Amalar announces retirement

Foundation director will resign in October after 31 years

By Kathryn Tschumper
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After transforming Cal Poly Foundation's assets from $3 million to more than $70 million during his 28 years of service, the executive director of Foundation plans to retire next October.

Al Amalar, 61, is retiring from full-time active service at Foundation and saying goodbye to an organization that has become one of the largest in California.

"I feel that it is the right time to retire," Amalar said. "I know there are things I’d like to do of a personal nature, and I think that the university is in a position now where we are doing some important long-term master planning that could be ideally suited for my replacement to be on the ground floor."

Amalar said he is confident that his successor will have a committed staff to support him or her.

Foundation is a corporation independent of Cal Poly that provides the university with fund-raising and support services. Its operations include the Cal Poly food service program, Hill Corral Bookstore and the university’s agricultural businesses.

Amalar would like Foundation to follow the university’s lead in the future.

"There is no question that over time it will be different than what we are doing today, but no matter what Foundation will be doing in the future, I would like Foundation to take its cue from the university," he said.

Amalar first became aware of Foundation as a student in 1958 when he did a tomato project in agriculture. He graduated in agricultural business and in 1967, returned to teach at Cal Poly.

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He favors part of being executive director is getting to work with people.

"Working with people is part of the job that I enjoyed the most, as well as the daily interface and the problem solving. Many of the problems that I run across are not the type that have one right answer. It's a matter of making choices and seeking advice and the help of others."

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Students grasp poverty, race through travels

By Carolyn Ficara
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This spring break, 20 Cal Poly students will be spending their time on the Navajo-Tahohita Reservation in northwest New Mexico and at San Francisco's Tenderloin District in an attempt to understand poverty.

Sister Mary Pat White, associate director of the Newman Catholic Center, will be accompanying the students.

"Color of Fear," a documentary on race relations, will show Wednesday at 7 p.m. in building 10, room 223.

Ten students will go to Tahohita and live in a traditional Navajo dwelling, called a "hogan." The round hogan is representative of the mother and Mother Earth, which the Navajo people revere. Elders are also very important to the Navajo, and students will have the opportunity to talk with them about their culture and the issues their people face today.

Many of the Navajos live in severe poverty. On the Tahohita Reservation, some have no running water or electricity in their homes. Every day they face struggles, like providing for their families, that most Americans cannot comprehend.

"It is hard to understand how in the midst of the wealth of the United States such poverty exists," Sister Mary Pat said.
Columbine suffers another tragedy

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found dead early Monday after a shooting at a sandwich shop within sight of a school that was cordoned off, compounding the heartbreak in the community that suffered the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

The bodies of Nicholas Kunselman, 15, and Stephanie Hatt, 16, were discovered in a Subway shop where Kunselman worked. Investigators did not disclose a motive but ruled out murder.

"I hope it was just a robbery," said one of Kunselman's co-workers, J.J. Hodack, 22. "I've had more than enough of this. This stuff needs to stop." The shooting was the latest in a string of tragedies that have hit the Denver suburb since teen-age gunsmen Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 students and a teacher at Columbine High School April 20 and then committed suicide.

Classes remained in session Monday, but at least 120 students stayed away. Students said some of those who did attend could be seen crying in the hallways. At least 24 counselors were kept busy most of the day, said Betty Fitzpatrick, health services director for the school district.

"It reminds me of everything. It's just like flashbacks," said Nathan Vandeusen, an 18-year-old senior who knew some of the victims of last year's shooting as well as Monday's victims and is counseling them.

Among the other students that have added to the unsease of the community.

- In October, the mother of a student partially paralyzed in the massacre shot herself to death.
- On Feb. 1, the body of an 11-year-old student was found in a trash bin within blocks of the school.
- No press were made.
- Last week, a Florida man pleaded guilty in Denver to sending a Columbine student an Internet message threatening to finish the massacre. The threat prompted officials to close the school for the Christmas holidays two days early. He faces up to five years in prison.

