Free bus rides may hit dead end

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

Rumors that students will have to pay for busing may come true next quarter if campus officials decide to implement bus passes.

The Campus Fee Advisory Committee has been investigating ways to pay the $187,940 yearly bill for campus bus services, and one of the ways would be to create bus passes, said Frank Lebens, vice president for Administration and Finance.

"The money has to come from some source," said Lebens, who is a member of the advisory committee.

The committee is chaired by Associated Students Inc. President Sam Aborše and is comprised of students and school administrators. Its primary goal is to investigate sources of income to subsidize student busing. The committee will make a recommendation to Cal Poly President Warren Baker, who will make the final decision.

In the past, student busing has been paid for by different sources. The Foundation picked up the bill one year, and Associated Students Inc. paid for it in 1998. Last year, Cal Poly was lucky enough to receive a grant from Regional Transit that covered the cost.

This year, the university used limited reserves to pay approximately $125,000 of the bus bill.

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POLYBRIEFS

• "Big Brother" party
Lombard's Auto Sounds of Santa Maria is hosting a party today at 5 p.m. to celebrate Cal Poly student Josh Soncia, one of four remaining members on the CBS show "Big Brother." They will watch the second to last episode which will show Soncia's elimination or move to the final night of the show. Soncia's friends and family, as well as Cal Poly students, faculty and "Big Brother" fans are invited. The party is located at 908 N. Broadway, Santa Maria. Call toll free 872-6368 for more information.

• GWR deadline
The deadline to sign up for the Drama Studies Writing Proficiency Examination is this Friday. The exam meets the Graduation Writing Proficiency requirement for a degree to be conferred. The registration fee is $25 and must be paid at the Cashier's Office. Preparation workshops will be held on Sept. 28 and Oct. 2, 3, and 4 and 5. Call Pat Grimes at 756-2007 for information.

• Dairy Science research
The International Association of Food Industry Suppliers Foundation and the American Dairy Science Association recently awarded Cal Poly graduate student Aaron Harris a $10,000 research fellowship. Harris' research will test the quality of milk received in California dairy product manufacturing plants.

News

CSU chancellor speaks to student press about future
By Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

The times are a-changing, and so is the California State University. CSU Chancellor Charles Reed held a teleconference for campus newspaper editors Tuesday and addressed system-wide as well as campus-specific issues.

He focused on making the system more student-friendly with a larger budget and lower summer school fees.

"We got the very best budget we could possibly get for the California State University," Reed said.

He said the system received a $45 million increase over last year, the largest increase in the system's history.

The University of California system, Reed added, had a larger budget than the CSU, but he said much of those funds are allocated to specific purposes, such as $45 million for a UC to be built in Merced.

"The UC budget included a lot of one-time money to purchase land and other things for Merced," he said.

Reed said the CSU budget increase will greatly improve the quality of technology on system campuses.

Another issue facing the system is the increasing number of students. Reed explained the student body has increased 24.8% since he became chancellor.

"Every once in a while in the life of a university system or a state...something happens in a really big way," Reed said regarding the massive expansion of the Cal Grant program.

 Gov. Gray Davis recently signed into law a bill with a total price of $1.1 billion to increase the financial aid available through the Cal Grant program. The program has been valised and used at $53 million each academic year. This will jump to $105 million with this new bill. Reed said this will mean a $45 million to $48 million increase at the CSU level.

"I believe this is one of the very best financial aid programs in the United States," Reed said. "It merges together merit-based and need-based programs.

"He said the governor and legislature wanted to recognize students who worked hard in high school to earn good grades as well as those with strong financial need.

Additionally, Reed addressed issues from each participating campus including decreased fall enrollment at Los Angeles area campuses due to the mass transit strike and concerns that CSU Fullerton is almost at maximum capacity.

This was the first in a series of teleconferences in which the chancellor will take questions from students.

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Middle school spat turns to gunfire for New Orleans teens

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An argument between 13-year-old and 14-year-old students escalated into a gunfight on the grounds of a middle school Tuesday, critically wounding both boys.

