**Campuswide Energy Retrofit Project underway**

By Laura Vega
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As Pacific Gas and Electric continues rolling blackouts through California, brighter and cooler ways to reduce energy costs roll through Cal Poly.

The project includes the replacement of fluorescent lighting systems with more energy-efficient fixtures, according to Ed Johnson, energy and utilities manager for Facilities Services.

Project manager John Uytewaal said about 27,500 fixtures are to be replaced through 66 buildings on campus. The project does not include Associated Students Inc., Cal Poly Foundation buildings or any of the dorms, Uytewaal said.

Johnson said the majority of the work includes replacing 72-watt tube lights from the 1980s with 56-watt lights.

The new lamps produce about 10 to 15 percent more light with less energy, so they’re a lot more efficient than the old ones,” Johnson said.

The lights are also expected to keep the buildings cooler because the lamps do not burn as hot as the previous lights.

While Cal Poly is not designated in any of the 14 blocks for rolling outages, the university is not exempt from the PG&E blackouts. Cal Poly applied for an exception, but must comply with energy constraints beginning June 1 to be eligible.

Johnson said the lighting project is expected to reduce electricity use on campus by about 3.5 million kilowatt hours per year. The anticipated annual savings is $180,000.

Johnson said the figure will change with a proposed new energy rate. The rate has not been announced, but Johnson gave a rough estimate of $358,000 in savings per year with the increase.

The project began in February with the Kennedy Library and is expected to be completed by the end of May. Work started with buildings using the most energy.

Johnson said the project schedule considers the impact on university operations.

“We don’t want the activity to interrupt the campus mission,” Johnson said. “We’re very careful not to interrupt the activities of any classes.”

The project is part of the university’s Energy Conservation project that is expected to reduce energy use by 12 percent compared to last year. The cost of the Energy Conservation Project is about $1.9 million, according to Johnson. About $1 million is funded by the California Public Utilities Commission.
Jetjack attack wounds 20 Palestinians

BERLIN (AP) — German officials said Thursday they found early agreement with their NATO ally Bush administration on a key point of driving President Bush’s plans for a missile defense system from a Cold War reality. New defense strategies. The setting may have helped. The U.S. administration itself has continued over dinner Wednesday to check them at the door, and only those who bring their identification for being open-minded are allowed in an increased number of countries for being open-minded. We have the impression for being open-minded that this (U.S.) administration and this president are determined to go ahead. The marketplace for open-mindedness requires reconsideration of strategic assumptions, a high-ranking German official said, on condition of anonymity. The overriding theme is the end of a bipolar world, and the creation of a new multi-polar structure. The German government has avoided taking a direct stance on the Bush proposal until details about the new system are more fully worked out and after five hours of discussions that ended early Thursday night, German officials were still reluctant to clarify their views on the matter. The German defense minister said they felt free to express doubts and concerns about the plan, including what they see as the need to discuss any changes in the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972 with all the signatories, in particular Russia. The German position on NMD (National Missile Defense) is still open, the official said. The Germans are operating within one concept, lacking the necessary technology. It’s much too early to ask people to agree because we haven’t come to any firm conclusions. Paul Wolfowitz U.S. deputy defense secretary

Two people were killed and 18 injured when a rocket fired by Palestinian militants hit a police station in the Gaza Strip on Thursday, a Palestinian official said. In the attack, a rocket exploded in the second-floor offices of the police station, including two police officers who were repairing their assault rifles. The explosion killed seven police officers and injured 16 others. The Palestinian government has denounced the attack as a violation of international law. The rocket attack was the latest in a series of attacks against Israeli targets in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. The Palestinians have been demanding an end to the Israeli military operations in Gaza, which have resulted in the deaths of hundreds of Palestinians and the wounding of thousands of others. The attack comes as the international community continues to work towards a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the region. Palestinian and Israeli leaders are scheduled to meet in Cairo on Friday to discuss ways to implement the Roadmap peace plan. The plan, which was agreed upon in 2002, calls for a two-state solution with Israel and an independent Palestinian state living side by side in peace and security. The meeting is seen as a crucial step towards achieving a lasting peace in the region.
Travel the world on a college student's budget

By Katherine Garnhardt
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As gorgeous weather returns to the Central Coast and school draws to a close, a lot of people want to do the same thing - get out of San Luis Obispo. If you believe it or not, they want to get far, far away.

