Trustees pass CSU fee increase

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By Amy Hessick
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SANTA MONICA — Passionate protest from students and faculty erupted after the California State University Board of Trustees voted to raise student fees 30 percent during their meeting Wednesday.

The 11-2 decision will increase student fees $474 for undergraduates and $522 for graduates and decrease enrollment growth from 7 to 5 percent for the 23 CSU campuses. One-third of the revenues from the fee increase will be set aside for student aid to help the most needy students pay the fee increase.

These increases are in addition to the 10 percent fee increase that took effect in January and the college-based academic fee-increase that Cal Poly students passed in May 2002. Because of California’s budget crisis and significant cuts to state funding of the CSUs, Gov. Gray Davis’ budget proposal a 25 percent hike on student fees to help offset the cuts, said the fee increase works out to be about $1.21 per day for undergraduates and $1.34 for graduates.

The presidents of the CSU campuses unanimously supported the fee increase, and asked the board to approve it. Ruben Arminana, president of Sonoma State University, said he is confident that the fee increase works out to be about $1.21 per day for undergraduates and $1.34 for graduates.

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Student Reaction

"I feel like the education is getting worse and I am paying for it." — Julia Concanan, business senior

"I expected it. It’s still lower than most other schools. I'm just disappointed because I expected to see more classes and I haven't." — Carl Nelson, liberal studies junior

"From my perspective, I do not see anything changing. Of all the fee increases that we have had, I have not seen the benefit. Basically, students are suffering for the incompetence of state officials." — Shana Pecar, graphic communications senior

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UPD faces shortages in patrolling officers

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Retirements and medical injuries mean the University Police Department will face shortages in patrolling officers on campus.

With a campus population of 22,000 students, faculty and staff there are one to three officers on patrol on a daily basis, UPD Sgt. Robert Eckrote said.

“We’re lucky if there are three, but a lot of the times we only have one,” he said. “Most of the time when we’re showing up to calls we’re by ourselves.”

Currently, UPD staff works on grants to get funds from state, federal or private industries to help employ more patrol officers, Eckrote said.

“We have seen the benefit of having full-time officers and now to have to put up that margin, it’s quite a strain on the officers,” he said.

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Budget cuts

Cuesta takes out loans to maintain payroll

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Delays in passing the 2003-04 California state budget have forced Cuesta College to take out a $6.5 million tax and revenue anticipation (TRANs) loan to maintain its payroll, said Gil Stork, Cuesta’s vice president of student services.

The loan will ensure that Cuesta can retain its entire staff through August.

While a stagnant state budget is not new, its impact on California’s community colleges is a California Supreme Court ruling passed in May. The decision prohibits State Controller Steve Westly from distributing funds to community colleges until the fiscal-year budget had been approved.

The court ruling has put 108 California community colleges in limbo as they wait to see if the budget will pass before the next $200 million allotment is due at the end of July.

Stork said it is too soon to tell what specific adjustments will be made at Cuesta if the budget has not passed by the fall semester.

“We’re more concerned about getting on with business. You can only play the scenario game so long,” he said.

He said he is confident that the budget will pass before classes begin.

Blaze threatens land near Bishop’s

By Hillary Schuler-Jones
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Nearly 100 firefighting personnel from San Luis Obispo, Cayucos and surrounding areas battled a 25-acre blaze in the hills northwest of Cal Poly Wednesday.

The fire was sparked just before 10 a.m. when a bird flew into a power line between Menini Ranch and Rancho Caballo off Highway 1, said Gil Pontillo, a spokesman for the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department.

The fire was fully contained by 1:30 p.m., but spot fires continued well into the afternoon. Although the wind kept the fire from threatening homes, the blaze did burn to the edge of the proposed Rancho Caballo development, which contains several home sites valued at nearly $1 million.

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for other humans, may be partly to blame for whom we date and marry. For years, scientists knew pheromones helped lower animals communicate about food, territory and sex. Animals like moths and ants have a specialized organ (the vomeronasal organ) that recognizes and releases pheromones. For example, two ants that rub antennae are exchanging pheromones to identify each other's species or colony identities, according to Science News Online.

It wasn't until 1971 that bio-psychologist Martha K. McC Clintock first suspected pheromones played a role in human communication. She discovered college dormitory roommates at the University of Chicago had synchronized menstrual cycles after living together for several months. In 1998, McC Clintock proved at least two human pheromones existed.

Over a decade, scientists looked for the same chemical-producing organ in humans that they found in animals. New studies show we may not need one specific organ to make pheromones, though. Instead, scientists like George Preti at the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia propose each human's body odor is unique, like a fingerprint or face, according to an article on CNN.com. The perfume industry is anxious to use the chemicals to give their products true sex appeal.

