ASL reacts to Sports Complex funding plan

By Kerri Holden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Emotions ran high at Wednesday night’s Board of Directors meeting, where students questioned the allocation of an additional $191,000 of student money for the Sports Complex.

“I haven’t gotten so close to being in tears over an issue in years,” said Damien Buium, student vice president for the Sports in Tuesday that money from a

Students work in mentors’ shadows

By Karin Driesen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students from across the country Wednesday participated in Groundhog Day 2000, a three-year-old national job-shadowing program that took place for the first time locally.

The Education to Career Connection, an organization that tries to incorporate career education and opportunities into regular curriculum, worked with the San Luis Obispo County Chamber of Commerce to create the event. Site facilitators at local worksites helped students get involved in the program, and the Chamber of Commerce worked on business participation.

Students were able to work in different businesses such as hospitals, government offices, schools, television and radio stations and retail. The program consisted primarily of high school students this time, but it is open to younger and older students also, said Education to Career Connection coordinator Brian Hunter.

“We had seven students signed up,” French Hospital spokesperson Debby Nicklas said. “The school contacted us because of their interest in health careers.”

Kim Elberg, a senior at San Luis Obispo High School, worked in the emergency room at French Hospital for two hours.

“I wanted to work in the emergency room because it’s exciting,” Elberg said. “I really am not prepared for what’s going to happen. But I realized that I’d have to get used to needles and blood. I got a little light-headed.”

Elberg added that she might be interested in a health career, but does not know what area she would like best. "Shadowing the nurses gave her a feel for several areas. "I don’t think I would have had such a good opportunity to learn about it without the shadowing program,” Elberg said. “Even if you know someone in that job, you can’t actually go to work and see it for yourself.”

University Union’s reserve account would be used to supplement the project’s $3.1 million budget deficit.

“I feel the most I had built up in the administration has really been depleted,” said Brian Orion, director from the College of Liberal Arts. “This move has really shown some of their true colors.”

Dr. Joan Gonzalez, vice president for Student Affairs, and Frank Levens, vice president for Administration and Finance, attended the meeting to answer students’ questions and concerns. Baker was not present.

“We looked at everything within our resources,” Gonzalez said.

The reserve is made up of student money set aside for any UU problems. The account balance is required to stay at a minimum of 15 percent of UU current year operating expenditures. The account before Tuesday was at $1 million, but will be at its minimum after the withdrawal of the money.

John Motif, Associated Students Inc. president, said being at this low level may cause problems because there are no backup funds for future projects.

“Now it’s the ones who have to be frugal and watch what we do, instead of the other organizations on campus,” Motif said.

Gonzalez has previously said the loss of money would not have an affect on planned projects such as the UU master plan. Cal Poly’s Master Plan can be effected if the project goes over budget, however, because there won’t be a cushion on which to fall back, said Darren Cordova, chair of the ASI Programs and Services Committee.

“We have little left in reserves so if we go over budget, I honestly can’t tell you what we’d do,” Cordova said.

ASI Chair of the Board Damien Johnson also said that any long-term projects of major capital expend-
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shadowing) before," she said. "I would definitely do it again if the opportunity came up."
Her classmate Joe Cobb said he came to see how a political office works. "It's always been interested in politics, and I was glad to be able to come to the office today and see what it's like," Cobb said.

The students learned about the day-to-day operations of the office, especially the seemingly menial but vital tasks, such as filing newspaper clippings. They also had the opportunity to talk about local issues that concerned them.

Business leaders who participated in Groundhog Shadow Day were very enthusiastic about having students participate in various capacities. "We're always very excited to help students see what's in this career," Nicklas said. "We feel that this is our part in helping introduce students to what may be their career in the future."

