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 $19,000 of student money for the Sports Complex.

"I haven't gotten so close to being in tears over an issue in years," said former ASI member and computer science senior Neel "Bubba" Motaako. "No matter what's said in the meeting tonight, it won't change a thing."

Directors voiced similar tales of frustration and anger about Cal Poly Murarka. "No matter what's said in the meeting Tuesday that money from a project's $3.1 million budget deficit would be used to supplement the project's $3.1 million budget deficit."

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

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

"This is not an easy message for us to deliver," said Gonzalez, beginning what would become a nearly three-hour discussion.

Gonzalez maintained that the administration had explored all other funding options and that tapping into the reserve account was its last resort.

"We looked at everything within our resources," Gonzalez said.

The reserve is made up of student money set aside for any UU problems that can't be anticipated. 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 31 percent, but will be at minimum after the withdrawal of the money.

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

"Now we're the ones who have to be frugal and watch what we do, instead of the other organizations on campus," Moffatt 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 could be affected 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 expenditure will be affected.

College of Business restricts other majors

By Larissa Van Beurden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The College of Business is hoping to make life easier for business students trying to get classes within their major.

Starting spring quarter, the department will put restrictions on students who wish to enroll in core business courses to try to give business students first priority. Only students in the College of Business, and students in other majors that require business courses, will be able to enroll in core classes.

After CAPTURE is complete and open enrollment starts, any student who wants to take a business course will be able to enroll if the class still has space.

Term Swartz, associate dean for the College of Business, said there was no easy way to see which majors required business courses, so the went through the catalog by hand.

"Those who are required to take these classes will see BUSINESS, page 2.

Local blood supply stays high despite national shortage

By Jennifer Beard
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

San Luis Obispo County is maintaining its blood supply during the nation's worst blood shortage in over 20 years.

While Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego and Ventura counties are facing serious and even critical blood shortages due to the winter holidays and a severe flu season, San Luis Obispo County is managing to keep donation levels up through special promotions and blood drives in the county.

"We have definitely seen a problem with the flu epidemic in the area because of eliminating the possibility of donors, but we have not undergone a critical shortage in this area," said Mona Klemm, senior community relations representative for Tri-Counties Blood Bank.

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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.
"I've 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 mundane
tasks, such as filing newspaper clippings. They also had the opportu-
nity 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 careers.
"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 $1 million would not be enough to complete the Sports Complex
project.
"If the project goes over budget again and ASI is at its minimum 15 percent
level, where will the money come from then?" said Sam Abrome, board of
director for the College of Engineering.
Lembert said although he couldn't guarantee the project would not
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 over-

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t have the first shot," she said.
Business classes that fulfill general
education requirements will not be
part of the core classes put on hold.
Swarts said she thinks it is great
that other students want to take busi-
ness courses, but she has compli-
cations from business students who
aren't able to get classes. She said she
doesn't know if there will be openings
for core students, but she hopes
seats will be available.
"We tried to address the issue in a possible manner," she said. "My goal
is clearly to help the students, and
this is the best idea we came up with."
Swarts said it is still the students'
responsibility to meet prerequisites, and
any student who does not meet
the requirements for a class will be
dropped immediately.
"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 col-
lege has implemented this program.
Swarts said the College of Business
and other colleges on campus have
used this program before. None of
the other five colleges at Cal Poly cur-
rently 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.
Klemens 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.
Klemens said the bank and local
hospitals would like to have 200 pints
of O+ and A+ blood. If the supply falls
below 100 pints for three days, the
situation becomes serious. If the supply falls
below 50 pints per day, the
situation becomes critical and adver-
tising for donations needs to be done.
To help combat the winter short-
age, 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, Klemens said.
"I think we're just really fortunate
that we staged a couple of promotion-
al events to help us out," Klemens
said. "I think part of it is just the com-
pany 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-
mined.
The Tri-Counties Blood Bank will
be on the Cal Poly campus this week
holding eight blood drives in the
campus dorms. Klemens 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
our regular donors have had to
go away. Awareness of getting into a reg-
ular routine is so important," Klemens
said.
Klemens said that donations
received over the holidays are still
helping to maintain the bank's quotas.
The blood that is donated lasts 42
days in refrigeration.

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Pushing winter's limits

Ya gotta love snowshoeing: The most effi- cient 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.

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The solitude was monumental. Though the other two were breaking trail most of the time, I would still sink up to my knees with every step because my friends were simply not heavy enough to pack the snow. Indeed, at one point, I found myself literally up to my neck after sinking into a spot that they had glided right over.

Define workout. Then as we traversed across the face 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 Laurel and Hardy 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-filled adventure.

"It was a wonderful time," said Brooke Diskin, 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 Lodgpole, 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 Diskin 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," Diskin said.

