Cal Poly has $1B economic impact on SLO

Study finds that university contributes more than 11 percent to county's entire $9.4 billion GDP

Nicole Angeloni
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly has a $1.12 billion impact on San Luis Obispo County, according to the latest edition of the economic impact study done by the Ortáleza College of Business.

Last summer, professor and chair of finance for the OCCB Kenneth Reiner and business senior Robert Rendlö forensic the survey as part of Rendlö's senior project. This is the sixth edition of the study.

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The study examines the impact Cal Poly has on the local economy, such as the university payroll, university purchases, student spending, retired faculty and staff spending, visitor spending, local capital expenditures, the increased earning power of local Cal Poly graduates and other categories. Reiner and Rendlö also factored in the impact of the many visitors the university draws to the area.

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"It proves that this kind of computing can be competitive with computers that cost tens of millions of dollars," Witchel said.

The term "flashmob" comes from the spontaneous, Internet-organized gatherings that gained popularity last year. During the events, hundreds of people suddenly appear at a predetermined location, perform a wacky stunt — such as wearing purple hats or spinning in circles — then quickly disperse, leaving bystanders scratching their heads.

To create their supercomputer, Flashtook volunteers booted up Linux open-source software that connected their PCs to a high-speed network and formed a single computing system. The software, designed by USF researchers, runs on each computer's CD-ROM and doesn't touch in hard drive — so participants didn't need to worry about security or viruses, organizers said.

Saturday's event wasn't the first time critics have pooled their computing power. For example, the SETI (at home) project has created a virtual supercomputer, through Internet-connected PCs, to search for signs of extraterrestrial life.

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Nirvana's Kurt Cobain did more than entertain

"Music at that point was so pre-fabricated, so fake, so hirerapt that Nirvana was really a breath of fresh air," Cross says. "It was more organic than anything we'd seen in music in years."

As his fame soared, though, so did his heroin use, in part as a self-treatment for his chronic stomach pain. Encouraged by his wife, Courtney Love, who had her own drug problem, Cobain checked into detox several times over the next 2 1/2 years. But he always returned to heroin, even成 twig was born in the summer of 1992. Nevertheless, his songwriting remained impressive and became more polished with Love's collaboration, especially on "Heart-shaped Box" and other songs for Nirvana's third album, "In Utero."

In January 1994, as Cobain's dependency spiraled, he recorded his last great song, "You Know You're Right." It was not released until 2002, following a long legal battle between Love and the surviving Nirvana members, but the song's message scrawled in graffiti under the bridge.

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"Something Like Teen Spirit" remains a seminal expression of teen angst. Cobain brought the dark, drugged sound of grunge rock to the nation, helped save the world from hair metal, and with a single line "Here we are, nos cerebrum" captivated a generation that had grown bored and cynical about popular music. Cobain biographer Charles Cross says that when Nirvana went to Rome a month after Cobain's death, "a special bond was created between the band, known for big hair, open shirts and their "Cherry Pie" video.

Students who plan to take a GE Area C4 English course at another college CANNOT earn GWR credit at Cal Poly for that coursework.

Pay the $25 fee at the Cashier's Office by the WPE sign-up deadline: Thursday, April 8.
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The idea is provoking a renewed struggle between some California voters could be pulled into the fight this November. A p r i l 8

This reggae/punk-rock/ska band has opened for SSghOyStoopid. 8 p.m. in the Rec Center (doors at 7 p.m.)

Monday, April 5

Wednesday, April 7

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NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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UKIAH — A single-engine private plane was found near the Ukiah airport Sunday morning after it crashed near U.S. Highway 101. The PA-32R hit the shoulder of the freeway and caught fire shortly before 8:10 a.m. The pilot is believed to have died in the crash, said CHP Sgt. Wayne Zeve. Federal Aviation Administration officials have not determined whether the crash occurred during landing or after takeoff.

SAN FRANCISCO — Three bald eagle chicks have hatched from their DDT-contaminated eggs at the San Francisco Zoo and will be returned to the wild, a zoo spokeswoman said Sunday. The three chicks that hatched last week are from eggs that were retrieved from wild nests on Santa Catalina Island in January. Nancy Chan said. Dummy eggs are substituted for the real eggs and the eagles continue to incubate and rotate the eggs, she said.

Contamination by DDT, a pesticide banned in 1972, makes the eggs too thin to survive, so the eggs are incubated and monitored at the zoo's Avian Conservation Center until they hatch.

