Chancellor looks to semesters; Cal Poly leaders start to plan

By Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

California State University Chancellor Charles Reed said in a teleconference Tuesday that he hopes all campuses will be on the semester system within three years.

"The benefits almost all focus on the students," he said, adding that these benefits are especially true for students coming from community colleges. "We find a lot of (transfer) students drop out," he said.

Cal Poly is one of six CSU campuses using the quarter system. The other campuses are: Berkeley, Hayward, Los Angeles, Pomona and San Bernardino.

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By Evann Castaldo
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San Luis Obispo’s Mardi Gras parade was held on a Tuesday night this year in hopes of cutting fewer problems. The fruits of this effort were not what was expected.

At least two people were injured at the annual event and the number of arrests was higher than last year, said Sgt. Ron Brown of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

“We thought that it was going to be a little less (rowdy), but it didn’t seem to turn out all that different,” Brown said. “I think this year’s parade was a little more rowdy.”

He added that the police had more problems related to Mardi Gras this year than in years past, in part because of the celebrations and parties that went on the weekend before this year’s Tuesday night parade.

After the parade, 19-year-old Jaime Grimshaw was hospitalized with minor injuries after being struck by a car. She is now in stable condition, said Kris Kington, associate administrator at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center. Another woman broke her leg after she fell from a building she had climbed on to get a better view, Brown said.

The crowd at this year’s parade was approximately half the size of last year’s, with an estimated 18,000 people in attendance, according to a San Luis Obispo Police Department press release. Even so, 84 people were arrested Tuesday night, Brown said. Sixty arrests were made last year when the parade was held on a Saturday.

Eighty people received citations Tuesday, compared to 127 people cited during the night of last year's parade, Brown said.

“For at least an hour and a half after the parade was over, people would not leave the streets,” Brown said. In years past, streets have been cleared within 45 minutes, he said.

“People were cursing and yelling at the police,” he said, adding that most of the problems occurred after the parade.

Most of the arrests and citations throughout the celebration were for alcohol-related violations. Numerous fights also broke out after the parade, Brown said, and at least 26 people have reported tire slashings. Arrests were made for more serious offenses ranging from assault with a deadly weapon to battery with serious bodily injury, according to the press release.

About 75 officers from the San Luis Obispo Police Department and about 100 other law enforcement officers handled the parade.

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Earthquake shakes Northwest; none killed

SEATTLE (AP) — A powerful earthquake rocked the Northwest on Wednesday, shattering windows, sending terrified crowds running into the streets of Seattle and Portland, Ore.

Despite the quake's 6.8-magnitude, damage and injuries were relatively minor, which experts attributed to the quake's depth. Only 25 people were reported injured, none critically.

Still, the quake temporarily shut down the Seattle airport, knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of people, cracked the dome atop the state Capitol in Olympia and briefly trapped about 30 people atop a swirling Space Needle, 657 feet above the city.

“Everyone was panicked,” said Paulette DeBuss, who scrambled onto a fire escape in a Seattle office building.

The quake hit at 10:54 a.m. and was centered 35 miles southwest of Seattle, according to the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo. It was the strongest to hit Washington state in 52 years.

Experts said its depth — in a fault about 30 miles underground — spared the Northwest catastrophic damage. Officials said millions of dollars spent to remodel buildings and highways to protect against earthquakes had paid off.

Damage could run into the billions, but that was considered light in a highly developed area with more than 3 million residents.

In contrast, the magnitude-6.7 Northridge quake in Los Angeles in 1994 struck just 11 miles underground. It caused an estimated $40 billion in damage and killed 72 people.

The Northwest quake was felt in Vancouver and other parts of British Columbia and in southern Oregon, 300 miles away. Buildings in downtown Portland, 140 miles from the epicenter, swayed for nearly a half-minute and crowds gathered on street corners to talk about the quake.

Officials evacuated the city's Multnomah County Courthouse, which has not had a major retrofitting for earthquakes.

“I thought, if this building goes, we're doomed. I didn't know what to do. I hid under my desk or what,” said Dee Stewart, 46, a judicial assistant who works on the fifth floor.

Of the 25 people treated at Seattle's Harborview Medical Center, five had serious injuries, a spokeswoman said. Authorities said two had been struck by falling debris.

President Bush asked the director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Joe Allbaugh, to travel to Seattle to offer help.

“Our prayers are with those who were injured and their families and with the many thousands of people whose lives have been disrupted,” Bush said.

Washington Gov. Gary Locke, who said books and pictures were knocked off the walls at the governor's mansion, declared a state of emergency, freeing state resources and clearing the way for federal aid. Similar declarations were made by Seattle leaders.

Scenes erupted at a Seattle hotel where Microsoft founder Bill Gates was addressing an education and technology conference. He was whisked away as his audience bolted for the exits. Some people were knocked down by others trying to get out. Overhead lights fell to the floor.

