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Patriotism plays bigger part in schools since attacks

By Whitney Kobrin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Local schools admit a higher focus on patriotism since the Sept. 11 attacks, though intentional changes in curriculum may not occur for a few more years.

Julian Crocker, a kinesiology senior, said he thought the curriculum had changed significantly since Sept. 11 because it takes longer for those types of changes to be developed. Though there aren't formal changes, Crocker does think there is likely to be more emphasis on related topics.

"Clearly there is more discussion about patriotism and American and democratic values now than was prior to Sept. 11," Crocker said.

Cerreta said that many people are discussing similar issues depending on the materials that are addressed in the subjects they teach. For instance, social studies is going to be impacted by the event in a much more obvious way than a mathematics course would, Crocker said.

"The type of patriotism we teach at the public schools is an education of the underlying values of the public, enforcing the democratic system by holding democratically elected student government and stressing tolerance and alteration toward these most recent issues in his classes.

"I feel compelled to respond to the interests of the students," Arceneaux said.

Arceneaux said the topic is posing now so we are forced to examine it, but as time goes on it may not be something we need to focus on.

"We are helped to understand why

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Uncertain job market, economy scaring Poly grads

Cal Poly seniors anticipating difficulties in finding jobs after graduation

By Emily Schwartz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Graduation has recently become associated with a feeling of fear rather than excitement. Bryan Archibald is feeling the fear.

Archibald, a kinesiology senior, once looked forward to getting his career started after earning his bachelor's degree. But because of the declining economy and a seemingly scarce job market, he has changed his career path. Following graduation, he now plans to go on to get his master's degree to avoid the agony of finding a job.

"It doesn't seem like there's many job opportunities right now," Archibald said. "I'd rather get another couple years of education under my belt than have to face not getting a job."

Journalism senior Tori Walsh anticipated having a job lined up after graduating in December, but after contacting more than a dozen public relations firms, she realized very few positions were available. Now, she doesn't expect a job until March or April.

"It's out of my control," Walsh said. "So I've accepted the fact that I won't be getting a job before the first of the year. I know that it'll find me eventually, it's just a question of when."

But perhaps students are being unfair by comparing this year's economy to the last few years, said Richard Equinoa, director of career and testing services. Equinoa said that a few years back there was a "frenzied economy" where there were more jobs than graduates.

Now the number of jobs has caught up to the number of graduates, creating more competition within the job market.

"Clearly the market has softened," Equinoa said. "But the opportunities are definitely out there. It's very practical to be pursuing employment at this point."

The competition may be beneficial to graduates, Equinoa said, for it will hopefully force them to take an active role in their job quest. He said it gives graduates the perspective they need to enhance their career direction in the future.

"The silver lining in all of it is we have the attention of the graduates," Equinoa said. "The graduate has to be far more assertive in his quest to pay attention."

Students turn to Graduate School for choices after commencement

By Malia Spencer
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Yaras is running against time. As the clock ticks, she must decide which graduate school she will attend. Overwhelmed by the pressure of leaving Cal Poly, Yaras is not alone.

Many students choose to continue their education after Cal Poly because their field of expertise requires it, Burrell said.

Yaras, a psychology major, said that she plans to graduate in June and hopes to pursue a career in research.

"I think students will go to graduate school because they can't find jobs. Historically, as the economy goes down, enrollment increases," said Timme Taylor, program administrator of master's degree programs in psychology.

This year, Career Services hoped to open the event up to more students with a different advertising strategy. Broad categories were used to list the schools, instead of a long alphabetical lot, in an effort to show students that there

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Students design touching ad campaign

By Whitney Kobrin

A student-created ad campaign played on the emotions of local residents, as well as Social Services.

Three students received awards yesterday at the County Board of Supervisors meeting. They were recognized as community partners helping with a need in the county through their work on an advertising campaign. The campaign is working to recruit foster and adoptive families for local children, said Anita Monyok, a social worker who worked directly with the student team.

"The ads caused a tremendous response, because they were visually captivating and utilized wonderful captions," Monyok said.

