Trustees pass CSU fee increase

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Decision to raise student fees 30 percent causes protests at board meeting

By Amy Hessick
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

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 undergraduate students and $532 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 financial 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, but the Board of Trustees decided to raise this to 30 percent.

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

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Patrolling officers on campus. Currently, UPD staff works on one chief. The department is now facing shortages in service coordinator.

According to the Bureau of Criminal Statistics, Cal Poly theft crimes increased by almost 25 percent between January 2001 and 2002. Being short of staff makes officers not as visible on campus and students need to use more common sense in assisting in crime prevention as well, said Fred Mills, UPD communications and records coordinator.

By Hillary Schuler-Jones
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Blaze threatens land near Bishop’s

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 Portillo, 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 homes valued at nearly $1 million.
The inside scoop on health happenings at Polyclinic

Pretti finds most of the evidence for the Odor Print theory in a quite unsexy place: the underarm. "It should be everywhere on the body," he said in a recent Discover Magazine article, "but of course my favorite area is the armpit.

Humans usually smell best to people with an immune system different than their own. Choosing a mate with a different immunity could make a couple's children healthier and stronger, according to an article on CNN.com. The perfume industry is anxious to use the chemicals to give their products true sex appeal and Web surfers can already buy products like Attraction Pack for Women or Scent of Eros for less under $50 online.

Psychology professor Laura Freberg said the desire to produce genetically favorable kids and to be alluring is understandable, but, since the body naturally uses the pheromones to promote favorable mating, overriding the body's system could be mildly dangerous.

Plus, relying solely on chemical signals to choose our mates ignores the ability to reason and make decisions.

"As 2003 people, we think we're so smart," she said, "but when we try to mess with mom nature, we tend to run into problems."

Some students said quality characteristics are important once a relationship is established, but physical attraction is most important at the beginning. Others, though, said using pheromones to get a date is absurd. Physical attraction doesn't guarantee a happily ever after relationship.

"Even if you have a cute guy, he's not cute if he's not nice," nutrition senior Judy Yang said.

ieing a vial of pheromones may seem like a quick fix to dating woes, but think twice before downsing that bottle of Love Potion No. 9. You never know who your immune system will bring running.

Whitney Kellogg is a journalism senior and Summer Mustang staff writer.
Nearly 28 years after Hoffa's disappearance, Michigan authorities dig for evidence

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Nearly 28 years after ex-Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in the Detroit area, law enforcement officials dug into the ground Wednesday outside a home near 150 miles away, a prosecutor said.

Authorities from Oakland County obtained a search warrant Tuesday and were looking for evidence including a bribe note in Hamilton Township, prosecuter 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 dig site," Gorcyca said. They were still digging and shoveling 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 bribe note or how it may be connected to Hoffa's disappearance, saying a judge signed an order suppressing that information 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.

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Rastafarians clamor for love, not war, at start of international conference in Jamaica

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Rastas from the Caribbean, the United States, Europe and Africa gathered for the weeklong meeting in Kingston, where reggae artists like Bob Marley and Peter Tosh gave the religion a world stage in the 1970s through songs promoting peace, nonviolence, legal marijuana and "one love."

Trevor Stuart, a leader of the Bobo Ashanti sect, said the conference will discuss the Rastafarian faith and trying to end global conflict.

"You can't rule the world with vitamin and guns and bullets. It's love that rules the world," Stuart said.

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Promotion prices lure in big appetites

By Whitney Kellogg

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 wise 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 was 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.
Arts and Entertainment

By Genevieve Fussell
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Violins, cellos and classical guitars don't exactly conjure memories of Annie rock stars AC/DC, nor do they remind me of the funky Californian phenomenon No Doubt. After listening to the latest in string tributes 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 "Hella Good" transform into graceful obscurities such as dirt and sarcasm, currently, each box contains 38 sensors musical talent, Todd Mark Rubenstein of Vitamin Records arranged and produced the tracks, enlisting the talent of a handful of musicians. While some songs work better than others, both tributes succeeded at capturing the unique feel of each band.

Even before pressing play, I was impressed at the magnitude of such an undertaking, especially considering the near cult-like status of AC/DC. Initially, I thought a string tribute seemed to contradict the hard hitting riff driven anthems the band is so famously known for. However, the ingenuity with which the music is translated from one genre to another, is noteworthy.

"Back in Baroque: The String Tribute to AC/DC" is what Rubenstein ultimately created to honor the rock legends. The album features the entire original "Back in Black" album in classics like "Shoot to Thrill" highlighting its plus list. Among the most impressive renditions are "Hells Bells," the opening of which manages to maintain the ominous power of the original, an impressive achievement without the electric guitar.