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Al Armard executive director of Foundation search now until the beginning of summer. Howard-Green said there will not be any delays and Al will be in the position until the start of the new academic year. He has the full support of the staff and Board of Directors.

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AMARAL has given significant contributions to the PAC.

Clifford Chapman 2000 Cal Poly President's Arts Award recipient

"I am very pleased and honored to win the award," Chapman said. "I feel the community has worked very hard for the arts and I am so happy we have achieved what we have so far.

Each committee submits a letter to Baker, who then chooses one person to receive the award. Chapman said, "The arts are the only thing that keeps the lovely balance of this universe."

Chapman was honored at a dinner ceremony Feb. 12 in conjunction with a performance by the Boys Choir of Harlem.

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Sarah Pehanisch, liberal studies junior and director of the Newman Center's social justice program, and she is planning to learn and understand some of the issues and obstacles people face and plans to return home and share what she has learned.

"It's my job to raise awareness in the Communities need to help other communities," Pehanisch said. "Also, it is the perfect way to follow our University's motto, 'learn by doing.'"

Last year, Pehanisch spent her spring break in Juarez, Mexico, just across the Texas border. The people she worked with are called Colonias. They live in cardboard houses and don't have access to the sewer or reliable water sources.

"They shared with us when they were barely able to provide for themselves," Pehanisch said. "We dined happily together. They were so grateful to us for coming to work and learn with them. They are poor in material goods but not rich," she said.

The other 10 students will be going to San Francisco's Tenderloin District. They will be serving meals to people who don't have the money or a place to prepare their own food. The students will visit a place where race and poverty are closely related.

To prepare themselves for a week of living and working in an environment of hardship and racial disparities, students will watch the film, "The Color of Fear." The award-winning documentary explores the issue of race relations in America as seen through the eyes of eight men: two African Americans and two Caucasians.

Sister Mary Pat asked the students, "What is it like to never see a member of your race, sit, as the president of the United States? Is it transferable to oneself when one of your race is an important and valued person in society," she said.

Although there are some tense moments, students said they can see the growth that takes place over time. It is a socially valuable film. I encourage everyone to see it," she said.

Following the film, there will be a discussion facilitated by Quinn Platt, a public relations consultant. The film will be showing Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in building 10, room 223.

The work and preparation activities are co-sponsored by the Newman Center, Cal Poly's Multi-Cultural and are partly funded by a grant from Cal Poly's Student Community Services Foundation.

"I don't anticipate that I'll be looking for things to do," he said. "My wife and I also want to do more for some of the charities that we have been able to help in the past and contribute to. It is a certain time in your life that you feel like it is payback time."

Amaral said that he established the Foundation Board of Directors and executive assistant to the president, said a consultative committee will be established to find a new replace ment for Amaral.

"The position will be advertised nationally and we will conduct a"
Waging war against dry winter skin

By Megan Sherm
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's sticky, scaly and flaky and can become severe for some people—dry skin.

Winter weather provides the perfect atmosphere for dry skin. The low humidity of air makes the evaporation of moisture exceed the body's ability to replenish that moisture. According to information from Cal Poly's Peer Health Center, everyone's skin is different. Some cases may be more severe than others, the most severe being dermatitis cases which may be more severe than others.

Some skin conditions become severe for some people—dry skin. But this doesn't mean you should skip out on using soap and water.

The key to saving your skin from the harsh winter months is to keep the natural oils of the body. Peer Health recommends a bath or shower in warm water not hot. This helps to preserve the body's oils.

When turning the heat down in the room, don't work up a big lather by taking all the water out of the shower. Put dry with a towel and apply lotion as soon as possible after taking a shower.

Using lotion can help prevent dry, flaky skin.

