Forum tackles sustainability
Cal Poly's 14th annual structural event to discuss current issues in the design profession

By Lacie Grimshaw
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Sustainability in design and engineering will be the focus of Cal Poly's 14th annual structural forum tomorrow. Open to the public, the free forum will feature three noted engineering professionals who will share their personal experiences with issues of sustainability and how it relates to engineering.

Not only will the event be beneficial for civil engineering students, it's also a great opportunity for professionals within the community to find out what's new and current within their professions, said Clayton Phanucchi, associate professor of architectural engineering and Structural Engineers Association of California adviser.

The forum is hosted by Cal Poly's architectural engineering department's student chapter of SEAC and Krista Kelly, architectural engineering senior and club member, heads the event.

"Although sustainability is a new area of design, it is quickly becoming a big issue all over campus," Kelly said. "That's why we chose this topic." The forum will open at 8:30 a.m. in building 3, room 213 and will run until 3:30 p.m. Presentations begin at 9:15 a.m. Guest lecturers include:

• David Mar, structural engineer and principal of Tapping Mar and Associates, a firm that concentrates on bringing sustainability to engineering. Mar will discuss sustainability issues in structural engineering.

• Dushyant Manmohan, the founder and principal of Applied Materials and Engineering, Inc. He will speak at 10:45 a.m.

"Sustainable High Volume Fly Ash Concrete" is a must for any student interested in the concrete field, said the. "I am a pan for "concrete," Manmohan said. "It is a material that is very versatile and has a lot of potential for sustainability." Manmohan said he will speak about HVFA concrete projects in the San Francisco area.

• Charles Kibert, professor at the University of Florida is also the director and founder of the Powell Center for Construction and Environment. His presentation, "The Future Color of Construction is Green," begins at 2 p.m.

More than 100 people are expected to come to the forum, Phanucchi said. "Sustainability hasn't been a big focus for the future, so the forum will expose students to a concept not yet offered in the curriculum," Kelly said.

Because not all the speakers are from California, students will receive a variety of perspectives on the topic, she said.

Students can make reservations to attend a career symposium and dinner scheduled for the end of the day. The symposium will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served.

"The forum will give students the chance to have one-on-one interaction with professionals who care about the importance of their profession," Kelly said.

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Savory: An interview with an exile

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Four men, recent Cal Poly graduates now engineers and solar energy businessmen, in slacks, shiny shoes, clean, crisp shirts and ties lean forward and listen eagerly. Two of them hold pens poised above legal pads. Their eyes are fixed.

They do not move.

Before them a small balding man in a tweed jacket, with a gold tooth glinting from the edge of his smile, slowly chews a red toothpick chip and eats a hamburger with cheese and a fork and knife. He tells the engineers not to interfere.

He spits water and then hot tea from a clear glass mug.

One of the engineers with a bushy beard and curly hair cautiously asks for the man's opinion of adopting a vegetarian diet.

"Let me see your teeth," he said.

The engineer pulled back his lips and barred his teeth.

"Yes, just as I suspected," he said. "You are an omnivore. If you were a herbivore, you would have completely flat teeth. Remember that the best systems mimic nature."

Allan Savory, founder of holistic resource management, a method of land management and decision-making, visited San Luis Obispo last month to meet with and consult various environmental/agricultural groups within the community and Cal Poly.

"From Savory I've learned the importance of taking into account the whole picture over time in regard to the decisions I make today in light of their impact on my grandchildren and future.

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and will take about two summers to build. One possibility in construc-
tion is to build one side of the bridge at a time, leaving the temporary
bridge up until one side is construct-
ed, then switching. The cost is esti-
mated at $27.2 million.

On Highway 1

Although a stoplight will not be a new addition to San Luis Obispo
streets, there are additional turning lanes on Highway 1.

There is now access to Steenker Creek Road from Highway 1 due to
the median divider Caltrans workers have been working on for months.
The divider was constructed after a high number of accidents occurred
on the highway, Rob Rutherford,
animal science professor said. Rutherford has been managing the
sheep unit for the past five or six
years and has observed the construc-
tion almost daily. He has also spo-
ek with highway patrol officers and
numerous landowners about the
highway additions.

