Delving into the purpose of Cal Poly Foundation

By Malia Spencer

A group of men all dressed in dark suits sit around a big conference table in a dimly lit, smoke-filled room talking in hushed voices, discussing how to make more money off Cal Poly students.

It is a scene straight out of the "X Files" that most students envision when they hear the words Cal Poly Foundation — the campus organization that everyone loves to hate.

Founded in 1940 as a means for Cal Poly to accept donated livestock, Foundation has grown into a multi-million dollar, nonprofit corporation to aid Cal Poly in the university's educational mission, said Daniel Howard-Green, chair of the Foundation board of directors and executive assistant to President Warren Baker.

Foundation has four major operations — it manages sponsored programs, university endowments, Campus Dining and El Corral Bookstore, Foundation Executive Director Frank Mumford said.

A board of directors made up of community members, faculty, administration and students oversees the operations of Foundation.

Business administration sophomore Alexandra League is one of the two students who sit on the board.

"I have enjoyed myself (while on the board) and have learned a lot," League said. "It has given me an inside view and an opportunity to understand how the Foundation works."

Similar to most students, League didn't know much about Foundation when she filled out the board application last spring.

"A friend told me about it (the application) and I did a little research and thought it would be interesting to be on the board," League said.

Students sit on the board for one or two years and applications go out the last few weeks of spring quarter at the Associated Students Inc. office. League said the application consists of a resume and some short essay questions.

Sponsored and other programs

Foundation manages grant and contract money the university receives and is responsible for helping faculty manage those funds as sponsored programs, Howard-Green said.

Foundation has greater flexibility than the state for procurement and contracting, Mumford said. The smaller purchases that faculty and staff need to make can be made easier through Foundation than the state for cutting down on the bureaucracy in the process.

When Cal Poly interacts with the private sector, Foundation is also brought in. Foundation has recently made a deal with Gallo Winery to grow a wine vineyard on university property on Flighway 1 toward Morro Bay, Howard-Green said.

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**News**

**Documentary seeks to show the real Afghan**

**By Kat Corey**

**Mustang Daily Staff Writer**

Sept. 11 was a tragic day that left devastating scars on the psyche of many Americans. But along with that day came many misconceptions of Afghanistan and the people who live there.

A native Afghan woman has produced a documentary that cleans up some of those misinterpretations and shows us the truth about Afghanistan. The film gives a close-up look at the ordinary lives and experiences of everyday people in a country plagued by war. *Afghanistan: A Dialogue with Villagers,* produced by Malala Zulfacar, a Cal Poly social sciences lecturer, will be showing in the Cal Poly Theatre at 7 p.m. Tuesday night.

Through her experiences in the country, Zulfacar said she wants to tell Americans that ordinary people in Afghanistan have the same desires to live in peace. They are tired of living in war and living under terror, she said.

"Much of what we know about Afghanistan has been from Sept. 11, but I have been exposed to these atrocities prior to the event," she said. Zulfacar came to America when she was 17 years old to go to college. She went back to Afghanistan to teach, but left when the Soviets invaded the country. She didn't return again until the summer of 2000 when she filmed the documentary. She shot hours of video while traveling in Northern Alliance territory in Afghanistan with an international woman's group. She interviewed villagers, refugees fleeing the Taliban, students struggling to attend school in the middle of war and much more.

Zulfacar has shown some of her videos to students in her classes on global ethnic conflict, but was spurred to edit them into TV documentary format after the Sept. 11 attacks. Beth Thayer, a Cal Poly student with a film background, volunteered to edit the film. Thayer, an English student, said this film is special to him because an Afghan woman made it. It portrays a different perspective on the Sept. 11 event, he said.

"When we watch the news this is something that we don't see," he said. "Many people had images of who and what they (Afghans) were, but when you watch the film, you realize that they are just people."

Zulfacar said she would like to use this film as a bridge between Afghanistan and America. There are many images and stereotypes developed between the two countries and Zulfacar said she wants to break these barriers through her film. The documentary is an informative tool that will help Americans respond to the new world order.

"We need to go beyond humanitarian assistance," Zulfacar said. "They need to learn how to become self-sufficient." The villagers of Afghanistan lack humanitarian help, she said. Many people freeze to death because the temperatures reach below zero, and they do not have blankets. Zulfacar said the most damaging thing is the disruption of education. Teachers are being killed, schools are being bombed and the children are terrified.