SACRAMENTO — Environmentalists who successfully tapped taxpayer money to buy thousands of acres of California coastline to stop development are now targeting the Pacific Ocean, with a plan to curb human activity by buying boats, fishing permits and possibly underwater land. The idea is provoking a renewed struggle between some of the world's wealthiest and most powerful environmental groups and California fishermen who fear they gradually will be booted off the ocean they prey for recreation and profits.

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Check out Tim Burton's latest film on the big screen before it's available for home rental. See all locations.

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World Briefs

NAJAF, Iraq — Supporters of an anti-American cleric rioted in four Iraqi cities Sunday, battling coalition troops in the worst unrest since the span of looting and arson immediately after the fall of Saddam Hussein. At least 22 Iraqis, eight U.S. troops and one Salvadoran soldier died.

Hundreds were wounded as fighting raged in Baghdad, Najaf, Nasiriyah and Amarah. Tanks rolled through the Iraqi capital and two Humvees burned in the streets of its eastern Sadr City neighborhood.

Protesters, some dressed all in black or waving green banners, raced toward the fighting in Najaf as heavy gun fire echoed through the city. One man stood on a bridge, a rocket-propelled grenade launcher at the ready. The riots were ignited by the arrest on Saturday of an aide to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said his pledge to the United States not to harn Yasser Arafat no longer holds, declaring that the Palestinian leader and the head of Lebanon's Hezbollah are potential targets for assassination.

In an interview set for broadcast Monday by Israeli Army Radio, Sharon also said for the first time that under his plan to leave the Gaza Strip, evacuated Jewish settlements would not be destroyed.

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NATIONAL Briefs

WASHINGTON — Despite escalating violence that killed 10 U.S. service members over the weekend, the Bush administration is sticking with its timetable to turn over power in Iraq.

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Sunday raised the prospect of extending the Bush administration's June 30 deadline for turning over power in Iraq, questioning whether the country would be ready for self-rule.

WASHINGTON — The commission looking into the Sept. 1 1 attacks will ask Condoleezza Rice why government anti-terror efforts failed to stop the strike and how the Bush administration plans to fix the problems, panel members said Sunday. "Next time men with $300,000 defeated every single defensive mechanism we had up on the 11th of September, 2001, and they defeated it utterly," said former Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska.

President Bush's national security adviser, in her pub lic testimony Thursday, will need to answer how that happened, Kerrey said.

BOSTON — Trying to reverse partisan stereo types, Democrat John Kerry is launching a campaign to portray himself as a fiscal conservative, comparing his economic strategy with the $6 trillion in cuts.

Kerry is striking back with a report to be released Monday that says the president would increase the deficit with his unfunded spending proposals and tax cuts.

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student fee

REFERENDUM

A p r i l 1 4 t h a n d 1 5 t h

Two separate proposals

1. Increase Health Services Fee

2. Increase ASI Fee supporting student athlete scholarships

have been approved for a student referendum on April 14th and 15th

The following Open Forums have been scheduled where students can ask questions and learn more about these two important proposals

Wednesday April 7, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday April 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Monday April 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Location: UU 220

Additional information including an Objective Statement & Financial Analysis, Pro and Con Statements, sample ballot and polling times and locations is now available on the web, by clicking on the link located on Cal Poly's home page (www.calpoly.edu).
Ireland breathing easier

Commentary

As smokers took their last legal puff in pubs in the Irish Republic last week, the last gasp for smoking across Europe is a callous one, for 10 percent of the world’s people report smoking, killing one in 10 every year. In the US, cigarettes cause more than one in five deaths. The fiscal cost was estimated at $150 billion a year. The global effect of smoking on humans is tragic. The World Health Organization’s global smoking statistics in 2002 reported that one-third of the world’s male population smokes, killing one in 10 every year. It is a mystery, how people in Europe or elsewhere in the world will fight for the social custom that releases more than 4,000 toxic or carcinogenic chemicals into the air we all breathe.

“Obviously smoking was banned in California because of the needs of the many outweighed the few who smoked,” said Paul Brown, owner of Moth­er’s Tavern in San Luis Obispo.

Despite the statistics, many pubs remain stubbornly opposed to smoking bans in bars. Instead of completely banning smoking, some newsmagazines pubs and restaurants are introducing smoke-free zones according to customer’s wishes rather than enforcement legislation.

The logic of bar smokers might also hold that a person won’t die from being in a smoke-free bar for a night. But the health of bartenders who work in a pub for their whole life is jeopardized.