In the process of creating the
median, a left turn lane was pro-
duced for those traveling south-
bound on Highway 1, allowing cars
to access to Steenker Creek Road.
In addition to making a left turn lane,
a lane off the right hand shoulder
has been created, so people traveling
northbound from San Luis Obispo
can safely turn onto the road, which
should reduce the number of acci-
dents with those slowing to turn	right.

This has both positive and nega-
tive effects on those accessing the
sheep unit and Cheda Ranch.

"It is an advantage, because now
we can turn onto Steenker Creek Road," Rutherford said. "Before we
had to turn on Highland Road and make a U-turn, which is difficult
when pulling a trailer."

Despite the advantage, those
leaving Cheda Ranch cannot turn
toward San Luis Obispo, but must
take a dirt road back to town, due
to the median between northbound
and southbound lanes.

"I can understand why they did it,
though, with people driving unsafe-
ly and too fast," Rutherford said.

"Rather than making them drive
safely, they put up a barrier."

Prior to the construction of the
median, signs were posted prohibit-
ing access to Steenker Creek Road
from southbound Highway 1. This
was due to a collision that ended in
a traffic funeral a few years ago involv-
ing a Cal Poly student turning
left onto the road.

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wrong, then when a problem arose
they could correct it without feel-
ing like a failure.

Rutherford teaches students not
to limit themselves or make
assumptions. Instead, he attempts
to teach them that they can do any-
thing, he said.

"I'll ask students what they want
to do when they grow up. They'll
tell me they want to be veterinari-
ans. I tell them, 'I didn't ask what
you wanted to be, I asked what you
wanted to do,'" he said.

Elow took Rutherford's class
after an adviser's recommendation.

"Taking the class was the best
decision I've ever made so far," Elow
said. "The class really opened my
eyes to a new way of thinking."

When something is managed
holistically, there needs to be an
understanding of what is being
managed, and what the values and
long-term goals are, Rutherford
said. Every decision should account
for each of these.

Rutherford teaches that when
people make decisions, they'll use
either a hard or soft systems
approach.

People typically use a hard sys-
tem approach when deciding things. They're easier to under-
stand, he said. Hard systems are
predictable, like a car or a watch. If
a part is removed from either of
these, the system stops. If the part is
replaced, it will resume.

Soft systems are more complex
and are not predictable, like human rela-
tionships or emotions, he said. Soft
systems continue to work when a part is
removed, but they work differently.

We make daily decisions follow-
ing a hard systems format. But the
world doesn't work that way. It runs
more like a soft system, he said. Some-
thing can't change one thing without affecting another. You have
to consider everything before
and during the decision-making
process.

"You can take this kind of
teaching and apply it to many areas, not just agriculture," Elow
said. Using the holistic approach
could be beneficial for any busi-
ness, she said.

At the start of class Rutherford
asks students to write a personal
holistic goal. It helps them recog-
nize the limits of their current way
of thinking and the possibilities
available if they look past what
they already know, he said.

Holistic management was a lot of
fun and really interactive, Elow
said. Rutherford likes to do a lot of
creative exercises. The class fulfills
the general education requirement
in area F technology.

The thought process taught in
holistic management can help
everyone learn and become better
people, Rutherford said.

"Holistic goals can never be
achieved, but they're something to
strive for," he said. "The only hope
for sustaining our current situation
is to start making decisions differ-
ently."

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for their children," Phyllis Davies said.

Davies, a Cal Poly honors alumni
and community member, hosted Savory's stay in San Luis Obispo.

"Figure out what it is that you
would do the best. It's the easiest thing that you believe in and base every decision
on this," Savory said, explaining
holistic resource management deci-
sion making. "Sometimes it takes
years to find."

Savory started the Allan Savory
Center for Holistic Management. The
center is currently involved with
many land management projects in
the United States and Zimbabwe, Savory's native country. Holistic
resource management, according to
the center's Web site, is a process
that develops a clear and focused vision and provides economically, socially,
and environmentally sound ways
to live that vision.

"Savory is someone outside the
environmental industry pushing
to improve the environment," said
Matthew Words, one of the four Cal
Poly graduates and the Renewable
Energy Concepts sales manager.

Savory, born in 1935 in Rhodesia
(now Zimbabwe) led revolts, special-
ized in guerrilla warfare, served in
Parliament and studied botany and
zoology in South Africa. Savory
crossed "the floor" of Parliament and
reformed the opposition to end
the Rhodesian War, to which he had
dedicated 20 years of his life.