The three students are Tracy White, art and design alumna; Christopher Daniels, art and design alumna; and Renee Rupcich, art and design senior. While Daniels was out of the country and was unable to attend the board of supervisors meeting, both White and Rupcich were present.

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The campaign was a result of an advertising assignment for the Art 432 class, taught by Mary LaPage, an art and design professor and head of the graphic design department.

The advertising class works in collaboration with the Art 427 photo illustration class. LaPage said the students in her advertising class formed miniature advertising agencies, then spent time looking at portfolios of students in the photo illustration class to find a photographer who would accurately portray their concepts.

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White said. The ads included portraits of individual children going out with longings expressions, accompanied by slogans that captured the idea of a dream the children might hold.

"It was a very rewarding experience because of the passion I have for conceptual images and the power behind them," White said. "When that concept is applied to something that helps the community, we can see how powerful it becomes." Rupcich said that a good deal of the work she did with White and Daniels involved watching them sell ideas they created. The project was beneficial because of the realistic job experience she gained, Rupcich said.

"We worked in real job situations," White said. "I am trying to get everything done this year so that I can have a relaxed final quarter," Wintelyn said.

Career Services recommends that students begin looking at graduate programs as early as their junior year.

"It is a good idea to look at options early and that is what the event is intended for," Burrell said. "That way, students know what the requirements are and the right courses to take."

The Career Services Center helps hundreds of students apply to graduate school every year, Burrell said. She added that it holds workshops throughout the year to help students with the applications.
**Flight 587 probe focuses on plane’s loss of tail fin**

By Eric Malnic and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

NEW YORK — The investigation into the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 shifted Tuesday from a possible engine failure to an unexplained breakoff of a tail fin, officials said, raising new questions about the disaster that killed more than 260 people.

Aviation safety investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board are now trying to understand why critical components such as the plane’s tail fin fell a half mile from the fuselage.

Also, both engines were found several hundred feet from the main debris field.

“This is a far more perplexing case than people imagined,” said aviation consultant Peter Goelz, former executive director of the NTSB.

However, officials said the evidence was too fragmentary to point to an accident, and not a crime or another terrorist attack.

The tail fin — which helps to keep a plane flying straight — was pulled from Monday’s waters of Jamaica Bay and appeared as if it had clearly broken away from the rest of the fuselage. Without the fin, it would be virtually impossible for pilots to maintain control. Officials said initial analysis points to a fracture of the material used to make the tail fin, not the bolts attaching it to the main fuselage.

Witnesses “saw the aircraft wobble, pieces come from it, and then a steep spiraling dive into the ground,” said NTSB board member George Black.

Another new element was added to the puzzle Tuesday when NTSB officials are investigating whether the turbulent wake of a Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 could have played a role. The larger jet had taken off two minutes and 20 seconds earlier and was seven to eight miles ahead of the smaller American Airlines Airbus XQ.

“The time and distance should have been more than enough to forestall any problems, but the cockpit voice recorders on Flight 587 picked up comments indicating that the pilots encountered turbulence.”

“Engineering wake turbulence could have been a factor, Black responded, “It’s possible.”

Police, who fired shots into the air, added: “That is certainly one thing that we want to know.”

American Airlines spokesman John Hutzel was less equivocal.

“Terroric forces tore off a tail and apparently the plane’s two engines,” he said.

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**The Vista Grande Restaurant Manager said the favorite among the favorites is, you guessed it, good old Tom Turkey. In second place is the ham, followed closely by fresh fish. The buffet opens at 11am and goes until 5pm allowing those planning evening dinner events to make a day run set through Vista Grande’s huge bay windows.**

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**Sweeney, said.**

**The buffet takes place on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22. Adult buffet is $13.95 for adults and $6.95 for children, plus tax.**

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**National Briefs**

Teen takes two hostages, then commits suicide.

NEW YORK — A 17-year-old took a classroom and a teacher hostage Monday, freed them, and then killed himself with one of the two guns he brought to the school.