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tures, such as expansion of the Rec Center or Children's Center, could be in jeopardy.
In addition to these concerns, board members said they worried the nearly $3 million would not be enough to complete the Sports Complex project.
"If the project goes over budget again and ASl is at its minimum 15 percent level, where will the money come from?" Sam Aborne, board of director for the College of Engineering.
Lehman said although he couldn't guarantee the project would not lose more money, he had a high level of confidence it would stay as projected. "I have every reason to be confident we won't have any more overruns,"

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have the first shot," she said.
Business classes that fulfill general education requirements will not be part of the core classes put on hold.
Swart said she thinks it is great that other students want to take business courses, but she has complaints from business students who aren't able to get classes. She said she doesn't know if there will be openings that other students want to take business courses.
Business senior Rob Polhemus said, "Our goal is to take the burden off the instructor and the anxiety off the students," she said.
This is not the first time the college has implemented this program. Swart said the College of Business and other colleges on campus have used this program before. None of the other five colleges at Cal Poly currently have such strict requirements for nonmajors trying to take a core course.

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According to the Los Angeles Times, the current national blood shortage is leaving blood banks across the nation with just one- or two-day supplies. The problem is worse this year. Because of this year's flu season, donors are ineligible. Klemen said the Tri-Counties Blood Bank, covering the area from Santa Barbara to Salinas, must bring in a total of 150 pints of blood per day to maintain its supply. He said the San Luis Obispo County area must bring in 50 pints per day.

Klemen said the bank and local hospitals would like to have 200 pints of O+ and A+ blood. If the supply falls below 100 pints or less, the situation becomes serious. If the supply falls below 120 pints for three days, the situation becomes critical and advertising for donations needs to be done. To help combat the winter shortage, the Tri-Counties Blood Bank held special holiday blood drives, such as the "Gift of Life" drive. That drive brought in a record 500 pints of blood in four days, Klemen said.
"I think we're just fortunate that we staged a promotion of events to help us out," Klemen said. "I think part of it just is the community around here. Not only do we have the Cal Poly campus and Cuesta which help us out immensely with blood drives on a regular basis, but the area is small enough where the people are all caring and community-minded.
The Tri-Counties Blood Bank will be on the Cal Poly campus this week holding eight blood drives in the campus dorms. Klemen said the first night's blood drive brought in 42 pints.
"A lot of people said they were sick or too scared to donate, but we still got a ton of people," said Laura Furrey, a resident adviser in Sierra Madre.
Furrey and other resident advisers went door to door in their towers to encourage students to donate. The second night of the blood drive was held in the Sierra Madre dorm and brought in around 30 donors.
"The fluid is still having an effect on donations, Klemen said.
We had a lot of cancellations at mobiles because of illness and a lot of our regular donors have had to reschedule because they didn't feel well. So I know this has put a real dent in our supply," Klemen said.

Laura Furrey
Sierra Madre resident adviser

Tri-Counties Blood Bank has recently launched a campaign with The Tribune and local radio and television stations to promote awareness of the blood shortage. Klemen said that because of this campaign, the bank is seeing many more new donors, along with returning donors who haven't donated in years.
"I think the main thing people really need to become aware of is this is not a quick fix. They see it on TV or hear it on the radio and think, 'This is something I should really do,' and they go in and donate and then they think, 'Okay, I've done it,' and they feel good. But I think that they need to realize that it's not going to go away, the need is not going to go away. Awareness of getting into a regular routine is so important," Klemen said.
Klemen said that donations received over the holidays are still helping to maintain the bank's quota.
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Pushing winter's limits

Ya gotta love snowshoeing. The most efficient form of transportation it is not, and last weekend was no exception.

The idea was to blast to Alta Peak in Sequoia National Park to do a little mountaineering. What actually happened was a comedy of errors.

Everything started out fine, but then the snow got deep. You see, balance becomes a bit more arduous as feet sink farther into the powder.

Then as we traversed across the side of a ridge, the snow decided it just didn't want to support me anymore. I consequently found myself hanging by my ice axe, feet pointed down a really steep slope toward a really long fall off a really tall cliff.

Needless to say, I made like Launchpad and flew my butt back up onto solid ground.

We never made the summit, but the whole trip was worth it when we got to our camp spot and there was no one, I mean no one.