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Nearly 28 years after Hoffa’s disappearance, Michigan authorities dig for evidence
HAMPTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Nearly 28 years after ex-Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in the Detroit area, law enforcement officials dug into the ground Wednesday outside a house near 150 miles away, a prosecutor said.

Authorities from Oakland County obtained a search warrant Tuesday and were looking for evidence including a briefcase in Hampton Township, prosecutor David Gorcyca said. Authorities say a convicted murderer who helped police find the body of another long-vanished man earlier this year now claims Hoffa is buried in the yard.

The search warrant was executed Wednesday morning, but authorities ran into complications because of an above-ground pool over the dug site, Gorcyca said. They were still digging and shoring up the pool in the early afternoon.

“We’re skeptical, but feel we need to check it out,” Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard told the Detroit Free Press from the home’s backyard.

Gorcyca declined to describe what may be in the briefcase or how it may be connected to Hoffa’s disappearance, saying a judge signed an order suppressing information that when he approved the search warrant.

Hoffa, 62, vanished on the afternoon of July 30, 1975, from a parking lot in a Detroit suburb in Oakland County. Hampton Township is located a few miles northeast of Bay City, near Michigan’s Thumb.

Christian leaders urge civil protest around Alabama Commandments monument
WASHINGTON — Two clergy leaders want to rally hundreds of Christians to kneel around the Ten Commandments monument on display in a Montgomery, Ala., courthouse — an act of civil disobedience they’ve already tried outside abortion clinics.

Leaders of the National Clergy Council and Christian Defense Coalition unveiled the plans Wednesday at a news conference in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, where they point out there’s a mural of Moses delivering the Commandments.

Roy Moore, chief justice of Alabama’s Supreme Court, has steadfastly refused to remove the 5,300-pound monument from the Montgomery courthouse despite rulings ordering him to do so. Earlier this month, the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals denied Moore’s petition to keep the Commandments on display, and he is trying to convince the U.S. Supreme Court to take up the case.

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Promotion prices lure in big appetites

By Whitney Kellogg
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My fingers wade through a sea of brown, pink and green, a murky puddle I dip into again and again. My biggest challenge: Stopping the cascade of brown liquid that rolls down my arm.

No, it wasn't a biology experiment testing the water quality in San Luis Obispo, it was my most recent meal at Sakura Rikyu at 11560 Los Osos Valley Rd., a Japanese restaurant with traditional wood screens, exotic flowers and kimono-clad servers. I was trying to find the most graceful way to eat dinner without staining my shirt or embarrassing other customers sitting nearby.

I was there for the restaurant's $12.95 all-you-can-eat handroll special, which lasts until the end of the month. Handrolls are sheets of seaweed rolled into a cone and filled with rice, fish and other goodies. During sushi lovers dip the delicacies in a mixture of soy sauce, ginger and wasabi, a fiery green paste that, if eaten in mass, could make even the manliest man cry like a baby.

I was making a fool of myself, but I was not alone. My boyfriend and mom accompanied me, promising to try at least one extreme handroll each. The size of meat from nearby tables created a constant din, pierced by shouts of "Sake Bomb!" from rowdy customers.

Six other spenders sat at the bar where the sushi is made, trying to catch their own soy sauce drips and control their watering eyes. Like me, they were on a race to make the dinner a good deal.

Customers only have an hour to eat their fill of handrolls and can only order two at a time. They have to eat the entire roll before ordering other rolls and can't take any handrolls home. A full-size roll of sushi costs up to $20 at Sakura Rikyu, so paying almost half the price for an unlimited amount of food made dinner almost guilt-free.

At first, the restrictions seemed strict, but when the chef handed me my first order, a Rainbow Roll stuffed with crab, shrimp, cucumber, avocado, halibut, yellow tail, salmon and tuna, I knew I'd be topped off in about 15 minutes. "I feel like I'm competing in a pie eating contest," my boyfriend said halfway through his Bonzai Roll, a mass of deep fried crab, cucumbers, avocado, crab and salmon eggs. "I want to just go for it."

I figured that permission to also make him try the Santa Maria roll before we left. I winced as he took a bite of seaweed-wrapped barbecue chicken, broccoli, strawberry cream cheese and special sauce. Some foods were not meant to be combined.

After an hour of sea life and wasabi, we paid the bill and walked a little slower going out than we did coming in. I didn't reach the promotion's record of 21 handrolls, but I had my fill of sushi for the night. I thought I was over my raw fish craving for a while, but I was later tempted to bring my stomach and my credit card back again. I might even drag some friends in with me next week.
**By Genevieve Fussell**

**GRAND RAPIDS NEWS SERVICES**

Violins, cellos and classical guitar don't exactly conjure memories of Ammie rock gods AC/DC, nor do they remind me of the funky California phenomenon No Doubt. After listening to the latest in string tribute albums, paying homage to the musicians, the combination seems nothing short of genius.

