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Cal Poly, CSUs rake in donations
By Sarah Goodyear
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Cal Poly was named the third-highest fund-raising college in the nation by the Council for Aid to Education this month. The ranking is among all public master's institutions, which includes several hundred nationwide, during the 1998-99 academic year. California State University campuses accounted for nine of the top 20 universities in that category. The entire CSU system brought in $323.5 million in donations during 1998-99. Cal Poly raised $23.5 million last year in donations. During the past five years, Cal Poly has steadily increased its donations. The Center for University Advancement works with President Warren Baker, faculty, and college deans to identify needs and connect with individuals, corporations and Cal Poly Foundation in seeking funds. Alumni play an especially important role, said Vice President for University Advancement Bill Field.

"We're creating a partnership between the university and the donors," Boldt said. "Over the past five years we've increased annual private support by more than 100 percent each year. We've been able to dramatically increase the amount of funding for programs." The ranking comes one year after the National Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) gave Cal Poly the CASE Circle of Excellence for outstanding performance in fund raising.

Donations may come as either monetary support or equipment. Two weeks ago IBM donated $1 million worth in robotics equipment for the College of Engineering. Boldt said.

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Rates jump for extra campus telephone lines
By Kara Knutson
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Some Cal Poly telephone line rates will increase by $10 gradually over the next four years. Full-time faculty and staff members will be exempt from this increase. Each department receives a phone line and voice-mail box for free, paying only for phone calls. However, any additional phone lines must be paid for by each department. Extra phone lines will be subject to the increased charges. Departments will not receive extra funds to cover the higher rates. They are expected to pay the extra costs out of their current budgets.

Cal Poly's Communications and Computing Services sent out a memo to department heads on May 1 notifying them of the future rate increase. The memo said that Cal Poly's current phone line rates are $5.99 per month. However, the actual cost of a line is $25. Cal Poly Information Technology Services telecommunications coordinator Benny Kurashima said Cal Poly is not charging enough.

"We're raising the rates to what it actually costs for the service," he said. Starting in July, rates will increase by 7 cents to $15. It will take until July 2204 before the rates reach $25. However, Kurashima said any phone lines added by a department after May 17 will immediately be charged $25.

Departments are not the only groups on campus that will be affected. Student-run groups like Associated Students Inc. and Mustang Daily will also have to pay the higher rates.

ASI Executive Director Soncia Lilly said this increase was necessary.

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Club earns praise for canoes, bridges
By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
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Cal Poly boasts the most outstanding student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), proven from its recent win of the annual Robert Ridgeway award.

The Society of Civil Engineers (SCE) was chosen from over 240 chapters of ASCE to receive the award because of its service to the community during 1999 and its many professional accomplishments. The award, founded in honor ASCE's 1925 president, was last won by Cal Poly's SCE in 1993.

"Without the support of our faculty advisor Greg Fiegel, two years of dedicated officers and the continual involvement of our club members, we could not have achieved the level of competence required to win the Robert Ridgeway award," said SCE President Matt Moore.

SCE has been on a recent winning streak. Last month the group claimed its sixth consecutive victory at the 2000 Pacific Southwest Regional Conference at the University of Arizona in Tucson. SCE members competed with 17 other universities at the conference. They took home first-place prizes in the

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Foreigners claim triathlon events
By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
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As athletes and volunteers, Cal Poly students swarmed the Wildflower Triathlon last weekend. Public relations committee leader Amy Rie said more than 40 clubs and organizations provide the volunteer staff at Wildflower.

Industrial technology junior James Merson attended the event at Lake Nacimiento as a guest.

"It was a big party, but it was really relaxed because it was outdoors and everyone was comfortable with each other," Merson said. He said the event was well-organized, and the volunteers received a free dinner on Saturday night. Bands were also hired to play at the event.

Although Merson was not required to volunteer, he said the people in his group all worked between four and nine hours a day. Some volunteers were placed at food or aid stations while others worked in security or festival management.

"It was great," Merson said. "They've got it together — it's just a bunch of college students out there having fun.

Unlike the volunteers, business senior Jason Sweet didn't have much of an opportunity to relax.

He competed in the Olympic course, which is a 1.5-kilometer swim, a 40k hike and a 10k run. Sweet said the hardest part of the Olympic course was the run.

"It was really hard — I was dead-tired trying to complete the run," Sweet said. For the past two years, he has competed in the Mountain Bike course, which he said is much easier than the Olympic.

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following events steel bridge, concrete canoe, technical presentation, surveying and concrete bowling.

The steel bridge and concrete canoe teams are now preparing for national competitions at Texas A&M and the Colorado School of Mines. Five civil engineering seniors were the project managers for the steel bridge and managed to assemble it in 9.25 minutes under the specific requirements. The bridge team hopes to improve its time at the national conference, scheduled to take place May 19 to 21 in College Station, Texas.