Chris Buschbacher left the Adult Learning Center of Carbondale at 5 p.m. Monday and then returned in the afternoon with a 22-caliber rifle and a 20-gauge shotgun. There was also a small tube with gunpowder in it in the bathroom; it was not said whether the tube had a detonation device.

Buschbacher had broken up with his girlfriend two days earlier. She was one of the students in the classroom that he entered with the guns. She escaped along with another female student.

Buschbacher fired one shot into the wall and another into a file cabinet. No one was injured.

After negotiations, the boy released both the hostages, but remained in the classroom until 6 p.m. when he shot himself. His mother came to the school to talk to someone and was said to have wanted to speak with her. Buschbacher had no previous criminal record.

— USA Today

Trade Center survivor dies in plane crash

NEW YORK — One of the women, Hilda Yolanda Mayor, aboard American Airlines Flight 587, which crashed into a New York neighborhood over the weekend, had escaped the Sept. 11 attack of the World Trade Center.

Mayor was an employee of the Au Bon Pain restaurant on the first floor of the center and was there during the attacks. The 26-year-old U.S. citizen was traveling to her native Dominican Republic to visit her family, including her two daughters, who had been staying in the Caribbean for the last two weeks with their grandmother.

President Hipolito Mejiis of the Dominican Republic has declared three days of national mourning. Half a million Dominicans live in New York. The crash killed 260 people, most of whom were Dominicans.

— USA Today

Bushi promises to cut nuclear arms

WASHINGTON — During a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin Tuesday, President Bush said the United States would decrease in number of nuclear warheads by two-thirds in the next decade. Putin has pledged to try to make the same cut, but has not yet given a definite number.

They still have not reached an agreement on the 1972 Antiballistic Missile treaty. The treaty expressly forbids missile defenses. Putin and Bush will meet at Bush’s ranch in Crawford, Texas, today and Thursday.

The nuclear warheads will be reduced to between 1,500 and 2,200. The United States currently has 7,000 deployed warheads and Russia has 6,000. The warheads will be removed from the missiles, but not the bolts attaching it to the main fuselage. Without the fin, it would have probably been a better crater, “It’s possible.”

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Students misuse Cal Poly ID cards

By Collin Hester
Wednesday, November 14, 2001

A Cal Poly student and a friend from out of town approach the turnstiles at the entrance to the Rec Center. To avoid paying a guest fee, the student swaps his Cal Poly ID card at the turnstile scanner and leaves it there for his friend to take and swipe through. If nobody notices, the student gets his friend in for free.

Cal Poly ID cards are abused and misused at such places as the Rec Center and the campus library, and the staff of each facility is taking measures to curb the unauthorized card use.

Card abuse at the Rec Center stems from people attempting to sneak inside with someone else’s Cal Poly ID.

“The biggest problem is that Cuesta students and non-Cal Poly students are using Poly student cards,” said Sarah Somers, Rec Center staff member and child development senior.

Generally, for first-time offenders and those who are not aware of the center’s policy, a staff supervisor will tell them of the proper procedure for guests to use the facility, Somers said. Otherwise, the center gives the card owner a two-week suspension from Rec Center privileges, and their card is confiscated and sent to the PolyCard office. From there, the student may pick up the card for general use, she said.

PolyCard is responsible for holding confiscated and lost Cal Poly ID cards as well as issuing new ones, but has no discipline procedure for card misuse.

“If a card is turned into our office because its been lost or (confiscated), we check to make sure the card has not been reissued by the lost bar code,” said Sherrill Holmberg, PolyCard administrative support assistant. “If it has, we shred the card. Otherwise, we hold it and let the student know that the card is in the office to be picked up,” she said.

Students must pay $5 to have a new card issued to them. Guests can sign a waiver and pay $4 to have all-day access to the Rec Center.

“It’s really a great deal for people who want to come in and use the pool and the courts, and play a game of racquetball or lift some weights,” said Kelli Nevin, Rec Center staff member and political science sophomore.

In order to prevent unauthorized card use, the staff performs spot checks on IDs to be certain that only the Cal Poly student is using their Cal Poly ID card to enter the facilities, Somers said.

