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 $191,200 from the University Union reserves maintained by Associated Students Inc. The fee money comes directly from students' tuition.

Previously, ASI committed to contributing about $5 to $6 million to the Sports Complex, or 52 percent of the total estimate. Now, ASI is responsible for about $6 million in funding, although the percentage of its contribution decreased to 46 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. Gonzalez defended ASI money from UU reserves, which are controlled ultimately by the state. Since the UU is its facility, its funds belong to the state and not to ASI. As a result, Baker has authority over UU funds.

Gonzalez also assured that Baker's decision will not impact plans for UU expansion or renovation.

We still 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 several 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 $3.1 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 Driesen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Today's appearance of the groundhog and his shadow may tell us how soon to expect spring this year, but local students' participation in Groundhog Day, 2000 may help determine more important things.

Groundhog Shadow Day is 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 LaChapelle 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.

For more information, see SHADOW, page 2.

"Roofie" test free if students file campus police report

By Kimberly Yahsuda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

You are at a party or social event with both friendly and unfriendly faces. You may set your drink down or simply look away for a moment. That split second is all it takes for someone to slip a drug like Rohypnol in your drink. As the drug dissolves, you continue to swallow the liquid, 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 Rohypnol.

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 options of coming forward."

Most confusion is due to not knowing what filing a report entails.

"At the very minimum, filing a report allows you the option of coming forward to the appropriate person," Kennedy said.

The police hopes the consolidation will increase retention.

"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 new recruits," Agee said. "How this program does here will determine how it expands over the entire country."

Fox 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.

Daffin is a former winner of the Texas State Championship body building title. During that time, Daffin met other goal-oriented people who wanted to make their mark in life.

"I used to work out with Evander Holyfield and Pernell Whitaker in Texas," Daffin said. "We were trying to get that edge and be the best. Body building is very demanding, but after I accomplished my goal in sport, I wondered what was next."

Daffin wanted something different.

"I wanted to challenge myself," Daffin said. "I thought of myself as hard and tough, and I wanted a job that was hard as well."

The Marines gave her all she could see DAFFIN, page 2
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**ROHYPNOL**

"Time is of the essence. Most of the date rape drugs only remain in the system for four to 12 hours."

Martin Bragg, director of Health and Psychological Services

"After going through this, the majority of the time, the survivor doesn’t want to proceed further," Kennedy said. "Nothing is going to happen to report other than if it is being put in our file card evidence."

"In most cases, the drug test will not be the only requirement," Kennedy said. "You and your victim will have to choose if you want to move forward with the case."

"The victim to proceed with further counseling is provided for the victim and can be obtained at the Health Center," Kennedy said. "We have never had a positive finding for Rohypnol at the Health Center," Bragg said. "If a student just wants to get the test taken and not file a report, they can get it done at the Health Center and pay for it out-of-pocket," SAFER adviser Erin Duran said. SAFER, Sexual Assault Free Environment Resources, provides education and awareness about sexual assault to the Cal Poly community.

"If someone wants to come in and see us, we can work with the Health Center, but there is no guarantee that the Health Center will be willing to do the test for free," Kennedy said. The funding level of the Health Center does not include the costs of outside tests.

"The specific test for Rohypnol, last year, was in the $100 range," Bragg said. "If a student feels that they have been drugged, there are a couple of tests that we can run, and we simply charge the student at our cost."

"Currently, if a student was tested last year, Bragg said. "We have never had a positive finding for Rohypnol at the Health Center."  "The procedures are available at the University Police Department and will be distributed on campus."

A 24-hour rape crisis hotline is also available at 776-SAFE.

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Career Connection site facilitator at San Luis Obispo High School.

The Education to Career Connection is a program that tries to incorporate career information and opportunities in high school curricula.

"Research shows that students are more excited about learning if they can see the relevance to the rest of their lives, especially their future careers," said Robin Hooker, coordinator of the Education to Career Connection.

This program will allow students to observe and participate in the career of their choice for a few hours a day. The site facilitators at local schools are responsible for contacting the businesses in which the students are interested, and helping set up the job-shadowing.

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handle in basic camp, which lasted 12 weeks.

"I woke up one morning saying, 'God, help me get through this,'" Daffin said.

Daffin finished basic camp a distinguished graduate, finishing number one in a platoon of 65 women. She also received the leather neck award from her peers for the most distinctive performance.

Daffin said one of her main goals is to educate people that army personnel are no different than other people.

"We’re human too," Daffin said. "I’m a boxing fan, a show business; I own 125 pairs of shoes. People in the army like to listen to rap, watch football games and dance."

Daffin said her top priority is helping others accomplish their goals while showing them a better way of life.

"I’m here for the students; I’m not here for Sgt. Daffin," she said.

**McCain wins in primary**


Gore and Bradley were in a close race, according to voter interviews that showed McCain winning easily in his showdown with Bush. McCain clearly scored a victory in New Hampshire and jumping McCain's insurgent candidacy.

"New Hampshire has long been known as a bellwether state, and this year will be no exception," Bush told The AP. He congratulated McCain and pledged to campaign hard against the Arizona senator in the follow-up primaries.

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**Mustang Daily**
H. Mustafa's
BIG ADVENTURE

By Megan Shearn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For mechanical engineering professor Safwan Mustafa, 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.