The concrete canoe team, made up of five civil engineering seniors, began designing the canoe in September, and was later cast in January. Crams of two paddlers ran four of the races, and a crew of four ran a coed race. The Cal Poly team placed first in three of the races, and second in another at the regional competition. The team also competed in an event that required it to go through the design and construction process of building a canoe. Team members won all four of the academic sections at the regional competition. They will continue on to the national competition, which will take place on June 24 and 26 at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo.

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When a cash donation comes in, the money is turned over to Foundation, which works as a bank for the university. Ninety-eight percent of the donations come in as restricted funding for specific educational programs, Boldt said.

"The donor can always be assured the money they give to the university will go for the purpose or program which they designate it for. It is deposited into an appropriate account with Foundation, and it's earmarked for that program," Boldt said.

Increases in fund raising mean more scholarship support, more money to replace broken or outdated equipment and more funding for classroom improvements. California State University, Long Beach was the No. 1 fund-raising institution, according to the report, with $26.8 million for a campus of 30,000 students. Fresno State University was second with $24.9 million and 18,300 students. University of Nevada, Las Vegas, followed Cal Poly with $23.3 million.

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increase in rates is not a surprise.

"They introduced this a year and a half ago," she said. "So we anticipated this and accounted for it in our budget for next year." Kurashima said that group on campus was given more notice than another regarding the rate change. He said departments may have heard about the change informally, but the May 1 memo was the first official notification about the rates. Departments and student groups not notified informally prior to the May 1 memo and could not rearrange their funds accordingly will see a significant impact on their budgets. The Mustang Daily, for example, has 14 phone lines. Excluding phone call charges, it costs about $2,300 per year to have the lines. With this rate increase, it will cost $4,200 per year.

Kurashima said resident halls will not be affected by this rate increase. Communications and Computing Services is looking for ways to raise resident' rates up to actual cost. It will begin with extra administrative and student lines on campus.

"That's what it costs, and we're going to charge that," Kurashima said.

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The Mountain Bike course consists of a 2.5-mile swim, a 10-mile bike ride and a 2-mile run. The toughest event at Wildflower is the Long course, a 1.1-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride and a 13-mile run.

This year, Christopher Leigh of Australia won the Long course in four hours, one minute. He beat Jurgen Zack of Germany by only 20 seconds. Together, the two broke the record for the Long course.

The women's winner in the Long course was Janine Anne Kristoff of Arizona. She completed the course in four hours, 44 minutes. Cal Poly's Triathlon Team finished second in the collegiate national championships. Thirty-four students on the team competed in the event.

Event results for the Mountain Bike course had not been received by Sunday evening, but results can be found at www.tricalifornia.com.
Solving overpopulation

By Jennifer Beard

It you thought the bus to class was already packed like a can of sardines, get ready to fight even harder for your elbow room, because the planet has twice as many people as it did in 1960 and global population continues to rise.

The major problem with overpopulation is the inability of our planet's environment to support so many people. The more people we have, the thinner our resources are spread. With over 6 billion people on Earth, now is the time to take action.

Many believe one of the most powerful ways we can affect the growth of population is to make birth control and family planning services readily available.

The number of women entering their prime reproductive years will increase from 1 billion to 1.5 billion by 2030, according to an article written by Gloria Feldt, national chairwoman of Planned Parenthood.

From a historical perspective, the baby boom of post World War II saw the world population skyrocket from 2.5 to 4.1 billion between 1950 and 1975, taking demographers by surprise. In the near 50 years, we could see an even larger jump in population.

In 1994, at the International Conference on Population in Cairo, Egypt, experts agreed that giving women access to voluntary family planning services will improve women's lives, the lives of their families, and the quality of life on our planet. The hope is that such efforts will stabilize population growth.

The conference estimated that by 2000, $17 billion will be needed to cover the cost of providing reproductive services. The projection figure climbs to $22 billion for 2015.

According to Feldt, sex education and reproductive services lower the incidence of abortion and unwanted births, delay a woman's first childbirth, result in fewer pregnancies and help to ensure that every child is wanted and loved.

Feldt also said that the use of sex education in the Netherlands, France and Germany demonstrates that informed adolescents make better decisions, delay sexual activity and have fewer unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections than adolescents in the United States.

The percentage of unwanted pregnancies in the United States is 60 percent, compared to 23 to 32 percent in Latin America and the Caribbean, 11 to 16 percent in India, Indonesia and Pakistan, and 21 to 44 percent in Asia.

On a local level, aside from the hunt to find a parking spot and a squeeze in some classrooms, overpopulation has affected Cal Poly in subtle ways. Students tend to make responsible and educated choices about their sexuality, and there are fewer unwanted pregnancies diagnosed at the Health Center than ever before.