Six months before the war ended,
Savory lived in exile. He moved first
to the Caribbean Cayman Islands and
then worked his way into the United
States. He was exiled not because
of the revolution or fighting but because of his beliefs.

Savory disproved the theory
of overgrazing. While South African
policies were destocking ranchers
to save the land, he was one step ahead
telling ranchers they could have two
times as many animals on their land.

"New knowledge conflicts with the
dogma of tradition," Savory said.
The government challenged Savory and his ideas in an event
that lasted eight years called the Charter
Treaty.

Savory won.

Then he was banned from universi-
ties.

Institutions of higher learning have
denounced Savory because his discover-
ies don't fit in the box, said science
professor Rob Rutherford.
deteriorated over the past two years, and has become what some members consider an e-mail discussion group. It was very active two years ago, less active last year, then even less active this year," Steven Marx, English professor and CSI member said. "It is a very loose affiliation of people interested in sustainability."

In the past, CSI has helped to sponsor and organize events like bringing renowned environmental and physicist Amory Lovins to Cal Poly for a presentation.

Today, members of CSI work on separate sustainability projects and connect through an e-mail list on current issues and upcoming events.

"The Housing North project was a central point for the whole sustainability movement," architectural engineering junior and CSI member Tyler Middletstadt said. "Now it's on the back burner due to budget cuts."

Not being a sanctioned committee limits the ability to promote awareness on campus and to create change. The group is comprised solely of passionate volunteers who care about sustainability issues. Without any funding it is difficult for them to organize events and publicize meetings. "It is difficult to accomplish our goals without the proper funding," Past President and Administrative Sciences graduate Andrew Paster said.

"We are already doing the best we can. I think they could do more if the university recognized them as a community," said Clayston Whitt, who is an environmental studies senior. "We want to contribute to CSI."

Aside from students and faculty, several Facilities Planning officials contribute to CSI.

Director of Facilities Planning Robert Kitamura and director of energy and utilities Edward Johnson, returned a joint statement regarding CSI.

"In response to the question of whether CSI's goals ever conflict with administration's policies, they said, ' CSI's purpose is not to act as a watchdog of the campus administration, but to promote sustainable awareness on campus. The campus master plan is an excellent document promoting sustainable practices and uses the Cal Poly Master plan as a reference for campus sustainability.'"

Middletstadt agrees with Kitamura and Johnson about Cal Poly's well-written master plan, but he said that he hasn't seen all the policies of the plan executed on campus. "In my opinion, the plan has not been implemented to its fullest potential, although it's well thought out," Middletstadt said.

Although the master plan is considered by CSI members to be efficient, there is always room for improvement in efforts toward sustainability, especially when considering new projects like Student Housing South. CSI does not hold regular meetings or events, but when a sustainability issue arises that interests members, they immediately set up a time to discuss it. Their next meeting will be held on Feb. 5 at 9 a.m. in building 10, room 109.

For now, members are continuing to educate themselves about sustainability issues and what they can do to help. "We are already doing the best we can," Middletstadt said.

"I think they could do more if the university recognized them as a community," Past President and Administrative Sciences graduate Andrew Paster said. Without Thunder Canyon, the land and any other students with the opportunity to do the right thing, he said. Thunder Canyon Inc. can meet its goal by May 1, some members have suggested turning the farmhouse into a bed and breakfast for guests who want to experience farm life or create a dairy museum. While students may not be able to afford a large donation, they can help in other ways. "We will need architecture majors to plan how to restore the house, forestry majors to help plan restoring the land and any other students with technical skills" he said. "This is a good chance to apply the skills you've learned and do so in a way that benefits the community."

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Super Bowl ads trashy, funny

Commentary

SLO needs sustainability

Super Bowl commercials this year were not only boring but also humdrum. Mostly inappropriate, yet still highly entertaining.

While this commercial may have gotten a few laughs, the raunchy humor it utilized was inappropriate. The Super Bowl is a family event, and it really does not seem necessary to have a farting horse advertising beer.