I could've run around naked with a pot on my head singing show tunes till the cows came home and no one would've cared because there was no one there to care.

The solitude was monumental.

Jason Schaller, chemistry junior, writes a weekly column for Get Out.

Ice climbing makes for fun weekend getaway

By Kelly Hendricks

On the weekend of Jan. 22, a Poly Escapes group proved that mountains can be climbed even when covered in ice, after their first-ever ice climbing trip.

The group comprised of eight Poly students, including two student guides. They arrived in Sequoia National Park, looking for a day of ice-filling adventure.

"It was a wonderful time," said Brooke Duskin, trip guide and business sophomore, "especially since it was a new experience for almost everyone."

According to Dave McAlister, trip guide and soil science senior, ice climbing is similar to mountain climbing. However, instead of putting one's hands on the holds in the wall (as in mountain climbing), climbers use ice axes, which are similar to ice picks.

"It was a ball," McAlister said, "with the exception of some minor bumps and bruises."

The group spent Friday night camping in tents in the snow. They stayed in Lodgipede, which is only a two-minute hike from Tokopah Falls.

The trip was $4. This fee included all of the necessary equipment owned by Poly Escapes. Gas and food costs were extra.

"If you go on one of our trips, we have all of the gear to outfit you, with the exception of boots," McAlister said.

McAlister has been mountain climbing for over 12 years, and while Duskin has some experience, she was there more for first aid purposes.

"This was the first trip, but Poly Escapes is really getting into ice climbing now," Duskin said.

Another ice climbing trip is planned for this weekend at June Lake, near Mammoth. For more information contact Poly Escapes at 736-1287 or stop by the Escape Route.
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Now other students who have already completed upper-level classes at Cal Poly can’t get admitted unless they are given priority admission.

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The engineering department has more than enough applicants with a 4.0 GPA and are GE-certified are admitted. The effect on giving local applicants priority could mean an impact of specialized programs, such as engineering and architecture. They already are impacted. In fact, Cal Poly is impacted every year in almost every program.

In the same article, Paul Zingg, provost and president of Academic Affairs, said this was the fifth year of a record applicant pool, with over 22,000 undergraduate applicants competing for 3,000 spaces.

When Poly accepted 3,900 applicants, it also rejected 18,050 others. All of those hopefuls didn’t get to come to Poly. Poly had to close filing in November — while other universities in the California State University system keep them open all year long. Well, it just doesn’t seem to matter what the priority is. In the end, a whole lot of people don’t get what they want.

That’s life.

I did not grow up in San Luis Obispo. But I dread the thought of leaving home due to the low crime rate, coastal air and clean city streets. I can imagine how I would feel if I grew up here and my mom or dad went to Cal Poly. I would consider the city my hometown, and the university my university. And if one or both of my parents happened to be Cal Poly graduates, then I would probably be convinced that it was the only college to go to.

Besides, the Daily also mentioned that in the past, local residents have most often applied to the liberal arts program. So giving local residents priority really would not affect the specialized programs that are always impacted, since their applicants usually come from outside the county area anyway.

First of all, a teacher’s job is never easy. At Poly, only the cream of the crop get hired. They can handle the challenges of diversity. Secondly, we’re talking about a shift in the target population, not a lowering of academic standards. There will still be tough academic standards that all applicants will have to meet. That will not change.

Giving San Luis Obispo residents a slight edge in the admissions process is not such a big change. But any kind of change carries resistance with it.

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The student body at Cal Poly consists of bright individuals who earned the opportunity to learn at this institution through hard work, not because they happen to reside in San Luis Obispo County.

By granting San Luis Obispo residents priority admission at Cal Poly, the Academic Senate will cause the impaction of specialized programs and deteriorate the quality of the student body. Increasing the number of liberal arts majors (most Cal Poly students from the San Luis Obispo area are liberal arts majors), will leave specialized programs such as architecture and engineering impact­ed. Openings in specialized majors will decrease in order to keep the total enrollment at Cal Poly steady. Besides, engineering and architecture majors are offered at few other universities.