The Social Sciences Club is hosting Tuesday night's screening. It is free, but they are collecting donations to help pay for the editing. Zulfacar will be available after for discussion.

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The building security was not informed about the delivery and refused to let them in the building. "Several trustees had to welcome the members in who had the bundles decrease even more.

The CFA was allowed to speak before the board for half an hour. Speakers included CFA President Susan Menard, State Sen. Gloria Romero, tenured faculty, lecturers and students. When the half hour ended, members of the outdoor rally delivered more than 20,000 signatures on a petition and postcards to the trustees in support of the CFA and CSEA, Rubba said.

A minor incident occurred when union members attempted to enter the building to deliver the signatures, Rubba said. Apparently

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through a drive-thru.

Besides causing less pollution, drive-thrus provide convenience for those who can't easily get in and out of their cars. Charles said.

Moms with babies, the disabled and elderly all have a more difficult time ordering without the ease of a drive-thru. Just imagine how much easier it would be to go through a drive-thru if you were in a wheelchair, Charles said.

Charles remembers one regular customer who had to use a wheelchair chair. Charles hadn't seen him for about a week. Finally, when the customer did return, Charles asked him where he had been. The customer had gotten so sick he only had the strength to get from his house to the car, so he had to drive 15 minutes to get out of town to go to a drive-thru where he could feed himself, Charles said.

"The decision to not have drive-thrus affects good people," Charles said.

If drive-thrus don't cause pollution and make it easier for customers to get their food, Charles said there is no legitimate reason to keep drive-thrus out of San Luis Obispo. In fact, drive-thrus are allowed in the rest of San Luis Obispo County.

But some managers of fast food restaurants said customers have become accustomed to walking in rather than driving up.

Tyler Bowie, a Carl's Jr. manager, said people who eat in his restaurant have been in San Luis Obispo long enough to get used to fast food restaurants being drive-thru free.

"You know, it's like growing up without a tooth—you get used to it," Bowie said.

Of course, not having drive-thrus does affect business. Bowie said a drive-thru restaurant can make as much as $5,000 to $6,000 a day more than a restaurant without a drive-thru.

Although Charles said the more convenient business, there are the more service they'll provide. He also said having drive-thrus is about the needs of the people. The city is choosing for the people. If there was pressure from the community, the city would have to review the decision, according to Charles.

Some students say it's worth the City Council's time to reconsider the ordinance.

"I feel drive-thrus would help many people, whether it's a student on a study break or a tourist passing through town," said industrial engineering junior Stacy Avery. "Drive-thrus are a convenience San Luis Obispo should re-think."

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**Reed tells CSUs to cut budgets**

California State University Chancellor Charles Reed recently asked CSU presidents to cut their university's budget by 1 percent.

"The cut would be a one-time reduction in their total current year general fund budgets, according to the CSU Web site. The 1 percent comes to about $25 million, according to the Web site. Reed's request should be accomplished by the end of fiscal year 2001-02.

"In developing your plans for next year, you should consider how you could meet cuts of 5 percent or more while still maintaining our commitment to essential projects," Reed said.

The budget-saving measures are in response to an executive order by Gov. Gray Davis that requires "state agencies to freeze hiring and to reduce current and general fund spending by at least $150 million," according to the Web site. The request came during the Nov. 13 and 14 Board of Trustees meeting.

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The ability to solicit donations is becoming more important, since the state of California has been cutting back on public university funding since the 1980s, Howard-Green said. "We increasingly have to look to sources other than the state tax revenues to provide students an education and one of those courses is donated funds," Howard-Green added.

Under state law, Cal Poly can receive gifts but is limited in how it can manage them — Foundation has more flexibility in investing those funds, Howard-Green said.

**Campus Dining**

Campus Dining is run as a service of Foundation and it retains exclusive rights to all the food services on campus. Universities handle their food services in a couple of different ways, Howard-Green said. One option is to contract the food service to an outside company and that private company would expect to have it's own monopoly over the campus. The university would receive a certain amount of money as part of the deal.

"With a private company handling the operation, there is not the same degree of control over the nature and quality of the service," Howard-Green said. "So over the years, Cal Poly has opted to have our own company, and give it the monopoly over food and beverage services."

With Foundation running Campus Dining, the university is better able to directly control the quality of service for students and faculty, Howard-Green said. Foundation-owned Campus Dining has also benefited the school with its ability to generate net revenues. Since Campus Dining is not for profit, any money earned beyond their costs go back to the university, Howard-Green said.