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Many people don't know the difference between spices and herbs. Spices are found in tropical areas, and they come from the bark, buds, fruit, roots, seeds or stems of plants and trees. Herbs are usually grown in temperate climates and are from the fragrant leaves of a plant. Spices are usually dried, excluding garlic and ginger root. Herbs are usually dried or fresh. Fresh is always best, but sometimes they aren't always available. Unless you have a green thumb and can grow them yourself, herbs can be expensive.

Here are some tips when using herbs and spices:

• Best results are achieved with fresh herbs
• Store spices in a cool, dry and dark place, not in the refrigerator. Moisture will cause mold to grow
• Use herbal yogurt as a flavorful dip or vegetable topping. To make herbal yogurt, blend dill, parsley, chives and garlic into low-fat plain yogurt
• To make no-fuss marmalades, add an acid with an herb. For example, combine orange juice (acid) and nutmeg (spice) to make any pudding dish taste great
• Do not use all the ingredients in one recipe. Use a little at a time

Spice up your recipes

Katy Kinninger

Katy Kinninger is a nutritional science senior who writes a weekly column for Your Body.

Dietitians warn of diet pill dangers

EAST LANSING, Mich. — While bottles of dietary supplements fill store shelves in a $13 billion dollar diet industry, some students don't recognize the potential health problems that come with companies' promises for a slimmer image.

While many students are racing to stores to purchase diet pill supplements, the makers of the diet supplement MetaKilite 356 and its generics are most vulnerable to dry skin problems that come with the frequent hand washing. According to Peer Health, soap and hot water are at the top of the list of offenders in producing dry skin. But this doesn't mean you should skip out on using soap and water.

When students weigh the odds, "I've talked to a lot of students who don't care about the risks when they weigh the odds," said Katy Kinninger, a nutrition science senior. "They've talked a lot to students who don't care about the risks when they weigh the odds.

"The desire to be thin makes it seem worth the risks, even when students weigh the odds," said Bokram.

Metabolite 356, can avoid dehydration, drink 16 ounces of water with each tablet, Santedro said. "People do experience problems if they don't take it correctly."

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Rose Santedro, a nurse for Metabolife, has health problems check with doctors before using Metabolife 356.

The makers of the diet supplement recommend taking no more than two to three servings a day, at least four hours apart and no more than an hour before a meal. No more than eight pills a day should be taken. To avoid dehydration, drink 16 ounces of water with each tablet, Santedro said. Problems such as dizziness and dehydration can arise when a lot of coffee is mixed with pills, she said.

"It's not for everybody," Santedro said. "Each individual has their own experience with the product. Some people lose weight rapidly and others don't see results."

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Helpful tips for outsmarting senior projects

The senior project. This is the academic exercise whereby students are forced to prove their worthiness to graduate by completing some large but daunting task—usually in as short a period of time as possible and as close to the required deadline as possible. I have met very few students who have earnestly and steadily worked on their projects without delay or procrastination. Generally, both tasks over, and the student’s only drive to finish the stupid project is the parent-like nagging of the advisor.

The following are tips for successfully avoiding work, stretching deadlines, and, in general, becoming a complete slacker on your senior project. It is important to note that the senior project is a considerably easier task; therefore, there is absolutely no chance in becoming a slacker. I say encourage those of you not working on your senior project to cut this column out and save it for later; it will be hands.

Picking your advisor. Several things must be kept in mind when choosing a senior project advisor. First of all, he or she must be slow. If you see them on campus, your natural inclination will be to run lest they ask, “Why haven’t you come to see me?” They can’t talk with you if they can’t keep up with you.

If you happen to get stuck with an admired advisor, be prepared to resort to tactics such as “Oh my God, what’s that over there?” and run away. Luckily, my advisor never became one. Thanks to this unexpected blessing, I can hear her coming down the hall, leaving me time to throw myself into a nearby classroom, closet or office, thereby avoiding potential interaction.

Second tip: Choose a topic that is as abstract and general as possible, knowing full well that it won’t yield any tangible results. The more weeks and months of wasted time can be reserved for “narrowing your focus.” This should help dispel any guilt or apprehension those of you with concerns might experience as a result of not having completed any work.