Cal Poly has the reputation of being one of the top uni­

versities in the state. By admitting students who are not as qualified as others, the quality of the entire student body depreciates. Cal Poly will produce a lower-quality product because it will start with a less qualified student.

At San Diego State University, the debate of priority admission sparked after residents complained that more students were being accepted from outside of the area, lessening chances for local students. The Cal Poly Academic Senate then ques­tioned its responsiveness to the local community.

Regardless of whether San Luis Obispo residents are whining about the resident-to­nonresident ratio at Cal Poly, it is not the responsibility of any state university to supply the entire local county with a place to attend school. Local resi­
dents who wish to attend Cal Poly as freshmen, who will not be admitted because of the high level of competition, should attend a community college or a school they will be admitted to without special priority.

Cal Poly is a state school and should focus on providing an institution for residents of this state. It has never been the obligation of Cal Poly to give special treatment to local residents.

The issue of priority admissions is also not consistent with supporting local schools and community colleges in their efforts to improve student performance. With priority admissions, it is possible that local students will only work as hard as necessary to meet the minimum requirements. Eventually, the quality of students at Cal Poly will nose dive. The motto “learn by doing” will be replaced with “do only as much as it takes to get by.”

Cal Poly is one of the most renowned universities in California. Admissions to Cal Poly should not be easier for inhabitants of San Luis Obispo County, with respect to applicants from other places. How will Cal Poly continue to claim such a high level of quality when it bases its admissions on a zip code rather than qualifications?

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Editor,

I am writing to say that I am deeply offended both as a woman and as a human at the story on the evolutionary psychologist (aired last Tuesday on Dateline) who believes that all men are potential rapists. The story disgusts me. I am currently in my senior year receiving my degree in psychology. While I may not have the credentials that this "doctor" has, I feel I am correct in completely disagreeing with him.

In the story, today's male is compared to that of a male scorpion, and rape is compared to the male scorpion and the way it attacks the female to reproduce. If the doctor believes this to be true, perhaps he should look at other insects to explain other forms of behavior. What about the female praying mantis who bites the head off of her partner while mating, thereby increasing his jarring motion and increasing her chances of fertilization? Or the female black widow who eats her male counterpart after mating for nourishment during her pregnancy? Perhaps I should write a book myself, claiming that all those "crazy" women who murder their husbands are really not that insane, since it's obviously just part of their genetic makeup.

I am ashamed at how blame is once again put on the woman. I thought society was evolving, maturing, accepting responsibility. I guess I was wrong. The story you ran tells of how women should protect themselves by not wearing revealing clothing, and not being alone late at night. Perhaps it would just make things easier if all women gained 100 pounds each, stopped shaving, and never showered again. Surely men would leave us alone under these conditions. Perhaps it would just make things easier if one escapes me. I don't understand how the good doctor can demean the acts of violence that are occurring. Innocent women are being violated, abused, taken — and he has the audacity to say the men were satisfying basic urges to reproduce. Perhaps we should leave the doctor alone with one of his "subjects" and see how natural it feels to him.

I remember watching the movie "The General's Daughter." At the end of the movie, John Travolta asks the psychologist, "What is worse than rape?" The psychologist replies, "If you ever find it, let me know."

Jennifer Gieda is a psychology senior.

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Letters to the editor

Men are also offended by new biological rape theory

Editor,

In response to the article "Rape has Biological Roots" (Feb. 2), I just wanted to stand up for the large portion of us men who DO respect women.

Yes, as a sex we are responsible for too many violent crimes and do more than our fair share of terrorizing women, but do not judge us by our worst examples.

We shared the same feelings of disgust most women felt when they read about the "biological" roots of rape.

The fact that men rape because they're sexually aroused may have been the answer some hundreds of years ago, but in today's pseudo-modern world, sexual arousal is simply not good enough of an answer. I'm sure it's part of rape, but it's not alone.

I would also like to point out that rape is not just a violent physical act. So-called "date rape" is all too present nowadays.