There was damage to a number of other buildings, mostly minor cracks and broken glass. Bricks fell from the top of Starbucks headquarters onto cars parked below and piled up on sidewalks in the popular Pioneer Square neighborhood, the scene of Mardi Gras celebrations the night before.

Mayor Paul Schell said city crews were examining buildings for safety. He said preparations and seminars reminding had paid off.

“I think the city has been very mindful of earthquake risks. We have no catastrophic damage,” Schell said.

“Have no catastrophic damage,” Schools throughout the region halted classes, but many served as shelters until children could be reunited with parents. Many businesses sent workers home and Boeing, the region's major private employer, closed its Seattle-area factories until Thursday.

The Space Needle — a landmark dating from the 1962 World's Fair that was built to sway during an earthquake or strong winds — was closed for 2 ½ hours. None of those stranded at the observation deck and restaurant on top was injured.

“You couldn't walk,” Dan Stevens said, describing when the quake hit. “It was like a rolling ship in the ocean.”

U.S. Highway 101 buckled in places northwest of Olympia, and another road nearby was closed by a landslide.

Engineering crews were checking Seattle's area's many bridges for damage and some were closed as a precaution.

Amtrak suspended train service between Portland and Seattle until tracks could be inspected, a spokesman said.

Two trains with more than 225 people aboard were halted between Seattle and Tacoma and buses were sent to pick up stranded passengers.

The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport was closed for more than three hours, stranding thousands of people. The Federal Aviation Administration at one point halted all flights in and out of the Northwest's biggest city and crews were building a temporary control tower because the main building was damaged too severely to use.

The air traffic center for Washington and Oregon, near Auburn, Wash., was operating on backup power. Paget Sound Energy said 200,000 customers in western Washington lost service, but power was expected to be restored by nightfall.

In Olympia, about 10 miles from the epicenter, legislators, state workers and visiting schoolchildren streamed out of the damaged capitol.

“The chandelier started going and the floor started shaking,” state Sen. Bob Morton said. “Someone yelled get under the table and we did.”

Cracked plaster, gift and paintings fell from the walls. There was fear the dome would collapse and people lined up as they walked down the marble stairs of the building.

“If that rasch had tumble down, it would have been all over,” Morton said.

The panic was similar in Salem, Ore., where the House and the Senate were in session.

“The building moved and I yelled, 'Earthquake!' and jumped under a door,” said Jon Coney of Gov. John Kitzhaber's office.

Earthquake magnitudes are calculated according to ground motion recorded on seismographs. An increase in one full number from 6.5 to 7.5, for example — means the quake's magnitude is 10 times as great.

A quake with a magnitude of 6 can cause severe damage, while one with a magnitude of 7 can cause widespread, heavy damage.
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Luís Obispo Police Department, the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol patrolled the downtown area during and after the parade.

Michele Revious, a history junior, worked as part of the Parade Crew. Revious said gates in her area were knocked down by the surging crowd twice, but no one appeared to be hurt.

"The crowd was a lot smaller. But I still felt that people went all out," she said. "(The people in my section were) really drunk, and loud."

A committee, which includes a representative from the Police Department, will meet to talk about problems related to March Grass, and determine whether or not to keep it on Tuesday night.

Brown said, "I think people should have fun, but do it in a reasonable way," he said.

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**Funeral services for crash victims to be held today**

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — Funeral services for two of the four victims killed by a motorist near the University of California, Santa Barbara, will be held Thursday.

Services for Elic Israel, 27, of San Francisco, were scheduled for 11 a.m. in Oakland. Services for Ruth Dasha Gold Levy, 22, a Santa Barbara City College student, were to take place at 2 p.m. in Santa Barbara.

Arrangements are pending for Nicholas Shaw Poudelakis and Christopher Edward Davis, both 20 and UCSB students.

David Attias, 15, of Santa Monica is accused of running down the four college students last Friday.

Levy's brother, Arthur Aaron Levy, 27, who also was struck, is listed in critical condition at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

Attias, the son of a well-known television and film director, has been charged with four counts of murder, and faces other charges as well.
Don't discount the importance of vaccinations

Sometimes last December, I became an avid watch of the show "ER." I blame this affliction on my sister, who has been an avid watch for several years. And, yes, I decided to watch a couple of weeks ago centered on a 4-year-old who was brought in and found to have measles. The doctor dipped the mother for not vaccinating her child, and her excuse was that there were studies done that linked vaccinations to autism. The child eventually died of the disease, and that person's story was that of the dead child in the hospital room, with thegrim sister holding another inside the room.

This topic was in the back of my mind with about 100 other things on my mind. I'm aware that pediatricians push parents to vaccinate their children, and indeed, most parents do choose to do so. However, 95 percent of elementary school-age children have the five missing vaccines, according to a Center for Disease Control study. It is only because of these different vaccine programs that we Americans have the lowest rates of vaccine-preventable disease of any nation in the world — an extremely safe and enlightened decision. People claim that their decision to vaccinate their children is a personal issue, but when someone's "personal issue" helps spread a completely preventable illness, it becomes everyone's business.

