Athletic fee referendum faces new controversy

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The athletic fee referendum passed last month, but the controversy surrounding it refuses to settle down.

Wide spread reports of voter intimidation by student athletes and other unethical behavior by the athletics department will be subject to review beginning early next week, Vice President for Student Affairs Cornell Morton said.

Some groups on campus have asked for a full investigation. The Progressive Student Alliance sent a memorandum to Morton two weeks ago.

"We demand that if the investigation finds the abuses we outlined in the memorandum, then the results of the referendum should be nullified," PSA co-director Clayton White said. "We previously took a stand against it, but at this point all we are looking for is for justice to be served. The issue now is whether it was a fair and fair election." However, Morton said the only action that is likely to happen will be recommendations ways to improve the process to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee. He said they want to be certain student feel they have a voice.

When concerns were expressed to the athletics department on the first day of the referendum, Morton said action was taken and there were marked improvements in polling place conduct on the second day.

Therefore, one option considered is "a process that allows students to see Referendum, page 2

Horse sale draws industry pros

The 10th Annual Ranch Horse Sale will sell 2-year-old quarter-horses for $5,000 to $5,000.

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Most 2-year-olds have limited experience, but at Cal Poly, they get right to work gathering cattle, climbing in the hills and dealing with crowds and tractors.

On Saturday, the experience will pay off for these 2-year-old quarter horses and their trainers at the 10th Annual Ranch Horse Sale.

"It is a story of a family trapped in a world of illusion," said theatre arts professor and play director Pamela Malkin. Malkin said she expects people will take away a sense of identification with the main characters of the production that she said "is one of the best pieces of dramatic literature of the 20th century."

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On Wednesday, there will be a panel discussion on "Being Out in the Workplace," from noon to 1 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. The panel will include members from the San Luis Obispo community. That night, the GLBU will be holding a dance at Tortilla Flats at 9 p.m. Admission for this event is $5.

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CommutUNITY Pride Week kicks off Saturday with softball game

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CommutUNITY Pride Week will be in full force with an extensive schedule of events that are open to the public.

The mission of CommutUNITY Pride Week is to increase acceptance of sexual diversity at Cal Poly and in the surrounding community. Plans to obtain this goal include educational, political and social events to bring awareness.

"One thing we want is visibility of our community on campus," said Dustin Robinson, co-director of Gay, Lesbians and Bisexual United and city and regional planning junior. "If at least one person learns something this week, then we've obtained our goal."

During the week, GLBU is planning to paint a rainbow on the "P."

"The painting of the "P" is very symbolic," said Jon Schuppert, student coordinator of the Pride Alliance and city and regional planning junior. "We're really hoping that someone doesn't try to cover it over again."

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... and wear one of their T-shirts. Shirts will be available in the Pride Alliance Center for $5. The front of the shirt reads, “I'm OK with it, are you?”

“We’re hoping that these shirts will make the student body a little more aware of the LGBT community on campus,” Schuppert said.

On Thursday, Thea Hallman will speak during a assembly on being trans and gender-identity violence from 11 a.m. to noon in the UU 220.

Friday will feature a National Slam Poetry event sponsored by the Multicultural Center. Beginning at 7 p.m. in the PMC, the audience will be entertained with the spoken word of some of the nation’s finest poets.

The events were planned by members of the GLBU, which was recently chosen as the Club of the Year. They were recognized for being the most active, most successful and most culturally aware student organization on campus.

The aim of GLBU is to provide an opportunity for discussion of significant issues and protest, social interaction, political activism, community outreach and education of the university as a whole. They strive to provide a structure of support for the San Luis Obispo gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex communities, as well as straight allies.

Members of the GLBU and Pride Alliance believe it is important that students become more aware of the tragic things that people do to hurt the LGBT community. Just this week, Ruben Diaz put together a project for one of his photography classes. He took pictures of the GLBU members wearing buttons that portrayed the 1960s feminist movement.

Diaz chose to put these two groups together because women had fought for civil rights, and the gay community is fighting for their rights now.

He displayed his project in front of the San Luis Obispo Republican Headquarters located downtown. He chose this setting because he felt that people who would go into this office are the people that need to become the most aware.

When Diaz returned the next day, he found his pictures torn up and thrown in a trash can. After calling the office, he discovered that a representative happily confessed to destroying it.