Julie Gay says, "Do you want your kids to watch this and copy people blowing their nose in the sunlight creeps behind the curtain and force you to pry open your crusty eyelids. Your lips are dry, coated in funk, and it tastes like a car dipped in a douse in your mouth. You reach for Boone. You look to your left and see a small roll of white hand nestled in the crumpled sheets of much like Janet Jackson's breast. Isn't it weird that it looks like it has never had its sheets changed?

The scene inside a bar infested by bar rats is nothing short of surreal. Groups of bar rats will gather in a circle, singing their "So's" songs into their Corona microphones as if Bon Jovi were there to offer the performance of a lifetime. Single women will use the stage and dance like lesbians in heat, grabbing the attention of everyone around. Back in the bar, low-level acquaintances are met with bear hugs and rounds of mystery shots. God help you if it's your birthday.

Afterward, all the bar rats will stumble into the street like animals released from the zoo. The scene outside the bar is as surreal as it is sinister. There will be brawls, hook-ups and trips to the post-party. Slowly and steadily, all the bar rats will climb into surfboard-carrying cars, the Safe Ride van and the cars of friends. They will be what has been described as an irresponsible society. Afterward, all the bar rats will stumble into the street like animals released from the zoo. The scene outside the bar is as surreal as it is sinister. There will be brawls, hook-ups and trips to the post-party. Slowly and steadily, all the bar rats will climb into surfboard-carrying cars, the Safe Ride van and the cars of friends. They will be what has been described as an irresponsible society.

The air is clean. Sometimes people walk into the store just to stand and breathe, and they look up and just look. On any afternoon, Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo community members can be seen in the open land living the lifestyle. There is no problem. Inside the green pasture, an ecosystem in existence. Few people realize the importance of our actions when making decisions that harm the environment. This is why it is so important to conserve and protect our natural resources. The management of the agriculture land, the college of Cal Poly, is our last connection to the land. If they take anything from it, we will lose what little remains of our connection to the earth.
Letters to the editor

Holabus uses formula for columns

Editor,

When I read John Holabus' column ("Fire-arm protection is a necessary right") Feb. 3, I discovered that his writing always follows the same tired formula of Republican rhetoric. After observing his patterns, I have devised a five-step plan for writing like a conservative.

First, poke fun at the fringe elements of the Democratic Party, such as Kucinich or Sharpton. It's too challenging to take a swipe at a front runner.

Second, misrepresent the arguments of the left. For instance, Holabus claims the left's main argument against the right to own a machine gun is that the right only applies to the federal government, not the people. This has never been a main liberal argument; actual liberal arguments cite reports, studies and empirical data that show how gun control saves lives. Another liberal argument is common sense. You don't need to fire 1,000 rounds a second to hunt deer or stop a home invader.

Third, make a ridiculous comparison to slavery or racism. Holabus draws an analogy between his violated right to own an M-16 and racial apartheid. Fourth, confuse words. Holabus says the National Guard is not a "state" militia. He should know that "state" is synonymous with "country" in such a context. To anyone who knows this, his argument has no legs.

And last, but most importantly, mock France. In Republican circles, a good laugh at the expense of the French is more appreciated — and more accessible — than sound logic.

Daniel Hunting is a computer science senior.

Veritas cartoon misrepresentative

Editor,

The cartoon mockery of the Veritas Forum on Feb. 2 expressed several misconceptions. The cartoon suggested that the Veritas Forum was somehow falsely advertised and hypocritical. This impression is unfortunately based on two false points: (1) That the Veritas Forum attempts to "convert" people and (2) That it creates "straw men" out of non-Christian philosophical positions.

Contrary to the first point, just because theistic ideas,philosophies and views were among the topics of discussion during Veritas, that doesn't mean it resembled anything like a church revival. At no point during Veritas did any person or speaker encourage any kind of conversion. Rather, the theistic and non-theistic speakers presented their views by giving arguments and reasons for their particular beliefs in question. Then, the lecture was opened up for questions in which further discussion was encouraged among the audience.

As for the second point, I encourage anyone who doubts the quality of present brought to Cal Poly last week (especially the atheist/agnostic philosophers Friday night) to simply ask any philosophy professor what he or she thinks. I am confident they will strongly affirm their academic, respectable and credibility. Therefore, there were no straw men. Furthermore, there is no doubt that the ideas and claims of Jesus Christ and them in general are among the most influential and important in the history of the world, whether or not they are actually true. So therefore, theistic claims, philosophies and views ought to be a serious topic of discussion among any educated and open-minded group of people.