As a media outlet that deals with children every day, I was wary of this news because of the recent study suggesting that the measles vaccine could cause autism. I have an 18-month old who is due to get her second MMR vaccine. If my son was born in 1980 when85 percent of all American children were vaccinated, he'd probably be due for his third MMR by now.

Little kids are the only virus that has been totally eradicated worldwide, through consistent vaccination programs. Today, only two countries still possess the virus in a carefully controlled laboratory situation — the United States and Russia. It is highly unlikely that a worldwide vaccination program will substantially happen with other diseases.

So, will I have my own child vaccinated someday? Without a doubt. I wish this column gave me more space to offer more of the startling statistics I found when I looked into this subject. If you're not as far along as I am, there is plenty of material to read. No doubt, most children could be about a lot healthier if we all did our part.

Commentary

On Tuesday night, at the Mardi Gras parade, I saw a girl severely injured by a car on Higuera and Chorro Streets. I heard the car snick and saw her under the car.

A mob of people then rushed the car and the girl. They pounded the car and ripped off the license plate.

Some people didn't understand, or were too drunk to understand, and they started cheering and pushing. Girls got on guys' shoulders and started flinging groups of people who were yelling, "Show your tits!"

People with cameras and camcorders were filming the accident and the girls exposing their breasts. I could see the girl half-underneath the car with blood on her face in the LCD screens of the camcorders.

It took too long for the ambulance to fight through the mob and for the police to get the crowd away from the accident. Luckily, the girl was alive.

It didn't help that cars were driving down Higuera Street while hundreds of intoxicated people were wandering down the middle of the street.

This incident was the end of a not-so-great evening for me. In past years, I've had a few bad experiences. Maybe I was just delusional.

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Most of the girls were half-naked; some had only paint covering their chests, and a few were even completely topless.

The outfits were hilarious. I saw traditional Mardi Gras costumes of masks and beads, a person dressed up as a goat and another as a cat, and others as clowns and cross-dressers.

While people watching, I saw some things that were not cool, either. Unlike past years, this year's Mardi Gras had little room for families. I felt so sorry for a little boy who cried as he walked away with his family early from the parade, throwing his small strand of beads down on the ground as he left.

I also saw a man who brought his dog. The poor dog was walking by because people kept stepping on it, and all the owner could do was take pictures of a topless girl.

Besides seeing way too many boobs and not enough fans, I think this year's Mardi Gras was not worth all the hype it got.

Although it was traumatic for me, most people I saw and talked to had fun. Maybe I was just delusional.

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To die, to sleep, perchance to dream, that there is a good play that speaks not in the Shakespearean tongue—a play that can inspire the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous laughter.

Such a play may be Paul Rudnick’s “I Hate Hamlet,” coming to the Cal Poly Theatre this Thursday through Saturday, March 1 through 10.

“It’s a very light-hearted, very intelligent and neatly crafted play,” said Michael Malkin, Cal Poly theater professor, prize-winning playwright and director of the play.

Andrew Rally, played by engineering sophomore Brian Ward, is a young soap opera star who seems to have it all—a legendary apartment in the city, a loving girlfriend and a great chance to play his first on-stage role as Hamlet in New York City’s “Shakespeare in the Park.” But things are not what they seem. His television show has been canceled, his girlfriend is a 28-year-old virgin and he hates Hamlet. Things get even worse for poor Rally when the ghost of John Barrymore, a real-life actor and one of Broadway’s best known Hamlets, comes back to his former apartment to persuade the unwilling young star into playing the role.

“The play is not about somebody who hates Hamlet,” Malkin said. “It’s an outrageous comedy about the difficulties of playing Hamlet... There are a lot of sexual and theatrical jokes.”

Ward, who has been in three previous Cal Poly productions, including “A Mincmr All Seasons” and “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” said that Rally is the most complex character he has portrayed so far.

Andrew is very melodramatic, which I like,” Ward said. “I get to sword fight, I get to romance, I get to be neurotic, I get to be on stage most of the time.”

Playing the role of John Barrymore is Gregory Sellars, a San Luis Obispo resident and an alumnus of the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts in Santa Maria.

“The most important thing about this show is laughter,” Sellars said. “It’s a very silly show. But it’s also very true to life, besides the fact that it has a ghost.”

Another character is Rally’s real estate agent, Felicia Lantine, whose strange psychic powers allow her to speak with her dead Yiddish name (sung for a stereotypical Jewish mother). The role is played by Jennifer Pierson, a theater sophomore and member of Cal Poly’s improvisational group, Smile and Nod.