Unfortunately it's often unpunished — leaving the perpetrator free to inflict the same pain upon other people.

I was relieved to hear that most rape centers are enraged at this new theory, but I did feel obligated to speak up for those of us who do respect and treat women as their equals. Most men do feel disgust when we hear of people raping or taking advantage of anyone else.

Sean Meckel is a second-year materials engineering major.

Stick to relevant facts

Some weeks ago, Tamas Simon wrote a column urging students to become involved in local politics. He pointed out the importance of such involvement, and urged students to consider why they tend to be so apathetic when it comes to being involved in politics — local or otherwise.

Tamas' column this week (Feb. 3) seems to identify exactly why students, and voters, are apathetic when it comes to participating in the political process. Mr. Simon spent approximately 500 words in an attempt to destroy the character of Supervisor candidate David Blakey.

It's a reasonable inference that people don't vote because they don't know anything about the candidates. Voters are bombarded with red herring personal attacks convincing us that not only did David Blakey sell drugs while he taught seventh grade, but he probably sold drugs to seventh graders. Hell, maybe he even sold seventh graders to buy drugs.

The facts of the matter aren't an issue, as long as voters are convinced that the candidate is bad man. I'm willing to bet that voters are sick of personal attacks such as this. Citizens, in lieu of doing their own research on the candidate, tend to ignore the entire political process. Drugs are bad. Rape is bad. Being a bad teacher is bad. I'm not particularly keen on having bad people run our local government.

However, in your next masterpiece of conservative rhetoric, Tamas, could you at least slam David Blakey's ability to make land-use decisions so we can vote against him without feeling suckered by your smoke screen?

Craig Weber is a city and regional planning senior.

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The Shore Cliff Lodge is centrally located between the lush green fairways of Avila Beach Golf Course and Black Lake Golf Course. The Lodge is minutes from the world-famous Pismo State Beach Vehicular Recreation Area. Surrounded by over 30 wineries offering daily tours and tasting, Shore Cliff is a must for any visit to the Central Coast.

Shore Cliff, famous for its 180 degree breathtaking views and excellent dining, also hosts entertainment every week. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights you can find live music from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Champagne Sunset Jazz on Sundays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. is also popular at the lodge.

Shore Cliff will feature Gourmet Jazz by the Sea on Saturday, Feb. 12. The featured recording artist is CMG Zzah, who will perform during a four-course dinner concert. The last two events have been sell outs, and $45 gets you both dinner and the show.

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ter last season with a .312 hitting average and finished second on the team with 55 hits.

Last year, Poet hit 314 for the team. Toward the end of the season, she sustained a shoulder injury that will not permit her to play this week-end. The severity of the injury is not known just yet, Poet said. "Kasey is taking it day to day," Poet said. "She is making progress but will definitely not play this weekend."

The potential loss of Poet could hinder the team's scoring efforts on the plate, but teammates are optimistic.

"It always hurts to lose players, but we have a great staff of players and they're ready to go and ready to play," said assistant coach Michelle Unsworth. Poet was unable to be reached for comment.

The Mustangs return 10 players from the team that went 5-1. They split the double-header with Santa Clara, taking the first game, 66-63, and lost the second game, 5-1. They split the double-header with Santa Clara, taking the first game 8-1, but falling 4-2 in the second.

After their first scrimmage last weekend against Bakerfield, Poet is positive about the team's potential.

"We saw some areas that need fine tuning, but nothing really major," she said. "I think what our team really needs is to have an opportunity to play some games."

The Mustangs host Santa Clara on Saturday and St. Mary's on Sunday. Both doubleheaders start at noon and will be held on the campus softball field.

Sports. The field, nicknamed "The Postage Stamp," is only one quarter of an official rugby field. Rash said that running and passing on such a small field during practice often leaves players unprepared physically. They often aren't accustomed to running and passing the increased distance required on a full-sized field during matches.

"The lack of full-sized practice and playing fields has a detrimental effect on our ability to compete with better-funded and better-equipped schools," head coach Charles Zansol said.