Witnesses told police that after an argument, the 14-year-old got a gun from someone who passed the weapon through a fence. The 13-year-old shot the 14-year-old, then the 14-year-old grabbed the gun and shot the 13-year-old, police spokesman Lt. Marlon DeFils said.

Police recovered the .38-caliber revolver believed to be used in the shooting at Carter G. Woodson Middle School in uptown New Orleans.

The shooting happened just before noon in a breezeway between the school cafeteria and the main building.

Both students appeared conscious when they were taken by ambulances to Charity Hospital, said David Power, a police spokesman. They were listed in critical condition, and hospital spokeswoman Jean Patterson.

Police Chief Richard Pennington said police were checking into parents' claims that there has been a gang turf battle outside the school.

"We don't think this is gang-related. We think it was two children involved in a fight and a third person came and gave a gun," police chief Richard Pennington said.

Mike Souza, a 14-year-old seventh grader, said he heard the shots and saw panicked students run inside the school.

"I heard it and everybody started running. Everybody just ran," he said.

Smith said teachers made them stay inside classrooms until it was safe.

More than 140 parents rushed to the school and lined up outside as officials let small groups enter the building to get their children.

BYLINE
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By Keri Christophells

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly students and Central Coast residents are now able to access more information about their health concerns and local hospitals.

Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center and Twin Cities Community Hospitals launched new interactive Web sites this month that allow users to register and create personal home pages that can track medical history, phone numbers and other important personal information.

"The purpose of the site is to provide information regarding services available at the hospitals and to keep the public aware of programs in the hospitals such as seminars and classes," said Dennis Pall, director of Marketing and Special Programs for both hospitals.

Among the most useful links is a physician finder that allows patients to search for a doctor according to that physician's type of practice. There is also an A to Z index of health topics and a link that allows users to see what type of insurance plans the two hospitals accept, a very useful tool for students who are far from home and need more care than Cal Poly's health center can provide.

More options will become available on the Web sites in the future, according to Pall. Tenet Health Systems, the corporation that owns both hospitals, financed a program to redo the hospitals' Web sites in order to make them more interactive and user friendly. The recent changes are only the first segment of options offered on the site, Pall said.

"We are giving people a virtual nursery where family members from across the country can see pictures of the new babies," Pall said.

The sites will also feature a link that allows people to e-mail well-wishes to friends or family staying in the hospital. And if one needs to stay at the hospital for any amount of time, they can pre-register their stay on one of the sites.

"This is a very useful tool for students who are far from home and need more care than Cal Poly's health center can provide," said Pall. "It's a dance scheduled for Sept. 29 at 8:30 p.m., with lessons before at 7 p.m. The event is a fundraiser for the Swing Club has dance lessons scheduled for Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. The event is a fundraiser for the Swing Club.

By Jenifer Hansen

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Stress can run rampant among college students as classes begin to take full swing. There may be a way, however, to reduce the pressure a student can feel when attempting to juggle a full load of classes.

A free stress reduction and relaxation training is taught from 7 to 9 p.m. in the San Luis Obispo General Hospital Annex located on Johnson Avenue and Bishop Street. The class is an introduction to an eight-week program that meets weekly and will focus on the practice of mindfulness, a stress-relieving technique that promotes living in the moment.

Dr. Mark Schecter, director of the mindfulness-based program, thinks students should definitely come to the introductory class to find out if the eight-week program is right for them.

"The program is about nonjudgmental awareness," Schecter said. "It focuses on trying to synchronize what is going on in the mind as well as the body." Schecter.

"We did a yoga session — it was the most relaxing thing ever," Schecter said.

Schecter, who periodically speaks on campus and in psychology classes about stress reduction and relaxation training, has been a health professional in the San Luis Obispo area for 21 years and is a long-time meditation practitioner.

The class does not require pre-registration. For more information about the free introductory class or the eight-week program, call Dr. Mark Schecter at 995-2010.

By Jordan Roberts

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Beginning this week, Cal Poly's Health Center offers "Freshmen 101," an introduction to topics affecting new students here. The six-week discussion group will focus on the freshman experience in a small group format, and is designed to help students adjust easily to college life.

Michael White, a counselor and pre-doctoral intern at the Health Center, will be leading the group.