Taking on the role of Rally’s acting agent is Amanda Sitko, a theater junior. Sitko is also a member of Smile and Nod, and has been in various Cal Poly performances.

Nate Asher, a theater junior, will play Rally’s flamboyant best friend. Making her Cal Poly stage debut, Sarah Burkett, a theater sophomore, will portray Deirdre McDavey, Rally’s girlfriend.

“It’s a wonderful cast,” Malkin said. “The cast gets on with one another, and you can see that on stage.”

Malkin, who has been teaching theater at Cal Poly for 26 years, said that the most interesting part of being a theater professor is being able to spend four hours a night, six days a week, eight weeks a quarter with students, while producing a play.

“Students get to know the faculty in this play probably better than any other faculty,” he said. “I don’t regard that as a challenge—It’s one of the rewards.”

Playwright Paul Rudnick is better known for his filmwork in “The Addams Family Values” and “In & Out,” and has been an outspoken member of the gay community.

Show tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for students and senior citizens. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office. To order by phone, call 756-2787. Or, log on to www.paclos.org.
Kids learn literacy in music program

By Janelle Foskett
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Music can evoke an array of emotions in listeners. It can remind them of a sentimental moment, or it can bring tears to their eyes. However, music can be so much more than this.

At least this is the opinion of Cal Poly music professor Jesús Saiz-Huedo, who recently formed the program "Literacy Through Music." The program uses music to improve the reading and writing abilities of students from the George Brown Elementary School in Paso Robles.

"I do believe music is a tool where you can teach other non-musical goals," Saiz-Huedo said. "It is so helpful and positive in the classroom."

As part of the program, the Cal Poly Concert Ensemble will perform traditional Spanish songs and music from Latin America at the elementary school March 1 at 10 a.m.

The elementary students have been studying songs, poems and dramatic readings to help develop their reading and writing skills in English and Spanish. They were asked in order to prepare for the event, the students are also learning basic music skills. They were told to play with the Cal Poly Music students.

The elementary students and guitar ensemble will perform together. They will be joined by students studying Spanish at Paso Robles High School and soprano Maria Gris, a member of Cal Poly’s University Singers.

Saiz-Huedo said the Cal Poly students are acting as positive role models for elementary students in the program.

"The Cal Poly students are bringing their passion for music with them," he said. "For so many years, they have used music as a tool for learning and growing up, and now they can share this with the younger students."

Saiz-Huedo also teaches elementary music in the Paso Robles School District. He said that when he first came to the district in 1998, music materials were scarce. He started asking his students to bring in music to share with the class. He said he soon started noticing how quickly the students were learning the material when they used music as a guide.

Saiz-Huedo recognized the importance of music to learning language arts fundamentals, so he decided to propose a Pacific Gas & Electric Education Fund grant for the music department in Paso Robles. PG&E did decide to grant money to the program.

Saiz-Huedo said part of the grant money has been used to buy CDs, which have been distributed to teachers for educational use in the classroom. The money was also used to buy high-quality recording equipment to encourage students to perform and to listen to their own creations.

Saiz-Huedo spoke of one activity in particular to the program. He said the students will learn stories from songs and then re-tell the stories in spoken or written activities using prose, drama or poetry. He said by learning to change the format of the story, the students have a better grasp of the material.

Saiz-Huedo came to Paso Robles from Coruña, Spain, as part of an exchange program. He and his wife, Maria, lived in his surroundings. He said his best present was a guitar he received as a gift.

"I developed a sense of love of music," he said. "It became something I could share to my family and friends."

"When The World Ends" and "If I Had It All" are pretty much straightforward, like generic '80s rock songs. DMB sounds like it's auditioning to be the next Huey Lewis and the News.

Drew S. It's not exactly '80s, but some of it sounds generic, I'll give you that much. Understand the band decided to make a transition musically.

Drew P. There's almost no time given to violin or any solos here, and the bassist sounds half- asleep. Drummer Carter Beauford barely gets a chance to show his skill.

Drew S. But every member of the band changed their role for this record. Even Matthews' famous acoustic guitar is replaced by an electric barton-chord string.

Drew P. I just don't see the point.

Drew S. There comes a time when a band reaches a plateau, and DMB had to change something before their sound became stale.

Drew P. Well, it sounds like they're already there. This is just plain old pop-rock — the Goo Goo Dolls could have made this record.

Mum would love it.

Drew S. I know, I know. DMB changed from sweet solos to repetitious riffs, and most of Matthews' lyrics are sappy love odes to his wife.

Drew P. The songs aren't necessarily typical DMB songs, and that's the sad thing.

Drew S. Sad but true. Dave and the guys have changed. I've gotta live with it. But songs like "When the World Ends" and "Everyday" give me the strength to go on.

Drew P. Yeah, but what's next? An a cappella album? When's the madness gonna stop?

Drew S. I feel a tour coming on.