All Rec Sports club teams have third priority for fields, after athletes and intramural teams. During the El Nino season, the rain cooled the fields and the team was forced to practice on the concrete basketball courts. The playing conditions made it difficult and eliminating regular game conditions.

Zansol said that the team is hopeful that the current Sports Complex will have fields adequately constructed to allow winter sports like rugby to practice rain or shine.

The team will play its official league match Saturday against San Diego State, one of the top two teams in the Southern California Rugby Union league. The match will take place at noon at the Riverbend Field in Arroyo Grande and directions are available at the Rec Center's front desk.

"All the preparation our team put into the first game will show that our level of performance," Zansol said. "No matter what happens, Cal Poly rugby will overcome things as a team and stay positive."
Softball opens season tomorrow

By Danielle Samaniego
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly softball team is enthusiastic to return to the field after last season's disappointing 22-30 overall record and 10-14 record in the Big West Conference.

The Mustangs will open their season against Santa Clara and St. Mary's this weekend.

This season will showcase a younger Mustang team, with only two returning seniors and six freshmen.

"I think a lot of teams underestimate us because we're a young team," junior infielder Melissa Haley said, "but we play hard."

The team has lost six seniors, five of whom graduated and one due to poor academics. However, the team will be looking to returning seniors Kristol Ness and Kacey Poet to provide guidance to the newer players.

"We are overall a very young team," head coach Lisa Boyer said, "and (Ness and Poet) will provide us with great leadership."

Cal Poly needs to improve on last year's 22-30 record when it opens its season Saturday.

Women still searching for first conference win

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Coming off a five-game losing streak in the Big West Conference with a 4-13 record overall, the Cal Poly women's basketball team is looking for athletic redemption this weekend as it faces UC Fullerton and UC Irvine.

"I think we're ready," said Marcus Foster, assistant coach for the Mustangs. "We're prepared to take it to the next level as far as competing. We expect to go out and take care of business."

After a week of strong practices, the team is looking forward to a challenging weekend.

"We know that we have to come out and execute well," head coach Faith Minnings said. "We're hoping that the home-court advantage gives us that little edge to get us into the win column."

Cal Poly is coming off a loss to Nevada despite strong scoring efforts from forward Jennifer Sorosky (16 points), forward Sherilyn Frazier (13 points), and guards Odessa Jenkins and Stephanie Ontor (11 points each). Jenkins looks forward to seeing the team become more aggressive offensively and defensively. She said she has set her own goals for the court this weekend.

Cal Poly will need to elevate its game for earn its first Big West win.

Lack of fields takes toll on rugby team

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The lack of both practice and playing fields for Cal Poly's rugby team is postponing their season, causing the first match to be rescheduled and leaving players guessing.

Men's rugby, an Associated Students Inc. Sports club team, usually plays its games in Arroyo Grande. Last Saturday, Arroyo Grande's home team, which has priority, needed the field. Due to the shortage of available fields large enough to hold a rugby match, Cal Poly's first official league match vs. Santa Barbara was rescheduled for March 19.

"It's a problem because we are trying to get our season started and we have a lot of momentum and a lot to show people," said Dennis Fee, a fifth-year player. "When our games constantly get canceled, it sets us back."

There hasn't been an official home rugby match on campus in the past two years. This is because the old playing field near the library now houses the new engineering building. Rugby requires a field both wider and longer than a football field. There aren't any rugby fields in town. There are only a few fields large enough in the area, but they are often closed down by the rain. Men's rugby must drive nearly 30 minutes to Arroyo Grande to play a match.

The last minute rescheduling of matches forces players to continually change their plans and remain flexible. The limited number of fields and time slots also makes finding practice times a challenge with the players' busy schedules.

"This is the best team we've had in several years and it's frustrating that we don't have facilities adequate enough to get us in shape and ready for games," said team president Eric Rasch, a business senior.

Members currently practice on a field assigned to them by ASI Recreation. Cal Poly rugby team is postponing their season.