According to a study published by the American Medical Association in 1998, the respiratory health and lung function of Yellen Ginn, an aerospace engineering senior who grew up in Russia. Smoking is bad for you, but drinking is much more of an issue. There’s a great difference between vodka and nicotine addictions.

As much as I would like to see the banishment of tobacco, I am not going because it is done. If I hadn’t heard what the tour was all about, I wouldn’t have heard that the tour was all about. I’ll let the Numbskulls do their thing. I’ve been told that the tour is not about the tour. I just wanted people to know that the concert on April 10 is all about. I was asked about the airing of Alcoline and Alkaline Trio (NME and Bli­ja are also playing) coming to Cal Poly planners should explore ways to extend the road without incurring this loss.

Terrence Murphy is an architecture senior.

The politics behind the Punkvoter Tour

Letters to the Editor

Founder’s Tree shows age and growth

Cal Poly planners decided to destroy the 98-year-old Founder’s Tree in order to extend Highland Drive (Tribune, “A new road through” March 30) is shortsighted.

While extending Highland, will improve circulation the Founder’s Tree is one of the best reminders of the col­lege’s age and growth. It is hypertro­phy that a college of which I had centu­bled a centenarian in 2001 would thoughtlessly destroy one of the last remnants of its founding years. Cal Poly planners should explore ways to extend the road without incurring this loss.

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Sharp screenplay, effects prove Eternally gratifying

Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet step out of traditional roles in love/sen "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"" 

Stacey Andersoneline Watson

Despite its opening image of Jim Carrey’s slumbering face, “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” is not the same solo spotlight show at his past efforts.

The fragile, provocative comedy rests on a sharp screenplay, innovative direction and a series of well-acted plot veins that play on the title’s irony.

“Eternal Sunshine” centers on the love gone awry of meek nine-to-five employee Joel Barish (Carrey) and kitten-brilliantly volatile, vulnerable Clementine Kruczynski (Kate Winslet). After their bitter break-up, Clementine impulsively has the memories of their relationship erased. The wounded Joel arranges to have the operation; when that fails, he begins a frantic dash through his mind to save the memory of Clementine.

Luckily, the whirling psychological premise is tempered by compelling, haunting performances both in front of and behind the camera. Carrey delivers his finest dramatic performance as a subdued, disconsolate soul with a voice that scarcely breaks a fumble. From his introverted gestures to the subtle tightening lines framing his facial features, Carrey’s wear­ing a different mask indeed. No longer the comic actor, his portrayal of the main protagonist, who interacts with the brilliantly volatile, vulnerable Wunder, forging an attorney believable bond between the characters. Characters, there is a doubt why such opposites would associate in the first place. Supporting roles with Tom Wilkinson, Mark Ruffalo, Elijah Wood and Kirsten Dunst flesh out the depths of the theme — Wood especially conveys the sadness of such stolen seasons — but the script really strain the show. Screenwriting Charlie Kaufman, the skewed brainy

as behind “Being John Malkovich,” “Confessions of a Dangerous Mind” and “Adaptation,” finally channels his intricate creativity into a story that embraces love instead of smirking at its imperfections. Joel and Clementine’s uncomplicated romance is stretched to the absurd until it is convincing, and their characters show real maturity with­out sermonizing.

As does the direction: Michel Gondry takes special effects out of the computer and utilizes the nevy tracks that have made his music videos some of the best ever created. Joel’s subsequentially rationally pop away a la the White Stripes’ “The Hardest Button to Button” and his nomadic formation in a distorted world just needs some falsetto warbling to become Beck’s “Deadweight.” Jimmy, surreal camera work reflects his earlier directing endeavors with French pop group Oui Oui, and the dreamy bluriness of his other shots are as polar oppo­site to the former as Joel is to Clementine. This is the same effect that allowed the Rolling Stones to look so elegantly wasted in “Like a Rolling Stone.”

As Joel battles to keep Clementine from being as, lost and gone forever” as her namesake song, he understands he found someone who made him feel as alive as he’d hoped to become. “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” is a sonnet to love itself, a reminder that the rough waves of romance lead us closer to the true fullness and pur­pose of living. To watch it is to feel happy for every ending and every beginning.

**RESULTS!**

Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet take a trip through memory in the twisted love story "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

Vines deliver lacklustre sophomore effort with ‘Winning Days’

Alex Friedman
THE CHRONICLE (DUKE UNIVERSITY)

DURHAM, N.C. — We all know the story: Unknown band becomes famous overnight with their debut album, then follows it up with such an abysmal release that they eventually fall right back into obscurity.