Drew P. Ah, come on, man, I was just pluatin'. Nothing personal. Maybe the next one will be better.

Drew S. The album is OK, not spectacular like I expected. As a longtime DMB fan, I don't like the drastic change to pop-rock, although some people might. But I understand the band's need for a change.

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Entertainment industry to host career day for students at Poly

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Various players in the entertainment industry will convene at Cal Poly on March 3 to talk to students interested in jobs in the field.

There will be panels starting at 10:30 a.m. to begin the day at Cal Poly Theatre, and then "break-out sessions" in which students can visit any lecture they choose. There will be sessions on internships, acting, casting and business of the business (covering the production end of entertainment). Students will have a chance to attend two or three of the sessions at different times.

The day will conclude with a panel to address final questions in the Cal Poly Theatre at 2:15 p.m.

This day is an opportunity for all types of students to become educated about the goings-on in the industry, said Pam Malkin, associate department head of the theater and dance department.

"This is a broad-based entertainment career day, not a job fair," she said. "It is serving wide variety of majors. (Students of different majors) will be able to track how people earn a livelihood in the entertainment industry."

The event is sponsored by the theater and dance department, FANS (an alumni association), career services and Alpha Psi Omega.

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Larry Barnes, who portrays George.
"This part was fun to play
because you could do it all," Anthony said. "AlHee has Martha
laughing, smoking, seducing, drink­
ing, eating and dancing. For an
actor, the part is so meaty and deli­
cious."

She said originally she tried to
update the play to take place in 2001,
but it didn’t work out because of the
many references to Germany and
World War II.
"The play has to be true to na
time," Lambie said. "It makes it more
provocative then, because now this
type of lifestyle is typical, but in 1962
it wasn’t."
The play takes place at the home
of middle-aged couple George and
Martha. After a night of putting,
they come home and George unex­
pectedly finds out that Martha has
invited another couple over that
they had just met that night. The couple,
Nick and Honey, are in their early
20s, and Nick has just been hired to
reach at the same college at which
George works. As the night progress­
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with the help of George and Martha."
Rossman said.
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Adams said. "He is not a very nice
person, really.
Tickets can be purchased at the SLO Little Theatre. Prices are $10
on Thursdays and $15 on Fridays
and Saturdays.

By April Pack
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The scene is set with shag carpet,
empty bottles of alcohol, bras hang­
ning on lampshades and beds hanging in
the doorway. It probably does not come as a surprise that this is the set­
ing of a college room.
While familiar, this is not a
description of an actual dorm on the
Cal Poly campus, but of the stage set
at the San Luis Obispo Little
Theatre. The four-week running
show of “Who’s Afraid of Virginia
Woolf,” written by Edward AlHee,
A legend in his own time

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For some people, he is the epitome of a true blues artist. His attitude, stage persona and voice say it all. Solemnly strumming his guitar, he is the music.

His name is Riley B. King, better known as B.B. King, and he is coming back to the Performing Arts Center on March 5 to perform for a third time in San Luis Obispo.

"It is important that you build a relationship with the people that perform and make sure that they are treated well," said Peace Howard, the general manager of K-OTTER 94.9 and 95.3 KXTZ, two local radio stations that are sponsoring the concert. "B.B. has been here before, and he likes the crowd, and the way he was treated."

King's career began in 1948 when he performed on a radio program on KWEM in West Memphis. After that, he became increasingly popular with the audience. This led to more spots on various stations. Because of his growing recognition, he created a radio name. It started out as Beale Street Blues Boy, shortened to Blues Boy King and eventually B.B. King.

After his 1951 hit of "Three O'Clock Blues," King began touring internationally. Since his career began, he has won five Grammy Awards.

"Even though B.B. has been around for a long time, he is still just as great as ever, and now is a terrific time to see him," said Janelle Younger, promotions director for the two radio stations.

Advanced tickets for the show are available at the PAC box office or at www.pacslo.org. The prices range from $57 to $47. The doors will open at 7 p.m., and the concert starts at 8 p.m.

Should student fees be adjusted to keep pace with inflation?

We have already had seven open forums and turnout had been low! This issue affects EVERY Cal Poly student! It is vital that you come, get educated, and use your voice. You have THREE more chances to get your voice heard. Questions? Call the ASI Student Govt Office at 756-1291 or come by UU 202, M-F, 8am-5pm.

Remaining Open Forum Schedule

Tuesday, March 6: 6pm — Bldg 33-286

Thursday, March 8: 11am — Bldg 52-E27

Remember, you must attend one of the sessions for your voice to be heard! This is your opportunity...your voice...USE IT!
Opinion

Focus housing crunch solutions on students

They are unfortunate victims of the housing shortage in this town. We are desperately searching for a place to live. They can’t find a home, Cal Poly might not be able to recruit them.

Who, the students? No, the faculty.

Faculty housing is a critical issue for many California State Universities, including Cal Poly, said Ken Swisher, media relations manager for the chancellor’s office.

