More students depending on aid

Rachel Musquiz

To pay for the rising costs of college, more full-time students and their families are depending on loans, according to a federal study released Tuesday.

During the 1990s, tuition and fees increased outpaced both inflation and growth in the median family income, according to the U.S. General Accounting Office.

"Loans cover about 35 to 50 percent of costs. In the past, it used to be about 25 percent, he said. The increase in tuition, student fees, housing and gas prices are the reasons he attributed for taking out more loans.

In recent years, changes in federal law raised loan limits and opened unsubsidized federal loans to all students, regardless of financial need. College students taking out loans are coming from low to high-income families and are attending both public and private schools.

More than 500 U.S. soldiers have been killed since the war in Iraq began in March 2003, and the casualties continue daily.

"You never know if something is going to happen. I'm worried that any call is going to be a bad call," said animal science senior Liane Hesse, who has a boyfriend serving in Iraq. "But here, we don't exercise those rights," Hesse said.

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Runstrom said she decided to create awareness on her own. She found ways to bring people into the culture and was recently recognized as the Disability Resource Center's Student of the Year for promoting disability awareness and advocacy in the Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo communities. Along with completing her major courses in animal science and minor courses in English, Runstrom taught American Sign Language classes on campus, served as a guest speaker on a variety of panels, organized silent gatherings, trained hearing dogs and generally acted as a liaison.

Deaf and hard-of-hearing people rely on various sensory abilities to communicate. "Sign is not the same language as the hearing world," she said.

For instance, Runstrom can sense intensity and sarcasm by looking at a communicator's eyes. She also said that deaf people have a tendency to ask questions in a blunt manner upon initially meeting others who are associated with the deaf community. To some this can be intimidating or seem aggressive, but Runstrom said that it is actually a technique used for amicable information gathering.

It is important for people to have some type of deaf awareness ahead of time. Runstrom said, so people do not freak out or misinterpret the different communication styles.

Her main motivation for acting as a deaf liaison was to share her culture with others. "I like to bring people together and have a good time," she said.

Disability Resource Center academic adviser Chris Parker-Kennedy said that Runstrom's unique ability to communicate with diverse audiences will be missed.

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Hellenbrand said. "The ability to get into that market correlates with wealth, which — in the States — correlates with age and whiteness.

While it is possible that the increase in population might create more service jobs within the country, it seems doubtful that they will draw in enough diversity to have a large impact on ethnically or economically under-represented populations.

If the projections prove true, the trend could impede Cal Poly's efforts to diversify the student population.

"This demography won't make it impossible for Cal Poly to diversify," Hellenbrand said, "but it will make it harder as the state, contrary to this trend, becomes more "brown."" Ethnic diversity within the student body is an important factor for some when deciding what university to attend.

"To the extent that students, faculty and staff judge campus choice on the basis of racial likeness to them in the surrounding community, they will, of course, look elsewhere to go," Hellenbrand said. "Previous cultural diversity surveys on campus do show this to be an important factor in people's decision to come."

Still, it is possible that Cal Poly's reputation for excellence and emphasis on particular programs will be enough to draw in students of all ethnicities who are interested in them.

"Cal Poly has the exact mix of programs — many high tech — that is the pass key to the new economy," Hellenbrand said. "People who want to enter that door likely still will consider going here."
State Briefs

SACRAMENTO — Lawmakers trying to write a state budget have approved spending another $720,000 to enable high-speed rail planners to complete an environmental impact report.

The two-hour budget conference committee voted 1-2 Wednesday to accept an Assembly budget subcommittee recommendation and authorize the additional funding for the California High-Speed Rail Authority. The legislative analyst's office said the money would be available from a state transportation fund that's projected to receive an additional $16 million in sales tax revenue because of higher gasoline and diesel prices.

Supporters of the $30 billion-plus rail project say the $1.1 million budget proposed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for the authority for the fiscal year starting July 1 wouldn't provide enough funds to complete the EIR.

