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The Summer Mustang staff welcomes you all.

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By Anne Guilford

Higher education expenses on the rise

Financial Aid office estimates a $1,670 increase this year

The nation and fees category shows a decrease of $57 per academic year since the 1998-1999 budget was compiled. “The fees were brought down by the CSU system,” said John Anderson, director of Cal Poly’s Financial Aid office.

Tuition for all CSUs was lowered by order of the chancellor’s office. The books and supplies category rose more quickly than did other categories, from $648 per academic year during 1998-1999 to $900 for the 2002-2003 year. This is a difference of $252 or 38.9 percent. The biggest surprise, however, was toiletries. This category almost doubled, from $15 to $44 per year. The added expense isn’t coming from the books.

“Our costs have actually gone down,” said Frank Crawford, director of El Pro Corral Bookstore. Crawford said that one of the reasons for the price drop is that more used books are available for purchase. “Forty percent of our books are used books versus 24 percent three years ago,” Crawford said. In the fiscal year 1997-1998, the average cost of textbooks per student per year was $303. The next year it was $381, in 1999/2000 it dropped to $365, but this year it went up to $388.

So if textbook prices are stable, where does the dynamic leap in the books and supplies portion of the budget come from? Anderson said that the cost of other supplies has risen and the Financial Aid department left room in the budget for things like computer lab printing costs, something Cal Poly students started paying for last year.

The most expensive budgeted items are housing and food. According to the budget, off-campus housing is more expensive than living in dorms, while food on campus is more expensive than eating off campus. When the two are combined, on- and off-campus living costs the same per year.

A small discrepancy exists between the budgeted cost for housing (excluding food) and what Housing and Residential Life is charging. While the budget said on-campus housing costs $3,931 per year, Housing and Residential Life is charging $3,660 to $3,710 this year, depending on the payment schedule. The cost of housing and food combined have risen about 5 percent since 1998-1999, or $1,213.

“William was a big increase in ’00-’01,” said Carole Schafter, the director of Housing and Residential Life. “That was in preparation for new student housing and we hadn’t seen an increase for several years.”

Unlike the landlords of rental properties, Housing and Residential Life doesn’t have to worry about maintaining a living of tenants. “We’re in this to make a living,” Schafter said. “We try to keep it as good a deal as possible.”

Feminial and miscellaneous expenses are not overlooked in the budget. This year the Financial Aid department suggested putting aside $189 per month, or $2,270 per year, for inciidents. This category covers toiletries, laundry, and the always-important entertainment expenses.

“It’s kind of a catch-all,” Anderson said.

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Textbook costs beginning to stack up

Prices soar with rising costs of maintenance, salaries, shipping

By Sam Kean
MINNESOTA DAILY

(U-WIRE) MINNESOTA — Take a look around next time the checkout line stalls in the bookstore. Count the employees. Follow the fans swaying overhead and feel the climate control. Picture the books' authors and remember their editors and assistants. Slide your finger along the glossy photographs. Find out who published the book.

Students sometimes overlook textbooks when calculating the cost of higher education, but for many, texts consume the equivalent of one month's rent every year. Editing, photographs and other steps might cost only pennies per book, but now take a look at the cash register, it adds up. Fast.

When students pile into university bookstores over the next few weeks, their textbook money will pay for more than just black ink on white paper. They pay for building maintenance, employee salaries, shipping costs, royalties, marketing and publishers' profits.

Students are last in the textbook line. But every penny has its place.

Of every dollar spent on textbooks, bookstore maintenance, lighting, temperature control and employee salaries consume one quarter, according to a National Association of College Stores report. Though, university-owned, bookstores must pay for themselves and then some. In fiscal 2000, university bookstores earned $280,000 in profit, said bookstore director Bob Crabb.

All this and more went to the university as part of a 3.5 percent internal tax designated to cover central university costs. The tax also represents a payment for the land and benefits an on-campus bookstore receives. Despite a small projected loss last year, the bookstore still must pay the tax.

Publishers say they have more demanding obligations: They must turn a profit to satisfy shareholders. Publishers keep an average of seven cents per student textbook dollar.

In addition to financial demands, editorial requirements have also risen. Improved printing technology gives students color charts and photographs but also costs more. So too does the development of CD and Web-based supplements.

Lower-cost experiments such as loose-leaf textbooks or black-and-white alternatives of the same text do not work well, said industry sales representative Patricia Vauk, who works with the university.

“Am I paying for the name? Maybe.”

Mike Reese
Book study author

Students and professors have higher standards now, Vauk said. “When you shortchange (textbooks), you hear, ‘The book is ugly.’”

Trends toward shorter textbooks and custom-published books that delete unused chapters might translate to lower prices, Vauk said.

According to a Federal Bureau of Labor report, shorter textbooks are indeed cheaper, and hardcover texts usually cost more than soft covers. In addition, books from larger publishers are generally more expensive.

“Am I paying for the name? Maybe,” said Mike Reese, author of the study.

But other economic aspects of textbooks are not as straightforward. Specialized graduate texts are often cheaper than high-volume, introductory-level textbooks. And geography barely affects prices.

Publishers do not offer discounts.
Health Center offers optional health care

If students are not covered under their parents’ insurance and have an emergency or need to see a specialist, the Cal Poly Health Center offers a supplemental insurance plan. "Roughly 600 to 800 students use the supplemental insurance," said Martin Bragg, director of Health and Counseling Services for the Health Center. "We just did a survey and found that 80 percent of students are insured under their parents."

This may be due largely to the fact that many students are not aware that the Health Center provides supplemental insurance.