What Cal Poly will do about the issue is unknown, but one solution underway is building faculty housing.

Frank Munford, executive director of Foundation, said the first phase of the project—about 50 faculty rental units—should be done by 2003.

This answers some questions, but I want to know why they will be built.

I understand the reasoning behind building faculty housing. San Luis Obispo is not exactly check-full of housing—especially not dirt-cheap housing—and if professors can’t afford to live, or if students afford to live, that they will probably accept a job offer from a different campus.

But isn’t the same true of students? Isn’t it just returning students who face the housing crunch? Cal Poly doesn’t even have enough room for all its freshmen! This is ridiculous.

If Cal Poly is accepted into the university, but not admitted into the dormitory, I’m sure I would have put the stress of trying to find off-campus housing very first.

Some universities have enough housing that it is mandatory for freshmen to live on campus, but not why. Does Cal Poly keep letting so many people in that it doesn’t have room for everyone?

Some universities even have enough housing to make it mandatory for second-year students to live on campus. Maybe this seems like an unreasonable rule, or maybe it is just so far removed from Cal Poly life that our minds can’t fully comprehend it.

Last year, Cal Poly had just under 3,000 spots available for continuing students to live on campus this year, said Ronnie Krupp, research and planning analyst with Institutional Planning.

This full, Cal Poly had 12,563 continuing students.

Is something wrong with this number? More than 12,000 continuing students can’t live on the campus, and there is not even enough room for all of the 4,000-plus new students Cal Poly accepts.

When I was in the dorms, I had students living in the laundry rooms because there wasn’t enough room for them in the dorms. Not only did they cram up to four people in one laundry room, not only did they have no desks—just a stuffy table, not only did they have to deal with moving their stuff all over, but every time permanent housing was found, the rest of us had to walk to a different tower to do our laundry.

Housing, especially for freshmen, should be a main priority for the campus. First-year students and new faculty are, after all, in parallel situations having to adjust to a new area, trying to get along with a lot of change, and probably choosing between Cal Poly and somewhere else.

The only difference is I likely would have put up with the stress of trying to find off-campus housing very first.

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I say continue to help faculty members with housing in other ways. Swisher mentions, there’s one—promote special situations with lower rates for their faculty members, and this is a great idea. Our own housing Web site has a new section dedicated to giving faculty resources for a place to live. These are great ways to help the faculty without using up precious building materials that should be used for student housing. Yearly student apartments also will be built, hopefully starting in June, said Alan Pease, associate director of Housing and Parking Services.

You understand that Cal Poly needs faculty just like it needs students. I think Cal Poly needs to focus first on the students who might be scared about leaving home for the first time, the people who have never had to deal with finding a place to live before, the people who are not being paid to come here—t he students.

Evans Gavostad is a political science sophomore and Mustang Daily staff writer.
change," he said.

Another large aspect will be the conversion of the General Education and Breadth (GE and B) requirements.

The newly re-written program will be introduced fall 2001, and Corn said it poses a problem. When the new GE and B was proposed, it was supposed to be left in for long enough for it to be adequately evaluated, he said.

With the change, the new GE and B system would have to be modified.

"There was an understanding not to touch it for two years," Corn said.

Detweiler said the conversion won't "cause a problem" which includes Student Life, Health and Psychological Services and Housing and Residential Life.

He added that the greatest changes would have to occur if Reed extends summer programs.

Detweiler said that, for instance, many employees at the Health Center work 10 months a year, so adding summer enrollment would mean expanding those kinds of services.

Reed said that his overall plan is to create year-round programming at all campuses. This would include two semesters and a flexible summer term.

He said this flexibility will come from courses being offered for a variety of lengths to best suit the student's needs.

"We are already paying a lot of attention to the summer," Corn said. He added that the new, more flexible, calendar wouldn't be much different than the combination of 10- and 5-week classes already offered during summer.

Reed said that CSU campuses may need to start looking for ways to offer more classes when enrollments start to jump. He said this might come in the form of more evening classes or Saturday course offerings.

Reed said the new calendar system will allow students to graduate sooner because any courses that need to be made up can be done in a single summer.

"This provides students the most flexibility and help in reaching their goal of graduation," he said.

All this will not come without a cost, however.

"We have some resources ... to be able to fund the cost for converting from quarter to semester," he said. Reed said he is prepared to offer enough funding to cover the entire cost of conversion.

In the long run, Reed said, running semester campuses is cheaper than quarters because administrative tasks such as registration have to happen less often.

Reed said he is confident that year-round academic programming will allow a significant increase in campus populations.

"The capacity at all our institutions can experience a one-time increase of 20 to 25 percent," he said.

That would take CSU Poly from a rough 16,000 students to almost 20,000.

Margaret Cassano, Academic Senate administrative analyst, said a resolution is planned to be presented before the Senate to officially oppose converting to quarters.