New compilations released by Vitamin Records are paying tribute to AC/DC and No Doubt, string style. Songs like "Back in Black" and "Hells Bell" transform into graceful obscure tastes such as dirt and sardines. The talent of a handful of musicians, arranged and produced by Todd Mark Rubenstein ultimately created a unique variety of the bands' hits to be one of the most influential rock bands. While AC/DC's monumental success is unavoidable, No Doubt's infectious music is only beginning to garner serious attention in comparison. No Doubt's four albums have sold more than 13 million copies and continue to attract a loyal fan base, that are sure to enjoy the tribute.

**Summer Mustang Staff Writer**

Billy Bott's Every Flavor Beans, introduced in the "Harry Potter" book series are now available to the public for approximately $3 a box. Currently, each box contains 38 different flavors that range from pleasant flavors like toasted marshmallow and lemon drop, to more obscure tastes such as dirt and sardines. The back of the box depicts the colors of all the jelly beans, also listing their assigned flavors.

Jelly Belly, a company already notorious for jelly beans that actually taste like their designated flavors, also manufactures Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans. In preparation for the test I armed myself with some lemonade as a chaser and began sampling.

I started out with the flavors that I considered safe, lemon drop, cinnamon, toasted marshmallow and grape jelly. I gradually worked my way up to the more disturbing flavors. For those, I began with spinach and grass, figuring that they couldn't be that bad. Although baring a freakish resemblance in taste to both of these flavors (not that I eat grass on a regular basis), they were both bearable. Next I sampled the black pepper which provoked an eye-watering reaction as it burned my way down my throat. I chased it with some lemonade and took a brief intermission.

Five flavors remained: vomit, sardine, booger, earwax and dirt. As I tasted them one by one, not surprisingly, they all tasted like the flavors on the label. The vomit and booger flavored jelly beans were not even suitable for swallowing.

Harry Potter's magic touch has moved to merchandise. Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans, first introduced in the book series, are now available to "muggles" for purchase. Four-year-old Tony Longarini does a taste test in which some of the flavors include vomit and earwax. Harry Potter's Touch Magic cast a spell on the newest character in the Harry Potter folklore. Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans have taken shape as jelly bean flavors. When baring a freakish resemblance to the flavors on the label, the bean collectors are sure to enjoy the tribute. The tunes of bands AC/DC and No Doubt have been compiled into string tributes. The tracks were arranged and produced by Todd Mark Rubenstein of Vitamin Records.
Sexually violent predator not in my neighborhood

Affirmative action creates diversity through discrimination

Weighing the pros, cons of animal testing

Letter to the editor

Letter policy
Sgt. Robert Eckrote  
University Police Department

With new on-campus housing and a higher student enrollment, more patrolling officers are anticipated. Currently, UPD is trying to fill sergeant and officer positions. Although Cal Poly is generally a safe campus, students and faculty should be alert of their surroundings, Eckrote said.

"With a small police department and ignoring the students, Paredes called for students and faculty to strike as their only available recourse. "I want you to think of us as your ally, not as a pest," Camarena-Arredondo said. "We need to work together to find a solution that can work for everyone." After a meeting, CSU Northridge student Miguel Paredes, said it was inevitable that the board would pass the fee increase, but in doing so they were betraying their purpose and ignoring the students. Paredes called for students and faculty to strike as their only available recourse.

"I'd like to thank the board for fueling our fire by passing this increase, and now I encourage students to strike in order to make the board realize the severity of the situation," Paredes said.

After the meeting, Paredes said he was serious about the strike, and he welcomed supporters. "We need to work together to find a solution that can work for everyone," Camarena-Arredondo said. "We need to work together to find a solution that can work for everyone."
Students of all abilities find fun in frisbee sports

Ultimate frisbee, disc golf rapidly growing in popularity

By Genevieve Fussell
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

It all began with the resourceful use of a pie dish and has since morphed into a near phenomenon, commonly known to most as Frisbee.

Although now a registered trademark of Mattel, Frisbee originated when William Russell Frisbie opened a Connecticut pie company in the wake of the Civil War. Little did he know that, with a toss of a pie dish, an infectious game would come to be. From Ultimate Frisbee to disc golf, the Frisbee is soaring to new heights.

Roughly 100,000 people play Ultimate Frisbee in more than 50 countries worldwide. In fact, Ultimate programs in Sweden, Norway, and Japan are recognized

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and even funded by the government, according to What's Ultimate.

It is said Ultimate originated on college campuses in America, with particular credit given to students at Yale University during the 1960s. Although it has since increased in popularity, mainstream acceptance of the game wasn't apparent until Ultimate was deemed a medal sport in the 2001 World Games in Japan, according to What's Ultimate.com.