Cal Poly is currently in the process of revising its Master Plan to accommodate the projected influx of college students. The increased population will have a major effect on San Luis Obispo County.

California, America's most populous state, will continue to grow unless people gain information and have the opportunity to make responsible choices.

Planned Parenthood and Cal Poly Health Services stress that unwanted pregnancies and overpopulation are among the critical world problems that our generation will confront.

Love bugs

We've all experienced it. Living on a patch of perfectly manicured grass, you close your eyes to soak in those hot, summer rays and then you feel it. It's creeping up the length of your leg. Dear God, it just might make its way into your shorts! It's nice of course, and what do you do?

Do you flick it off and send it on its merry way, or do you crush its guts between your fingers in revenge for making you rise out of your comfortable position?

Why are we so incapable of coexisting with organisms that quite frankly save us from wallowing through bugs in our own excrement? The only reason our planet has flourished the way it has is because insects and microorganisms have been decomposing wastes for millions of years. We should be thanking these little "monsters," not decorating the bottoms of our shoes with their guts.

Why is it that we find their presence so threatening? What causes us to rise in alarm at their discovery and further perpetuate this reaction by making horrific movies vilifying bugs? Once again, it is our ignorance that leads to our hasty actions. We do not understand the world of the wee creatures, and so we annihilate them.

The daily lives of billions upon billions of microorganisms actually reproducing in the darkness under our feet is quite frankly an idea we do not care to dwell on for long. I suppose it is too "dirty" of a thought.

Our extraterrestrial misconception of our superiority is acutely manifested in a comparison to the cockroach. Documented as far back as 350 million years ago, our relation to this insect is nothing more than the length of supper in their relative time.

And, it is this "reputable" little roach that will be making a supper of our messes long after we are gone.

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Factoids for entertainment belittle science

Among the banned and spams messages cramming my email box this morning. I read a disturbing collection of "facts" (not my word) forwarded by a friend. The list represented a wide range of oddities, from sticky insect statistics (humans eat an average of eight spiders while asleep), to animal weirdness (a crix's oddities, from icky insect statistics (humans eat an average guarded by a friend. The list represented a wide range of odile can't stick out its tongue), to a few human quirks. This is a blatant lie, which can be recognized by anyone.

Ethan Pratt

Gonzalez departure leaves Cal Poly with broken heart

Georgetown University just ripped the heart out of Cal Poly. Vice President of Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez will head for the Washington, D.C., campus in early August, leaving Cal Poly without its most vital organ. During his six years at Cal Poly, Gonzalez has maintained the university's most crucial function: strong, productive relationships with students. Gonzalez interacts with students daily, in formal settings such as Associated Students Inc., Board of Directors meetings and in personal settings such as memorial services for slain student Rachel Newhouse. At these functions, Gonzalez is more than a university front man. He's an active participant, always willing to share his ideas and his emotions. At services for Newhouse in the last two years, for example, Gonzalez provided his heart for everyone among university administrators. His tears communicated his sincerity and earned him enormous respect among students and the community.

When President Warren Baker announced his decision to take the top job at Newhouse, he promised to face the directors' anger and disappointment. Gonzalez has also stood firm in the face of criticism, especially from Cal Poly's Greek community. His support for deferred nhu and disciplinary actions against Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Chi this year have received some negative feedback. However, Gonzalez stood by his principles of academics and safety as priorities for Cal Poly.

In losing Gonzalez, Mustang Daily fears Cal Poly has lost only the age of a pulse in the building on the hill. Baker and Provost Paul Zingg need to find more than a vice president of Student Affairs to replace Gonzalez. They need to find a student advocate and an emotional leader.

Georgetown is in for a pleasant surprise once Gonzalez makes himself known among students and staff. We hope Cal Poly can eventually heal the wound left by his depart-ure.

Editorials are the voice of Mustang Daily. Read what we have to say: the good, bad, and ugly.
Student finds 15 minutes on 'Change of Heart'

By Steven Geringer

Alex Thapar could have had another date — maybe more — but instead he took the $250 and ran. Thapar, a business junior, appeared on the television show "Change of Heart" two months ago, as a date for Tiffany, a sophomore at University of California Los Angeles who was fed up with her boyfriend. Thapar was set up by the show's producers to replace Jed, whose flirtatious ways with Tiffany's roommate had him on the verge of getting dumped.

The show, which airs Tuesday at 10:35 p.m. on cable Channel 11, has couples go on dates with strangers and decide in front of a live audience whether they should stay together or have a "change of heart.

Thapar didn't care as much about pursuing a relationship with Tiffany, but said his main reason for participating in the show was the $250 payoff, in addition to the $100 the show provided him for the date.