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WHAT DO BANANAS, CHERRIES, VOMIT AND BOOGER FLAVORED JELLY BEANS TASTE LIKE?

By Cathy Ayers
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What do bananas, cherries, vomit and boogers all have in common? Well, depending on the brand purchased, they currently have taken shape as jelly bean flavors. Bertie 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 snot.

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. According to the Jelly Belly Web site, a bag may be purchased for $3,000, while an autographed copy of the book is available with a starting bidding price of $3,000, while an autographed copy of the most recent novel now has a bid of $2,800.

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. Rubenstein arranged the eclectic sounds of No Doubt with creative us of the bands' ska-reggae style perfectly.

The simple fact that these tributes were made attests to the enduring popularity of both bands. Having recently been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, AC/DC has proven 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 time to attract a loyal fan base, that are sure to enjoy the tribute.

Magical beans leave little to the imagination

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Sexually violent predator not in my neighborhood

Now that the first person has completed California’s sex offenders program, I could be the new neighbor of a former "sexually violent predator." Brian DeVries, a convicted sex offender, is the first person to complete the extensive program at Atascadero State Hospital, a state that is now struggling to find him housing and I’m not surprised. When it comes to releasing inmates who have been incarcerated for serious crimes it seems that people continue to have the same reaction as I have for years, as long as it’s not in my neighborhood.”

After DeVries’ release, authorities will closely monitor all his movements with a global positioning device and the community will be notified of any new neighborhood. But even with police observation and community awareness I still wouldn’t feel safe nor would I be the first person to take my new neighbor a bunch of cookies welcoming him to the neighborhood.

According to a memorandum from the San Jose City Council opposing DeVries’ release, DeVries has repeatedly lived in San Jose, which was declared to be inappropriate and unsafe to reside in the community.

The community that receives a resident will bear the burden of his residence in more ways than one. According to the council’s memo, it will cost about $1 million in taxpayer money to house, clothe, feed and monitor DeVries upon his release. In the case of DeVries, I would not want him as my new neighbor and I don’t understand why he is being released in the first place.

According to the City Council of San Jose, he is a sexual sex offender. He has admitted to molesting 50 boys across the nation and has consistently insisted on molesting nine boys. With so many offenses I don’t trust that California’s sex offender program alleviated him of his actions. I’m not alone in my conviction.

The State Department of Mental Health, which oversees DeVries’ treatment and incarceration, opposed Superior Court Judge Robert Barnes’ decision to release him. According to the City Council of San Jose, the DMH expressed its “grave concerns regarding the ability to adequately guarantee the public’s safety regardless of the imposition of stringent terms and conditions on (his) outpatient treatment.”

The fact that the people who treat and rehabilitate DeVries have concluded his release is enough reason for me not to want him in my town. Just because an incomplete course in a program doesn’t necessarily mean that he is ready to re-enter society and abide by its rules. Even though there is a high risk of another offense, DeVries’ release and reintegration into a community could be successful. His re-entry into society is the only way his rehabilitation can be truly evaluated and improved. With this second chance it is the state’s job to make sure that he doesn’t go to waste.

I don’t think his release from a state hospital should be considered unless the city’s mental health system, the Mental Health Administration, and the Department of Mental Health can instill greater confidence in the community and reassure us that the state is taking the proper steps in helping a "soming" sexually violent predator.

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Opinion

Affirmative action creates diversity through discrimination

With the United States Supreme Court’s decision allowing universities to consider race in admissions, many college students and faculty across the country tend to be minorities. Weighing the pros, cons of affirmative action is to provide diversity within universities to continue to provide opportunities among all races.

As a Mexican-American, I don’t want my heritage and ethnic background to be the reason for the increase in diversity into any university or job. I see affirmative action policies and policies regarding my ability to succeed. The membership to a group should not be the underlying factor in choosing between a white or minority applicant in admittance to a university or a job. Colleges and universities can continue to provide diversity within their institutions by examining economic status as a form of oppression instead of race.

Many low-income students in this country tend to be minorities. Universities can integrate diversity into recruitment strategies by helping those students who don’t have the economic ability to attend a university without financial aid.

With the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, California universities need to improve their efforts in providing economic diversity for students without re-examining Proposition 209. Diversity within a university is essential to provide students for the diverse society they are about to enter, but providing this environment through preferential treatment is not one of fairness to which members of society strive for. Affirmative action policies build an unstable and false sense of equal opportunities among all races.

Walking through a university of extreme competition, I am proud to say that my academic achievements are what get me here in the first place. I made the grade and I have confidence knowing that I worked hard but I still don’t need a policy to help me achieve.