"Freshmen who participate in the Freshmen 101 group will be able to have their related concerns addressed in a supportive manner by peers as well as a professional counselor," White said. "I have found this to be a particularly useful format for individuals to problem-solve their situations while learning from the experiences of others, thus becoming more effective at dealing with their situations.

White said the group will also provide feedback, including some educational aspects and resource information.

"With my background in working with high school students and college students, I collaborated with the other counselors to develop a forum aimed at addressing the issues young people are dealing with in their transitions from high school student to college student," White said. "Since the program is designed to meet with and address the particular issues, people who participate are sure to get a lot out of it."

According to Counseling Services, college can be both the most exciting and the most stressful years of an individual's life and the most stressful relationships and how one sees oneself often underlie dramatic shifts at the beginning of college.

"For most students, it's their first time living on their own and away from home. Newfound freedoms and responsibilities are bound to feel overwhelming at times," White said. "Whether experienced as stressful or exciting, it is a good opportunity for positive change."

According to White, Counseling Services is always looking for new ways to reach out to students and help them make the most of their time at Cal Poly.

The discussion group will be limited to about six students due to the individual focus of the program.

Starting this week, the group will be offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Reserve a space by calling Counseling Services at 756-2351.

CORRECTION: In Monday's calendar, it was incorrectly indicated that the Swing Club has dance lessons scheduled for Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. The event is a dance scheduled for Sept. 29 at 8:30 p.m., with lessons before at 7 p.m.
Corn used by Kraft, Taco Bell recalled
WASHINGTON (AP) — The maker of a genetically engineered corn that is not approved for human consumption suspended sales Tuesday.

Aventis CropScience said it would stop selling the corn used in the Environmental Protection Agency's approval to use in food. Kraft Foods recalled millions of packages of taco shells on Friday after tests showed that some were made with an Aventis corn variety known as Skytel.

The corn is allowed only in animal feed because of unresolved questions about whether it causes allergic reactions in humans.

"We just think that until we can get all this resolved, the first thing for food companies and the consuming public is to stop sales," said Rick Rountree, a spokesman for Aventis.

Aventis also will take steps to assure that corn being harvested this fall does not get into food channels, he said.

Kraft recalled the taco shells it sells in stores under the Taco Bell name. Taco Bell Corp. said it is similarly replacing all of the shells in their restaurants later this week.

The corn, which contains a bacterium gene that makes it toxic to an insect, is the only genetically engineered crop not approved for food use.

The recall "demonstrates how little holes federal oversight of genetically engineered foods is," said Rebecca Goldberg, a biotech expert with Environment Defense.

In a Monday letter to federal regulators, the Biotechnology Industries Organization advocated that farmers shouldn't be allowed to grow a crop that isn't approved for food use. That was one of four recommendations that Kraft made to the Food and Drug Administration in announcing the recall on Friday.

Aventis is a member of the biotechnology organization.

The group also backed Kraft's other recommendations of mandatory reviews of all new biotech crops, something the FDA proposed in May, and urged the government not to approve new crops without proven method to test for the genetic material.

FDA officials say they are considering Kraft's recommendations but are considering the existing regulations are working to protect public health. They have said there is no known health risk from the corn used in the tacos.
Sorority Recruitment

Fall Schedule:
Friday, Sept. 29th - Greek Night at The Grad
2 for 1 Admission Passes Will Be Available at the Barbecue

Saturday, Sept. 30th - Individual Open House Events
10am-1pm: Alpha Gamma Rho, Delta Upsilon
Phi Sigma Kappa, Kappa Sigma, Delta Sigma Phi
1:30pm-4:30pm: Sigma Nu, Lambda Chi Alpha
Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta

Sunday, Oct. 1st - Individual Open House Events
10am-1pm: Delta Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi
1:30pm-4:30pm: Kappa Chi, Alpha Gamma Omega
Tau Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi

Further Information and Directions to All the Events Will Be Available at the Barbecue, or at the Greek Booth in the UU

Fraternity Recruitment

Fall Schedule:
Friday, Sept. 29th - Greek Night at The Grad
2 for 1 Admission Passes Will Be Available at the Barbecue