"I've been looking for a job that gives insurance," said Jana Larsen, a journalism senior. "I had no clue we had supplemental insurance for students."

The supplemental insurance is available to all registered undergraduate students taking three or more units and all graduate students, according to the Domestic Student Health Insurance brochure. There are two plans, A and B. Annual fees range from $544 to $2,029, and quarterly fees range from $140 to $1,256, according to the 2000-2001 enrollment form. The main difference between the plans is the amount of the deductible.

The insurance is offered under a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), as opposed to a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO). According to the health center Web site, an HMO requires a pre-visit co-pay and requires that all medical services must be pre-approved by a primary care provider whom the policyholder has chosen.

A PPO creates groups of approved providers that can be seen at a discount, and instead of a co-pay, there is a deductible. For plan A it is $100, and for plan B it is $500. This means that the PPO will not pay for the first $100 or $500 worth of expenses. If a student with supplemental insurance needs to see a doctor outside of the Health Center, the insurance brochure stated that up to 90 percent of the bills will be paid if the doctor is in the approved group, and up to 70 percent for services from a non-approved doctor.

The Somerton Student Insurance Service, which was chosen by a pool of CSU campuses, administers the insurance plan, Bragg said. The pool is called CSU Health Link. "For years we had done our own contracting," Bragg said. "The problem is, when you have a small base, one or two serious claims can jack the rates way up. Now the CSU campuses go in together and it gives us more negotiating power. They hire an insurance consultant who puts together a package with the lowest student rates."

The CSU Health Link Web site reported that, without insurance, an average three-day stay in the hospital can cost up to $7,500, not including medicine, surgery or laboratory costs.

"I would encourage students (without insurance) to come in and get a brochure," Bragg said.

Brochures are available at the front desk in the Health Center. More information on CSU Health Link at the Somerton Student Insurance Service can be found at http://www.csuhealthlink.com.
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9:45 a.m. Academic Procession, Christopher Cohan Center to Dexter Lawn.
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10:30 a.m. Founders Convocation, Dexter Lawn. Hear the Keynote Address by Nobel prize winner David Baltimore, President, California Institute of Technology, and a performance by the Cal Poly University Singers.

12:00 p.m. All-University Picnic, Sports Complex. Cal Poly students, faculty, and staff are invited for an afternoon full of fun, picnic fare, desserts, live music, games, student contests, a Townball tournament and more.

Appealing to different appetites

While vegetarian food is widely available on campus, students do not always enjoy it. Ashleigh Selvey, a civil engineering senior and vegetarian, remembers the options available when she lived on campus her freshman year.

"The Options line had a lot of extreme vegetarian food. There was a lot of Thai food which tasted like they just mixed peanut butter in." Selvey said. "I mostly ate brownies, rolls and salad.”

More choices are available now than there were several years ago.

The Lighthouse devotes an entire section to meatless entrees, called Options, but only during fall, winter and spring quarters.

manager for Campus Dining. One student developed a yeast intolerance while living in the dorms, Osorio said. The student could have no food made with gluten, sugar or starches.

"We also have students who have gotten into car accidents or had surgery and had to have their jaw wired shut,” Osorio said. “We let them pick the food they want and then we’ll blend it for them and add additional nutrients to make sure they get proper nutrition.” The meal plans all cost the same: $2,904 from fall to spring quarter, according to Campus Dining.

Purchase of a meal plan is mandatory because fire insurance rates would increase if students were allowed to prepare meals in their rooms.

Most students can be accommodated, Osorio said. However, those with kosher requirements may have to live off campus.

Kosher food is food sanctioned by Jewish law or ritually fit for use, and cannot be cooked in the same pot, pan or on the same grill that another food was prepared with.

“We don’t have the facilities to provide kosher food,” Osorio said.

Osorio said. "We had a vegetarian task force this last year," Osorio said. "Students wrote down their requirements to see whether they were feasible and then tried the food.”

The task force resulted in Vista Grande Cafe increasing the choices available for vegetarians by using their input. There are now more options at both VG’s and the Lighthouse that vegetarian students wanted. For example, soy milk is now offered on a regular basis.

The Lighthouse devotes an entire section to meatless entrees, called Options, but only during fall, winter and spring quarters.

“(During the summer) we offer a vegetarian entree in the Lighthouse including salad,” Osorio said. “There are only 200 students in the halls, so the Options line is combined in the main area.”

The Campus Dining Web site stated that “Garden Burgers, Spicy Black Bean, Tacos and Southwestern” are available from the grill during both lunch and dinner.

Students with special diet requirements or preferences who are planning to live on-campus should contact Campus Dining before signing a housing license.

By Kat DeBakker SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Students who have signed a contract to live in the residence halls are required to choose one of three meal plans for the year. There are no exceptions, so Campus Dining tries to provide a variety of accommodations for students with special diet requirements.

Food allergies, such as lactose and wheat intolerance, are dealt with on an as-needed basis, said Nancy Osorio, customer service department

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Napster falls, MP3 use doesn't

By Ka Debacker
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Like many students living in the dorms, computer science freshman and Sema Madre resident Jonnns Rees said Napster every day until court orders left it on shaky ground. However, Napster's demise did not mean the end of music downloading for Rees.

"Now I use Groovys every day," he said. "Rees' situation has not gone unnoticed by Cal Poly network administrator, who has recently installed a new reservation system to help cope with the increased network traffic.