The Rec Center is not the only place on campus where card abuse takes place. The Robert E. Kennedy Library has seen a few recent cases. Students have attempted to check out books using a friend’s Cal Poly ID card at the circulation desk, said Navjot Brar, assistant dean of access and bibliographic services.

“As far as we are concerned, our policy is to check their ID if they want to check anything out from the library,” Brar said. “We do match their face with what’s on the ID. If it doesn’t match, we tell them we can’t provide them with these services.”

The ID is then confiscated and given to the PolyCard Office where the offender can, she said.

The library has a security system that keeps track of the number of people who enter and leave, but doesn’t show who is using the library, at what times and how often.

“We don’t have the breakdown of seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen or other campus communities (using the library),” Brar said.

In the future, she said the library is looking to have turnstiles with scanners installed at the Reserve Room entrance to record such data. As a result, students may be more likely to bring and use their own ID card to use the library and to check out material.

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this happened by sharing our views and discussing alternatives to the U.S. response," Anderson said.

Already, publishers are pushing new texts with chapters about terrorism. Anderson said. He said that texts should reflect significant events as a method of assessing interest.

Anderson said courses that would normally cover events such as this one will likely have increased emphasis on this event specifically, but it is difficult to anticipate how classes with change until the U.S. reaction is complete.

Chrysalis Anderson, a journalism junior, said she has not noticed changes in the curriculum of her classes, but that being a reporter in a reporting class has definitely forced her to tie in the issue of the Sept. 11 attacks and the impact they had.

"This event will definitely have an impact on the way history books are written," Anderson said. "They will include information about terrorism and the way it impacts the 21st century."

Anderson said patriotism should be taught in schools because it teaches a sense of nationalism and gives students a sense of community with their fellow citizens, especially in the K-12 grades.

Anderson said it is important to say the Pledge of Allegiance, and that students in the K-12 grades should be required to do so.

"It is more important in K-12 than it is in college, because as college students, most of our opinions are already formed. So if professors try to tell students how they should feel and require them to say the Pledge of Allegiance, students are likely to feel that their rights are being infringed upon," Anderson said.

Anderson said that although most students are probably supportive of the country and its actions right now, it is important to be respectful of differences of opinion.

"I don't think the Pledge of Allegiance undermines any lifestyle or religion," Anderson said. "The term 'God' in the Pledge of Allegiance is not exclusive to one god, but can be applied to any religious entity."

Jesse Ralston, a computer engineering sophomore, said he notices that flags and signs are prominent in the K-12 classes, but they shouldn't push the issue, but they should allow discussion, he said.

"This definitely will have a major impact in the future," Ralston said. "We can see it being used in essay prompts, political science courses, government classes and Mustang jobs."

Christophe Campmas, a political science junior, poses with an American flag to show his patriotism. Campmas is a weapons specialist in the Fourth Marine Division.

"My philosophy teacher likened a discussion of suicide in Plato's 'Phaedo' to the suicide bombings, and gave us an option to discuss the issue. But our class was unresponsive because we don't know enough about their culture to make philosophical insights," Ralston said.

Ralston said the impact would be felt differently in each classroom. Teachers shouldn't push the issue, but they should allow discussion, he said.

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Foods have power to affect mood

Garlic has a history of being a healing aid and a stimulant. The Romans dedicated the space to the goddess of fertility, and witches have used garlic in their "love potions" for years. Ancient traditions did have roots in reality. Food was not as givens these foods as "mood influencers."

The root of claims that certain foods are aphrodisiacs, lies in ancient folklore and tradition. The Greeks believed that the anis seed had special powers and that sucking on the seed would increase sexual desire. The Romans claimed the aphrodisiac power of oysters as early as the second century AD. In a satire by Juvenal, the author described the wanton ways of women after ingesting wine and eating giant oysters, according to gourmetsleuth.com. In reality, oysters are very high in protein, which causes alertness. Caffeine, sugar and alcohol are also aggravators of anxiety. According to anxietybusters.com. Some nutritionists deny a link between food and mood.

