaurant's fault when someone buys coffee (usually served hot) and spills it on themselves? I wouldn't think so, but most jurors will see the restaurant is guilty. This is because no one really knows or cares about who is responsible (it's called an accident) and will convict the large corporation because they have more money.

I receive forwarded e-mail that contains crazy but true laws. In some states it's illegal to eat in a burning building or even walk backwards down the street. It sounds ridiculous, but I'm sure someone somewhere will try to use these things to get rich quick.

Instead of calling me in to protect "innocent" people from unjust laws, we should come up with a system that makes no jury is needed to convict these people. We will save taxpayers' money by not paying jurors to miss work or school. No one who has taken a basic economics class knows time is just as valuable as money.

If I was accused of a crime that I didn't commit, I wouldn't want an uninformed jury of randomly selected people deciding my fate. Those people wouldn't care about what happened to me. If I had a weak case because of a bad lawyer or lack of evidence, I could spend the rest of my life in jail.

A jury has the power to acquit, even if the rest of the group is informed. A jury has the power to acquit even if one person's vote can "hang" a jury — even if the rest of the group is informed and caring — one person's vote can mess up someone's life.

Of course jurors are needed in our system of checks and balances, but there should be a better way of deciding the fate of people. If judges have to spend years in school and work as lawyers before they get to wear their robes, jurors should have some form of education as well.

For now, we'll just keep sending unadvised people into courtrooms to decide the fate of a fellow human.

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Rape has biological roots; it's not just about male power

Why do men rape? People have been seeking answers to this question for centuries. Recently, scientists have taken a stab at the answer, drawing a certain amount of controversy. University of New Mexico biology professor Randy Thornhill and Colorado anthropologist Craig T. Palmer propose that rape is not a crime of male domination but a "complex sexual crime with strong roots in human evolution."

The men theorize that rape is part of the male sexual psyche and was part of a successful male reproductive strategy in human evolution. They contend that the current reasoning of why men rape is completely wrong. Men do not rape to exert their power and control over women, but because they're sexually aroused. In other words, the scientists believe that rape is biological and current theories say it is in a socially learned violence.

If I was a male, I'd be offended by this theory. Isn't it nice to be told that rape is part of your natural self? I think the scientists' overgeneralization that all men are capable of rape is wrong. Not all men are looking for women to rape.

Of course, every rape counseling center is outraged at this new theory. After years of sociological research of why men rape, they're being told it's all wrong. To top it off, the scientists sound like they're pro-rape.

My stomach churns at the thought of rape being a male reproductive strategy. What bothers me most is that the new explanation seems to validate rape. I'd have to see Rex Krebs go into psychological counseling and be told, "It's OK, you did it because it's in your roots." There is no excuse for rape. The new theory sounds like a farce, but maybe there is a hidden answer that could help stop rape. As much as I dislike aspects of the theory, the scientists may have something. Without much, rape is still happening.

The reality of his message hit me last week as I paid my first visit to the Graphic Arts Building Rm. 226, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 (805) 756-1143 (phone) (805) 756-6784 (fax). As I arrived at the cat area, eager paws reached out of their kennels. Each contused animal hoped it would be their lucky day to win a family. As I walked down row after row of sad faces, whimpering cat and dog-eyed, I had never been so disgusted. I walked down row after row of sad black-and-white shepherd dogs being turned in later than the deadline will be subject to a late fee.

Adopt your pets from the pound — you will make a friend, save a furry life. As I walked down row after row of sad faces, I was searching for a reason — anything to let them ignore where they were, if only for a minute. Person after person would come in, staying only a short while, before finding out that kitter and puppy season hadn't quite arrived.

"Let's go to the pet store or to the breeder and buy one — there's plenty of little ones there," they would say. I had never been so disgusted. What does the size or age of an animal matter next to the size of love and companionship they're willing to devote to you? And isn't a desire for companionship one of the main reasons for having a pet?

The animals at the pound are there for a reason — they need a home. They only have a limited time to live before they are put to sleep. The animals in pet stores are raised for the purpose of being sold (which I believe is inhumane) and do not have an immediate count-down on their lives.

The saddest part of my pound experience was when I saw a little black-and-white shepherd dog being walked to the "No Admittance" room. His time had expired. It was like he was walking down death row, guilty simply of a longing for a warm home and loving family. What a way to die. What a way to live.

If it weren't for the size constraints of my apartment, I would be sitting here today with that entire pound. As it was, I did adopt a kitty. She is one of the main reasons I felt compelled to write about my experience.

In the week she has been in my home, she has brought an unfathomable amount of love and laughter into my life. It is so nice to have a little furry buddy keep my lap warm while doing homework, and so fulfilling to know that I saved her from the horrible experience of that back room at the pound.

While I'm not preaching for people to run out and adopt today, I'm hoping that my experience will convince people to consider adopting from a pound or animal shelter as an alternative to buying a pet from a store.

However, while animals are cute and cuddly, they are also a large responsibility. People need to consider the cost and time factor involved with ownership. Many animals are in the pound today because their owners neglected to think of such things. Finally, as Barker always says, if you do have a cat or dog, please spay or neuter them as soon as possible. It is more humane to help the homeless animal problem than to add to it.