"We had been getting a great deal of traffic going from the dorms late at night, at a time when most students were not traditionally doing academically related activities," said Jerry Hanley, Information Technology Services Chief Information Officer. "We could tell that most of the traffic was going out onto the net from campus," Hanley said. "We can tell which direction the traffic is going and whether it is coming from the library or the dorms."

When the traffic gets heavy to a certain point, network administrators are forced to cut down the amount of bandwidth available to students in order to reserve capacity, which is done by installing a reservation system, Hanley said. He described the network as a pipe through which information flows, and the reservation system as a way to close off part of the pipe, limiting how much traffic flows through.

"We still have it, and we plan to modify it with more sophisticated equipment in the fall to make it more flexible," Hanley said.

An article from the Industry Standard reported that Napster had created such a problem for networks that use of the program was banned at 34 percent of U.S. colleges and universities. However, Hanley insisted that the network administrators do not monitor actual content messages.

"We are really careful not to accuse the students of being Napster users," Hanley said. "The legality of Napster was kind of a gray area for a long time, so we actually counseled people not to go around and blame students. Unless it's an unusual or critical issue, we don't interpret the message — we just watch what it does to our traffic. It's a constant diagnostic approach, we only observe the patterns," Hanley said.

Hanley said he hasn't noticed the traffic decreasing after the lawsuit and Napster's decline.

"The Napster traffic has helped us learn about ways to handle new traffic in the future," he said. "It hasn't been an entirely bad thing."

According to a news article from Ecat, Napster traffic does to its glitches related to its newest upgrade, which was designed to prevent copyrighted material from being downloaded. According to the article, Napster users have long since moved on to other programs such as WinMX, LimeWire, BearShare and Audiogal:

"I might download the new version (of Napster) just to see how it is," said David McFadyen, a mechanical engineering freshman and dorm resident. "I usually like to download concerts and recordings where the legality really isn't an issue."

How safe is your e-mail?

By Jason Brennan
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Napster has reached a point where piracy as a service almost becomes extinct and e-mail has become the most common form of communication. For most, it is a safe, convenient, and private means of communication. But recently, e-mail accounts have been invaded by viruses or hackers who break the privacy of others.

These attackers can be filtered out by certain anti-virus software, and Chris Rendlen, Computer Technician for Verio.com and former Cal Poly student, "Most universities run studen ts' e-mail accounts through Web mail, which is pretty safe and a huge convenience for students."

This system works for viruses sent via e-mail, but it cannot stop a possible "hacker" from manipulat ing the system and receiving access to someone's e-mails.

"There are no real programs to pre vent hackers," Rendlen said. "People create anti-virus software so in turn people can also break through the software. The best way to prevent hackers is to basically know where your e-mail attachments are coming from. Do not open a document that is sent from an unknown person."

According to Rendlen, a Cal Poly senior experienced faulty e-mails through his Cal Poly account in the past.

"A couple of years ago I had an attached message that I opened," Wheraman said. "It opened and it turned out to be a virus. This sort of thing is a problem, or continue to happen."

According to Open Mail's official Web site, one way to prevent break-ins while using Cal Poly mail is by not saving the client's password within Messenger.

In general, experts say encrypting or signing messages, using software programs, and using a GnuPG is the best way to reduce outside access to private information. And according to information recently released by the European Parliament committee, formed by member of the European Union, privacy is being threatened by more than just isolated hackers.

According to the committee report, Echelon, an electronic intelligence system runs by the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand, has the capability of tracking electronic traffic in all e-mails, fax and telephone calls made around the world.

"In order to be able to neither more limited in its capabilities, the report said. "But accusations made within the U.S. suggest that it essentially monitors and monitors personal and business communications. And of course, it used to be an European countries."

The European Parliament committee urges e-mail users to encrypt all routine communications for protection.

But encrypting can also open up problems. While it provides privacy and proof that e-mails haven't been tampered with, encrypted e-mails cannot be checked for content and the code of the sending viruses or offensive files.
By Anne Guilford

The Cal Poly athletic department received $6 million this year to cover the expenses of running its NCAA teams. More than a third of the money came from student fees while the rest came from state allocations, private donations, ticket sales, the NCAA, the Foundation and fund raisers.

Since a large percentage of the money comes from a mandatory fee administered to every student enrolled, without which the program would not survive, a source of concern would be where the money goes, who decides how much each program gets, and whether it is an appropriate amount?

The process

The athletic department's business and administration staff creates the overall budget.

"It's a fairly complex budget to put together," athletic director John McCutcheon said.

Students are not directly involved in this part of the decision-making process, but their ideas are considered.

"We get input from students primarily from exit interviews," McCutcheon said.

The athletic department also has an "open door policy" for students who want to make suggestions on things that could be improved.

The athletic department then submits the budget to the Athletic Governing Board.

"Their role is to basically provide oversight," McCutcheon said. "They review our budgets each year."

The board then makes recommendations to Cal Poly President Warren Baker. Baker makes all final budget decisions for the school.

The board is made up of three faculty members and three students who are appointed by Associated Students Inc. each year.

Academic Provost Paul Zingg is the chairman of the board and votes in case of a tie.

"We meet monthly during the academic year," McCutcheon said.

The distribution

How much each team is given is based on a number of factors. One of these factors is how much money the teams compete against in the Big West Conference get and each sport's participation in the Big West Conference, which means the Cal Poly teams are in "competitive alignment," McCutcheon said.

Sports that are traditionally supported by the school, such as football and basketball, have more consideration given to them, as do sports with larger team sizes. Another factor is the actual expense of running the sport. Teams that require more expensive equipment or more coaches will be given more financial support.