The money that is returned to the university is used for the building of future facilities or renovations of existing ones, Mumford said. The renovations of Julian's last summer and of the Lighthouse a few years ago were both financed by money from Campus Dining.

"The money has to come from somewhere and the state doesn't support anything we (Foundation) does," Mumford said.

The revenue that Campus Dining gives back to the university is more than $300,000 a year, Mumford said, and is Foundation's payment to ensure exclusive rights to food services on campus. He added that if someone else were to sell food on campus, it would severely limit the amount of money Foundation is able to give back to Cal Poly.

Space is another problem the university has that makes contracting with private companies difficult.

"We have approached Wendy's and different folks like that to try and come to campus, but they want a certain amount of square feet," Mumford said. "We just don't have that available."

However, Mumford said that with the addition of new dorms and those residents on the meal plan, Cal Poly will have to build another dining venue.

"Our current thinking is that we will have a multi-style food court and it will be called Crafts Jr. or that type of national chain to come in and be involved," Mumford said.

**El Corral Bookstore**

The on-campus bookstore is run in a Foundation service as well, for the same reasons that food service is run through Foundation.

"Again, we have the ability to follow the character of the service through the Foundation Board and the Bookstore Advisory Board," Howard-Green said. "If people have questions about the bookstore, they have different avenues of communicating that."

El Corral Bookstore retains exclusive rights to food services on the Cal Poly campus, but has found competition with Aida's University Book Exchange, a used bookstore off campus. The competitive Corral discounts hundreds of the top titles every year, Mumford said. He did add that El Corral sometimes has to have higher prices to cover its overhead costs.

"We (El Corral) take what it costs to get a book in here and add a percent that takes care of the overhead and the wages," Mumford said. He added that El Corral has a system for discounting books while he is unsure as to how Aida's price system works.

Something that adds to the cost of books is the fact that El Corral must have books for every class that is being offered that quarter even if the professor decides later not to require it, Mumford said. Aida's can pull books which he says to have in stock and that will affect their prices, he added.

The overall budget for Foundation is in a similar position Mumford said, since each operation oversees its own budget. Last year, El Corral operated a budget of around $11 million. Campus Dining's budget was roughly $11 million, sponsored programs' budget was also roughly $13 million and endowed gifts were around $60 million due to increased giving for the Centennial Campaign; in total, last year's operation was somewhere around $120 million, Mumford said. But he added that without the two programs or operations, the centennial the budget totals nearly $60 million.

"Although the Foundation is worth a lot of money, even the university manages a big chunk of the universities funds, it invests to retain its resources and there is not a big pool of money that it is somehow sitting around," Howard-Green said. "And with that, there is a kind of misimpression of the Foundation."

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World Trade Center). At the same time last year, New York had 613 murders.

Philadelphia had 227 murders as of last week, down slightly from the 229 recorded last year. Dallas had 197 murders, down from 220; and San Diego had 54 murders by the end of September, the same number as last year.

"There doesn't seem to be a clear national trend," said Alfred Blumstein, a criminologist at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. "Some cities are going up. Some are going down. And overall, it appears to be flat."

Alfred Blumstein criminologist at Carnegie Mellon University

in 1982. It hovered just below that level until the steep decline of the 1990s. Nonetheless, experts who track crime trends, like stock market watchers, were convinced that the good news would not continue forever. "Everyone has been wondering when it will end," said University of Chicago professor Franklin Zimring of the long decline in crime. "In urban American, the help-wanted economy of the late 1980s was an enormous factor. Anyone who could get an alarm clock and get up on time could find work. If you're working eight hours a day, you will have less need for money and less time for crime. But now that the economy has gone up, it is reasonable to expect something with that as well."

But Zimring and others stressed that trends in crime and the economy always reflect each other. In the late 1960s, for example, both the economy and the crime rate soared. This was attributed largely to demographics. Because murders and violent crimes are mainly committed by young men ages 14 to 25, an increase in the number of teenagers usually followed by a rise in the crime rate.**
Poly needs to be stung

Opinion

State's science students are failing

When it comes to science literacy, you might think that California, the wealthiest state in Nobel Prize winners and high-tech companies, is at the top of the trends. Well, not exactly. As Arne

Commentary

Roeb (the game show host whose body you love to hate) might say, California is indeed the "weakest link." According to a 40-state participation in a nationwide science exam, California's students finished last, according to a Nov. 21 article in the Times-Register. The exam, administered by the federal government's National Assessment of Educational Progress, tested students in the fourth, eighth, and twelfth grades every four years. While the scores of high school students dropped, fourth and eighth graders, however, improved the same as they had four years earlier.