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MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday: February 2, 2000 Meeting #00-10
5:10 PM - University Union 220

Highlights
- Resolution #00-02: ASI Stance on the C-Prerequisite Policy
- Resolution #00-03: ASI Stance on the Robert E. Kennedy Collections
- Resolution #00-04: ASI Stance on the Printing Fee Proposal
- Resolution #00-05: ASI Stance on the ITS Printing Fee Proposal
- Point of Sale

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ASI NEWS

- Parental Notification Policy regarding drug and alcohol violations by students: The Cal Poly Substance Use and Abuse Advisory Committee has worked with students to develop a new policy for Parental Notification of drug and alcohol violations by students. The policy states: Parents of students between the ages of 18 to 21, who have been through a Cal Poly disciplinary process and are found to have committed a disciplinary violation for alcohol and/or controlled substances could be contacted as a resource (not punitive measure) under the following circumstances:
  - Student is at risk of being removed from Cal Poly Residence Halls (Housing License revoked or Housing License Revocation Held in Abeyance) for alcohol and/or controlled substance violation(s).
  - Student is at risk of being removed from (placed on deferred suspension; suspended or expelled from) Cal Poly for alcohol and/or controlled substance violation(s).

This policy is pending review by the ASI Board of Directors, the Substance Use and Abuse Committee, and by President Baker.

- Coro Fellows Program: the Coro Fellowship is a full-time, graduate level leadership development program. Coro seeks individuals with demonstrated potential for leadership and a genuine commitment to public service. The program, which begins in September and ends in May, provides an individual with marketable skills for effective leadership and explore or change careers. Coro Fellows work in a series of field assignments with political campaigns, government, business, labor, media and community organizations. The application deadline for the 2000-2001 Coro Fellows Program is February 11, 2000. For more information, please call Larry Labrado at 213-623-1234, ext. 15, or stop by the ASI Student Government Office (UU202).

CHUMASH CHALLENGE

"You can get whatever you want in life if you just help enough other people get what they want." - Zig Ziglar

Team Building Facilitator Class scheduled for February 11 - 13, 2000. Come visit us at Chumash Challenge or call 756-5832.

POLY ESCAPES

The winter season has finally arrived! Some of you may be sitting in your rooms, looking out the window, and cursing at the downpour knowing that in moments you will have to pile on layers and prepare yourself for a wet trip to class. All of us here at Poly Escapes have a slightly different view of the weather...if it's raining here that means there's snow and ice in the mountains. If you have never been into the Escape Route it is located in the lower level of the UU, and inside are posted information sheets about our upcoming trips. If you share our winter weather excitement come in and check out what we're doing this weekend. Ice Climbing, Mountaineering, Ocean Kayaking, Snowboarding, Skiing, and Hot springs are some of the adventures waiting for you.

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Vernell was close to missing the 1999-2000 season because of his illness beginning with the team. After the Rams went 5-11 and 4-12 in his first two seasons, there was talk that he could be fired. The players weren't happy, either. Most of it was only gnawing because of extreme team practices that often left the players exhausted before they stepped on the field on Sundays.

But four prominent players, including comeback Todd Little, boycotted the final team meeting of the 1999 season. That sent a message to the coach, who described it as the time at as a "shot in the back." Vernell, however, weathered the problems and led the team to an incredible turnaround. In his first season as an NFL coach with the Eagles from 1976-82, Vernell called the plays and basically ran the entire show with an iron fist. He left the game with burnout, and when he returned he became a benevolent overeer.

During the Super Bowl buildup, Vernell hesitated on his future. On one hand, he loved coaching. On the other, Card Vernell, his wife of 44 years, told him: "What else do you have to prove?" After a day to digest the Rams' victory in perhaps the most thrilling finish of the 34 Super Bowls, Vernell decided his was right.

ROCKER

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NFL star jailed on two charges of murder

ATLANTA (AP) — NFL star Ray Lewis was at a post-Super Bowl brawl in which two people were stabbed to death but was not on the scene at the time, his lawyer said early Monday. No bail was set and prosecutors pursue it.

The Baltimore Ravens linebacker, his hands shackled in front of him, appeared in court on two counts of murder in the slayings early Monday. No bail was set and he will remain jailed until a Feb. 24 preliminary hearing.

The murder charges carry life in prison or the death penalty, if prosecutors pursue it. Lewis is the second NFL player in less than a month accused of murder. Former Carolina Panthers receiver Rae Carruth was charged with murdering his girlfriend, who was pregnant at the time of the drive-by shooting.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue had no comment, but Gene Washington, the NFL's chief disciplinarian, called Lewis' arrest "devastating."

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The Ravens said they have not taken any action against Lewis and have not spoken with the 24-year-old player.

Asked if the team was considering releasing Lewis, Ravens spokesman Kevin Byrne said, "Until due process of the law is completed, that will not be addressed."

Several of Lewis' teammates reacted with disbelief at his arrest.

"That's my man," Ravens cornerback Rod Woodson, whose locker is next to Lewis', said from the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. "I hope it ain't true. That's all I can say."

"What the victim saw was not what the victim said. The victim's statement was not accurate," said in a telephone interview from New York.

"What Rocker did was very wrong. The question is: What is the appropriate way of dealing with it? It should have been worked out with all the parties rather than a confrontational way. It's very stupid for the commissioner's office to do it this way. There's a very good chance it will get reduced, and they will look bad in the process."

Ray Lewis has played with eight major league teams over 10 seasons, agreed Tuesday to a minor league contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers. He had his best year in 1996 with the Oakland Athletics, hitting .307 with 116 RBIs and 101 runs scored. He hit .355 with two home runs for the Baltimore Orioles in a 1997 AL division series against Seattle.

Angels sign Gil

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Infielder Benji Gil agreed Monday to a minor league contract with the Anaheim Angels and will attend spring training as a non-roster player. Gil, 29, hit .279 with 17 homers and 54 RBIs in 118 games last year for Triple-A Calgary, the Florida Marlins' farm team in the Pacific Coast League.

Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:
Moses Malone is the former Philadelphia 76er who owns the NBA record for free throws made. Congrats Tim Lucas!

Today's Question:
Who were the starting quarterbackbacks during the Miami Dolphins' 1972 undefeated season?

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