Kevin Hughes is a philosophy senior.

Grocery store strike: Is that still going on?

As we settle into 2004, an issue that was crucial during the end of last year still looms in Southern California. Picketers, though spread thin, still roam the front lines of the local Vons and Albertsons, reminding people of the struggle at all hours and in all weather, despite how little the union can afford to pay them.

It seems like life just went on and forgot these people. No one cares anymore.

"We haven't heard anything at all. Talks haven't happened on either side," picketer Joe Chavez said. Chavez, 36, has been out in front of the Vons in the Mandal shopping center on Broad Street since the strike started. Some other supermarket owners in the area have helped out by hiring the strikers. However, the grocers are taking a pay cut in their new jobs and are not receiving benefits. Some have paid the union to keep them, but most have just given up on the benefits.

By not working at all, they are already taking a monumental pay cut. By not working at all, they are already taking a monumental pay cut. By not working at all, they are already taking a monumental pay cut.

Though no change has come in the supermarket strike, many people depend on it as a source of income. The initial lockout struck the job market in San Luis Obispo, creating jobs for students who were having a difficult time finding work in such a small town. Students who have taken "classless" courses from supermarkets, people need jobs to make commerce thrive. Unnecessary strikes like this put links in the fiscal chain.

Kendrick J. Carson is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Vouchers give Americans liberty

Editor,

Will Weatherford's letter ("Vouchers represent "double taxation") Feb. 2) shows a complete disregard for the founding principles of the United States.

School vouchers boil down to one word: liberty. Parents should have the liberty to decide which school their child attends. If parents choose to send their kids to private schools, then public schools, then public schools, then public schools, then public schools.

The money in question belongs to the parents. The money in question belongs to the parents. The money in question belongs to the parents. The money in question belongs to the parents. The money in question belongs to the parents. The money in question belongs to the parents. The money in question belongs to the parents. The money in question belongs to the parents. The money in question belongs to the parents. The money in question belongs to the parents.

Any society that "provides basic services to its members," by broaching individual rights (in this case, liberty and property) is destined toward totalitarianism.

Ray Cavalcante is a mathematics junior.

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But Alaska is running out of more conventional way to pay for its schools, police and roads.

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More than a hobby

Members of the Cal Poly Footbag Club see their sport as a cultural activity that doesn't deserve its negative association with the slacker generation.

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Community more important than competition for footbaggers

Phan said one of the best aspects of footbagging is the community because "everyone is so desperate to find someone new to play with." Phan said, "The elitism that exists in many other sports is mostly absent.

If you're a novice, players will welcome you into their circle and try to help get you going..."

Phan and other members said the notion of natural-born footbag skills is impractical, yet keeps people from playing and the sport from becoming popular.

"I don't think footbag will ever catch on as a major sport because it's not that easy," club president and mechanical engineering senior Paul Avanzino said. "People seem to like sports that they can easily pick up and does not frustrate them."

Avanzino recommended playing with other people when learning how to footbag. He said it is easy to become frustrated when playing alone, which causes many to lose their focus.

Lavering said it also takes a certain type of individual and minder to be successful at footbag.

"Footbag players look at someone doing a really hard trick and think, 'I could do that,' instead of, 'I could never do that.'" Lavering said. "Not everyone thinks that way."

Phan said the public needs to realize that "footbag is nothing like the Jack In The Box commercial," because it is physically and mentally demanding.

The two popular forms of footbag, freestyle and footbag net, require stamina, flexibility and balance.

Freestyle is the most common footbag sport and involves creating different combinations of tricks. Competitors are judged on choreography, difficulty, variety and execution.

The Cal Poly Footbag Club held a freestyle footbag competition at Cal Poly on Nov. 22 with about 25 par-

Cal Poly Footbag President Dat Phan is in charge of organizing events and encouraging more people to get involved in the footbag lifestyle.
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Play plans to organize a similar event next year if enough footbaggers are willing to come back.

Footbag net is similar to court games such as tennis or volleyball. Players use only their feet to kick the footbag over a five-foot-high net. Games can be played to 11 or 15 points.

In 1972, John Stubbeliger and Mike Mitchell invented footbag in Oregon, according to the International Footbag Player's Association. They called the game Hacky Sack and marketed the product and game to the general public. While marketing the Hacky Sack, they created the term "footbag" for the sport itself.