Saturday, Sept. 30th - Individual Open House Events
10am-12pm: Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Kappa
1pm-3pm: Alpha Chi Omega, Kappa Alpha Theta
3:30pm-5:30pm: Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi

Sunday, Oct. 1st - Individual Open House Events
10am-12pm: Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi
1pm-3pm: Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Kappa
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Monday, Oct. 2nd - Preference Night
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Further Information Will Be Available at the Orientation, Barbecue, or at the Greek Booth in the UU

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Don't just fix your eyes on that diploma

School has begun, classes are underway, the freshman have successfully found all their classes and are now all that's left to unpack down and get ready for the next nine months. It's funny to me how after a while it becomes so mundane — you go to class, you read, you take tests, and then eventually you graduate.

I have this underlying fear that one day I'm going to wake up, be 15 and wonder what happened. It seems it's not too long ago when I first moved into Sequoia Hall as a freshman. I was hardly met people and kept my eyes open for that special guy who I was eventually going to marry.

Well, it's almost over, all the people I met and became friends with are leaving. I have been trained for something I'm not sure I want to do, and I'm still single.

My view of college in high school was that of fun, friends, parties, freedom from my parents and maybe some studying. I wonder, is this really the view that most students have coming into this prestigious institution?

It seems to me that college has become something that is expected by society. It has become something that we as Americans in general have begun to take for granted. We read our textbooks and wonder become we are becoming to better people, but so can pass the upcoming tests. We take classes not because they interest us, but because we have our eyes fixed on that diploma and the shortest distance to graduation.

This summer I went to the Cucina Strip for eight weeks. During that time we learned how to cook English with nine other Americans to a group of Palestinian university students. Unfortunately, I learned that these people care less about the standards of our lives as Americans. They long for the freedom to go wherever they want, to study what they want to study, and only an elite minority have the chance to move to a higher education.

This trip opened my eyes to the fact that I, as an American, have it easy. I have the freedom only most people dream about, yet I take it for granted and waste it.

When I was a senior in high school my friends thought I was crazy for only applying to two colleges, and pursue my life long dream? All I know is that it's going to be over in a few short years. When I was a senior in high school my friends thought I was crazy for only applying to two colleges, and pursue my life long dream?

An Angela Barley is a landscape architecture senior.

Free buses are the only answer

How many of you would like to pay to ride the bus to school? My guess is that not many of you are jumping for joy at the thought of bus fees. Right now riding the bus is free when you flash your student identification card.

After this quarter that may no longer be the case. Currently, the free city bus ride program costs the university approximately $185,000 per year. This year, Cal Poly is about $63,000 short, having only paid about $125,000.

This is not a new problem. Two years ago, when I was a freshman, I remember talking to Ann Laker, then ASI chair of the board on the same issue. However, finding money to fund the program has actually been a concern for the past three years. Cal Poly has been lucky to find the funds the past three years, but a long-term source of funding was never found. Consequently, money for the bus program is an issue again.

Frank Lehens, Cal Poly Vice President of Administration and Finance, said the Campus Fee Advisory Committee plans to make a decision within the next few weeks about how to raise funds for the bus program. Lehens said the two alternatives on the table right now are increasing parking pass fees or making students pay for bus passes. Bus passes would cost $45 per year or $18 per quarter. These two alternatives are only suggestions to raise the $63,000 needed for this year. Long-term solutions are still being brainstormed.

Increasing parking pass fees would cause an uproar on campus. Most students take the bus to campus don't buy parking passes. By raising parking pass fees, students who drive their cars to school would be paying for students to ride the bus for free. No one said that life was fair, but that alternative is ridiculous.

As for the second option, I must concede that purchasing a bus pass would cost much less than a parking pass. Being a broke college student, I have trouble coming up with money just to pay my monthly bills. I started taking the bus because it was free and I could avoid the traffic headaches on campus.

With all the money that I put into school, including miscellaneous expenses, the $18 per quarter that it would cost me to ride the bus is merely a drop in the bucket. I know I'm not the only student in this position.

Whether you take the bus because you're environmentally conscious, you don't want to fight for parking or simply because it's free, now is the time to join together. Now is the time to use your voice. This program has been around for 15 years. Up until the past three years, Cal Poly has been able to foot the bill. Where did the money come from prior to 1997? Why has funding only been a problem recently?