For example, football has a larger budget than any other intercollegiate sport at Cal Poly, but it is at about the school average for cost-per-participant, McCutcheon said.

The football program was given $358,356 for operating expenses and $368,557 for salaries this year. Football also has the largest squad size of 87 participants. This is nearly double of the next largest teams (men's outdoor track and field and women's indoor track and field), which have 44 participants each. The football team has nine paid, part-time coaches and one head coach.

Football is also the largest revenue at Cal Poly, bringing in $167,706 this past year.

According to Title Nine, a federal law, male and female athletics programs at schools must have a proportion of participants and funding that reflects the school's enrollment. Of Cal Poly's 14,376 undergraduate students, 36.6 percent are male and 44.4 percent are female. Of those undergraduates, 492 are active in teams that are run by the athletics department (some athletes participate in multiple teams). Of those athletes, 58.3 percent are male and 41.7 percent are female. Men's teams received $2.5 million this year and women's teams received almost $1.6 million. Of the slightly over $4 million that is allocated by gender to the teams, the men's teams received 61.5 percent and the women's teams received 38.5 percent this year.

The goal

McCutcheon said that he thinks intercollegiate sports provide great opportunities for the students, they provide athletes with scholarships, pull community members on to the campus and are a central rallying point for alumni.

"We see ourselves as a diverse entity, we complement the overall mission of the university," McCutcheon said.

But not everyone at Cal Poly agrees with investing millions of student dollars in athletics.

"I think the school is placing too much importance in athletics," said Julie Nell, an agribusiness major. "I think the better investment would be to put more money toward our academic programs, which is something Cal Poly students actually excel at."
Mustang Stadium in for a major makeover

No timetable put on project estimated between $8 and $10 million

By Erica Tower
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Mustang Stadium will be getting a facelift — a procedure estimated to cost between $8 and $10 million.

The proposed upgrade for the 67-year-old facility would provide 4,200 more seats, increasing stadium capacity from 8,550 to 12,700 people, which is the most expensive of 13 planned renovations to the stadium. Additional seating would also allow the university to own the bleachers instead of having to lease them as it does now.

Other changes to the stadium will include the expansion of the field, new lighting, renovation of the locker rooms and the construction of a concession building.

Athletic director John McCutcheon said he was excited about the opportunities that exist for the transformation of Mustang Stadium.

“Really, for our program and where we see the program in the future — at Division I A — a 12,200 seat stadium would fit our needs nicely,” he said.

Jason Sullivan, director of Sports Information, said that last year the football team drew an average crowd of 4,891 spectators, with the exception of the heavily promoted UC Davis game that brought 8,041 people to Mustang Stadium. This year the average attendance was lower than previous years.

“Part of the problem was the fixitball team’s attendance last spring to a $6 inflation-related fee increase that was meant to keep both academic and athletic programs up to par. Ellerson said he was impressed with the athletic department’s commitment to improvement. "The renovation is a huge piece to the whole puzzle and takes us in the right direction," he said. “We want to be a nationally competitive program year in and year out, and this sends the right message to the community, recruits, players, coaches and the administration.”

The modernization of Mustang Stadium will not solely benefit the football team. Widening the field will also be advantageous to both men’s and women’s soccer, as the existing field is too narrow to adequately accommodate their needs.

"This is a very worthwhile and much-needed renovation," said Cal Poly President Warren Baker. "The stadium has supported many campus-wide activities over the years from athletic events to Commencement to the Centennial Celebration."

The pending question remains not the opportunity and prestige the stadium renovation will bring, but how to raise the $8 million needed to complete the project.

The athletic department said the plan would most likely require private funding, as it is not anticipated that any state or student financial support will be available for construction. Cal Poly students would likely oppose an increase in student fees aimed to fund stadium renovations, considering there was heavy resistance last spring to a $6 inflation-related fee increase that was meant to keep both academic and athletic programs up to par.

The athletic department, taking these factors into consideration, has announced its intent to move forward on fund-raising efforts for the project as part of the university’s Centennial Campaign.

The department recently formed the Athletics Centennial Council, made up of prominent campaign contributors. Currently, the council is working to identify potential lead donors that can help jump-start fund-raising.

Improvements to Mustang Stadium are the latest in a series of upgrades to many Cal Poly athletic facilities. Last year, the track was resurfaced, and the creation of a sports complex brought new stadiums for baseball and softball.

As far as a brand new football stadium is concerned, McCutcheon said it was a proposition highly unlikely.

“A totally new stadium isn’t very feasible,” he said. “There really isn’t land available on campus, and if there is land, it would be on a fairly remote location.”

McCutcheon said students prefer the location, history and tradition of the current stadium.

The proposed costs for stadium renovation already exceed the total money raised for the sports complex by $2 million. There is currently no specific timetable for the renovation.

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Student power: real influence or real illusion

By Erica Tower
SUMMER MUSTANG ARTS AND FEATURES EDITOR

Cal Poly students and administrators have long clashed on important matters that affect the university as a whole. The most recent squabble: the funding and construction of the Sports Complex that came with a hefty price tag of $60 million.

Many students supported building such a deluxe facility while others, specifically non-athletes and agriculture students, were not in favor of a project that would inevitably gobble several acres of viable farmland. Though many opponents of the complex aggressively voiced their disapproval, in the end, Cal Poly President Warren Baker and his administration got their way, leaving many to question how much influence and power students actually have.

Students may voice their concerns or complaints through Associated Students Inc., campus clubs and the Mustang Daily.