Since the game's invention, Stubbeliger formed the National Hacky Sack Association and sold the rights for the Hacky Sack footbag to Kraesco. The result is the mass-produced, crocheted beanbag sold in stores nationwide.

Paul said footbaggers do not use H Ady Sack. They prefer smaller, lighter beanbags made of a synthetic fabric known as teflon. These bags cost anywhere from $5 to $30 and are hard to find in stores. Members of the footbag community purchase footbags from each other and from online stores.

A footbag is the only required equipment for freeform, but most competitors wear mesh Red Lazer Adidas because they are lightweight and have flat, non-slippery surfaces. Paul said it is easier for people to cut holes in their shoes and to wear the same shoes for years because they become soft and broken.

Students wary of buying a new pair of shoes can still participate in the sport. Paul said it is easiest to play footbag with shoes that have flat, non-slippery surfaces.

Cal Poly Footbag Club members encourage all interested students to try the sport, even if they have no prior experience.

"Come out and play with us," Loyting said. "We're always willing to help anyone that wants to play. Have fun and learn a thing or two."

Students can e-mail Paul at dbjpa@calpoly.edu to be added to the club list. Students on Paul's e-mail list are contacted with times and dates of freestyle footbag practices.

By Kendra Hodges
MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

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California's ethnic diversity is reflected in The Park's menu, which Maegen likes to call "California-mexi-tic" with diverse plates such as an arugula and grilled pear appetizer to main course favorites like Tuscan style Tbone.

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Arts & Culture

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The family aspired to leave a good legacy behind.

"At one point, we will all have to operate environmentally sustainable," Caporael said. "Thinking about it now, we have an advantage and we can spread the word with other business so we won't be in (a dangerous situation) in the future."

Taking the extra mile to be sustainable, however, is not always more costly. It takes effort to make it work.

"Sustainability and cost-effectiveness can work together," Caporael said. "With the composting alone, we saved $400 a month on the garbage bill."

Through spreading the word to other community entities, the family's conscience living ethics brings hope to the future.

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Over the next two years, the insurer, American International Group, paid Kerry’s way on a trip to Vermont and donated at least $10,000 to a tax-exempt group Kerry used to set up his presidential campaign. Company executives say they don’t know if the donations were politically motivated.

The documents obtained by AP provide a window into Kerry’s involvement in a two-decade-old highway and tunnel construction project in his home state of Massachusetts. Known as the “Big Dig,” it had become infamous for its multi-billion dollar cost overruns.

Kerry’s office confirmed Wednesday that as member of the Senate Commerce Committee he persuaded committee chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., to drop a provision that would have stripped $150 million from the project and ended the insurance funding loophole.

“The Massachusetts Democrat actually was angered by the loophole but didn’t want money stripped from the project because it would hurt his constituents who needed the Boston project finished, spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter said.

When the AIG investment scheme came to light, John Kerry called for public hearings to investigate the parties involved and the legality of the investment practices. However, he firmly believed cutting funding for the Big Dig was not the answer,” Cutter said.

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You are not an action hero. Stop when it’s red.
Cal Poly athletic director leaves for Atlantic-10 conference school
By Dan Watson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The University of Massachusetts formally named Cal Poly athletic director John McCutcheon as the new athletic director of the Minutemen in a press conference Wednesday.

McCutcheon leaves Cal Poly after 12 years of work. His accolades include garnering Division II programs and pulling it into Division I in 1994, leading the majority of the Mustang sports into the Big West Conference and achieving upgraded facilities in numerous sports.

"He's done an extraordinary job in managing the program and understanding the importance of student-athlete academic success," said President Warren Baker Wednesday afternoon. "...We're looking to replace a lot of things that he has been able to bring to the job."

Now the national search for a replacement begins.

Asked when the process starts, Baker responded, "Very quickly." He said Cal Poly fans will do in the past recruiting John from Boston College ... "We'll use essentially the same process with a search committee that'll screen candidates and have a chair that will be appointed or elected." Baker also expressed the hope of having a new athletic director announced by the end of the academic year.

McCutchion interviewed last Thursday for the UMAs position, which opened in September when then athletic director Ian McCow accepted the athletic director position at Baylor University.