Mustafa 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.

Mustafa 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 Mustafa.

Mustafa 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 Mustafa 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, Mustafa 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," Mustafa 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.

Daren 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 works 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.

Mustafa plans to put all comments into a report about 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 addresses your head to rise above your immediate needs, but the continual problem in finding a permanent residence remains. 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 translation houses, 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're 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 hare of food or a lunch. The canned food is useless if you have no place to cook. Street people have a tinfoil and banner 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 if 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 people 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 drunks and drug addicts. The fact is that over 50 percent of homeless people are mothers and children.

The United States is a democratic and abundant country. Why are we pretending to be blind to a crisis that women every day is to 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.

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 Jury'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 juries 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 juries 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 every situation that happens. Is it really a restaurant's fault when someone buys a cof­fee (usually served hot) and spills it on themselves? I wouldn't think so, but most juries 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 sue 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 realizes no jury is needed to convict these people. We will save taxpayers' money by not paying jurors to miss work or school. Anyone who has taken a basic economics class knows time is just as valuable as money.

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Opinion

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, two 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've been sexually aroused. In other words, the scientists believe that rape is biological and current theories say it is a socially learned violence.

If it was a male, I'd be offended by this theory. Isn't rape 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. What both men theory, the scientists may have something.

One thing the new theory does prove is that women still have a long road to go before they're considered equal to men. I have all the same rights as a man, but I still have to fear them. It doesn't make sense. Rape doesn't make sense. A man that needs to fulfill a power or sexual desire by raping is not a man but a coward. Man and woman are both human. Rape does not treat women like human beings but like prey.

Wrong or right, I hope a theory somewhere down the road will shed light on why rape occurs.

Megan Shearn is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Adopt your pets from the pound — you will make a friend, save a furry life

Bob Barker isn't kidding when he urges us to spay and neuter our pets. The reality of his message hit me last week as I paid my first visit to the pound.

My roommates and I were considering getting a cat, so I decided to stop by and see if any were in need of adoption. I ended up finding more than cats. I found myself with a broken heart.

I walked down row after row of sad but sweet, whimpering cat and dog faces. Each confused animal hoped it would be their lucky day to win a family.

As I arrived at the cat area, eager paws reached out from their kennels, looking for one of attention — anything to let them ignore where they were, if for only a minute.

Person after person would come in, staying only a short while, before finding out that a kitten and puppy season hadn't quit arrived. "Let's go to the pet store or to the breeder and buy one — there's plenty of little ones here," 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 not there for a reason — they need a home. They only have a limited time to live before they are put to sleep. The animals at 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 Admissions" room. His time had expired. It was like he was walking down death row, guiltily simply of a longing for a warm home and loving family. What a way to live. What a way to die.

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 unforeseeable amount of love and laughter into my life. It is so nice to have a little furry buddy keep me 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.

While however, animals are cute and cuddly, they are also a large responsibility. People need to consider the cost and time 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.

Kelly Hendricks is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

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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.

ASI EVENTS

- 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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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 are 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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Dick Vermeil retires on top

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dick Vermeil is going out on top.
On Tuesday, two days after win­ning his fourth Super Bowl and after long talks with his wife, the 63-year-old coach of the St. Louis Rams decided to retire.
A team source, speaking on con­dition of anonymity, confirmed the retirement and the announce­ment was to come at a news confer­ence Tuesday morning.

DICK VERMEIL: Retiring coach

"I told everyone before the season that Mike Martz was the type of coach who would go after it — kind of to go out on top," Lewis said. "He's not going to come to the last." Lewis' lawyer, Max Ray, said he was disappointed in the ruling.

"They don't know where the evidence is," said Ray, the lawyer who was representing the four deceased victims.

"I'm not going to let it be a distraction for our team," Lewis said.

The Super Bowl had been closed to the public in 1999-00 season because of his disas­trous beginning with the team. The Rams went 5-11 and 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 grum­bling because of extremely hard 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 as a "shot in the back." Vermeil, however, weathered the problems and led the team to an incredible turnaround.

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

No one before has won a Super Bowl with a 15-17 record, like the Rams this season. Vermeil called the Rams' victory in the Super Bowl "the biggest win of my life." But at the Super Bowl, Vermeil still felt they were a "benevolent" team, perhaps the most thrilling finish of the Super Bowl.

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Discuss Rocker's suspension, though, general manager John Schuerholz said Rocker had denied a gag order had been imposed by management.

"The players can say whatever they want," Schuerholz said. "We're just going to go through the motions. It's over. That's Old. Our case is over let it be a distraction for our team.

Cox, returning from a hunting trip, said he would have preferred a quick­er decision from the commissioner's office.

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Even though Rocker's SI tirade also included controversial comments about managing, Cox said he had talked with Rocker and is willing to forget.

"I think he deserves a chance to present his case to the team and the fans," he said. "He's suffered an awful lot for a few days. I know he would like to see this die down. Most people have already forgiven him and would like to get him back on the right track.

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The Mustangs rebounded Sunday with a closer effort, losing to No. 17 Arizona State 22-15.

Again, Cal Poly never held the lead but did tie the match at 12 until the Sun Devils won two of the last three matches to take home the victory.

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