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Weighing the pros, cons of animal testing

I t is the search for a vaccine against AIDS. Scientists have begun injecting animals with human-like DNA to react in the same manner as human cells. While injecting animals with DNA and exposed to the virus will react in the same manner as human cells, which are not a diverse form of society, community argue that they are one step closer to helping mankind and the epi­ demic, animal right advocates argue that is cruel.

On Thursday I was fortunate to have argued that animal testing in any shape, form, or cause was cruel and unnecces­ ary. I recently heard a comment about a carnivore after having been a vegetarian for over three years. However, I believe that there are some circumstances under which animal tests are necessary.

Many would argue that drug testing on animals is ineffective because they have different effects in humans and animals. However, prior to the administration of drugs to animals, they must pass extensive screening tests in the laboratory that is both humane and cost effective.

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Animal cruelty to animals. This leads one to the conclusion that the particular cells that are used in cosmetic testing have already been developed. The effects of photo­ toxicity and skin corrosion can be measured on human skin.

Several tests, such as eye irritation and acute respiratory effects, are used to evaluate alternatives to animal testing. While it may be necessary to test for these side effects on animals now, the cosmetic industry should be held responsible for developing alternative methods, a process that is estimated to take five years.

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She begins by stating a California Law, and I paraphrase, “if someone with HIV has sex with someone else with the intent of infecting the other person with HIV, it is a felony.” I say, “Thats it, a felony for a felony, but how can Nadea Minna calls it ridiculous. If I am playing a water tag game with someone but instead of a water gun I’m packing a revolver that is partially loaded with bullets and I’m not going to use them. Don’t tell the other player I’ve got a real gun, there is a problem. Furthermore, if I pull the trigger with the .22 caliber bullet a bullet into the body of the other individual, then we usually call that murder. Likewise, if someone (1) knows he/she is infected; (2) has not disclosed his/her positive status; and (3) acts with the intent to infect the other person with HIV, you have attempted murder. If the unknowing partner gets infected then you have committed murder (1st degree in my opinion). The only difference is, with HIV you’ve given them a long, drawn out, expensive, torturous death.”

I do not believe Nadea Minna ever get called for jury duty.

Tony Moreno is an electrical engineering senior.
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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 in general is a safe campus, the meeting was dominated by people concerned about their safety.

“With a small police department students need to take more responsibility for their own safety,” he said.

Other people in San Luis Obispo were alerted to the fire as thick gray smoke and chunks of white ash spread over the town throughout the morning.

Traffic slowed for a short time as people lined the highway south of the Men’s Colony to watch firefighters and helicopters douse the flames in water.

In August and added that administrators have scheduled full classes in accordance with Cuesta’s expected

2 percent to 3 percent growth rate.

But other officials said that community colleges face financial difficulties regardless of the budget decision.

“If we will still be an impact no matter what is approved or if it is approved,” said Aiden Ely, coordinator of Student Services and Special Programs for the California Community Colleges system. “Everyone is being impacted by the amount of cuts they’ve already had.”

One of the most noticeable impacts will be an increase in tuition rates beginning fall semester. The more than 7,000 students who have already enrolled at Cuesta will have to pay $6 more per unit retroactively or face holds on their records and grades, Stork said.

But most students are willing to pay the extra as long as they still have access to the classes they need, Stork said.

Classes with multiple sections will be the first targeted if cuts are necessary, he said, adding that many students would not be able to find other sections to enroll in.

Unlike many colleges, Cuesta will not use its reserves to fund the shortfall, Stork said. “The reserve would barely be enough to fund one month of payroll,” Stork said. “It’s just not an acceptable pot to go after.”

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pledged with the board during the meeting to vote against the fee increases.

“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.”

Another speaker, CSU Northridge student Miguel Paredes, said it was inevitable that the board would pass the fee increases, 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.

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Sports

Mustang Stadium to get pricy facelift

By Nadea Mina
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

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

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The stadium is usable and still functional, he said. Athletics will be able to use the facilities during the reconstruction.

“(The stadium) is a bit tired and it needs refurbishing,” McCutcheon said. “It definitely needs to be upgraded all the way down to the soil.”

With the new upgrades both the women’s and men’s soccer teams can host NCAA tournament games, said women’s soccer coach Alex Crier.

The soccer teams have a hard time hosting now because NCAA regulations require at least a 70-yard width and the field at this time is only 68 yards, Crier said.

She also said the changes will enhance the program.

“We can play against more competitive teams as well as draw as a fan turned to 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,” McCutcheon 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 success,” Ellerson said.

The athletes are not the only ones who will benefit. Fans, the community and even graduation will be reaped 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 legacy.”

“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.

By Genevieve Fussell
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

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