Across the nation, barely half of high school seniors met the fundamental requirements in science literacy. Only 18 percent of high school seniors were considered to be proficient in indicating that they knew basic science facts and could relate them in new situations. Given that our future as a nation on developments made in high-tech industries, these test results aren't very comforting. A December report by the National

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That's why it is because the club teams have more drive and actually want to play instead of the varsity teams? Or is Cal Poly’s Athletic Director John McCarron not doing his job as well as he could be?

McCartcheon came to Cal Poly from Boston College in 1992 and so far, the team doesn’t seem to have made the greater decisions. Let’s hope a few of them, shall we? Cal Poly hires a head coach with a reputation as the head coach for a football team and it took him three losses before the administration decided he had the men’s basketball head coach in the middle of the season and then hired his assistant as the new head coach; he hasn’t had the support that a new coach after 22 years and only nine winning seasons; and if the rumors are true, he hired a former women’s basketball coach who hires to make the department even more diverse — most athletes are members of a minority group while the coaches are mostly white.

Granted, he’s beginning to improve upon a few situations, but he’s taken almost 10 years for him to realize he shouldn’t be playing the political game anymore and just focus on the athletics. Seriously though, it just seems that we have too much talent with many sports teams and not enough well-coached and well-organized teams that have been successful.

For instance, the women’s basketball game that past week, we saw up 16 points with only two minutes left and couldn’t find the way to lose the game 71-69. Or the football game against Weber State, we were up 17-3 at halftime and lost after four overtimes.

So what’s the point in talking about Cal Poly sports when we all know nothing’s going to change? Fine of all, a lot of our nation’s money goes into the athletic budget and most of that money goes to expensive sports teams that don’t seem to be able to get it right, while our club athletics are getting none of the support, coverage, or glory. So why not reinvest things a bit? I don’t know, make some shifts in committed, bring some winning teams into varsity status or get rid of the athletics department altogether.

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Editor,

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And if you think this shortcoming is just in California, you are wrong. There is a whole host of countries that do not even consider cycling a sport. It is about time that we make some changes. Cycling is the future of transportation, and it is important that we make the right changes now.

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Opinion

Monday, November 26, 2001

Letter to the editor

Speaker offered unhelpful, offensive information

Editor,

I had quite a different take on the recent visit by Mr. Ward Churchill. That I was incred­ibly disappointed by Mr. Churchill's appearance at Cal Poly. He seemed ill-informed, unhelpful and in poor, downright belligerent. What fol­lows is my response to Mr. Churchill and some of the statements he made.

First, I find it hard to agree with anything a man says when he advocates revolution and ter­rorism as a means to achieve one's goals. He claimed that Thomas Jefferson would agree at Cal Poly. He seemed ill-informed, unhelpful, Mr. Ward Churchill. Frankly, I was incredi­ble, he said, "Prudence, indeed, will dic­lows is my response to Mr. Churchill and some­

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I would like to see that it can be safely argued that since the beginning of human history people have formed governments, if for nothing more than the reasons of convenience, survival and protection. I am not sure that I would be comfortable arguing Mr. Churchill's position that human life could and has existed for all but the last 500 years without some form of gov­ernment. Mr. Churchill's remarks in this area were deplorably disappointing, and at best mis­informed.

My last remark is about how Mr. Churchill, himself a Cherokee man, kept talk­ing about how poor and disadvantaged the Native American population is. I wonder, how much does Mr. Churchill make as a professor, lecturer, and from the more than 20 books that he is written? From there I would ask, what spe­cial advantage did he have that has set him so apart from the rest of the Native American population? Was he just naturally so gifted? Surely, others have not. Should he make such a claim to back the tributes as a sort of encourage­ment instead of justifying continuing the cycle of Native American poverty.

In conclusion, I found that Mr. Churchill had many complaints. Many of those were seemingly unfounded, lacking factual basis. Of the ones that were valid, he offered no clear suggestions of what one could do to change things. Only that the audi­ence should take this new found awareness "home and mull it over." Making people aware of a situa­tion does little if you cannot also let them know how they can help to overcome the situation. The only suggestion he made other than personal reflection was mention of his lengthy FBI file. Is he suggesting that we all go and commit crimes and have ourselves thrown in prison? That is what most of us would do if you could convince Mr. Churchill that the only answer is more police officers. Mr. Churchill would probably not be here right now.