Diaz said this is just one of the events that the Cal Poly student body and San Luis Obispo community needs to become conscious of.

“We hold these events all week so that people can accept us for the choices we’ve made,” Robinson said.

“And it’s the people that aren’t in attendance that are the ones that really need to be.”

The weeklong event is sponsored by the San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation, Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast, Multicultural Center and Associated Students Inc. Events.

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... to contact a person or an office during a referendum if they feel there is misconduct, so we can deal with it quickly,” Morton said.

English senior Jamie Maraviglia said a review is definitely called for. She was harassed by a student athlete not even 10 feet from where she stood in line to vote at the University Union polling place.

“He actually started yelling at me,” she said. “I was very upset. He had no right to tell me how I can and cannot vote.”

The athletics department has been largely silent on the entire ordeal.

“I would say I am not aware of any violations of referendum policy at all,” interim athletics director Alison Cone said.

That is one reason why some people are calling for referendum policy changes as well.

In a previous interview with the Mustang Daily, Associated Student Council President Alison Anderson said she was disappoint ed in the conduct of the athletics.

“At CFAC during our review, we will be looking to set up a more structured set of rules that will govern these fee referenda like ASU,” Anderson said.

Morton said the review will be “a serious look” at these concerns. One of the most important reasons is “making sure people can have confidence in the process,” he said.

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... the Ranch Horse Project makes the students involved valuable for the same reason.

People in the industry seek out Cal Poly students because of their experience working on projects like this, animal science professor Andy Carlin said.

“They are horse savvy, comfortable with the horses and not afraid to get out there and get dirty,” he said.

The event will feature the Cal Poly student talent at every turn. At 3:30 p.m. the sale will start with a preview as riders show off the horses to potential buyers in the arena at the horse unit on campus. A barbecue featuring Cal Poly meats will be held at 4:30 p.m. followed by the auction at 6 p.m. Wines and cheeses made by students will be featured at a wine tasting as well.

The expected price range is $2,000 to $5,000 per horse.

Profits from the sale go right back into the equine program together with breeding fees from the Equine Breeding Enterprise Project.

About half of the foals born in the breeding enterprise go to the Ranch Horse Project. The 2-year-olds were involved in other projects and classes as they grew, Lund said.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO — Anticipating the loss of $11 million in state money, the county’s $364 million budget proposal calls for cutting 71 jobs and reducing services in key areas.

The spending plan being considered by the Board of Supervisors would mean fewer deputies and probation officers, cuts in library hours and elimination of several rehabilitation programs for the mentally ill. One fully-staffed fire station will cut back to part-time.

Those proposals this week could change, however, if Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s revised budget restores some county funding. And it would still need approval by the state Legislature.

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has ordered a review of state property and the way it’s managed, saying the current system is “dysfunctional.” The Republican governor issued an executive order on Wednesday directing state departments and agencies to catalogue property they control, evaluate the need to keep that property and report any property they consider surplus.

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SACRAMENTO — Fast growing western Placer County could soon have its own four-year university branch.

A formalized agreement announced Wednesday between California State University, Sacramento officials and developers has cleared the way for the school to start designing the proposed branch campus, said Alexander Cross, told The Associated Press.

Placer County supervisors have expressed some concern about the development encroaching on open space. The board could vote on the proposal next year, said county planning director Fred Yeager.

The county will also consider a proposal to build a private Catholic university. Both schools would be built on about 80 acres of property they control, evaluate the need to keep that property and report any property they consider surplus.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said Thursday that President Bush broke faith with veterans who have been promised medical care even as he sent thousands of men and women into harm’s way in Iraq.

Kerry, concluding a four-day campaign swing focusing on health care, contended that Bush has cut funding for VA health programs and left hundreds of thousands of veterans without care. He called for mandatory funding for veterans’ health care and a series of cost-cutting measures to assist veterans and their families.

SALT LAKE CITY — High fuel prices are renewing speculation that oil could be extracted from shale deposits in Utah, Colorado and Wyoming.

Oil prices peaked at a 13-year high Wednesday, with the Energy Department reporting the cost at $40.77 a barrel.

The oil can be recovered only when rock is heated to high temperatures. Some experts say the technology remains too expensive and the prospects are too risky when oil prices, while increasing, are still volatile.