"I figured that even if the date sucked, I still got to keep the money," Thapar said.

Thapar, who was working at an Abercombie and Fitch store in Los Angeles over winter break, met the show's producer, who encouraged Thapar and his co-workers to try out for the show. Thapar eventually applied, did an interview on tape and was shocked to find the show selected him.

"I just did it for fun," Thapar said. "I didn't think I would make it and I did."

Thapar was then contacted by the show's producer, who gave him Tiffany's show's producer, who gave him Tiffany's phone number to arrange plans. Shortly thereafter, Thapar went to Los Angeles for the date.

Thapar said he and Tiffany went out to dinner, attended an observatory and then attempted to go to a club. Since Tiffany was under 21, the two decided to rent a movie and watch it at Tiffany's place — and that's about all that happened, Thapar said.

"We both agreed that the date was a little lame," Thapar said. "We then decided to spice it up."

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LOS ANGELES - (AP) Shaquille O'Neal had an exploration for his juggles start against the Phoenix Suns - but got too much too soon before Sunday's game.

"I just tried something new last night," he said with a smile. "I went to bed at 11, usually go to bed at midnight or later. I haven't gone to bed at 11 for about eight years. I was juggling, I picked it up." O'Neal overcame a 1-6-7 shooting performance in the first quarter to score 37 points, grab 14 rebounds and block four shots as the Los Angeles Lakers rescued the Suns 105-77 in the opener of their Western Conference semifinals.

Just about every member of the Suns, or so it seemed, took a turn guarding O'Neal, and after the first quarter, no one had much luck.

"When I get the ball in the blue area, there's not much anybody can do," he said. "I'm a pretty skilled big man." The Suns certainly agreed.

"There's a way you can stop him, it's just not legal," said Corie Blount, a former Lakers. "He's hitting jump-shots, turnaround shots, I give him the credit to him. Once he's doing that you can't do much." Said Cliff Robinson: "Shaq's tough player. It's hard to stop him with one player. We're going to have to try and do something different."

Game 2 will be Wednesday night at Staples Center before the best-of-seven series moves to Phoenix for Games 3 and 4.

"I thought our players looked tired in the first half, they got a little bit of an energy boost in the third quarter," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "In the first quarter, I saw Shaq was struggling a little bit to get up and down the court, and the pace elevated a little too quick. We had to bring it back down to our pace." Kobe Bryant added 25 points for the Lakers. Antawn Jamison led the Suns with 25 points, while Robinson, who battled foul problems, added 13 and rookie Shawn Marion had 12.

Jason Kidd, playing just his second game since breaking his left ankle March 22, was held to three points, seven rebounds and seven assists. Rodney Rogers, voted the NBA Sixth Man of the Year, was only 6 for 13 from the field and scored seven points.

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eighth innings. However, coming into the ninth, the team was behind 5-3. Tillman led off with a single, pinch-hitter Bryon Gant walked and pinch-hitter Chris Martinez laid down a sacrifice bunt that was mis-played and allowed Tillman to score. Head coach Rich Price then sent Mark Riddle up to pinch-hit, and he responded with a three-run homer to give the Mustangs a 7-3 lead. The Horrors then tied the game in the bottom of the ninth.

Cal Poly scored a single run with another Mustang RBI single, and Tanner Troster moved from left field to strike out the side in the bottom of the ninth for his third save of the season.

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Two key wins for Cal Poly baseball

By Christian von Treskow
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Rain kept Cal Poly's baseball team from completing a three-game sweep of Sacramento State this weekend, but the team still came away with victories on both Friday and Saturday.

The Mustangs defeated the Hornets 6-2 on Saturday and 8-7 on Friday, behind timely hitting and strong pitching, increasing their Big West record to 13-10. The teams will attempt to make up Sunday's game on Monday afternoon.

Saturday's game featured a six-run sixth inning, leading to a final score of 6-2. Kevin Tillman hit a three-run home run following singles by Bryan Gant and Todd Greer. At the plate, Tillman also had run-scoring singles in the game's second inning.

The usually problematic Cal Poly defense put together a positive effort this weekend, turning double plays in the first and ninth innings.

The teams came back from a 5-1 deficit on Friday to defeat the Hornets 8-7 in 10 innings.

Sacramento State jumped out to an early lead, but Cal Poly chipped away with singles and walks and tied the game in the fifth and sixth innings.

The Heroes' offense managed to score three runs, but neither went in.

At the plate, the Mustangs posted a .304 batting average against Sacramento State.

By Jeremy German, limited the Heroes' shot on goal. However, in the 35th minute, the Heroes' offense managed to get two clear shots, but neither went in.

The Mustangs' defense did well in limiting the number of shots on goal, allowing only 41 shots during the series.

The heroes were unable to capitalize on the ensuing direct kicks.

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