SACRAMENTO — The board of directors of the nation's third-largest public pension fund voted Wednesday to make an initial investment of up to $250 million in the "clean" energy and technology sector.

The decision by the California State Teachers' Retirement System follows a $200 million initial investment in environmentally sensitive energy and technology companies in March by the nation's largest public pension fund, the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

Both decisions bolster state Treasurer Phil Angelides' "Green Wave" program he says will help clean up the environment as it creates jobs and investment income.

Angelides sits on both pension fund boards.

World Briefs

KUFA, Iraq — American troops clashed with Shiite militants in this southern city Wednesday — six days after a truce was supposed to have taken effect.

At least five Iraqis were killed and more than 40 were wounded. Another Iraqi was killed and three others were injured in gun battles in central Kirkuk.

UNITED NATIONS — Key Security Council members said Wednesday they still are not satisfied with a revised U.N. resolution on Iraq and want more changes and ideas from interim leaders and U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi.

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Students design projects to aid Paso Robles

Anastasia Killham

Cal Poly architecture students have innovated another quarters' worth of design projects that they hope will help bring the city of Paso Robles into the 21st century. They will present their models from "Visions for Downtown Paso Robles: Past Two" to the public at the Paso Robles Farmer's Market on Saturday, June 5.

Some third-year architecture students have spent a majority of their spring quarter at the Cal Poly Downtown Studio, a donated space that is primarily afforded through various sources of grant funding. Architecture professor Alice Mueller saw the destruction caused by the San Simeon earthquake as an opportunity to guide her students in gaining practical knowledge about assessing a town's needs, requests and preferences as they consider future architectural design.

"We'd like to have an effect on planning and designing, that's how I think we can have the greatest impact," Mueller said.

They design buildings to replace those that were destroyed or damaged and propose new uses for some otherwise empty spaces. The goal is to combine design excellence with sustainable principles and cutting edge technology, Mueller said.

Government officials, city officials and property owners are among those who have shown interest in the projects created in the past, she said.

Before creating the designs for the new buildings, all students must first become familiar with Paso Robles' specific zoning guidelines and regulations. From there they see how far they can push the limits, Mueller said.

Third-year architecture student Lacy Biguan came up with a space that would house artists and their studios.

"It is completely different from how it began," she said.

This quarter there have been many new approaches to the project and students have been more daring, Biguan said.

It is the third quarter the students have had the opportunity to combine this kind of practical learning with theoretical knowledge in trying to accommodate one community's specific needs.

Nick Nicola and course partner Kristin Mar designed a new hotel and conference center for Paso Robles. They were not limited by the budget constraints they would likely face in the real world. They designed a building Nicola described as "pure luxury."

Nicola said that he was able to learn about design and theory in the two quarters that he has participated in the class.

Architecture junior student Sarah Bradshaw, who also participated in the off-campus study, said she enjoyed being able to look at the specific context of Paso Robles and design accordingly.

Other towns and community members have encouraged future projects for the class, Mueller said, and grant funding has already been requested for the following academic year.
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**Mars Rover Pushes Toward Hills, Twin Ponders Descent**

**John Antczak**

Associated Press

PASADENA — Still operating after months on Mars, NASA's Spirit rover is pushing toward an intriguing cluster of boulder-strewn hills while on the other side of the red planet its twin, Opportunity, is sending observations from the rim of a crater into which it may be sent, mission officials said Wednesday.

Spirit has covered more than 1.8 miles since landing in early January and has only about 440 yards to go to reach its first target at the Columbia Hills, which could give insight into how hills on Mars form, said James Rice, a science team member from Arizona State University.

Halfway around the planet, Opportunity, which landed in late January, has been using its instruments to study surface textures at Endurance Crater.

The rovers remain in good condition, officials told a Jet Propulsion Laboratory news conference, although Spirit had two computer reboots last month due to software problems and Opportunity has had to go into "deep sleep" mode at night to save power because of a faulty heater switch.

Engineers do not believe the two incidents involving Spirit suggest deterioration, rather that two low-probability events happened to occur in the same week.