"It is premature to say that food impacts mood," Neuhaus said. "It probably does, but it is so hard to define mood."

The lack of understanding of moods can be tied to the complexity of the human brain, he said. Of 50 neurotransmitters in the brain, scientists understand three, Neuhaus said.

"The brain is more complex than the universe," he said. "We will never know everything about it."

The idea that food and health relate to each other can be traced to ancient Chinese times, but today many inconclusive studies have failed to concretely tie foods and moods, Neuhaus said.

Caffeine is a mood elevator that increases the heart rate and the ability for the body to burn calories, and causes the release of the "feel-good" hormone serotonin. This hormone releases the body, but the release is counteracted by the stimulant effect of the caffeine. Caffeine makes the brain cells more reactive to light and sound and causes the person to think and talk more rapidly. The effects of caffeine can last anywhere from one to seven hours.

Foods with high sugar content result in the "crash" that comes after ingesting large amounts of carbohydrates. These carbohydrates can lead to fatigue and depression by causing a large release of insulin in the body. In general, low-fat, high-protein diets cause alertness, and high-complex carbohydrate diets cause a slowdown in body function, according to cybershot.com.

As early as the second century, the Romans claimed that oysters, above, had aphrodisiac powers. Because these sea creatures contain so much protein, today researchers claim that consuming them may also boost concentration and alertness.

What is contained in the artificial sweetener aspartame?

According to the Consumer Center at www.nutrasweet.com, aspartame is largely made of two amino acids, which are the building blocks of proteins. The two amino acids are aspartic acid and phenylalanine (as well as a methyl ester). Aspartic acid helps our bodies convert food to energy. Specifically, infants and children need the phenylalanine found in such foods as milk and meats for building muscles. The third ingredient, a methyl ester, is also found naturally in fruits, tomato juice and other foods.

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Recipe of the Week

Chilean sea bass with light soy and chive sauce

1/2 bunch shallots 4 ounces butter
1/2 cup white wine 1 cup fish stock
1/4 cup heavy cream 3 tablespoons soy
2 large onions 3 bunch chives
Flour, as needed
Frying oil, as needed
3 bunches scallions
Olive oil, as needed
4 servings potatoes, whipped
2 tomatoes
1 bunch chives
5 pieces Chilean sea bass (6 ounces each)
2 lemons

Make the sauce: Slice shallots, sauté with butter and add white wine. Cook until liquid totally reduces, add fish stock and reduce liquid again by one-half. Add heavy cream. Blend with 2 ounces of butter; add the soy, salt and pepper to taste. Keep warm.

Make the garnish: Slice the onion, dredge in flour. Shake off excess and fry until golden brown.

Progression: Sauté the bass with olive oil, salt and pepper to taste. When thoroughly cooked, remove from the heat and keep warm. Arrange the potatoes, tomatoes and chives around the bass. Serve warm.

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WINTER IS COMING AROUND THE CORNER. AS THE COOL AND RAINY MONTHS APPROACH, THE NEED FOR A STRONG IMMUNE SYSTEM BECOMES EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO OUR HEALTH. HOW CAN YOU HELP BUILD YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM THIS WINTER AND AFTER? MERELY ALTER YOUR DIET.

Consuming a varied, plant-based diet, including grains, fruits, legumes, seeds and vegetables, is one sure way to foster your defense system. Plants contain phytochemicals, which naturally produce nonessential nutrients that serve as antioxidants. Antioxidants help toughen the immune system by binding with and inactivating cell-damaging compounds in your body. It is important to note that phytochemicals are only available in plant foods, such as fruits and vegetables. Taking supplements in substitution for these plant foods is impossible since phytochemicals are not synthetically produced. Herbs made with Echinacea, sage or ginseng may also help build your immune defense system. Try trio-hip tea with lemon for your next daily dose of vitamin C.

Water is a vital component of a healthy, immune-building diet regime. Drinking water will help to optimize immune activity by maintaining fluid balance, transporting nutrients and waste products, regulating body temperature and triggering vital chemical reactions.