The resolution, she said, should be approved March 13.

This resolution, however, is not policy, but only the official opinion of the Senate.

nonprofit, governmental or community-based organizations and schools.

According to the plan, students enrolled in service learning are expected to provide direct service in an area of need in the community, and the service should be related to their academic coursework.

The plan lists several criteria for designated service-learning courses.

Academic learning should be the primary focus, and at least 10 hours of the course should be academically relevant service to the community. Each course should provide lectures and a course syllabus, and should conclude with a reflection of the course, with a paper or class presentation, according to the document.

Bud Evans, a political science professor, presented the plan to the Academic Senate.

One professor asked during the meeting if it would be mandatory for each department to implement a service-learning course.

"There will be no requirement for each department to create a class," Evans said.

Student Community Services (SCA), which is the center for community volunteering and service learning, helped push the plan through the Academic Senate. Although some members helped get the plan moving, some said they were split on the idea.

Joel Henderson, a mechanical engineering senior, is a student mentor through SCS.

"We're pretty keen on the idea (of a service-learning class)," he said.

Although the service-learning initiative was passed, nothing will necessarily go into action for a while, Evans said. Each department that wants to offer such a class will have to go through extensive procedures regarding budget and curriculum. He said the passed proposal is meant to initiate work on the plan.

Reed said he is asked all campuses to conserve as much energy as possible. A decrease of 10 to 12 percent will be needed to prepare for higher usage in summer, he said.

Aside from administrative and budget goals, one message Reed had for all students was about the upcoming financial aid deadline.

"It is extremely important that all students file with the financial aid commission by March 2," he said.

Reed said that the combination of merit and need-based programs offered by the state are some of the best in the nation. The programs, he added, should benefit CSU students more than University of California or community college students because of their structure.

In regard to the negotiations between the California State University and the California Faculty Association, Reed said he is sure a compromise can be reached.

One issue strongly debated by the CFA is the use of merit pay in the salary schedule.

"We are going to have merit pay," he said citing a unanimous decision by the Board of Trustees that merit pay should be included in the contract.

The issue at hand, he said, is how that will work.

A private fact finder recently reported to the Board of Trustees that the current merit pay system is gender biased against female faculty.

Reed rejects that finding, saying that the report was biased and had many factual errors.

Fact finding is a process that brings a private party into a stalled negotiation
FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Nomar Garciaparra will miss at least two weeks of spring training because of an injured right wrist, the first setback in a season of great hope for the Boston Red Sox.

The two-time defending AL batting champion hopes to be ready for opening day. But if it doesn't fix the problem, he didn't rule out surgery.

"If (the doctors) were thinking about it, they didn't tell me and I didn't want to hear it right now," he said Wednesday. "Hopefully, it works, even if there's has to be rehabilitation." 

The frustrating thing for the All-Star shortstop is the piling nature of the injury.

He and team physician Dr. Bill Morgan traced it back to Sept. 25, 1999, when Baltimore's Al Reyes hit Garciaparra on the wrist with a pitch.

But Garciaparra played all of 2000 with only mild discomfort in the wrist and led the AL with a .372 average.

And last Sunday he had his normal spring training workout. Then he went to bed and, by morning, everything had changed. The wrist was swollen and he couldn't do a ball or swing a bat.

"They tell me that's kind of important in the line of work that I do," he said with a laugh.

He wasn't in as good a mood last Monday morning.

"I was shocked when I woke up," he said. "The reason I'm concerned is because it was something that happened a whole ago and has come back."

"Since I've been here and working out and training and swinging the bat, it's been a while, it's really flared up."

He had an MRI and the injury was diagnosed as a split tendon, which isn't as severe as a tear, with inflammation.

Garciaparra is expected to wear removable cast for one to two weeks and take anti-inflammatory medication.

So what happens to the improved offense of a team that had the second worst batting average in the AL last year but picked up outfielder Manny Ramirez?

"What will fans think of an injury to the AL's 1997 rookie of the year and 1999 batting champ with a .357 average?"

"There's no need of fearing the worst right now," said Garciaparra, who smiled during a 20-minute interview. "If there's anything that happens, it's better now in spring training than if it were in September" with the Red Sox fighting for a playoff spot.

Garciaparra was expected to hit third in front of Ramirez and Carl Everett, with Dante Bichette batting sixth.

The Red Sox also picked up veterans David Cone and Hideo Nomo to bolster an already strong pitching staff.

Los Angeles probably will start at shortstop in Tuesday night's spring training opener against Minnesota. Manager Jimy Williams also can turn to Craig Groback and Jon Shave at that position.

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Women's basketball fighting for tourney position

By Sarah Doub
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

While the men's basketball team might not make the Big West tournament, the women's team's seed for the tournament will be determined this weekend.

Cal Poly's potential position ranges from No. 4 to No. 7, depending on how the teams ahead and behind them perform.