ASI President Angie Hacker said that Baker and his administration do have the authority to strike down any resolution that ASI passes and that it doesn't have the power to make policy changes without the approval of the Cal Poly president. Yet, she stressed that students do have a lot more power than they realize.

"Students have a great deal of influence because they have a lot of access to administration that other students at different universities don't have," Hacker said. "Students are given greater responsibility at Cal Poly because our ASI is more advanced than many other colleges. They can work one-on-one with administration and influence decisions on a committee level."

Hacker suggested that if a student has a concern, whether it is dissatisfaction with a university policy or Campus Dining, that they should approach ASI for assistance by bringing their complaint to their college council meeting.

"The concerns discussed at individual college council meetings come back to the ASI Board of Directors, who have the ability to make resolution," Hacker said. "If a student wants to make a policy change it is best that they come to us first because we are trained to deal with administration and already have existing relationships with these people."

Hacker also said that there was importance in unity over solidarity and that having ASI behind a cause will look much better to the administration. Ultimately, though, she said that ASI is realistic about the amount of power it has because it is only able to recommend changes.

If committees and corporations (such as ASI) are not a student's forte, he or she may also choose to voice an opinion in writing via the Mustang Daily. The paper is funded solely through advertising and, thus, enjoys a lot more freedom from administrative impediment than ASI.

Mustang Daily Business Manager A.J. Schuermann said he could not recall a time when someone in authority has ever threatened to censor or punish the Daily.

"Nobody told me what to write about or what was too much," he said.

Sullivan, who is the president of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexuals United (GLBU) also said that as far as clubs are concerned, students have even more power to voice their opinion and evoke change than in previous times. Recently the GLBU held a gay pride rally at Cal Poly for the first time ever and received little opposition from students or administrators.

"It was the most extreme thing a Cal Poly club has ever done and it was really well received," Sullivan said.

Sullivan added that when the GLBU first tried to get started in the 1970s, the Cal Poly president at that time (Robert Kennedy) was completely opposed to it and tried to stop the club from being formed.

"These days it's a lot different," he said.
Many of us would love nothing more than to identify the source of all responsibility as President Warren Baker, although there is no one in my mind that he has never actually physically seen Baker. In fact, for all I know, he could have died back in 1909, and there could be a whole black market for Baker impersonators — people being paid large sums of money for pretending to be the president for graduation events and donor dedications.

Another popular scapegoat is the Foundation. Unfortunately, they have not done much lately to dispel the belief that they very well could be responsible for running Cal Poly. Two more of the most highly publicized Foundation ventures in the last few years, the secret Pepsi contract and the battle with Bell's Sporting Goods over use of the name "Cal Poly," are not the kinds of operations one would expect out of a supposedly powerless non-profit organization.

The Foundation is in charge of Campus Dining as well as El Corral Bookstore, which many students view as the root of all that is evil. Having written for the Mustang Daily for two quarters, I have come to the conclusion that there is not one single person to blame. In fact, for any particular thing that goes wrong, such as the vending machine inside the library reserve room being out of Mountain Dew or the copy machines in the agriculture building being out of paper, there are approximately 5,000 people in 200 committees who must have months of board meeting before anything gets done.

There is nothing I would rather do than continue to speculate about exactly who is in charge, but you'll have to excuse me, I'm late for President Baker impersonation readings.

Kat DeiBaker is a journalism senior and Summer Mustang staff writer.
Crime

Fake IDs get minors into more than just bars

By Anne Guilford
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

It took no more than 10 minutes for Monica’s fake driver’s license to be completed and ready to bypass the scrutiny of San Luis Obispo bouncers.

Monica said she simply wanted to have fun with her friends, most of whom are 21 years old or already have fake IDs. So far, she is pleased with the quality of her forged ID but there are limitations as to where she can use it.

“There are some bars in town that I can’t go to because they scan the card or recognize the work of the guy I bought my ID from,” she said. “I know someone in the Bay Area who has an encoder that will match the information on the magnetic-strip with the information printed on the card.”

Not many places scan cards though, and few people seem able to tell the difference, she added.

“(ID cards) are becoming very sophisticated. I ran across one about the beginning of the summer, he (the suspect) had purchased it from some Cal Poly student.”

Police Lt. Ron Brown

Despite the changes states are making to their identification cards such as holograms, barcodes and magnetic strips, they are still becoming easier to replicate due to the advances in technology that are available to consumers. Almost anyone can make a California driver’s license with a template for a graphic program purchased off the Internet (both prices starting at $29.99), a digital camera, a document printer and other supplies that can be purchased at an office supply store. Some Web sites, for a higher fee, will custom make the IDs and mail them to the patron.

“They (ID cards) are becoming very sophisticated,” said San Luis Obispo Police Lt. Ron Brown. “I ran across one about the beginning of the summer, he (the suspect) had purchased it from some Cal Poly student.”

Police Lt. Ron Brown said that one weekend the Graduate turned in about 40 fake IDs that they had confiscated from patrons. The San Luis Obispo Police Department’s Special Operations unit does sting operations at The Graduate and at other business in town. All confiscated IDs are eventually destroyed.

“Usually the bars are pretty good at checking,” Brown said. “They have a little machine that scans them.”

Bars usually comply with the laws because “they have a lot to lose.” Brown said. Doormen can lose their jobs for letting minors and those with fake IDs in. The Alcoholic Beverage Control department can suspend a bar’s liquor license for a couple of weeks.

According to the California Vehicle Code anyone using a fake driver’s license, lending the license to someone else, duplicating it, or creating anything that resembles a license, is guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined a minimum of $500. But the federal government has a different set of rules. Anyone forging identification is guilty of a felony, and the punishments depend on the degree of the offense.