Matt Wallace, the Opportunity mission manager, characterized that rover as healthy and accomplishing the desired energy savings. He acknowledged there is a trade-off in loss of some functions and the likelihood that one instrument — the miniature thermal emission spectrometer — will be ruined by cold.

A switch that controls a heater became stuck in the "on" position, allowing a thermostat to turn on the heater even when controllers didn't want it on, drawing energy from its batteries.

"Deep sleep" is a more complete overnight shutdown of the rover, which only awakens when the sun rises. That eliminates the ability to do such things as relaying data and other communications through orbiters passing overhead at night, but lets the rover do more things during the day.

Engineers and scientists have also been analyzing crater images sent from Opportunity and doing testing at JPL to determine whether the six-wheeled rover could handle the slopes of Endurance Crater if it was sent down into the depression, Wallace said.

"If we go in there, there is a possibility no matter how much testing we do that we might not come out. So the risk-benefit equation is still being worked," Wallace said.
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Enron traders joked about manipulating Calif. power

Kristen Hays
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HOUSTON — Enron traders openly dis­
cussed manipulating California's power market during profanity-laced telephone conversa­
tions in which they mercilessly grated about rip­
ping off "those poor grandmothers" during the state's energy crunch in 2000-01, according to transcripts of the calls.

The calls were released from the govern­
ment and transcribed by a public utility district
near Seattle that wants Enron to forfeit mil­
dions of dollars in ill-gotten gains over the energy trading scandal.

Investigators say the transcripts paint an
even more sordid picture of the way Enron allegedly ruthlessly rigged the market at a time of widespread Blackouts and soaring electricity
rates in California. The transcripts also shed
light on discussions that are central to the Justice Department's investigation of Enron's trading practices.

"It shows unbridled drive for profit," said
San Diego attorney Michael Aguirre, who first
sued Enron for unfair business practices on
behalf of California consumers in November 2000. "Everything about the conversations is
excessive. The language is excessive and the
whole mindset is excessive."

The transcripts prompted outrage among California politicians who are demanding that the Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission compensate ratepayers billions of dollars for years of price-gouging by Enron.

"Now, you can see into the heart and soul of the scandal," Sen. Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein of California said in a letter to FERC Chairman Pat Wood.

On the calls, traders openly and gleefully
discussed creating congestion on transmission lines, taking generating units offline to pump
up electricity prices and overall manipulation of the California power market.

They also kidded about Enron's heavy politi­
cal contributions — particularly to President
Bush's campaign — and how that could translate into more opportunities for profit in California.

"I'd love to see Ken Lay be Secretary of Energy," one trader said, referring to the dis­
grazed former Enron CEO whose ties to the
Bush administration have drawn criticism from Democrats.

In one transcript a trader asks about
"all the money you guys stole from those poor grand­
mothers of California."

To which the Enron trader responds, "Yeah, Grandma Millie, man. But she's the one who couldn't figure out how to (expletive) vote on the butterfly ballot."

"Yeah, now she wants her (expletive) money back for all the power you've charged right up — un­
rated right up her (expletive) for (expletive)! $350 a megawatt hour," the first trader
says.

In another, a trader said, "The magical word of the day is 'burn, baby, burn,' in reference to a fire in California under a power line that caused a transmission outage, letting Enron take advantage of an increased demand for electricity.

Energy merchants regularly tape trader con­
versations to keep a record of transactions.

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Loretta Lynch said the tapes will provide "per­
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-BILL LOCKYER
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U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf commented during closing arguments in a case brought on behalf of four abortion doctors seeking a nationwide injunction against the law.

The hearing in Lincoln came a day after a San Francisco judge declared the law unconstitutional, saying it places an undue burden on a woman's right to choose. That ruling affects the nation's 900 or so Planned Parenthood clinics and their doctors.

The third case, in New York, is moving toward closing arguments later this month. The law has not been enforced while the cases move forward.

Kopf said he would issue his decision by the end of August.