Taking an international trip, especially after graduation, is relatively common. Kimberly Bogue, travel consultant at Traveltime Professional Travel Services on campus, said that a few destinations seem to be the most popular among students.

"Right now we have a lot of students going to Europe after graduation," she said. In addition to Europe, Costa Rica and South America have become popular destinations within the past few years, and it's probably due to students spreading the word about places that they have been.

Bogue said that she normally does not discourage students from traveling to certain countries, but she said that the language barrier could compound any problems that do occur.

"When you're in a foreign country and you don't know the language, you can't talk your way out of trouble the way you would here," Bogue said. She recommends keeping a close eye on your personal belongings and being especially wary of where you travel.

Psychology junior Carly Star is currently planning a trip to Europe next winter quarter. She will spend approximately three months traveling the continent and hopes to visit Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Italy and the Netherlands. However, she knows that her trip's limited time frame may not permit her to go everywhere she would like to.

"My biggest priority is to have the most amount of fun on the least amount of money... Europe will always be there and (I) can always go back," she said.

Just as important as finding an exciting destination is finding a cheap way to get there. Many online booking services offer discounted rates to several locations. For example, www.traveltime.com offers a flight from Los Angeles to Vienna for $688 as a "sample roundtrip fare to Europe." In comparison, www.lowfaretime.com offers a flight from Los Angeles to London's Heathrow Airport, then London to Vienna for $1,059-R. Most of these flights are limited to specific dates and times.

The Traveltime office is a part of the Student Travel Network. According to Bogue, that membership enables Traveltime to offer students extremely reduced rates on tickets. The tickets are valid for one year and are available to students of the University of California Berkeley, students have an answer to use California's most abundant energy source to ease the problem and to cut pollution - solar energy.

This January, UC Berkeley students Michael Law and David Larson founded ClubSolar, a nonprofit corporation that aims to build solar plants that would give individuals and corporations the ability to purchase their own individual solar panel, which would be part of a larger array.

"If we cut sulfur in half, it can have a dramatic impact in Texas," he said. "It could reduce by 20 to 30 percent the amount of NOx coming out of new automobiles and may have a bigger impact for older cars." Smith added that the next step in cleaning up Texas air would be cutting emissions from vehicles that run on diesel.

The energy generated from the photovoltaic cells is sent to the utility grid and sold to PG&E. Every solar panel owner would receive their share of the energy that was generated by the Solar Park.

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The students have even taken this a step further with their guarantee that is posted on their site. "We even provide the additional guarantee that if after 20 years your investment hasn't paid itself off, we will send you a check for the difference," it adds. ClubSolar Web site

"One thing that has been plaguing the proponents of solar technology is that it remains expensive to purchase and operate from the production side, which has hindered its demand by consumers. Larson acknowledges this price difference on the surface, but he explains that there are hidden costs in traditional coal power.

"Yes, solar is expensive, but coal there are other costs that people don't consider," he said. "Once you put a price tag on the 50,000 Americans who die every year from pollution?"
Going into a shoe store and smelling the aroma of new shoes can be exhilarating. When trying on the shoes, some people feel like a new and changed person. After purchasing the shoes, people are entitled to show off their new gear and wear them every day until they are either sick of them or someone mentions to them that they’ve worn those shoes for the past five weeks in a row. Wearing someone else’s shoes is exciting, but as time goes by the shoes get worn out. When they get torn up, used up and dirty, people throw them away.

When electing a school president, the entire student population feels like it can pass any resolution it can to change things around school. The Associated Students Inc. president is not only old news, but is worn out from the meetings and issues that aren’t passed by the Board of Directors. Every year, the shoes we wear get better because we learn from our mistakes of buying shoes that either don’t fit right or are out of style.

Next year’s ASI president will make changes that will benefit us in the future. The president is the chief student advocate and is the voice of Cal Poly students. Everyone might be thinking that it’s just a name and the rest is all politics, but I’ve attended the ASI meetings, and I see what important decisions the president has to make. The decisions these leaders make affect our lives every day.

In the past, presidents have been able to affect academic issues, cost of education, student safety and many other programs. President Sam Alwine has been heard, and was able to touch on a lot of issues, such as representing students’ interests in keeping Meatless Monday. Overall, the board and the city council executed was the implementation of a trial program to extend the reserve room until 2 a.m. in response to student request.