Thirdly, consider the solution, a semi-relevant book from the library and walking by your advisor’s office with them in tow. Later, visit your advisor and tell him about how frustrated you are at the lack of useful references. They may suggest some legitimate references for you, which cut your work in half, leaving you time for research, semester break, and spring break. Finally, reserve the weekend before the project due date is due to actually work on it. At this time approaches, be sure to mention how stressed you are, making certain to use the words “senior project” at least 264 times every five minutes. During this time, you need to actually complete your senior project, so don’t make any plans to walk around or get up to go to the bathroom.

I’m still not sure what the point of doing a senior project is. One would think all the classes, tests and projects that we’ve completed over the four and some odd years of our college career would allow us to worthy to join the real world. However, it is still considered necessary by some administrative big-wig that we crank out a stupid project that leaves us woe-tired and embittered (or is that just me?). So until the rules change, I suggest we all embrace these guidelines for mediocre academic performance.

Craig Weber is a city and regional planning senior who can outrun Zeljka Pavlovich Howard any day.

Online cru­shes are for junior high

It’s the day after Valentine’s Day. You’ve finally given up hope that your dream date will call you and are tuning of writing nasty messages to the one who filled you in stale conversation. Hearts. If you’re Commentary didn’t get that pink and red card from that special someone you’ve been hoping would notice you, don’t sweat it. Love may still be right around the corner. All it takes is a good Internet connection and a couple clicks of the mouse.

Capiz, it seems, has traded in his bow and arrows for fast browsing and e-mail accounts. It’s possible to send someone you’ve been eyeing an anonymous e-mail that lets your crush know that you’ve got romance on the brain.

What’s a little frightening is the fact that there are multiple sites that allow you to do this. Ranging from the technologically “e-Crush” to the almost tacky “Pimpin’ Cupid,” these sites offer forlorn and arrows for fast browsers and e-mail addresses. It’s possible to send someone your name appears on your crush’s list, you receive an e-mail informing you of your mutual attraction.

It sounds easy. Yet not even a chance of finding someone out you sent the crush e-mail in the first place, unless your friends start employing some clever detective techniques on the situation. Smart friends aside, it seems like a foolproof process.

Unfortunately, it also sets the stage for a wide variety of practical jokes. I’m sure, by now, any self-respecting punk pulling college student has realized the potential of these sites. Virtual crush notes can very easily be sent haphazardly around the globe or to an unsuspecting friend’s computer. The most cruel-intentional individuals can wreak havoc with the emotions of countless honest friends in a matter of seconds. I see vast potential for a myriad of heartbreak situations being enacted like so many cheesy ‘90s atomics.

Ultimately, these e-crush services will cause more harm than good. (They) pose a threat to social stability in their sterile sanitization of human interaction. If someone really wants to find out whether a special interest has feelings in return, everyone concerned would benefit in the long run if the truth came out face-to-face ...
**Banning sports gambling won't solve problems**

The United States has a well-documented history of gambling. Historians have noted that all 13 original colonies established lotteries in order to raise revenue. It can even be argued that gambling embodies all the qualities of the frontier spirit on which our nation was built: risk-taking, opportunity and faith. If U.S. Senators Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) and Patrick Leahy (D-Vermont) have their way, a part of this American heritage will be lost forever.

The bill, named The High-School and College Gambling Prohibition Act, was introduced earlier this month in hopes of stopping what is considered to be the undermining of the integrity of collegiate sports. The bill is aimed at closing sports books and casinos in Nevada, the only state where collegiate betting is legal. These senators are willing to base a ban on an American pastime on a few isolated incidents.

The issue is not a new one to the Cal Poly community. Just last year, a Cal Poly basketball player was approached by a student after practice and was offered $1,000 to shave points. Fullerton is a popular gambling location on the West coast in which our very own Mustangs play.