These are questions we need answered and a problem we need solved.

Think about what the transit system is worth to you. Then contact the ASI executive office. Talk to ASI President Sam Aborne or ASI Vice President Lewis Smith. Let them know you think. Give them any practical ideas you might have that could solve this problem.

Kara Knutson is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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"Am I going to go postal on the Mustang Daily? Probably."
Opinion

Aid process needs work

Some might say I'm selfish writing about this subject, some might say I don't understand the pragmatic ends served by the current system of need-based scholarships. What I do understand is this giving poverty-stricken students money to pay for most of the costs of their education andCommentary
denying money to middle-class students, for whom it is technically possible (on paper) to fund their own expenses, imposes an unjust socializing effect on middle America. I will not be providing you with any ideas as to how we ought to solve this problem given the current workings of our system (indeed, the solutions I do give to this problem involve changes in government ideology that are not going to be happening anytime soon) but what I will attempt to provide is an explanation of why the problem is.

The way the current system works is to give money to those who definitively cannot afford to pay for their own education and for those who technically can afford it, there is little to no money. The way they establish the distinction is basically by establishing an inventory of everything a given student's family owns in the way of money or goods, adding it all together and seeing if there is any way for them to afford payment.

The problem here is that most families have much more "stuff" than they have actual money in the bank. The university sees that a family owns a house and two cars, plus much other stuff to fill the house and not much money in the bank because most of the income goes to mortgage payments and food and taxes and bills and whatever else.

This family, according to the university, cannot afford to pay for the college education of its child or children because the house and cars together are worth enough to take care of the expenses. Indeed, taking account of everything I own and the income of my whole family, I am afraid to pay for my own education. So can most of us. But is this even remotely fair? How dumb do they really think we are? Put two and two together.

By the end of our college years, every one of us who comes here anywhere from that poor to middle-class will leave with the same status.

Everyone will be poor. The university gives you progressively more the poorer you are, thinking, of course, that our parents have nothing to do with it that can get away from it so that we can go to school.

We have to re-evaluate what we are trying to achieve in our financial aid programs. If we are OK with the socializing effects of graduated financial gifts, there are better ways to use our money than what we have now. Socially, the point in this case would seem to suggest that we are all trying to pursue the same social status, from which we have no social benefit. It is, therefore, a tragedy that the rich will have children who will also be rich 95 percent of the time, and the poor will have children who will also be poor because only the rich can afford to send their children to school. So, we can't do this, and obviously we can't do the "socialist thing" because (quite frankly) Americans hate socialism. What do we do, however, exhausted the only two options that make logical sense? We do, well, what we have been doing for ages: endorsing this self-defeating stupidity we call "financial aid." Are we caught between a rock and hard place? Indeed we are.

What are we going to do about it?

You tell me.

Jenifer Hansen is a journalism student at Mustang Daily.

Working on campus is a way to keep a little spare change in the pocket while working toward a degree which will ultimately land you a "real" job after graduation. For many students who work on campus, their part-time job is made just that a way to make some extra spending money in a situation where it can help pay the bills. With a full load of classes, students usually can only find time to work a few hours a week. Yet, some students schedule classes that allow them to work more than that, up to 20 hours.

Why only 20 hours a week? According to university policy, students are only allowed to work for more than 20 hours while attending school full time in order to keep the focus on academics and not interrupt studies. Some jobs on campus require more than a 20-hour commitment. Some on-campus organizations dedicate considerable amounts of time and resources to projects that demand their students to work more than 20 hours per week.

Employers on-campus organizations such as University Graphics Systems or Mustang Daily don't have the option of going more than the 20-hour mark. Although an employee of one of these organizations is working to gain hands-on experience that will lead to a better job after graduation, they must log in more hours than their staff get paid for. This can be extremely frustrating knowing that there is no other option and when payday arrives, all the hard work they put into printing the newspaper or working on a huge graphic design project will go unnoticed.

Sure, they might gain recognition from peers and colleagues, but what about paying the rent? Having to work so many hours and spend much time on campus doesn't allow much free time to have another job in which to make up the difference in income in order to make ends meet.