Enter The Vines, an Australian band proped on to the top of every magazine’s best new artists list with their 2002 debut “Highly Evolved.” Now they have released their follow-up album “Winning Days.” So have The Vines been able to avoid the dreaded sophomore slump that the majority of each of the tracks. Perhaps if this second set had been a release in and of themselves, it would not have seemed so lacking. But when compared to the intensity of the album’s faster cuts, the effort seems a bit lackluster. So while The Vines won’t fade into obscurity with this release, they still have a ways to go to reach the level of superstardom predicted for them.
Segregation not black and white

Watsonville (AP) — To see how integration is playing out 50 years after the Supreme Court banned school segregation, consider Pajaro Valley Unified.

A sprawling school district about 45 miles south of San Jose, Pajaro Valley extends from the quiet, oceanfront beaches of Aptos in the north to the strawberry fields of Watsonville in the south. It is a district divided by geography but also by race, wealth and academic achievement.

Schools in the more affluent town of Aptos have a majority of white students, and score well on the state’s Academic Performance Index. Students in the working-class, agricultural city of Watsonville are largely Hispanic, and the schools’ performance on the index is significantly worse.

In Watsonville, some parents complain that their schools are getting short shrift in terms of top teachers and experienced teachers. In Aptos, parents twice in recent years have proposed splitting off two districts, but were denied by the California State Board of Education.

A third proposal by two school board members — one from Watsonville, one from Aptos — to study a split was postponed in February after officials decided it was “too divisive an issue,” superintendent Mary Anne Mays said.

Supporters maintain a split could improve student performance in both communities, but Carolyn Savino, president of the Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers said such a move would be “morally and ethically wrong.” It would create “an affluent white district and an impoverished minority district,” she said.

“People there might say it’s just brown kids, but it’s the same in Aptos as it is here,” she said. “We would have gotten past that after Brown v. Board of Education.”

As what’s happening in Pajaro Valley makes clear, the Supreme Court’s ruling doing away with “separate but equal” school segregation can still be a flashpoint for impassioned arguments a half-century later — in an increasingly diverse America where racial separation goes far beyond the black and white of 1954.

“When you go back and you understand Brown v. Board of Education and what it means to have ‘separate but equal,’ it just strikes a chord because it’s happening in this community,” said former Watsonville city council member Rafael Lopez.

Back in 1950, the Census Bureau did not even break out Hispanics as a group. Now they are the nation’s largest minority group — 39 million, according to a census report last year.

Rock climbers: Ban promotes religion

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A U.S. Forest Service climbing ban on a Lake Tahoe landmark is unconstitutional because it promotes religion, a rock climbing group contends.

In papers filed Thursday in support of its federal lawsuit against the agency, The Access Fund claims the ban at Cave Rock gives control over public property to the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. The Boulder, Colo.-based group maintains the tribe has always said Cave Rock is a religious, sacred site.

The Washoe tribe has opposed climbing on Cave Rock, located on U.S. 50 between Glenbrook and Zephyr Cove on Tahoe’s east shore. The tribe has tried to impose a climbing ban on Cave Rock, located on U.S. 50 between Glenbrook and Zephyr Cove on Tahoe’s east shore.

To make its case, the group also asked the court to reject a Forest Service amendment declaring Cave Rock closed to climbers as “a protection of traditional and cultural property.”

“Listing Cave Rock as a traditional cultural property does not change the fundamental nature of Cave Rock as a religious site.”

The group filed the lawsuit in December in U.S. District Court in Reno.

Tribal Chairman Brian Wallace was out of town and could not be reached for comment. A phone call Sunday to the Forest Service’s South Lake Tahoe office wasn’t immediately returned.

The Forest Service has agreed to postpone until May implementation of its Cave Rock management plan, which means climbing is allowed for the time being.

The management plan would allow such activity as hiking and picnicking to continue at Cave Rock. But it would ban climbing and require removal of climbing hardware on the volcanic core.

The plan calls for the land to be protected as a cultural resource and managed as it was prior to 1963. The rock did not become popular with climbers until the 1980s.

It’s primarily used by expert climbers because the rock face is sheer and requires technical skills.
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Conference

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Sophomore Brett Van Linge hits a backhand volley in the Mustangs' 5-2 loss to the Pacific Tigers.

Sunday. 

over the Houston Rockets on

Chris Webber added 19 points to

points in the third quarter, and

lead the Kings to a 99-94 victory

Stojakovic scored all but two

matches. Cal Poly fell to 10-11 overall with the loss.