BOSTON — Pfizer Inc. has agreed to plead guilty and pay $340 million in fines to settle charges that its Warner-Lambert unit violated federal law by spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to promote non-approved uses of one of its drugs.

As part of the settlement announced Thursday, the world’s largest pharmaceutical company will pay $24.6 million to whistleblower David Franklin.
Cocktails in San Luis Obispo

Top 5 Drinks in SLO

Shaken, stirred, straight up, on the rocks, neat, tart, tall, short, garnished with fruit or possibly blended. Ahhh, the ways one can order a cocktail.

There are not many things in life that bring me as much pleasure as sipping on a drink: well-made, mouthwatering drink, and a lot can be said for how well a bartender makes it. But let's start at the beginning: where to go?

In San Luis Obispo it is no secret that the bar scene ranges from the rough and rowdy to the more mellow and sophisticated joints. After browsing many of them, there are five cocktails from various local bars that are highly recommended.

The first stop is GIGI's Mediterranean Café located on Monterey Street across from Boedoo Records. Rumors of the Flirtini have lured around, so I thought it was time to see what people were talking about. The Flirtini can only be described as highbrow. The drink serves looking like a floral arrangement with fruit and a spigot of a green garnish hanging off the glass. It's intriguing. The taste is sweet but not cheek puckering. It has the perfect mix of vodka, pineapple juice, cranberry juice and the best part — champagne. The bubbly puts this drink in a league of its own.

Blue is a bar and restaurant located on the corner of Monterey and Osos streets. One of the best drinks here is a classic that's still in style, the Cosmopolitan.

It's hard to find a Cosmo that is not tasty, but it's also hard to find one that is as good as those served at Blue. It is a simple drink made of vodka, cranberry juice, triple sec and lime juice. Perhaps the drink makes one very stylish.

"I remember one time my friend ordered a Cosmo at a bar and the man standing next to her said, 'OK, Carrie Bradshaw.' It was funny that even guys know it to be the trendy drink from Sex and the City," business owner Allison Hanley said.

The next drink is more universal and definitely not as "Sex and the City" as a Cosmo. The drink is loved by both young and old, male and female. Some people refuse the drink because it is too hard to decide which signature drink is best. The two that made the cut are from Tahoe Joe's on Madonna Rd.

First the watermelon margarita. It tastes like a Jolly Rancher blended to utter perfection. The watermelon margarita is made with tequila and watermelon on flavoring and is blended to the consistency of a smoothie.

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The final drink is the Big Sky Lemonade. Don't mistake this with the lemonade sold by kids in their front yard. This one has an extra ingredient: Sky vodka. It is a simple, easy way to cool off on a hot day. In fact, all of these drinks can make a hot summer day turn into a refreshing sip of cool breeze with just one amazing cocktail.

I like them at Mother's because, not to sound like Goldilocks in 'The Three Bears,' but they make them just right. Not too sweet and not too strong," she said.

This drink sounds like it would make anyone make a disgusting face but when all the ingredients — vodka, tequila, gin, rum, triple sec, sour mix and Coca-Cola — are mixed together properly — this drink is tolerable followed by feeling supreme.

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I was apprehensive walking up to her door. It was a cozy house decorated with country flare. She walked me back into the kitchen to a set-up of one massive mirror, many make-up containers that looked like they had been shipped out from Mary Kay and fabric swatches galore. I was getting my colors done.

Color analysis came out as a big craze in the mid 1980s. The premise behind color analysis is that certain colors enhance one’s looks, and a person will look healthier, radiant and more alive, whereas other colors will make the person look washed out or sallow, according to colortools.com.

When you only have 90 seconds to make a first impression, what you are wearing could be more important than the average person might think.

So there I was, on assignment to get my colors done and decide on whether it was total bogus or actually helpful.

Judy Oldenkamp has done color analysis in San Luis Obispo since 1985. She majored in fashion merchandise in college, but when she came back to San Luis Obispo the fashion merchandise industry didn’t give her many options. So she took up color analysis along with interior design.