Other accomplishments made for the year 2000-2001 kicked off a media frenzy and had students talking in classrooms. These accomplishments included fighting to keep free boxing for the year 2000 and beyond. The president and the board also opened the Sports Complex, as well as re-dedicated the Children’s Center and initiated a parent support program.

Annie Hacker, the new ASI president, has set goals for herself and has different concerns involving Cal Poly. One of Hacker’s concerns is the proposed alcohol ordinance, and she would like the city council to negotiate with ASI about the ordinance. She also wants to increase funds for Safe Ride, an escort service for people who need a ride late at night. These are just some of the many issues Hacker is trying to solve for next year.

Holding a new position encourages that people to do whatever it takes to make others happy. A new president is enthusiastic about ensuring issues that concern students and will try to handle those issues head on. The old leader’s position may have been discontinued, but we learn from his mistakes and what he accomplished throughout the term.

Most students don’t even care what ASI does because they are so involved in themselves. Nonetheless, the president will make changes, get worn out like a pair of old shoes, and need to be replaced with a new president the following year who will try to make more changes. Hacker is not only confident in getting the students’ voices heard. In her campaign statement, she said, “It is time for you to know your president, and your president to know you.”

Let’s hope she lives up to that.

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Chinese culture isn’t American

The decision by the Bush administration to resume U.S. surveillance flights off China’s coast reflects the continued failure of U.S. officials to learn and understand differences in world cultures.

The U.S. military resumed surveillance flights Monday despite demands by Beijing officials for the United States to stop the activity. The flight of an RC-135 jet that departed from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa marked the first U.S. surveillance flight since April 1 when a U.S. spy plane and a Chinese jet crashed in mid-air, according to a May 7 Yahoo.com news article.

The pilot of the Chinese aircraft was killed in the collision. The U.S. Navy plane had to make an emergency landing in China’s Hainan Island where the 24 American crew members were detained for 11 days.

The United States allowed the incident to escalate into an unnecessary standoff after Chinese President Jiang Zemin asked for an apology. By refusing to grant an apology, the Bush Administration stalled the release of its own military personnel.

In a May 9 CNN.com article, a top China analyst said U.S. officials have a poor understanding of Chinese culture. Sheng Lijun said the United States and China are not a mirror of values in American culture. The collision is not the only recent incident to cause tense relations between leaders of the two nations. The 1999 bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade created a sense of conflict. The bombing occurred during former President Bill Clinton’s term in office.

Current and future U.S. officials should take a lesson from U.S.S. Navy Capt. Scott Waddle, Waddle, who was captain of the submarine USS Greenville, understands the importance of learning about cultural differences.

Waddle was the captain of the submarine involved in an accident with a Japanese fishing boat on Feb. 9. The sinking of the Japanese vessel killed nine Japanese people. Waddle acknowledged his role in the incident and even met with some of the victims’ families.

Waddle appeared last week on “Larry King Live” where he discussed the meeting. He understood that bowing to the Japanese showed his respect for the family members in that situation.

The incident strained relations between the United States and Japan, but the results would have been worse without Waddle’s expression of sympathy. Waddle’s attitude and behavior toward the families is admirable.

The United States certainly has a right to fly its international air space. The right, however, does not give us the freedom to impose American values, expectations and definitions on others. Instead, U.S. officials have an obligation as American leaders to learn and understand cultural values throughout the world.

The effort to obtain such knowledge and understanding would lead to greater cooperation and less competition between nations. In this case, the Bush administration should work on promoting the learning and understanding of Chinese culture before sending our military personnel back into the air.

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Letter to the editor

Don’t want a boot? Don’t break laws

Editor,

I found Aaron Lamberti’s column “Give GLF Poly boot the boot,” May 9, about the resurrection of the boot here on campus quite intriguing.

At my old school, I used to work for parking services and was behind the counter when many people came in with tickets for various infractions. I would also deal with those who had gotten the boot, except there it was after only three unpaid parking tickets. So, for one, people here should consider or themselves lucky that it is five unpaid parking tickets. And I should report that it is five tickets. I am of the feeling that if a person receives many tickets, they deserve to be booted on their SIXTH ticket.

A ticket is there to deter the offender from parking illegally again. If a person ignores such notices that many times, I have no sympathy for them. Notwithstanding, they should know better to a.) drive their car on campus again, and b.) to park illegally AGAIN.

Maybe I did become a “parking Nazi” working at my old job, but I saw many people come in with tickets that they knew they had the possibility of getting when they parked.