Another ice climbing trip is planned for this weekend at June Lake, near Mammoth. For more information contact Poly Escapes at 756-1287 or stop by the Escape Room.

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The issue: priority for SLO students

Wont change Poly life

It doesn't seem to mean anything other than a shift in Cal Poly's target market. Up to now, that target service area included the entire state. If local students do receive a priority, it will simply be a few extra points. It's not a big deal, really. Consider that most universities set aside spots for in-county residents, and universities and major departments make their priority lists according to their own value systems. No matter what, someone must lose in the admissions game.

For example, Cal Poly places a high value on academic excellence. If a student has a 4.0 grade point average, he or she gets extra points for that, and someone with a lower GPA loses out. Then take the same student, and let's say he or she is general education-certified and is applying to the College of Engineering. The engineering department has more than enough applicants with a 4.0 GPA, so it decides to give more points to generals who have completed upper-level classes crucial to their major.

In Monday's Mustang Daily, Reginald Gooden, Academic Senate representative, reportedly said the decision to give 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 Zing, 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 18,000 others. All of those hopefuls didn't get to come to Poly. Poly had to close filling 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 here 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. Poly had to close filing in November in the past, local residents have most often applied to the liberal arts programs. So giving local residents priority really would not affect the specialized programs that are already impacted, since their applicants usually come from outside the county area anyway.

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Opinion

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Biohazard doesn't excuse violent behavior

Editor,

I've been writing to say that I am deeply offended both as a woman and as a human at the story on the evolutional psychologist (aired last Tuesday on Dateline) who believes that all men should protect themselves by not wearing any form of clothing other than a man's brain. The idea that this "doctor" has, I feel, is completely inexcusable.

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 chances of fertilization? Or the female black widow who eats her mate post mating partner after mating and was rap>ed by two men. She recalls them saying, "This sure beats studying." Don't you DARE tell me that is biological. That is an instinct to every decent male out there who is working to protect the women who don't want to feel afraid every time they walk home from class at night or who tremble when they are harassed by drunk men. It disgusts me. I wish I knew a stronger word than that, but if there is, 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.

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 ignoring 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 a part of rape, but aroused alone is not a conclusive explanation.

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 unreported — leaving the perpetrator free to inflict the same pain upon other people.

I was relieved to hear that most rap>ers are enraged at this new theory, but I did feel obliged 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

Editor,

Some weeks ago, Tamis 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.

Tamis' column this week (Feb. 3) seems to identify exactly why students, and voters large, 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 Blakely.

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 Blakely 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 a 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 my local government. However, in your next masterpiece of conservative rhetoric, Tamis, could you at least slam David Blakely's ability to make land-use decisions so we can vote against him without feeling sickened by your smokescreen?

Craig Weber is a city and regional planning senior.

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ter last season with a .312 hitting average and finished second on the team with 53 hits.

Last year, Poet hit .314 for the team. Toward the end of the season, she sustained a shoulder injury that will definitely not play this weekend. The severity of the injury is not known just yet, 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 Unhoven. Poet was unable to be reached for comment.

Toughly 10 teams are scattered throughout the women's schedule this season, including softball powers UCLA, Fresno State and UC Berkeley.

"I'm looking forward to playing Fresno and UCLA because it gives us an opportunity to step up our game," Haley said.

UCLA is ranked No. 1 in the NCAA and won last year's title.

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Lisa Boyer
head coach

"I'm really confident in our overall talent.""We're going to shut down whoever the ball handler is and ruin their offense," Jenkins said. "That's going to be my job."

The Mustangs will face Fullerton this Friday at 7 p.m. The opposing Titans are 0-8 on the road and 1-5 in league play. Fullerton defeated the Mustangs in last year's match up, 70-61.

Rasch said that running and passing on such a small field during practice often leaves players unprepared physically. Players aren't accustomed to running and passing the increased distance required on a full-sized field during matches, she said. "The lack of full-sized practice on a full-sized field during matches often leaves players unprepared physically. Players aren't accustomed to running and passing the increased distance required on a full-sized field during matches."

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.

The team will play its first 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 Riverbottom Field in Arroyo Grande and directions are available at the Rec Center's front desk.

"All the preparation our team has put into the first game will show we have a lot of potential," Foster said. "Nothing matters 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 under-rate us because we're a young team," junior infielder Melissa Nessa 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 Kristal Nessa and Kasey Poet to provide guidance to the newer players.

"We are overall a very young team," head coach Lisa Boyer said. "(Nessa and Poet) will provide us with great leadership." Nessa started in the lead-off but

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 Marcia 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 Mimnaugh 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 Sroisky (16 points), forward Sherilyn Fraser (13 points), and guards Odyssey Jenkins and Stephanie Osorio (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.