When I made my appointment, Oldenkamp asked that I wear my everyday make up so she could see what colors I choose to wear and how I apply it. I felt pretty confident with my make up choices because I had one of those moms who took me to a Nordstrom’s make up counter when I first started to wear make up. They had taught me how to apply makeup and what shades were good for my skin tone and what colors I should avoid. So, I wasn’t prepared to be informed I was wrong.

After taking off my make up, Oldenkamp placed an off-white cloth around my shoulders and started to compare fabric swatches to my skin tone, hair and eye color. She said you can’t determine one’s colors by looking at them; you have to actually see them compared to a variety of colors to make that decision.

There are four categories that a person’s color can be: winter, summer, spring and autumn. Skin tones have two different color hues behind them: blue tones and yellow tones. Summer and winter have blue tones, and spring and autumn have yellow tones, according to colortools.com. After deciding on your skin’s color, you compare that with the contrast of your skin tone and hair color.

She gave me a pamphlet that had different fabric swatches in it that I can take with me when I go shopping. The shades inside are those that are supposed to look best on me and enhance my natural features. I was shocked by the colors that weren’t in the pamphlet: black, burgundy, pink and silver. Black is one of my basic colors — I mean, it goes with everything! But, Oldenkamp said instead of a little black slinky dress I would be more stunning in a little dark brown slinky dress.

These colors also apply for my eye color. Judy Oldenkamp told me to mainly stick to the colors assigned to their season, because for the most part it does make you look healthier and more attractive, which would benefit you in situations such as dating and job interviews.

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When viewing the images of U.S. soldiers grinning at piles of naked Iraqis as a child might when stacking Lincoln logs, I ask myself: what is so horrifying about torture? It’s not a simple question. Are we somehow not shocked at the tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians killed during the invasion, but not at the maltreatment of a few dozenth derivatives? In both cases, it is U.S. soldiers committing the atrocities — whether setting German shepherds on a naked prisoner or lobbing a hand mine into a crowded marketplace. It is less humiliating for an entire city to lose growing piles of garbage and be stripped of electricity than for an individual to be stripped of his humanity.

Maybe we are resigned to the occasional public incidents filled with families because they resulted from honest errors in judgment. But by this rationale, a bad few apples, or even a lack of proper command structure at Abu Ghirab, cannot support a collateral damage since the military leadership tries in best to minimize these errors of unintended consequences of war.

Perhaps it is the legal torture is forbidden by the Geneva Convention, which insists on the right to know how to kill people in a humane manner. In any case, the United States opted out of the International Criminal Court so the crimes of war in retaliation for Sept. 11, the Defense Department will have thousands more people working toward the “rally around your president” and support Bush through the election. In both cases, the terrorist attacks will affect the decision-making process of the American people, and the attackers will thus influence who will win.

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Opinion

The purpose of terrorism is to terrify, to use scare tactics to change someone’s lifestyle and eternal way of performing daily activities. If someone were to ask me a few weeks ago if I thought the terrorists were winning, I would have said, “No, this is America, and we will not be run by terrorists.”

Then I realized that perhaps this country is being run by them.

At the annual Associated Press meeting in Washington D.C., a group of reporters and intelligence correspondents gave their opinion on the topic, “Terrorism: Are They Winning?”

The answer is “yes,” and the proof they presented made that answer undeniable. If anyone were to turn on the television today and watch the coverage of the upcoming presidential elections, it would not take long to realize that terrorism is fueling the race.

“This is the first time in a presidential election that the biggest issue facing each candidate is not abortion or healthcare but terrorism,” White House correspondent Terence Hunt said. “The wildcat is not Bush or Kerry, it is Osama bin Laden.”

It’s true, both candidates are running hoping voters will feel safer with him in office. At the conference, it was noted by Washington-based intelligence and national security reporter Katherine Shrader that there is a likelihood of another attack before the November elections. If this happens, the stakes of the election will change.

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Letters to the Editor

Public schools get field trip opportunity

Every year around this time, public schools in our area get a special treat — that is if teachers are willing to fill out a simple application. If they do so, they are virtually guaranteed funds for tickets and transportation to an arts-related field trip for their students.

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"Mustang Daily does not condone midget drinking."
A runner and a role model

Christina Joslin

Most student-athletes struggle to find a way to balance practice with their team and studying with their classmates. Sean Ricketts not only does all this, but has the difficult task of being a father to his 4-year-old son. When Ricketts was 17, he had his son, Christian, with his girlfriend Sandra Gonzalez. Christian, now 4 1/2 years old, loves sports and running just like his dad.