Parking rules and permits are here for a reason so that the parking lots are not more congested than they already are. Do you really mean to suggest that the elimination of permits would make the parking situation better? If that were to happen, everyone would be driving to campus because it is free. Also, by parking illegally a person is taking up one more space that someone paid for by buying a permit. So ticketing them, or if needed, booting their car, is perfectly justifiable.

So what is the solution to this “return of the boot”? It’s simple—don’t park illegally!

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chemistry. This year, however, dean Phillip Bailey of the College of Science and Mathematics wanted to include all departments.

do research and chemistry, the conference will be representative of the departments of knowledge, mathematics, statistics and physics.

For many science students, this will be the closest thing to a gain experience presenting their projects.

"I need to get used to making presentations and be scientific about it," said Sarah Brown, a first-year biology graduate student.

Brown will discuss her current project on mycotoxins at the conference. Both mice are physically very similar, but one is an endangered species. Brown is trying to find genetic markers to distinguish them.

"I've done presentations before, but this time I have 10 minutes and I have to simplify some terms," she said.

Along with biology and faculty, a few representatives of the biotechnology industry will attend the meeting. Levine said that the Botchey day, a biotech career fair that was held Thursday, is usually synchronized with the conference to give employers an opportunity to see the type of research that is being done on campus.

"We want employers to see what type of research and students Cal Poly produces," Levine said.

Among topics presented include the effects of exercising on the capabilities of muscles, Lyme disease and ticks, population projections on the endangered California condor and fungal diversity.

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was declared the unofficial winner of the race. At that point, the board decided Assaiah Vaughn would be incenssional.

Lewis said she thought the board reacted well to the situation, despite some areas of contention.

"Everyone was really understanding of the situation (Wednesday) but Lewis," Lewis said.

Lewis said this year's election has been one of its. It was her first time holding the position as Elections Committee chairwoman, and it was the first time ASI adviser Pat Harris oversaw the elections. Most importantly, it was the first time that problems arose toward the end of the election rather than at the beginning. Lewis said the committee is already looking to change campaign rules for next year's elections.

"We're working starting now as to what we can change," she said.

Although Vann said on Tuesday that this election was "one of the dirtiest in Cal Poly's history," his outlook after he lost was fairly positive.

"It was a learning experience," said Vann, who doesn't know if he will try to run for any ASI positions in the future.

He added, however, that "it was an uphill battle all the way." He said he wanted Lewis to have proof that his campaign had violated election policies.

"There should have been some evidence of that," he said. "When asked if she found the elections to be fair, Hacker said, "For the most part. I think there's a few things we can change on the election part."

Hacker said she has some idea about who she would like to hire as her vice president, but she hasn't announced any names yet.

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Commission, University funds provide the balance. The lighting project accounts for $1.85 million of the total, with the remaining $50,000 designated for work related to heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

Work on the light fixtures this week is scheduled for the administration, Fisher science, theatre and music buildings. The biosource and agricultural engineering facility may also be included.

Payroll technician Chris Blackburn, who works in the administration building, said he notices the brighter hallways in the administration building.

"It leads me to believe it's using more energy, but I understand that it's more efficient," Blackburn said.

Enron is the contractor performing the work, which is generally done between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Bonnie Love, contractor analyst for Facilities Planning, is involved in distributing daily notifications to contacts at the buildings where the lighting work is scheduled. Love said the contacts then notify other persons in the buildings about the work. She added that the information is sent out as quickly as possible, although it is usually on short notice.

The process has been smooth so far, Love said. "It seems to be a very clean operation."

Any problems concerning the new fixtures are quickly as possible immediately to Uyttewall at (805) 766-6055 or Johnson at (805) 766-3227.
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Playing well on offense while the pitching gets back on track. Price said Long Beach's strength is in its pitching. The whole staff has good command of sliders and off-speed pitches. Both have battled Mustang hitters against pitchers with a similar style.

Despite the recent struggles against top competition, including a three-series sweep by Cal State Fullerton last weekend, the team isn't letting it bother them, said first baseman Scott Bolin. "We're having fun right now," he said. "We had a good game against Stanford the other night, it was a disappointment but we were right there with them."

Stanford is currently ranked No. 6 in the nation. The Mustangs have enough control over their destiny that if they don't make the playoffs, they can only blame themselves, Chour said. "We still have an outside chance of making it regionals," Chour said. "If we get in, we deserve to get in; if we don't, we really don't deserve to get in — the game's in our hands."