One such case was that of Jeremy Martinez of Tarzana, who is in trouble with the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC has filed a complaint to the U.S. District Court that alleges that Martinez sold high-quality computer templates for driver’s licenses for California, Georgia, Florida, Maine, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Utah, Wisconsin, and New York over the Internet. The FTC is assisted by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Fraudulent Identification. The Florida program has closed 33 similar Web sites. But some sites can’t be changed. Web sites from the United Arab Emirates and Canada are offering the fake IDs and the products for the production of fake IDs, but cannot be punished or shut down because they are out of the FTC’s jurisdiction.

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POLY ADDRESSING

By April Pack
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly’s “learn by doing” motto apparently holds true under all circumstances, including the area of sex. But professors teaching in the fields of sexual behavior said there is a real need for education and that Cal Poly is reflective of what has been happening on most college campuses: sexual activity rampant.

The only class on the Cal Poly campus that teach about sex are offered through the psychology and human development department. One class in particular that concentrates wholly on the issue of sex is PSY 203 Human Sexuality, an undergraduate class that is offered credit or no credit. Anne Goshen, the professor who teaches the class, said there seems to be a great demand for the course since she gets at least 125 to 140 students who register for it during winter and spring quarters.

The class looks at sex from all different perspectives: historical, cultural, research and practical. Relationship issues, sexual dysfunction, and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), the term now used over STDs, are thoroughly discussed.

Goshen said that every quarter she teaches the class she is surprised to see the responses that students give on papers and tests that show their lack of knowledge concerning many aspects of sexuality.

“There is obviously a real need for this class because the information gap was more significant than I expected,” Goshen said.

Goshen said that this lack of knowledge is probably a result of many things. One reason she gave was that, in high school, students are given the basics in health education classes, but she said, “many do not get as much information from home at an early age because of the uncomfortable nature of the topic.”

Another course that dedicates a section of its material to human sexuality and family planning is PST 105 Parenting and Marriage. Harry Busselen, the professor, said that psychology classes talk about sex because it is a big component among young people in general.

Busselen said that it is extremely important to have education in the area of sex. He explained that documentation showed in the 1990s that women as young as 11 were becoming pregnant, and that one-third of all women became sexually active by the age of 14.

Busselen said that this is because people are starting to see sex earlier in life from TV programs, like on MTV, which “legitimately present sex.”

“By the time people are 16 to 19 years of age, they think they’re invincible and don’t see the consequences of their actions,” Busselen said.

He explained that the pregnancy rate declined five to six years ago. This trend can be attributed to the teaching of responsible sex education, he said.

“Sex is never an emergency; you have to be consciously responsible,” Busselen said.

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HEALTH EDUCATION

A sign of the times is the increasing number of new organizations concerned with sexual education.

Busselen explained that these numbers reflect the epidemic proportion of STDs. He said chlamydia infects 25 percent of female students, and heterosexual women between the ages of 20 and 30 are the most rapidly growing group with HIV.

Another organization on the Cal Poly campus that educates about STIs and other areas of sex is Health Education, located downstairs from the Health Center. Health Education has created a team of nine Cal Poly peer health educators called Educational Resources on Sexuality (E.R.O.S.). The group has many responsibilities including one-on-one consultations with Cal Poly students on all issues relating to sexuality. These sessions are private, individual and confidential, said Health Education Director Rojean Dominguez. The educators talk to women who come in for Pap smears, and what happens during the procedure and why it is needed. They also consult on contraception, communication and relationships, STIs, HIV and AIDS.

Additionally, the peer health educators give presentations to residence halls, fraternities, sororities, and various classes. Dominguez said that each presentation usually involves one or two games like sex jeopardy or the “The Bob story,” which tells how many different sex partners “Bob” has had to illustrate how easily STIs can spread.

Health Education also provides free condoms and latex squares, a barrier method for oral sex. Every year the E.R.O.S. group comes up with a new safe-sex package. This year’s condom cover says, “Saddle up and Ride,” using the Cal Poly Mustang mascot as a graphic on the front. The cover also gives usage instructions about how apply and use the condom properly.

“We used Cal Poly’s mascot to take away the negative stigma of sex and make it a little more fun,” Dominguez said.

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New contraceptive have positive, negative effects

By Kat DeBakker
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

With so many birth control options on the market, each claiming ease, convenience and effective pregnancy prevention, it seems as though complications such as the Dalkon Shield IUD pelvic inflammatory disease scare of the 70's are past. The Dalkon Shield IUD was taken off the market in the '70s due to an abnormally high incidence of infertility and pelvic infections. Health clinics provide glowing handouts about the convenience of just taking a pill or getting a shot and having all reproductive worries become a thing of the past.

Rachel (not her real name,) a Cal Poly student, recalled her personal experience with various birth control methods claiming to be the easiest, most effective means of pregnancy prevention.

"I was on Ortho-Tri-Levlen in high school for a couple of years," she said. "It made me gain weight and it made me really moody. It magnified every feeling I had — even if I was just a little bit sad or a little bit insecure about something, it just intensified the feeling." The Cal Poly Health Center often dispalys, Depo-Provera, condoms, emergency contraceptives and birth control pills, said Marina Perez, head of nursing services at the Health Center.

"Most of our clients are on oral contraceptives, so I believe it is the most popular," Perez said in a previous Mustang Daily article.