The federal anti-abortion measure, signed by President Bush last year, bans the procedure known to abortion foes as "partial-birth abortion" by abortion foes. During the procedure, usually done in the second trimester, the fetus is partially removed from the womb and its skull is punctured or crushed.

Doctors challenging the ban say it vaguer and could be interpreted as covering more common, less controversial abortion procedures also done in the second-trimester.

Kopf expressed skepticism to Justice Department lawyer Anthony Coppolino that the government could prove whether a doctor had specific intent to perform the banned procedure.

"How are you ever going to prove that?" Kopf asked. "Does the doctor have to give a deposition beforehand so that he can be prosecuted? Why would you enact a law ... that is unenforceable?"

Coppolino said the law addresses only cases where a doctor begins with the intent to perform the banned procedure.

Kopf also criticized as "stupid and superficial" the notion that federal judges impose their personal beliefs in making rulings.

"One unselected judge, from the hinterlands to boot, ought to veto what Congress does just because he or she doesn't like it. I've never seen a judge like that."

Earlier in the trial, Rep. Steve King of Iowa sat in on testimony and spoke to reporters outside the courthouse.

King, a Republican, said the nation has to re-establish the separation of judicial and legislative powers and that "activist judges" were using their positions to impose their personal views on the rest of society.

Last month, Bush, renewing his support for a proposed constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, said:

"The sacred institution of marriage should not be redefined by a few activist judges."

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Visible underwear seems to be taking the campus by storm, and while some enjoy the view, others see it as a flash in the pan(ts). STORY BY ASHLEY WOLF, PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BRIAN KENT.
Ashley Wolf

The daily scenario: You're sitting in your classroom waiting for the professor to arrive and in walks a woman who sits in front of you. As she sits down in her low-rise jeans, there it is: the bright-colored thong that is going to continue to distract you during the rest of the lecture. Visuals of people's underwear have become a common trend at Cal Poly. The most common occurrence happens while sitting in a classroom.

"We don't carry the super low-rise jeans anymore," said Alicia Kagel, manager of Crazy Joy's clothing store on Higuera Street. "The trend is starting to not be as low, but regular low-rise jeans will continue to be popular for years to come."

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In their own words...

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MUSTANG DAILY — It’s been a great year. Thanks for reading!
Saying goodbye to Cal Poly with sex

Commentary
Well Cal Poly, here it is, the last J-Sport of all time. Goodbye and take few moments to compose yourself. In a few short weeks students will be scattered like leaves in the wind, taking our academic mantles for the golden summer days of life-guarding. We'll counsel the bright ing. vpn.

Yes, I'm asleep.

It's that it's OK to have sex, to rush class...t to live life. That's what college is for. So why not embrace this and track down the one who got away, that homie from your biology class, the man stallion from the University. Chances are, they'll be down for a little farewell sex. Too just remember, awkward moments and laps to, the face are temporay, but sex will last forever. Take it from me, in a few short years you will awaken from the blurr of college, emerging from your Cal Poly coma with nothing but the fading memories of hangovers and hook-ups. In five years, many of you will look back from the comfort of your cubicle and wonder what happened to that braids and confessional college student bonging and bonging his way through life. For some, as graduation is much as a funeral it is a celebration.

But there will still be a week to go, plenty of time to let loose the inner man-whore or sultry seductress that's waited all this time to come to fore.

So, by the powers vested in me by the editors of Mustang Daily, here I declare this the start of the farewell sex season. You now have the power to be sexy, to be scandalous and trashy as you want. Bang your ex, your best friend and your long-time secret crushes. Bone a cowboy, a sorority goddess or an entire football team.

By this next time week, you'll never have this opportunity again.

So long, Cal Poly. Happy sexing...

And so it is, that after nine moons and 32 columns, I've come to the point I never thought I would come to.

All that's left to do is light a cigarette and back in the glorious afterglow of this illicit affair we've been having since September. You've been a hell of a mistress, Cal Poly. Looking back, we've done some scandalous stuff together; hot tub sex, the walk of shame, threesomes, porn, downtown bar, the Shocker, boobo calls, wing men, sex tapes, "sex-ex" and of course... the pooper you're quite a freak.