The Mustangs will be at Long Beach, starting Friday at 7 p.m. The teams will continue the series Saturday at 6 p.m and will conclude the series Sunday at 1 p.m.

**Forte jumps up to NBA**

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San Francisco (API) - Kirk Rieker set the Mustangs over eight innings and Jeff Kent had a two-run double in an eight-run sixth inning as the San Francisco Giants swept the Mustangs in the elimination round this weekend.

"I want to play in the NBA," Forte said in a story published Thursday by The News & Observer of Raleigh. "I'm ready to make it official if I want to."

The newspaper interviewed Forte Wednesday at a new, navy blue Range Rover with temporary tags.

"When you have nice relatives you can get a loan," Forte said about the vehicle. "I'm not going to regret on any decision I make. I'm going with it. I just wanted to take my time," he said.

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Sports

Milestones plentiful at new fields

By Evann Gastaldo
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The opening of the Sports Complex this year marked many firsts for both Baggett Stadium and Bob Jansen Field. The baseball and softball teams got a chance to go down in history as the first teams to play in the new complex. The first baseball game at Baggett Stadium was against Stanford on Jan. 21, and the first softball game at Jansen Field was against UC Riverside on March 3. Cal Poly won both games, and both boasted the highest attendance of the season, 3,113 at the baseball game and 418 at the softball game.

"It's incredible, it's like 'A League of Their Own," said freshman infielder Kersten Wilson of the new field. "You can't help but want to go out there and play.'" The lowest attendance at a baseball game was a crowd of 22 people at an April 4 game against Bethany College. The softball game against San Jose State on April 19 had the lowest attendance of 121.

The baseball team's game against then No. 11 Stanford was full of firsts. The first batter, Brian Hall of Stanford, hit a foul ball off Jared Blasdell's first pitch. Hall then grounded out to Chris Martinez at third base, the first out recorded by a fielder. Steve Gartenbein of Stanford, the second batter, was the first to be struck out by Blasdell. Chris O'Ronan of Stanford was the first to be walked by Blasdell in the first inning.

Bryan Gant, the first Cal Poly batter, tagged the first hit, a single through the left side in the first inning. Jason Barringer scored the first run on a passed ball in the first inning. The first RBI also occurred in the first inning, when Scott Sheldon drove in Keith Anderson with a line-drive single over second base.

The first double play was turned by Stanford in the second inning.

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Pinch-hitter Brooke DeVusser dives back to first base against Utah State's Kara Tarbet earlier this season.

Right fielder Phil Thompson has been one of the Mustangs' most consistent players this season.

By Evann Gastaldo
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Mustangs battle for regional spot

Every game key as Poly fights for space in first NCAA tournament

By Ryan Ballard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's do-or-die time for the Cal Poly baseball team.

In the estimation of head coach Ritch Price, the Mustangs must win at least four of the six conference games remaining, against Long Beach State and UC Santa Barbara.

"If we go in and win two out of three against Long Beach and two out of three against Santa Barbara, we will have won every series we've played against teams in the Big West other than No. 1 (in the Big West) Fullerton," Price said.

Price also said that would be good enough to get the team into the NCAA regional tournament.

The Mustangs (28-21 overall, 6-14 Big West) look to rebound after losing their last five games when they head south to face Long Beach State (30-18, 7-5) this weekend.

Winning the first game of the series has been a problem for the Mustangs all season. The team has lost six of its last seven Friday night games, which puts the team in a hole to begin each three-game series.

Brian Haskell will bear the burden of trying to help Cal Poly get off on the right foot when they take the mound Friday night. Haskell is 1-4 with a 4.28 ERA.

Tyler Fitch will bring his 5-4 record and 5.59 ERA to the mound Saturday, while Jared Blasdell (4-5, 5.45) will get the start Sunday.

The Mustangs have had trouble getting offensive production and solid pitching at the same time this season. Recently, the pitching staff has had its woes while the offense has hit solids.

The team knows it will need to play well in all aspects of the game to defeat the 49ers.

"Our hitting is finally coming around," said relief pitcher Nathan Choate. "We need to pitch well and put up zeroes early and the bullpen can come in and put up zeroes, then we'll be all right."

The Mustangs will need to keep
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Outfielder Chalon Tietje had one walk and scored against Stanford Tuesday.