These senators support the ban on the belief that legal sports gambling "promotes and legitimizes" illegal sports betting on campuses. Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-Nev.) even went so far as to call the bill an exercise in finger-pointing. Apparently Nevada is the nation-wide problem of sports gambling. Certainly these senators don't expect something so ingrained in the American way of life to end because of the ever-present bad elements of society. You don't ban an amusement park ride after one person gets sick.

The problem here is not one of collegiate sports gambling. College kids will always wager their bully a live spot on Friday's game. Putting a stop to gambling in the last state in which Nevada look even more absurd. In 1995, four Maryland players and one basketball player were caught betting on collegiate sports. Two years later, 13 players at Boston College admitted to betting against their own team, and another year a gambling ring was broken up in Columbia University. Last time I checked, these places were not geographically close to Nevada and could not in any way be affected by its laws.

Banning the one state that still allows this pastime will accomplish nothing. Illegal betting and its influences are visible throughout the country and are not affected by Nevada. It's absurd to think the people participating in these examples fly to Nevada to benefit from their illegal activities.

The only result of the ban would be to drive more sports betting underground. This is not to mention the fact that in 1998, Nevada sports books had their $6 billion in bets on professional and amateur sports versus what experts estimate is $40 billion to $400 billion a year in illegal sports betting. It is ridiculous to try and justify this bill by pointing to the ever-present bad elements of society. If these senators are willing to base a ban on an American pastime on a few isolated incidents, they aren't worthy of our support. Nevada look even more absurd. In 1995, four Maryland players and one basketball player were caught betting on collegiate sports. Two years later, 13 players at Boston College admitted to betting against their own team, and another year a gambling ring was broken up in Columbia University. Last time I checked, these places were not geographically close to Nevada and could not in any way be affected by its laws.

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The Avenue Offers Widest Selection of Food on Campus

For a wide selection of quality foods Cal Poly students, faculty, and staff visit The Avenue. The food court, located next to Light House and across from Mott Gym offers everything from soup to nuts—with salads, hamburgers, chicken, sandwiches, pasta, bagels, cereal, fruit and assorted other snack and mealtime items, too.

The Avenue houses Cowboy Grub, Tapango's Super, Chick-fil-A®, City Deli and Pasta Pasta Pasta, which is replaced by Li'l Lucy's in the summer. It also offers a self-serve frozen yogurt machine and a case full of ice cream novelties.

The food court opened about five years ago and has been quite popular, except for Long John Silvers®, which has since been replaced by Pasta Pasta Pasta.

For those that haven't had lunch at the Avenue, Melissa Nulton, Chick-fil-A® supervisor, said her personal favorite food is the Chick-fil-A® Charbroiled Chicken Sandwich.

"If someone doesn't like chicken, he or she should try the tri-tip at Cowboy Grub" Nulton said.

This month, the Avenue is introducing "wraps" made with gourmet tortillas. The wraps come in several different varieties: Chicken Caesar, Tri-Tip, Roast Beef Ranch, Chicken Caesar Club, Turkey, and Vegetarian.

The wraps cost between $8.00 and $8.25 and you can find them in the refrigerated case near Pasta Pasta Pasta.

The Avenue is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m to 3:30 p.m. After 2:00 p.m there is a half-price sale on baked goods such as bagels and muffins, as well as on other items. Don't forget to take advantage of the Campus Express Club Special: buy a hamburger, sandwich, Chick-fil-A® sandwich, pasta or a burrito, and get a free 20 ounce soda.

About 40 employees, mainly students, work to serve The Avenue's customers. Nulton said The Avenue's busiest times are Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at noon and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. However, even during The Avenue's busiest times, students can select and pay for their food in a short amount of time.

The Avenue offers plenty on indoor and outdoor seating and is perfect for a lunchtime chat with friends, a group meeting, or a quick snack while you are studying.
Sports

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playing field on campus, where fans can come and cheer on their family and friends. The complex will also benefit the hundreds of students who participate in Intercollegiate Athletic and Intramural programs.