In the best scenario, the Mustangs would earn the No. 4 seed if there is a three-way tie with UC Irvine and Boise State.

Cal Poly will host Long Beach State Thursday, which is currently fighting with UC Santa Barbara for first place in the Big West. The University of the Pacific will roll into town Saturday to face Cal Poly.

"If we played both of those teams on the road we were not in full strength," said Faith Mimnaugh, women's basketball head coach. "So I'm hoping that we will be this week."

The team hasn't been in full strength for most of its road games this season. The Mustangs' road record fell to 3-10 after losing to Idaho and Boise State last weekend.

If Cal Poly can get past the last four road games by 10 or more points, that would move the Mustangs into full strength for this weekend's games. The previous losses to Long Beach State and Pacific were both on the road.

"We know that we have some real quality players that we're playing against," Mimnaugh said. "There are a number of players that are up for all conference so we'll have to play our best basketball and come together to beat these teams."

Mimnaugh is looking forward to the competition between junior guard Odessa Jenkins and Long Beach State junior guard Ekauh Ramsey.

"One interesting match up is that Odessa Jenkins is currently second in conference in steals and is narrowly behind Ekaueh Ramsey," Mimnaugh said. "I think that that will be a bit of a race to see who finishes up as the steal leader in the conference."

Jenkins has also been looking forward to the last games, especially with Long Beach State.

"We really want to beat Long Beach and we want to beat UCI," Mimnaugh said. "So it's a big weekend for us."

Both UC Irvine and Boise State will be determined this weekend, with UC Irvine needing a win over Boise State to solidify a spot in the tournament. Cal Poly has already defeated both teams this season.

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Tourney berth still up in the air for men's hoops

Two wins can clinch Big West tournament spot

By Michelle Hatfield
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As the season winds down to its final games this weekend, the men's basketball team's chances of going to the Big West Tournament in Anaheim depend on a variety of circumstances - some of which are out of the Mustangs' control.

If Cal Poly is victorious against Boise State and Utah State, Cal Poly can pick up big bags for Anaheim. There's one slight problem - they've never beaten either team.

Cal Poly, Cal State Fullerton and the University of Idaho are vying for the No. 7 and 8 spots in the conference and trips to the tournament.

"It's a helpless feeling," said Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley. "Our chances are out of our control."

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Cal Poly is 3-11 in the conference, Fullerton is 3-12 and Idaho is 3-11. Fullerton has one more conference game against UC Irvine (13-1) Thursday, and Idaho plays the University of the Pacific (7-7) and Irvine.

Not only is the team hoping for losses from Fullerton and Idaho, but Bromley said he is looking for Long Beach State to move up in the rankings in front of UC Santa Barbara. If this scenario pans out, Cal Poly holds a tiebreaker against Fullerton because the Mustangs beat Long Beach this season.

Big West Conference Tournament Playoff Scenarios

Cal Poly, Cal State Fullerton and Idaho are battling for the final two spots in the tournament. All teams can finish at 3-13 or 4-12 and still have a chance to get in the tournament. The playoff options are listed below:

- CP and CSF tie at 3-13: CP has edge with win over Long Beach State.
- CP and CSF tie at 4-12: CSF has edge with win over UC Irvine.
- CP and UCI tie at 3-13: CP has edge if Long Beach finishes ahead of UCSB.
- CP and UCI tie at 4-12: Idaho has edge if it beats UCI or if it beats UOP. CP loses to Utah State, and UCSB finishes ahead of Long Beach.

- All three teams tie at 3-13: CSF is in with a 3-1 record against CP and UCI.

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- 7 p.m.

Women's basketball vs. Long Beach State
- 6:30 p.m.

Women's basketball vs. Pacific
- 7 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. Utah State
- 4 p.m.

Game can be seen on ESPN

Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:
Babe Ruth hit the first home run in an All-Star game.
Congrats Nathan-Paul!

Today's Question:
Whose record for career home runs did Babe Ruth break?

Please submit sports trivia answer to master@calpoly.edu
Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

Schedule
THURSDAY
- Men's basketball vs. Boise State • at Mott Gym • 7 p.m.
- Women's basketball vs. Long Beach State • at Mott Gym • 5 p.m.
- Softball vs. UC Riverside • at Bob Janssen Field • Noon / 2 p.m.

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- Men's basketball vs. Utah State • at Mott Gym • 6:30 p.m.
- Softball vs. UC Riverside • at Bob Janssen Field • Noon / 2 p.m.

SATURDAY
- Softball vs. UC Riverside • at Bob Janssen Field • Noon / 2 p.m.
- Men's basketball vs. Pacific • at Mott Gym • 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
- Men's basketball vs. Utah State • at Mott Gym • 5 p.m.
- Men's basketball vs. Idaho • at Boise State • 5 p.m.
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SATURDAY
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