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Lead, victory slip away in last two minutes

By David Mintz
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As the ball moved away from the game, Cal Poly women’s basketball team looked up at the scoreboard in shock. Mustangs 69, Cal Bears 71. With 2:42 remaining in last Thursday night’s contest against Berkeley, the Mustangs led 69-53, a seemingly insurmountable cushion.

But the Bears hit four three-pointers and made a three-point play in less than two minutes, while the Mustangs missed three shots from the field and three from the line in the 18-2 run at the finish.

“The response to the game is shock,” Cal Poly head coach Faith Minnemah said. “Making free throws was critical. We didn’t run our offensive sets well enough. A couple things prevented us from winning.”

Sophomore forward Katie Paterson recorded a career-high 22 points on scores of nine shots from the field and eight of 10 from the line. Paterson added five rebounds, but also turned the ball over six times.

“I’m trying to look at (the loss) positively and I think none of the team will,” Paterson said. “We needed to be there the whole game, and not just 18 or 39 minutes.”

The Mustangs led 33-27 at halftime. They stretched the lead to 12, on a 15-9 run highlighted by a big block by freshmen guard Michelle Henke. Henke and junior guard Karin Dvorak also came through with three-pointers.

“I’ve had confidence in (Henke) since her freshman year,” Paterson said. “She’s one of three-pointers. Henke scored just three points, but pulled down five rebounds and has the big block in the three minutes she played.

“As a player, I’m interested,” Henke said. “I have to be ready to come in for 39 or 40 seconds or a minute.

Cal Poly responded with a 10-1 run that cut the lead to 49-46. Junior forward Heather Jorden also picked up her fourth foul during the run and later fouled out of the game. The Bears hit Cal Poly off 13 straight points to push their lead back up to 16, which the Mustangs kept until the Bears’ uncontrollable run.

“It’s not a situation that runs through your mind,” Henke said.

The Mustangs held the Bears to two three-pointers in the final 38 minutes of the game, but the Bears broke out for just in two just minutes. Kristin Iwanga gave the Bears a 70-69 lead on a three-point play with less than 20 seconds left in the game.

“She stepped up and made big shots and we made some negative plays and did some negative things,” Minnemah said. “Things just didn’t go our way. We needed to keep our energy up and keep up the intensity. We just let it slip at the end.”

Sophomore guard Odessa Jenkins scored 13 points and Duperron finished with 12 points, eight rebounds and seven assists and four steals.

Cal Poly lost to Northern Arizona 65-58 on Thursday in game one of the La Quinta Inn Classic. Duperron and Jenkins each scored 15 points and Henke scored eight for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs trailed the at 41-32, but outscored the Tomcats 13-33 in the second half. The Mustangs shot not 31 percent from the field.

In game two of the classic, Cal Poly (1-30) beat Jacksonville State 70-66 with a balanced attack.

Henke led the team with 11 points and Duperron had 10. Paterson and freshman forward Holly Richards each scored nine points and four rebounds. Paterson also dished with 12 of their own.

The tournament took place on the Northern Arizona University campus.

Junior Kari Duperron dribbles the ball upcourt for the Mustangs. Duperron had 12 points, eight rebounds, seven assists, and four steals on Monday night against Berkeley, but Cal Poly lost the game, 71-69.

Requirements make winning impossible for Army, Navy

For the first time since the college football season began in late August, Navy didn’t lose a Saturday contest this weekend.

In a season that has no grand illusions of the NFL, only Army and Navy are the only service academies that have not lost a Saturday contest this academic year. For some students, maybe it is, and this season, these two teams have been back at the hands of Georgia Tech, the worst loss in school history.

Success hasn’t come any easier for the teams.

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Army and Navy aren’t the only schools whose recruiting has suffered from strict entrance requirements. Notre Dame has tightened up its admissions standards for athletes in the past decade, and consequently the Fighting Irish have fallen from their perch as the most hallowed football program in the nation to a broken, badgered dynasty. A heart-wrenching last-second loss to Stanford on Saturday dropped the Irish to 4-6 and eliminated them from bowl contention.

But there’s something that separates Notre Dame and other big-time football universities from Army and Navy, and it isn’t just a multi-million dollar television deal or a decent quarterback. When Army or Navy fails to win, they fail to cover their bet, and their football programs have the money and personnel to cover whatever the hell they want to pay.

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