UMass interim athletic director Thor Bjorn said March 1 will be McCutcheon's first day in charge of the Minutemen program, one that has eliminated six sports since 2002 and continues to search for a football coach. Former UMass football coach Mark Whipple left the team to pursue the Pittsburgh Steelers' staff as a quarterbacks coach.

"I'll allow us to fix some things that are broken," Bjorn said. "He'll bring an outside opinion with great experience.

Local ties make the Pittsburgh native's hiring a homecoming. McCutcheon lived in Massachusetts for 15 years and was an associate athletic director at Boston College before hired at Cal Poly in 1992.

"We'll definitely miss him," said baseball coach Larry Lee.

One of McCutcheon's main legacies may be his part in the building process. McCutcheon was hired as Cal Poly's athletics director in 1984 and was the first athletic director of the Big West Conference.

"He's very down to earth, had a good understanding of the life of a coach," Lee said. "He's been around athletics a good many years and has a good sense about what a coach's life is about. He backed the baseball program 100 percent ... He's allowed us to be equal and compete in one of the best conferences in the country."

Baker also had nothing but nice things to say about McCutcheon.

"He's also very key, very analytical and is a very decisive, methodical person. A real asset to the university," he said.

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Idaho

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By the numbers...

13-3

Junior left fielder Kyle Bluementhal had three hits and drove in three runs to lead Cal Poly to a 13-3 victory over Westmont College in a non-conference base- ball game Tuesday night in Baggett Stadium. Third baseman Matt Guilliano, right fielder Chalon Tietje and center fielder Sam Herbert also had three hits apiece.

When was the last time Utah State was ranked in the top 25 before this year?

Need answers to sports@polypost.com

What round was Jake Delhomme drafted in?

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Congratulations to all

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Harassing the competition

This week, there will be peace between the Mustangs and Vandals.

As the men's basketball team travels to the frontiers of Idaho and Utah State, and the sullen dance team comes to wobble at my apartment (ladies, this week, we salute!), the small, stubby, archaic Mott Gym will be darkened wiley for two women's games, Halting the performance of raucous fans. It marks a huge shift from last weekend.

Though the Mustangs swerved a pair of bottom-dwelling teams, the Cal State Fullerton Titans on Thursday and the UC Riverside Highlanders on Saturday, Cal Poly fans raised the roof.

Commentary

Hell, we've got so bad Thursday night that Titan guard Anthony Bolton made an out of himself in front of the student section, cracking under a mountain of derision. Bolton of the Sixth Man, a group of students devoted to weakening havoc for men's basketball opponents, had hidden himself, comically, chanting "Bolton Sucks" when the Cal Poly players brainstormed.

"We got liquored up before it ... We got crazy," Pierce said. "We were lesse than all the Cal fans there. We called everybody hippies, and they didn't like it. Then our team won by a point, we nashed the court, we got ours.

"Sixth Man had almost5 arrested on the court, and Pierce said he was assaulted by a number of fans, including one who was beyond 70-years-old.

"I think I bumped his wife acciden
tally. Pierce said.

It's too bad no one's nashed the court at Mott this season, but Pierce said that will happen when the 7-9 Mustangs beat a big-time opponent or record a huge win, not just a pair of lopsided victories over lackluster Fullerton and Riverside.

Fans have also been criticizing Mott, which was obviously con
ducted during Biblical times and is certainly not equipped for the demand that fans has for entertainment. Head coach Kevin Bradley said there is room for luxury boxes to be put in the upper corners of Mott Gym. For now, however, maximum capacity is at 3,032.

"As far as getting in here, it's lame," Pierce said. "We sell out near-capacity every game with just over 3,000 people. It doesn't get loaded enough. Santa Barbara claims 'High school gym', and we can do anything about it because it's true. Even without peak conditions, however, Mott is renowned. Historic coach John Jones said the level of support in Mott rival UC Irvine, Santa Barbara and Utah. Cal Poly players said they feed off the Mott crowd.

Perhaps the biggest praise for the Sixth Man and the student section overall comes from Bradley.

"If I could go up and give each one of them a huge hug and high five I would," Bradley said. "Purely, I'm the first to get to sentiment, but I look forward to verbal fireworks from Cal Poly fans at future games."

If only Bolton wasn't graduating this year.

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