I am glad to see that someone has stepped forward to take action, instead of sitting on their hands and letting this project drag on like so many others. Thanks to you, the field will still open on Sept. 1, in time for the beginning of the fall quarter, as originally intended.

Eric Rasch is a business senior and a member of the Cal Poly rugby club.

Running Thunder defends fans' actions
Editor,
I was all set to offer a defense for the behavior of Running Thunder at the UC Santa Barbara and Boise State men's basketball games. I was pre-empted by the Tribune, which managed to get an interview with Athletic Director John McCutcheon with the kind of speed normally reserved for student fee increase "notifications." As it stands, I still want to try and explain.

Our purpose has always been, and always will be, to support student-athletes. We are not here just to cause trouble. We have been lectured and threatened on the subject of language. Usually it involves the presence of children.

Generally we don't use any language that would be considered "obscene." However, UCSB is a special situation and recently voided the final scene and recently voided the final

Despite the way all this sounds, there are many members of athletics who appreciate what we do. To them, we say "thank you." To those who want to squash crowd antics, and those students who push the very small envelope, we say "wake up." With a losing record, other exciting things are required to ignite a crowd.

Greg Fryer is an electrical engineering senior and treasurer of Running Thunder.

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... and our hero Dan feuded. Recently the coach retired, and for those who say it's due to our man Dan, no way. Dan was tired of the Miami scene and recently sold the final two years of his contract, hoping to play elsewhere. But the odd thing is, no team wants our hero Dan, the man who holds the all-time record in touchdowns and passing yards, so he may have to hang 'em up. If Dan retires now, it would be a fitting departure. After all, Dan is a numbers guy and his last game had one of the most impressive numbers I've seen in quite awhile -- 62-7. And that's the way our hero Dan should be remembered.

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Dan's good fortune continued when he got married; however, Dan has some of the greatest statistics of all time, and now his coach was more concerned with wins than numbers. And what did this coach know? He had Super Bowl wins but had he ever thrown for 400 yards in a game?

For the next four years the coach and our hero Dan feuded. Recently the coach retired, and for those who say it's due to our man Dan, no way. Dan was tired of the Miami scene and recently sold the final two years of his contract, hoping to play elsewhere. But the odd thing is, no team wants our hero Dan, the man who holds the all-time record in touchdowns and passing yards, so he may have to hang 'em up. If Dan retires now, it would be a fitting departure. After all, Dan is a numbers guy and his last game had one of the most impressive numbers I've seen in quite awhile -- 62-7. And that's the way our hero Dan should be remembered.

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Women's basketball streak short-lived

The Mustangs had their streak of winning two consecutive games shorted this Saturday as they lost to Cal Poly 69-65. Jennifer Sorosky led the Mustangs with 22 points and 15 rebounds as the team pulled down 25 points on the boards.

Sophomore guard Kristy Baker led the Mustangs with 12 points and an impressive 25 points and controlled the boards. Smith had 15 rebounds. After the match, Rhonda Smith said, "It was so disappointing that we lost the game to the Mustangs."

Freshman guard Catrina Taylor aggressively drives to the hoop earlier this season. The Mustangs had their first two-game winning streak snapped at Long Beach State Friday and lost again to Pacific Sunday.

Sports complex worth the money

For the next 11 years, he compiled great numbers. He didn't get to any Super Bowls, but he sure knew how to finish 10-6.

Dan also learned how to avoid the sack. When there was pressure, he would just throw the ball down field so he rarely took a hit. Sure, he had four seasons where he threw more than 20 INTs, but he kept us man Dan safe from those big, mean defensive ends.

And things went wrong. Dan took it upon himself to point out his teammates' mistakes. Just like any good leader. Dan criticized his teammates publicly in front of fans and a national audience.

Don't retire already

This is a story about a man named Dan.

Born in the Steel City in 1961, Dan quickly realized he could throw football better than anyone else in school.

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