Planned Parenthood reported that common side effects to the pill are bleeding between periods, weight gain or loss, breast tenderness and depression, and that pill users have a slightly greater chance of certain major disorders than non-users, the most serious being the possibility of blood clots in the legs, lungs, heart or brain.

A June 11 article in USA Today reported that nearly seven in 10 women ages 18 to 45 who currently use or have used birth control pills in the past five years have discontinued, with a particular pill because of negative side effects.

Rachel has also tried the Depo-Provera shot, which she received at Planned Parenthood after reading a

Condoms aren't as efficient as once thought

A panel of scientists at the U.S. National Institute of Health (NIH) has confirmed what experts have known for years: the proper use of condoms dramatically cuts the risk of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and gonorrhea and HIV. The findings, though, are not so bright for other STDs.

The panel said it was "unclear" just how useful condoms might be in preventing the spread of infections such as human papillomavirus, genital herpes and syphilis. After reviewing a total of 138 studies, the panel of scientists convened at Congress to report that men who said they "always" used condoms during sexual intercourse reduced their risk of transmitting HIV to either a female or male partner by 85 percent. Consistent condom use was also credited with reducing the risk for gonorrhea infection by anywhere from 49 percent to 100 percent.

"I should have known what I was getting into," she said. "They made it seem like I was signing my life away." The Depo-Provera Web site stated that "Depo-Provera has been used safely by millions of women in over 100 countries around the world for more than 32 years." The Web site reported that the most common side effect is bleeding between periods and that many women stop having periods altogether after about 12 months due to the hormones creating a resting state in the ovaries. Less common side effects, "just like with the pill," are reported to be nervousness, dizziness, stomach discomfort, headache and fatigue.

"(Depo-Provera) was horrible," she said. "It put me into what I felt was a clinical state of depression. I didn't even want to get out of bed in the morning. I even got kind of suicidal, which is not me. I couldn't even try and be positive about things. A lot of people I've talked to who have been on it have had the same experience." Indeed, there is an entire Web site devoted to Depo-Provera horror stories located at www.abcinternetmarketing.com/depoprovera/. Many women on the site reported experiences of depression much like Rachel's experiences.

"I almost killed myself over Depo," one woman reported on the Web site. "I have never been depressed ever in my life." Another Depo-Provera user said she "just wanted it all to end" and "didn't know why." Rachel reported being depressed for the entire 13-week duration of the treatment.

"It even took a while afterward, about two weeks to a month, until I felt like all the hormones were out of my body," she said.

"I have never been depressed ever in my life," she said.

A May 20 article from the San Francisco Chronicle reported that the lack of perfect contraceptives on the market is due to limited spending on contraceptive research, especially compared with other medical conditions.

"We can make nuclear this and that, but not birth control for women," a woman in the article who opted for tubal ligation. "We get the brunt of it — we have the periods, cramps and then we're pregnant for nine months, we breast feed... Men have the joy of it all."
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CASE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

No answers found to explaining missing information and the existence of a mysterious waste site

By Sonia Slutzki
SUMMER MUSTANG EDITOR IN CHIEF

It was a strange series of events that lead to what looked like a fenced junkyard in the middle of Cal Poly, near Campus Market and next to Brindles Creek.

Mustang photographer Crystal Moore and I were looking for scenes to illustrate Summer Mustang's environmental issue. And we came upon "Ketcham's bone yard," an area filled with old refrigerators, couches, truck beds, shoes and even an abandoned Jacuzzi all left behind to rust and wither away — at least that's what I thought it was when I first encountered the dump.

Michael Ahler, a chemical hygienist specialist for Cal Poly, provided me with its nickname of "Ketcham's bone yard" and a brief explanation of what it is — or what it's supposed to be: a fenced and sometimes locked temporary storage place.

But, he added, there is no time limit to how long things can remain in storage, and lately its gates had remained unlocked for days. The way things were kept in the junkyard make it hard to tell which were meant for storage and which had been dumped.

Ahler's responsibility only comes into play when there are toxic chemicals present. "Whenever I learn of abandoned paint can or car batteries, I remove them within days," he said. But as long as there isn't a hazard, he is not in charge of overseeing the site.

He mentioned two names who might know more about it, Gary Ketcham, a Cal Poly farm supervisor, and Doug Overman.

While in his office, I remembered I had been there before talking to him about an environmental issue — and this is where a short story becomes long.

A year ago I had stumbled across an environmental report for the new Sports Complex. The report looked into possible environmental impacts during and after construction of the project and whether that posed any danger to the public. There was one particular chapter that piqued my curiosity. It was titled "Hazardous Materials," but it was strangely missing from the report. In fact, it was missing from both copies available at Kennedy Library.

I was able to get an original from Facilities Planning — nobody knew why the chapter was missing. It didn't appear to contain any secret information; the public should know about except for a brief mention of some radioactive materials. I sent the papers to Ahler, who gladly accepted my memories.

He remembered the report as well. On campus, there is a government-owned "sub-critical assembly," a component of a nuclear reactor, which contains 5,500 pounds of enriched uranium. It has been under Cal Poly's supervision since the 1960s, when the government started providing universities with reactors as educational tools.

The actual reactor was removed from campus in 1985. Dave Ragsdale, environmental health and safety manager, said the remaining component does not have enough radioactive material for a self-sustained reaction.

"The radiation released by the sub-critical assembly is far below standards for the public," Ragsdale said. "Nothing can happen to increase the radioactive levels. The biggest risk would happen if someone actually took a piece of the uranium and started walking around with it."

For this not to occur, I was asked to not disclose where the "sub-crit" — as they called it — is located. The building is, however, equipped with an alarm and motion detectors.