Looking back over the year, I can hardly believe some of the crap I managed to squeeze past the watchful eyes of my editors. I used the word "heathen" even to refer to a college that enjoys cutting off each other's limbs. I find it very interesting that some allow marriage, not acceptable.

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Painting over the "P" wave

So, I've got this great idea. Christianity is a choice that I don't agree with. It's not that I have anything particular against Christians, I just think that they do it immoral, that the life choice they've made is wrong.

So I'm going to go through town and paint over every message board for every church in town to show my discontent. It's not like any particular Christian owns the message boards, so there should be no problem with that. Oh, and when they try to put their Little League and Samuel's message back on the board, I'll paint it over again. I'll do this until they eventually give in and decide not to be Christian anymore, because that's exactly what's going to happen, right?

And when the Christians in town complain, the Cal Poly community will back me up, right? You'll all write letters to the editor saying how much you love Christians in town and by accepting another's lifestyle you accept them as a human being and member of the community. This is like our act like paint ing over the "P." LGBT's message board for the week, is dehumanizing. It's not with women in our culture and is on the same level as Kristallnacht.

Matt Sutter is a history sophomore.

Letters to the Editor

Consent doesn't make it morally acceptable
Hi, I'm Ken, president of the Mutual Dismemberment club. We are a club that enjoys cutting off each other's fingers, hands, arms and legs. Don't worry, it's completely consensual. Anyways, I was wondering if my club could paint the "P" next week to represent our club. We mean, we enjoy our practice and it doesn't affect anyone else in any way. A club like ours would be impossible consensually, participate. It would be discriminatory to keep us from doing so. The Mutual Dismemberment club is here, and we aren't going anywhere.

Note: I don't approve of "mutual dismemberment." I created this hypothetical club to illustrate just how terrible it would be to accept such an activity. (May 27)

Letter displayed insensitivities
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Biologists alarmed at disease outbreak in Klamath River

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — The California Department of Fish and Game is worried that a parasite killing young salmon and steelhead migrating down the Klamath River to the ocean could kill hundreds of thousands in coming weeks as flows reduce.

Young chinook, coho and steelhead infected with the parasite Ceratomyxa shasta began showing up in traps that sample the annual migration around May 1, said senior fisheries biologist Neil Manji of the department's Redding office. The parasite is found up and down the river, but the cause of the outbreak remains unknown.

The parasite infestation injected another source of strain in continuing tensions over dividing scarce water between farmers on the Klamath Reclamation Project, endangered suckers in Upper Klamath Lake, and salmon in the river.

"We get put in a very awkward position," Manji said. "Do you want to use (water allocated for salmon) not to kill adult fish coming back or to help young fish go out?"

Releases down the Klamath River have been reduced after it became clear drought conditions were worse than expected, but the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is meeting Endangered Species Act mandates for water for endangered suckers in Upper Klamath Lake and threatened coho in the Klamath River, said bureau spokesman Jeff McCracken.

"The numbers raised concerns of a repeat of a 2000 fish kill that left an estimated 300,000 young salmon and steelhead dead from the same parasite and a fungus that attacks the gills, Manji said.

The parasitie appeared about two weeks before the release of millions of young salmon from the Iron Gate hatchery, making it unlikely the parasite infested the fish in the hatchery, or was a result of crowding in the river caused by the release, Manji added.

He said he was concerned it would get worse in coming weeks, when flows are due to be reduced to conserve water for irrigation on the Klamath Reclamation Project, and the return of spawning adults this fall.
A sunny outlook for sport

Our society is obsessed with looking back. Maybe it's because it shows us how much we've completed, how far we've come or possibly it's just the nostalgia of reminiscing. We spend hours at banquets celebrating what's already done. We watch videotapes of past events. We write top 10 lists of past events and some of us watch ESPN Classic way too much. Who doesn't want to see Ali-Frazier in the "Thrilla in Manila" when it's on, or Mike Tyson 18 years ago knocking the sense out of some guy using his right hand. I've only got so many inches to write here.