Maack and Arnar Sigurdsson. Nick Tracy and Travis Crawford were the only Mustangs to win their 

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ON THE DIAMOND

Pacific wins two games over Poly

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly softball team dropped to 0-2 in the Big West, 12-19 overall, as they fell in both games to the No. 19 Pacific Tigers on Saturday in Stockton. They fell in game one, 6-1, and in game two by a 2-1 count.

The Mustangs scored three runs in the top of the first game and took advantage of two Mustang errors in the inning and would score two runs on just one hit. The Tigers put the game away in the bottom of the fourth when they scored four runs. Junior pitcher Cassie Vanderbeck got the loss, allowing six hits in just over three innings.

In game two, the Mustangs would fall 2-1, as the Tigers would score the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh. The Tigers would take an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third, but Cal Poly would rally back to tie the game in the top of the fifth, as Alvers would score centerfielder Amjoo Nazaren.

The Mustangs scored one run on six hits, committing one error, as the Tigers scored two runs on seven hits.

Vulcans no match for Mustangs

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly held Hawaii-Hilo to no runs and two hits in both ends of a non-conference baseball doubleheader Saturday afternoon at Simmon's Field as the Mustangs improved to 27-12-1 on the year, winning the first five games of the six-game series.

In the first game Cal Poly scored a run in the second inning and three more in the fourth before sending 20 batters to the plate in the fifth, scoring 15 runs on 13 hits — six doubles and seven singles. The game was called after five innings due to a 10-run rule. It was Cal Poly's biggest inning since scoring 15 times against Bethany College on


Senior right-hander Nolan Moser started for the second time in his four-year Mustang career and tossed a complete game, 6-0 in six innings.

He struck out six and walked one.

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Senior right-hander Tony Saife and freshman right-hander Bud Norris combined on a two-hit shutout in the big West. Saife (1-1), in his second career start as well, struck out six and allowed two hits in six scoreless innings for the win.

Norris earned his first career save by pitching three hitless, scoreless innings with three strikeouts. Saife's other start was earlier this season in the Big West, so there are no easy matches. I'm confident we will continue building momentum from our performance at the West Coast conference. Saturday's nonconference game was earlier this season at Fresno State, a game the Mustangs lost 5-4 on Feb. 3 at Peter Beidler Field.

Jeff Herbert again turned in another solid performance, driving in two runs. Matt Giuliiano, Blumenthal and Berglund each had three hits. 

Cal Poly won their fourth and fifth wins of the year in the doubleheader.

ON THE DIAMOND

Women's tennis splits matches

Leah Mort

MUSTANG DAILY

The 60th-ranked Cal Poly women's tennis team easily defeated Idaho on Thursday to stay near-perfect in the Big West Conference. Saturday's nonconference match against No. 10 Fresno State was a different story, as the Mustangs were blown out 6-1.

The Mustangs won all three doubles matches as well as singles matches at Nos. 3 through 6 by the 75th-ranked Vandals.

Idaho's doubles teams proved to be no match for the Mustangs, as Samantha Waller and Kristen Grady defeated Sunel Nieuwoudt and Jessica Hubbard, 8-2. Cheryl Thompson and Noelle Lee upset the No. 4 team, Mariel Timmertc and Patricia Ruman, 8-0, and Carol Erickson and Sheila Lewis beat Karen Komishi and Monica Murt, 8-3.

The winning singles matches came in straight sets, and the two losses came from split sets.

Grady noticed first as Ruman seemed to be no match for Grady's ball placement and deep ground strokes. She defeated Ruman, 6-3, 6-3.

Lee finished quickly also, defeating Tara Fielding 6-2, 6-2. Lee kept her moving by switching up her game and getting the ball on the ball and changing between long and short shots.

Erickson overpowered Komishi, 6-2, 6-1 with tough ground strokes and great net play. Lewis defeated Timmertc 6-3, 6-3 with her quickness, net play and overhead shots.

"I stayed aggresive," Lewis said. "I was going for shots, and I stayed focused."

At the No. 1 position, Wallace put up a good fight against Nieuwoudt with long rallies and fast serves but lost in a tiebreak.

Thompson had the longest match of the day, lasting about 2 1/2 hours and ending in a nailbiting tiebreaker, which she lost to Hubbard, 4-10.

Cal Poly head coach Hugh Bream was proud of his team's performance against the Vandals.

"It was a strong match," Bream said. "The team competed very well. There are seven teams ranked in the Big West, so there are no easy matches. I'm confident we will continue building momentum from our performance against the Vandals."

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