They took Crystal and I for a tour, armed with a small radiation-detecting clip hanging from our shirts (we'll know the results in two months). I have to say that it was indeed intimidating. The pile of sand bags stood about four feet tall and six feet wide.

"It's physically large but it contains small amounts of radiation," Ragsdale said.

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Diversity

Media reports misrepresent diversity reality

By Sonia Slutzki

Diversity in May, 2001, Cal Poly announced it ranked No. 17 in the top 100 schools in the nation awarding bachelor's degrees to Hispanics. That's what the figures show. But what they don't say is that California universities enroll far fewer minority students than their proportion of the state population.

And the retention rates — the number of minority students who stay in school and complete their education — is far lower than it is for whites.

Most schools have experienced a general drop of non-white students once affirmative action was abandoned. And statistics show that fewer than half of those minority students who make it into the system graduate. And statistics show that fewer than half of those minority students who make it into the system graduate. In the case of Cal Poly, unofficial numbers show an increase in the acceptance of African American and Hispanic students from last year.

According to the Cal Poly fact book for 2000-01, the proportion of non-white students grew from 26.6 percent in fall 1990 to a high of 34 percent in fall 1995. It declined gradually from 1996 to 1998, then sharply from 1998 to 1999. In fall 2000, 29.4 percent of Cal Poly's undergraduates were non-white students.

At the same time, Poly Trends, a publication by Institutional Planning and Analysis, said that "retention and graduation rates for underrepresented minority students at Cal Poly are consistently lower than Cal Poly's overall rates," a trend that has improved in the last decade but remains disproportionate.

According to the report, after the first year, retention rates were 76 percent for African Americans, 79 percent for Hispanics, and 85 percent for Native Americans, compared to 88 percent for Asians and 89 percent for Whites. The gaps were even greater in statistics representing the percentage of students in each ethnic category who graduate in at least six years. There was up to a 28-percentage-point difference between the highest and lowest groups.

In a voluntary self study conducted by Cal Poly as part of Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), it was indicated that most minority students, including women, gay, lesbinas, bisexuals, and leaders of multicultural clubs, felt that "although Cal Poly claimed to promote and to support the educational value of diversity and its importance to the institutional mission, little if anything had been done in order to bring about diversity.

Bosnie Knupf, research planning and analysis for Cal Poly and one of the members involved with the WASC, reported, "since the WASC report came out it has received a lot of attention and renewed commitment to deal with diversity."
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The sandbags were placed to not interfere with radiation sensitive devices that were being used in the building.

Cal Poly has already petitioned to have the Department of Energy take it away, but it appears that the process takes a while — there aren't many places where radioactive materials can be dumped. And dumping takes me back to the beginning of this story. By the time Summer Mustang went to print, I was not able to get a hold of anybody who would tell me exactly who was in charge of the "bone yard." A source in Facilities Maintenance told me there are many bone yards around campus and that the planning department would know the details.

"It is used to keep excess materials that no one knows what to do with," said George Mead, manager of landscape services.

He said that it is part of farm operations within the department of agriculture, that it is also used by the Rose Float, to temporarily store tree stumps after landscaping operations, and no hazardous materials are to be stored there. But he said the person who would really know the details was his co-worker Doug Overman, whose voice-mail message said he would be out of town for a few days.

There is no definite answer or conclusion to this intriguing issue, just bits and pieces of information. The chapter dealing with Hazardous Materials in the environmental report for the Sports Complex has been crossed out since the first time I looked at it. A message now stands by it asking to contact Chris Clark at 541-2422 for more information, who also just happened to be out of town.

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By Aaron Lambert
SUMMER MUSTANG CONTRIBUTOR

June 16 brought about hoards and masses of proud and exuberant friends and family members to Mustang Stadium to see the 60th graduating class of Cal Poly.

With them came crowds of onlookers who not only screamed and held signs in hopes of getting the attention of their student walking in the procession, they also called them on cell phones and talked to them as they flooded into the stadium with their respective colleges. While the phones gave some students instant contact with loved ones, the yells and cheers of others dominated the airwaves.

The first procession for graduation started at 9 a.m., and as expected, it was full of black gowns and caps with everything from small cities and oil towers to proverbs written on top. Even the green Cal Poly hard hats worn by some architectural engineering graduates were decorated with tassels.

Sam Abome, former Associated Student Inc. president, opened his speech by talking about how Cal Poly had become their home for the past four, five, six and for some, seven years, and how it will always be their home. He invited them to come back and share their knowledge and experience with future Cal Poly students.

The end of the morning ceremony brought with it flying tortillas from the College of Engineering as well as a flock of white pigeons let out to circle the crowd. One rogue pigeon even tried to dive bomb a couple of innocent graduates from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

The afternoon ceremony brought new friends and family members with the same excitement and energy.

Of the attendants sitting in the sun that Saturday afternoon, those visiting from Northern California complained of the heat, while those from Central California praised the sub 100-degree weather. They all brought with them an extreme sense of pride to see their son, daughter, cousin, niece, nephew or friend graduate as they held up signs saying, "Good job," "We're proud," as well as "Get a job."

Finally graduated...
Now what?

Wow, we're done!
What's next?

Time to get a real job, raise a family, and then we can finally retire!

Man, we're done.
Where to?

There's another party next door?

Family and friends, above, watch as Cal Poly graduates, top right, and faculty flood Mustang Stadium on Saturday June 16, under the hot summer sun. Architectural engineering graduates, right, beat the heat beneath their green Cal Poly hard hats.
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