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Mustang Daily
GOP calls oil reserve tapping political move

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Olympic spotlight bright for women athletes

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Their unexpected Olympic victory four years ago was just a taste of things to come. Their World Cup win over China three years later captivated a nation and created untold numbers of new soccer fans.

Back then, in Atlanta, we didn't know the names of the women soccer players. Now we do: Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain. Julie Foudy.

So this time, in Atlanta, there's something growing. What else is there to do but win again?

"We had such great success in Atlanta," Foudy said. "So when you know the names of the women soccer players. Now we do: Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain. Julie Foudy."

We like that Norway brings out the best in us just like we bring out the best in them," said U.S. coach Joy Fawcett.

The gold-medal game will be broadcast Thursday on MSNBC, along with men's baseball and the gold-medal men's tennis match. In prime time, NBC will show women's softball game, synchronized swimming and rhythmic gymnastics.

But the marquee event in prime time will be on the track, where Marion Jones, already a gold-medal winner in the 100-meter dash, takes up the next phase of her quest for five golds with the women's 200-meter final.

Barring a surprising failure to qualify, Jones has a possible showdown with Cathy Freeman in Thursday's final. The Australian star of Aboriginal origins thrilled her hometown crowd with a victory in the 400-meter on Monday night. She made a late decision to run in the 200.

Talk about a growing spotlight. Not only will Jones have to deal with the intense pressure of her medal quest — she's now coping with the sudden, unwelcome revelation that her husband, shot putter C.J. Hunter, tested positive for steroids.

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NBC to drop baseball coverage next season

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC opted not to keep its package of major league baseball games, clearing a handle for Fox to grab the exclusive TV rights for the sport's postseason.

"We have notified major league baseball that we have passed on their offer and we wish them well going forward," NBC Sports President Ken Schrader said Wednesday (Tuesday EDT) from Sydney, Australia.

Fox has offered about $2.5 billion in a bid to land major league baseball's entire postseason package from 2001-06. The Associated Press learned that figure, which would also cover an extension of current deals for regular-season games on Fox and its cable outlets, was confirmed by three TV industry and baseball sources speaking on condition they not be identified.

Baseball's five-year postseason contracts with Fox, NBC and ESPN expire after the World Series.

NBC and ESPN had until Tuesday to match Fox's bid, industry sources said ESPN spokesman Mike Sorokin would not confirm on whether the cable channel had also passed.

Fox officials declined to comment Tuesday.

The last time one broadcaster network owned the full baseball package was 1990-91, when CBS lost hundreds of millions of dollars in a $1.257 billion deal partly because of a steep decline in ratings and partly because of a national recession.

"It is a lot of baseball. Take it from someone who knows," said former CBS Sports President Neal Pilson, who owns a consulting firm. "It will force Fox to delay the start of its entertainment season every fall in order to cover the playoffs and the World Series, but I am sure they have taken that into account.

"Fox probably believes it has drawn a good deal financially. It has kept its cost escalation at a very modest number."

In the current deal, Fox and NBC split the league championships and alternated televising the All-Star game and World Series. Now Fox could hold the rights to all those events for six seasons, in addition to its regular-season rights.

The extra load of first-round playoff games could be eased by shifting some to cable channel Fox Sports Net.

Baseball wanted to close a new deal during the regular season, which is scheduled to end Sunday.

The roughly $417 million average annual worth of the package represents about a 45 percent jump from the $290 million the old deals totaled - $120 million for Fox's postseason rights and Saturday games of the week, $47 million for regular season games on cable channels Fox Sports Net and FX, $80 million for NBC's postseason, and $43 million for ESPN's postseason package.

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U.S. softball comes back to win gold

Yes, it is a cliché to say the U.S. team was unlucky, but after the elimination from the World Cup of Softball earlier this summer, the team had already had its share of misfortune.

Placing in its fifth extra-inning game Down Under, the Americans were unable to catch a break for much of the Olympics - took advantage of a mistake to defeat their Atlanta gold. After a pair of eighth-inning walks, a shot to left field by Laura Berg was misplayed by outfielder Shawn Kochqi, who faked a glove on the ball but couldn't hold it on.