"I like to run faster than my friends and my daddy, so he better watch out for me," Christian said.

Ricketts is one of the many athletes on the Cal Poly track team and cross-country teams this season. He has been racing in the 1,500 (a race that is just 100 yards shy of a mile).

"I don't think I know anyone who works as hard as Sean does," teammate Blake Swier said. "That's what makes him unique. He has the hardest workload of anyone on the team, and still manages to be the most helpful." On April 24, Ricketts qualified for regionals with a time of 3:47.

"He's been distance running since I was in San Diego, where he attended high school and junior college," Ricketts said. "In high school, I was more into track. But I've grown to love cross country since I've been here," he said. "And thankfully, the more cross country I run, the better I get at track."

While at San Diego Mesa College for two years, he was coached by Manny Bautista, a Cal Poly alum.

"Coach Manny was a great mentor to me," Ricketts said. "He taught me about the sport of running and how to be a standout athlete."" Sean is definitely a good asset to our team," Swier said. "He constantly gives encouragement and at times constructive criticism to every member of the team."

This year has been a difficult one for Ricketts, with a mixture of food poisoning, the stomach flu and ongoing case of shin splints. Taking some time off has tough for him, but he feels good about continuing.

"I know that whatever happens, whether good or bad, can turn out to be a wonderful thing. As long as you work hard and never give up," Swier said.

In hopes of graduating next June with a degree in kinesiology, Ricketts has focus on a career as a physical education teacher and a coach for high school students.

"I love coaching my son's T-ball and soccer teams through the YMCA," Ricketts said. "It gives me the chance to spend time with them, and it also gives me a bunch of the experience that I need."

Ricketts said he has taken his time at Cal Poly to really focus and shine in everything he does being a runner, a student and a father.

"He really knows how to balance his child with his athletes," head cross country and distance track coach Mark Conover said. "You can be successful in life by learning how to juggle your time, and Sean has mastered that. He's a great influence to this team and an incredible model to his teammates."

After Cal Poly, Ricketts plans to obtain his teaching credential and get married to Gonzalez.

Getting off the slide

Cal Poly (3-22-1, 5-10 Big West) travels to Cal State Northridge (16-33, 2-13 Big West) this weekend for its second-to-last conference series. The Mustangs have fallen so rotten in the conference standings after being swept for a third consecutive series.

They face CSUN on Friday and 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday at Matador Field (cap.: 2,900). All of these contests can be carried live on the internet at GoPoly.com.

The Mustangs have been swept the last three weekends by No. 5 Long Beach State, Big West leader Cal State Fullerton and No. 22 Irvine.

Cal State Northridge was swept by UC Santa Barbara last weekend at 5-6, 10-3 and 9-5. CSUN is 7-9 in conference play.

The Mustangs' tentative pitching rotation for the Cal State Northridge series will be the favorite right-hander Jimmy Shull (8-5, 4.41 ERA) on Friday, sophomore southpaw Garrett Olsen (7-2, 5.03 ERA) on Saturday and junior right-hander Jonathan Fleming (4-1, 3.15 ERA) on Sunday.

Senior outfielder Sam Herbert sports a team-leading .388 average while sophomore outfielder Brandon Roberts is hitting .382 and senior outfielder Chun Tieu .376. Five other Mustang starters are hitting .300 or better.

Cal Poly's starting lineup this weekend is likely to be four starters - Cory Talbott (3-0), first baseman Bert Berglund (3-2), second baseman Adam Larkin (1-4), shortstop Todd McCall (3-28), third baseman Matt Galliano (3-20), left fielder Kyle Blanchard (3-16) and center fielder Heather Mccall (3-90) right fielder Tieu (3-36) and designated hitter Roberts (3-0). Cal State Northridge is led by second-year head coach Steve Rosemary (30-75 with the Matadors). The top five Mustang batters are junior right fielder John Voita (36-2) and junior third baseman Alberto Quintana (34-2). Cal State Northridge also has the home run lead in the Big West with Michael Pauly with 15.

Romney is undecided on his pitching rotation for the weekend series. Six Matador pitchers have started at least five games this season.