Drinking water is a critical component in fighting off infection since water helps to maintain moisture in mucous membranes. At least eight glasses of water are recommended for normal bodily function. Eating a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, legumes and whole grains is essential for boosting the immune system to fight off infection this winter. Produce, grains and herbs contain numerous types of phytochemicals that help create a strong defense system. Let’s make an honest effort to fill our plates with a colorful variety of vegetables, beans, fruits and grains for most of our meals and your body will thank you for it when the colds and flu pass you by.

Wendi Lelke is a kinesiology senior

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When I first heard about the fee referendum we're voting on today and tomorrow, I had my doubts about whether it would pass.

I had the standard knee-jerk reaction most cash-strapped students have when faced with paying more for college. That's no way I'm going to give more, right?

As an Associated Students commissioner of public relations, I have spent significant energy reconciling this internal conflict. How do I, in good conscience, advocate my fellow-students' votes for a fee increase that I'm not confident in voting for?

But then I heard what I believe is the most convincing fact in support of the referendum: The last time the ASI programming fee was increased, Nixon was president, students were listening to Live Aid, and Cal Poly was a very different place.

The time was 1970. ASI was supporting more than 10,000 students. The ASI programming fee was about $12 per quarter.

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Clinton's Georgetown speech sparks controversy

By Arianne Aryanpur
THE WASHINGTON POST (U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — The Georgetown University Lecture Fund has submitted an editorial letter to The Washington Times in response to its article covering President Bill Clinton's speech at Georgetown last Wednesday. The article "Both misrepresented factual aspects of the events and misinterpreted Mr. Clinton's remarks," according to the Lecture Fund.

The Nov. 8 article, "Clinton Calls Terror a U.S. Debt to Past," stated that the former president said America is "paying a price today" for slavery and for looking "this other way when a significant number of Native Americans were dispossessed and killed." It focused on several statements by the former president that referred to America's history of terrorism against slaves and Native Americans.

The Lecture Fund's letter asserts that The Times' article demonstrated a different focus compared to other nationally reputed news agencies such as the Associated Press and CNN.

"I don't think (Clinton's) intentions were to say that the former president's intended message with Bill O'Reilly and Times Assistant National Editor Jeffrey Kuhner. He also addressed the Lecture Fund and School of Foreign Service's purpose for inviting Clinton to speak at the university.

Konechusky asserted that the Lecture Fund's goal is to bring a diverse group of speakers to Georgetown and that Clinton was just another one of such speakers. The university's intention was to choose to focus on terrorism and the Sept. 11 attacks, he said.

"Our only hope is that people will go to the Georgetown Web site, watch or read the speech in its entirety, and make an informed decision by themselves without the bias of The Washington Times or any other publication," Konechusky said.

Questions linger over next phase of anthrax attack

By Earl Lane
WASHINGTON — With the outbreak of terror-related anthrax cases abating, specialists say it is hard to predict if the person or group behind the attacks may have even more危害ing plans in mind.

Only a gram or two of anthrax powder was used in the current letter attacks, according to some reports, and several experts said they doubt the sender has the industrial-scale equipment to make the many pounds needed for an outdoor dispersal of the deadly bacteria over a large population area.

Still, making a gram or so "is a week or 10 days work, depending how you do it," said Martin Hugh-Jones, an anthrax researcher at Louisiana State University. Even that quantity, if dispersed efficiently, could threaten thousands in an enclosed area or large office building, experts say.

If the terrorist has the knowledge and equipment, he or she could produce additional amounts of anthrax, why haven't more anthrax-laced letters appeared?

"There are no practical restraints," said Hugh-Jones, only "the psychology of the person who's doing it." The person may be waiting until the high state of alert lessens or may want to keep an unpredictable pattern, according to Hugh-Jones and others.

It is also possible that the terrorist does not have continued access to the laboratory facilities needed to grow anthrax bacteria, turn them to a dormant form called spores, and process them into a dry, finely milled anthrax-laden powder, said Gregory Evans, a specialist on bioterrorism at St. Louis University.