This past week, we had a chance to reflect on some of the great Cal Poly sports moments of the year, but you're not getting a 2003-04 Cal Poly yearbook from me. That can be located elsewhere in this section.

I'm going to act like this is the NBA playoffs and there's just a long bench of options to choose from for the summer.

Instead, here's a top 5 list on positive prospects for the next athletic school year.

If you're coming back next year, or plan on remaining a Mustang fan after you leave Cal Poly, here are some things you can look forward to.

1) Football has a conference: Cal Poly can finally say it is competing for a conference title in Division I-AA. Although the Great West will have to wait a couple years to earn its automatic bid to the playoffs, the winner of the conference should be a look to get to the postseason until then anyway.

2) Cross country runners don't need nametags. Only five out of 35 runners on the cross country team were seniors. Sean Ricketts is one of those seniors, but Brandon Collins and Ryan Moorcroft return. So will Amber Simmons, Katie Murphy and Rachel Peters.

3) Men's basketball building up: Coach Kevin Bromley said it might be one of, if not, the best season ever here.

How do the NBA finalists match up?

Chris Sheridan
Associated Press

A position-by-position look at the matchups in the NBA Finals between the Los Angeles Lakers and Detroit Pistons.

Coach
Phil Jackson vs. Larry Brown.
One has nine NBA championships, the other has none. One is a great teacher who implores his team to "play the right way," the other is more like a principal who tries to keep his pupils from skating at each other. One tries to get his team to stick to the principles of the triangle offense, the other eschews zone defenses and Hack-a-Shaq strategies — even if they'd give his team a better chance as a victory. Edge: Lakers.

Center
Shaquille O'Neal vs. Ben Wallace.
The Lakers' center is one of the few people walking the earth who can make Wallace seem puny by comparison. Known as "Diesel," O'Neal can be expected to power his way to the basket and rattle the rim with his dunks. Wallace, nicknamed the "Ben," is a tenacious defender and rebounder with few offensive skills. Both are horrible free-throw shooters, O'Neal making only 41 percent of his attempts this postseason, Wallace making 48 percent. Edge: Lakers.

Power Forward
Karl Malone vs. Rasheed Wallace.
Malone gets the edge in charisma, charm and cunning, while Wallace has the better shooting range and more volatile disposition. Malone has proven himself to be a key component to the Lakers' success throughout the season, while the addition of Wallace in a trade-deadline deal gave Detroit the extra piece it needed to rise above the mediocre level of competition in the East. Edge: Pistons.

Small Forward
Devean George vs. Tayshaun Prince.
George is the only non-superstar in the Lakers' starting lineup, a solid player both inside and outside who can hurt an opponent if he's ignored. Prince is longer and quicker, though he has struggled to be a consistent producer on offense during the postseason. Edge: Even.

Shooting Guard
Kobe Bryant vs. Richard Hamilton.
Nobody in the league has as much natural talent as Bryant, whose combination of explosiveness and shooting range make him one of the NBA's wunderkinds who draws a lot of the league's fire. Nobody in the league can run quite like Hamilton, who relies on coming off of a screen to free himself of a labyrinth of screens to free himself for the midrange jump shots he has better than anyone. Edge: Lakers.

Point Guard
Gary Payton vs. Chauncey Billups.
A playmaker on the decline vs. an undated leader who has changed from a shoot-first scorer to one of more traditional floor general. Payton has made drastic changes to his game since joining the Lakers and becoming the fourth, rather than first, offensive option. Billups has evolved under Brown's coaching into one of the league's steadiest point guards. Edge: Pistons.

Reserves
Dee Brown, Mike James, Elden Campbell and Darvin Ham. Fisher and Rush are the only players in the series capable of providing instant offense off the bench, while Green, Hamilton and Campbell provide 18 fouls to use against O'Neal. Edge: Pistons.