Ultimate is alive and well at Cal Poly, where members of SLO CORE, the university's Ultimate Frisbee Club, are schooled in the ways of back-hands and overhead-arthritic flips, two common maneuvers in the game.

Ultimate players compete in seven, with the objective of tossing the disc down the field until it's caught in the opponent's endzone.

"It's a great sport that anyone can get out and play," said Jason White, UC San Diego student and SLO CORE member. "It's really a game for everybody."

When kinesthetics senior and SLO CORE member Jason White first started at Cal Poly, his aims were set on competing in track field. However, the cut-throat competition among hopeful athletes proved too intense and White turned to Ultimate Frisbee, which didn't require tryouts or even prior experience.

For White, the beauty of the sport is in its flexibility. Anyone can play Ultimate Frisbee at any time in any location, whether at Santa Rosa Park, Pismo Beach or an open field, he said.

As for skill level, White maintains that players with varying levels of athletic ability succeed in the game. He notes that as the season progresses, players inevitably improve and can become more adept Frisbee handlers.

"We've had a lot of people come out without a lack of athletic ability," White said. "If you have good hand-eye coordination and you can run and catch, you can be a solid player."

Disc golf is yet another craze that arose out of the Frisbee phenomenon. From Africa to Peru, people have embraced disc golf as a viable game and hobby. The idea mimics traditional golf, as players attempt to traverse a course from beginning to end with the fewest number of throws.

For 23-year-old Cuesta student Derek Woods of Woodacre, Calif., disc golf is a relaxing as well as challenging activity. Woods and his friends often play at the 18-hole course at Atascadero at Heilman Regional Park.

"I enjoy being outdoors and walking around," Woods said. "It's a low activity level but it doesn't feel as lazy as just watching television."

While Woods plays "just for the fun of it," an increasing number of people organize tournaments, which generally last two to five days.

The World Flying Disc Federation maps out the rules of the game, which address everything from player conduct to what should be done in the case of a lost disc or hazardous conditions.

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Why win a championship when you can buy one?

H ow many all-star players can you have on one team?

The Los Angeles Lakers have improved their depth and have instilled fear in the rest of the Western Conference by attracting all-stars Gary Payton and Karl Malone.

Payton is a 13-year veteran, who has been on the All-NBA Defensive Team nine times. The only other player to accomplish that feat is Michael Jordan. Payton is a defensive-minded leader, who gives the Lakers an opportunity to fine-tune their starting five and make another run at a championship.

Malone is a legend, like him or not. He is second on the all-time scoring list and is threatening to pass Michael Jordan on that list. Payton and Malone (along with Shaq and Kobe) are the closest thing to a dream team in the league.

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Gary Payton Lakers' guard

mouth will not help the situation. Payton was once considered the biggest trash-talker in the league.

"Maybe a championship run will shut him up.

Payton is a great player and so is Malone. However, neither of these men have had the privilege of hoisting the gold trophy in June. The Lakers can offer them at least a second-round appearance, something that the Bucks, Sonics, and lateley the Jazz could not promise.

It is not about money anymore. "Both me and Karl (Malone) have been in this league way too long. We can sacrifice," Payton told the Associated Press.

Yes, Gary, you can sacrifice the money. We all know that. It will be interesting to see if he can sacrifice the touches and attitude as well.

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Mustang Stadium to get pricy facelift

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More than $3 million dollars will be spent on the first segment of renovation for the Mustang Stadium, home of Cal Poly football and soccer.

The stadium should be completed in full of 2005.

According to GoPoly.com the money will be spent renovating the California Boulevard-side stands, widen the playing surface, press box expansion. Proposed seating will increase to 3,200.

The money is coming from several outside sources said athletics director John McCutchon.

"(The stadium) definitely needs to be upgraded all the way down to the soil."

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"We can play against more competitive teams as well as draw a fan base for Ultimate Frisbee, which will overall enhance our program. It will also give us premier soccer facilities."

The soccer and football coaches both agree that this will help recruitment as well.

"It gives us a greater edge to compete with other schools for the best athletes," Crozier said.

Football coach Rich Ellerson said the renovation signifies the direction the program is heading.

"Any time there is a physical upgrade it demonstrates the progress forward in which we are moving and it will help the existing team strive for more." Ellerson said.

The athletes are not the only ones who will benefit. Fans, the community and even graduation will be reap the benefits after 2005, Ellerson said.

The football players and others around the 1960 flight that crashed while returning from playing Bowling Green State will be honored when the new facility opens. It will be not only a memorial for those that have died, but also to their families and to a part of Cal Poly history and legend.

"The families of those who were involved in the plane crash are a huge part of our history and legacy and I think it is great that we are honoring them," Ellerson said.