"We don't know if this is a lone person with access to lab facilities, or whether the anthrax powder was purchased abroad, he said.

Evans said even a gram or two of high-quality anthrax spores, if dispersed as a plume of breathable airborne particles over an arena crowd or other large gathering, could affect a thousand people or more. "That's a scenario that has to be on the horizon that we have to be preparing for," Evans said.

Michael Osterholm, director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, warned that a more ambitious bioterrorism attack could follow, just as terrorists escalated their assault on the World Trade Center from a 1993 bombing — what Osterholm calls World Trade Center I — to the devastating airliner attacks on Sept. 11, World Trade Center II.

"I don't think people really get it," Osterholm said last week. The pure, finely milled anthrax-laden powder sent to the office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., on Oct. 15 is of a quality that could be used for a much more deadly attack in the future, he said.

"Catastrophic terrorism is here," Osterholm said. "They've got a hell of a bullet." All they need is a better "gun." The "gun" used in the incidents so far was low-tech delivery of anthrax spores.

William Patrick III, a leader of the old U.S. biowarfare programs during the 1960s, said recently that whoever sent the letter to Daschle and others does not appear to have the capacity to produce large amounts of anthrax-laden powder.

"I believe the material is high quality, small quantity," Patrick said. Translated, it's a small-scale laboratory to an industrial operation, he said, in see ANTHRAX, page 10

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Students paying back loans have options

By Dylan Sullivan
THE MANEATER

Unlike consumer debt, student loans have a lot of repayment options," CariAnne Cutshall, MOSTARS spokeswoman said.

The least expensive option is standard repayment, dividing the loan into equal monthly payments. The U.S. Department of Education strongly recommends this option. However, Joseph Camille, University of Missouri's director of Financial Aid, said that option could present problems.

"Once they get into repayment, they should see if they can pay for more each month," he said. "If someone has a $100 per month payment and they get a raise, then they can pay $125 or $150." Paying more than the minimum will help pay off the loan faster and reduce the amount of interest, Camille said.

Another plan is graduated repayment, which gives borrowers lower payments early in the repayment period and increases payments later. Although that option is more expensive than standard repayment because of increased interest, it can give borrowers relief in the first years after graduation.

"In the income-sensitive plan, the loan holder lowers the payment," Cutshall said. "You're still going to have to pay your total loan back, and you may end up paying more, but at least your debt gets smaller sooner." The extended plan can lengthen the repayment period to 25 years but will lead to a higher overall cost.

The most encouraged option is prepayment. In that plan, borrowers pay off a portion of the loan while in school. According to MOSTARS, even as little as $20 per month can decrease the loan's principle substantially.

"If your grandmother dies and you get some money, your best option is to pay off the loan," Camille said.

That option, however, is not practical for some students, especially those who are full-time students.

"It would be very difficult for me to start paying off my loan," said freshman Stephanie Sooter, who borrows $2,000 per semester. "To do that, I would need to get a job.

Whatever option borrowers choose, it is important for them to retire the loan as soon as possible, Cutshall said.

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Campus Dining began recycling efforts several years ago with a cardboard recycling program, which has expanded to recycling many other items and purchasing recycled product. This total waste reduction program strives to balance cost saving from waste stream reduction with the costs of purchasing recycled and recyclable products. Trash hauling has been reduced by more than 50%, yielding some cost savings.

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ASI Fee Referendum Information

Referendum voting:
November 14th & 15th, 2001, 8AM to 4PM (Cal Poly ID card required)
Polling locations:
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www.fees.calpoly.edu/referendum.htm

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

ASI fees have not been increased in thirty years. This proposal would increase the ASI fee effective Fall Quarter 2002 and is intended for the continuation of current ASI programs and services. The proposal also provides for subsequent annual adjustments of the ASI Fee by use of a price index. The index seeks to facilitate ASI’s ability to enhance desired levels of service and plan for the future expansion of programs. This index would become effective Fall Quarter 2003. Below is a list of how the increased funds will be utilized:

- Enhance and expand ASI Events (Concerts, Special Events, UU Hour, Club 221, Homecoming)
- Enhance and expand ASI Club Services and increase Club Co-Sponsorship Funding
- Enhance and expand Poly Escapes (Outdoor Recreation/Adventure Program)
- Enhance Student Governance, Representation, and Advocacy
- Funding for ASI Support Services
- Protect against inflation

PRO STATEMENT

“Cal Poly students must support this ASI fee increase for three important reasons:

First, for more than five years an ASI fee increase has been needed to maintain quality and quantity of programs and services while fighting the financial effects of inflation. Every year, ASI student leaders and staff are forced to reduce operating budgets or fund deficits from general reserves, that have now dropped to inappropriately low levels, in order to balance the budget among all ASI programs and services. The general programming portion of the ASI fee has not increased in more than 15 years.

Second, by eliminating the financial hardships created by inflationary pressures, programs will be able to expand as the campus population grows and demand for ASI programs and services increases. Every student at this campus has been touched by at least one of the areas targeted by the fee increase: ASI Events, ASI Club Services, Poly Escapes, ASI Student Government, and associated support services. All of these programs are very popular and the students and staff are eager to expand the quality, quantity, and scope of offerings.

Finally, indexing the fee for inflation will provide stability and insures the long-term viability of the expanded programs and services. An indexed fee helps future students avoid the financial challenges we face today.

Cal Poly consistently receives accolades for the quality of academic programs and the graduates it produces. Students at Cal Poly deserve a vibrant and active campus environment that compliments the academic reputation and achievements. Instead of envying the social opportunities that your friends have at other major universities, make them a reality at Cal Poly. Approving this ASI fee increase is the first step towards accomplishing this vision.”

Submitted by: Bryan Pennino, College of Engineering

CON STATEMENT

The proposed increase to the Student Body Association (ASI) Fee, which, if passed by students, would take affect beginning Fall quarter 2002, appears to be legitimate in its claim that it will maintain the quality and quantity of programs and services funded by ASI. However, it is a proposal idealistically flawed, and at extra $65 per year and per person, students should consider exactly what their extra money hopes to accomplish.

First, ASI believes that the student fee increase holds the potential to impact Cal Poly students in two key areas: expanding and maintaining ASI programs and maintaining ASI programs and services. As part of their proposal, ASI also asserts that the fee increase will aid the projected rise in student enrollment over the next five to ten years and the associated increase in on-campus population. In addition, the document proposes that it will ease strained relations with the City of San Luis Obispo regarding the responsibility of the University to provide a full-service campus. It goes as far to imply that by increasing funding for ASI, students will be more likely to stay on campus rather than “disturb” the quiet community. These assumptions seem to be a bit far-fetched.

Being fair to ASI, which does strive to improve the quality of life for students, it is important to highlight exactly what the proposal plans to accomplish. The fee increase aims to enhance ASI Events, which includes concerts and homecoming, expand club services, boost student governance and representation and improve Poly Escapes. Though all these programs are excellent, the problem is that they only affect a small percentage of the student population.

What about ASI related programs and services like intramural sports, McPhee’s Games and Bowling Center, the Craft Center, and Recreation Center operations? Why should students vote to put their money into an ASI fee category at all, rather than in services like the Health Center or Information Technology Services. If Cal Poly truly wishes to cope with the masses of new students coming to the university, we should instead consider raising fees for the construction of more dorm facilities, the creation of more classes, and the hiring of more teachers.

Not only is the fee increase asking for money that will not solve Cal Poly’s real financial challenges, but the increase is rather steep and, in addition, is attached to a continuous indexing process. By using the HEPI index, the fee will go up each year with the rise in inflation in order to maintain the programs at a stable level without the deterioration of quality caused by inflation. But this comes as an annual burden to students without having to seek their approval for more fee increases.

So, before you vote, consider thoroughly the potential the ASI fee increase has to directly impact you.

Submitted by: Erica Tower, College of Liberal Arts

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