"The ball was hit back at us, and the ball just went out of her glove," Berg said. "We've been very unlucky in this whole tournament, but luck finally went our way."

All the way.

Before Kochqi could recover, pinch-hitter Jennifer McFarland scored the game-winner. The U.S. women's left for ahead after a three-game losing streak in the preliminary round, were suddenly alive, well and competing at home plate.

With five days of competition left, the United States topped the medal chart with 63 (25 gold; 13 silver; 23 bronze). Russia was next with 51 (17; 14; 20), followed by China's 30 (22:14). BASEBALL: The U.S. team, on a dramatic bottom of the ninth home run by Doug Mientkiewicz, took a step toward turning baseball into the international pastime. The blast by Mientkiewicz led the Americans to a dramatic victory over South Korea in a gold-medal game.

Romanians protest, return other medals

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Romania has returned two medals in the women's all-around gymnastics competition to protest Andrei Raducan's loss of her gold medal for taking gold medication containing a banned substance, Romanian national television reported Tuesday.

"The gold, silver and bronze medals returned were awarded during the 1992 Barcelona Games," Romanian sports official said.

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**Cal Poly**

Irvine and UCSB should be among the stronger teams in the conference this season, Crozier said. The Mustangs will need to get rid of their early season nays early by Oct. 6, when the Big West Conference begins.

Unworried by the team's mid-season slump, Crozier drew comparisons with last year's highly successful "Come the end of the season, we'll definitely be battling for the conference championship," he said.

**Coastal Carolina**

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Even though the team has had some growing pains early in the season, Crozier feels they are on track.

"Of course I hate losing," he said.

**Oregon State**

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After qualifying for the NCAA Championships last year, this year's team will need to finish within the top ten nationally.

"It's not something that's easily attainable," senior Terry Blackwell said. "Our whole team has to put it together there.

A team can run up to seven men each race, but only five can score points. Points are allotted according to the place the athlete finishes. The winner of a race receives one point. The team with the lowest score wins. Although cross country is a team sport, runners insist that it is somehow different than other team sports.

"I think almost any other sport has a catch of some sort or a fall back they can rely on if they make a mistake," Boothe said. "Running is the opposite. There's no judges, there's no rules set up. It's a team sport but it's not like other sports.

**University of Oregon**

"But time after time after time we do it again and again. This is a problem," said Hackett, whose eighth-ranked Beavers by an average of 58-10.

Heavily favored, the Beavers outscored the Trojans 10-0 in the first two quarters before the Trojans scored the first three touchdowns of the second half. The University of Oregon played one game last year. We've got the special magic shoes and from the outside and you just out and practice on it. We don't have that opportunity," the coach said Tuesday. "We're building up our feet will work on the turf. It is a different surface," Hackett said. "This team we're about to play is built on speed, and it will be played on artificial turf, which heightens speed."

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Women's soccer has high hopes with early season play

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Heading into the 2000-01 season, few Cal Poly teams will have higher expectations than the women's soccer team.

After last year's thrilling run to the Big West championship and the NCAA tournament, many wonder if the team can repeat or improve upon their success of a year ago.

Coach Alex Crozier said that great things could be in store for the Mustangs.

"We have the potential to be as good or better (than last season)," Crozier said of the team, which graduated six starters from last year's squad. "We are just a little less seasoned right now, but we're just as talented as last year."

The team's current three-game win and shutout streak could certainly be a sign that the Mustangs are on the right track. After a slow start saw them go 1-4, the team has picked it up in all areas. The defense has been stellar in not allowing a goal in the past three games, and the offense has made strides as well.

The Mustangs scored 10 goals over the past weekend, including a 7-0 romp over Butler University on Saturday.

Crozier singled out two players for their performance, with Natalia Garcia, rebounding from an injury that forced her to sit out last season, being a wall in the net, and Menan Schlenel, Crozier said, has been exceptionally well.

"She has always been a great noal scorer, but she has stepped it up all around so far this year," said Schlenel, who has scored game winners in recent games.

Heads Coach
Terry Crawford directs the women's cross country team at Tuesday's practice.