The dreaded yellow envelope

Money from parking fines at Cal Poly goes toward funding alternative transportation
Natalsha Toto
MUSTANG Daily

With over 30,000 parking tickets issued every year, Cal Poly takes in millions of dollars of revenue annually from parking fines. Citations range from expired meters to illegal parking violations. More than 60 percent of all parking fines collected go to fund alternate modes of transportation to and from campus, said associate director of University Police Cindy Campbell. "Citation fines are the reason Cal Poly students and employees are able to ride the SLO Transit buses for free and receive discounted rides on the Regional Transit Authority," Campbell said.

Over the past decade, Cal Poly has paid more than $2 million to fund these two bus transit programs. The money came directly from campus parking citation fines. Funding from parking citations also helps support campus with more bicycle racks, lockers and the University Police Escort Van program. The remaining 40 percent received from parking citations pays for the administrative and processing costs of parking enforcement on campus. A few examples include the vehicles used by parking officers, printing citations and paying students who work at the University Police Department. Parking officers that issue citations are not paid for by citation fines, but by parking permits purchased by students, faculty and staff, Campbell said. There are currently three full-time and four part-time parking enforcement officers employed on campus. See Tickets, page 2.

Tips for parking on campus

Unpaid citations
A driver who has five or more unpaid citations could have their vehicle immobilized, even if they are parked legally on campus.

State vehicle parking
State vehicle parking is enforced 24 hours a day.

Staff parking
Unless otherwise specified by a time, staff parking can be used by students with permits after 5 p.m.

Quarter breaks and holidays
Permit parking is enforced throughout quarter breaks and during holidays when campus remains open for non-academic business.

Grace period
There is no "grace period" at the beginning of each quarter.

Beginning of each quarter
For the first three days of every quarter, students will not be fined if they are parked in a general lot with a permit from the previous quarter.

Japanese made easy
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Only one percent of the students at Cal Poly are from another country, according to the university's Web site. On a campus without much international diversity, a professor from abroad with a new perspective can be refreshing. This three-part series peels back the podium to observe the different perspectives these professors bring to the classroom.

Teaching while mastering
When Japanese Professor Yoshiko Tachibana was approaching high school graduation, she was supposed to be an office worker. "I was always afraid that if someone needed something of me in a community or if someone asked me to be a translator, that I couldn't do it," Tachibana said.

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Japanese courses at Cal Poly. She earned her Master's degree in education at Cal Poly and has been teaching here for the last 16 years.

Tachibana said that American universities are easier to get into compared to Japanese universities. Once you get into an American university it is harder to graduate, whereas once you get into a Japanese university it is relatively easy to graduate.

She does admit that learning Japanese is hard, "but if you take it one step at a time, you can learn quite a bit in one quarter. You will be surprised."

"She's a very effective teacher," modern languages senior Patrick Evans said. "She taught me a lot of things I couldn't teach myself."

Evans also explained that Tachibana has a different teaching style that has proved to be very effective.

"I had to memorize entire conversations at the last 16 years.

Tachibana has organized weekly meetings where people can come and speak strictly Japanese. Their first meeting was at the beginning of this month.

At some point, Tachibana would like to return to Japan to teach English but she has not mastered English to her liking. When she does return to Japan, she looks forward to sharing her knowledge of American language and culture with her students.

"I can show them examples and talk with native speakers, I never did that before."

She said she could explain different cultural aspects of America, like celebrating Christmas and Thanksgiving. In her spare time, Tachibana enjoys learning to music and cooking. Her specialty? "Most people ask me to make California rolls."

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Companies are currently used in tennis rackets, car parts, and lightweight bicycles which are built to endure rough conditions.

"Carbon fiber is a challenging material to work with, but it has some very beneficial properties over traditional skateboard materials like wood and fiberglass," said engineering professor Kurt Colvin, who oversees the project.

Wood, which can break and splinter, is mainly a cost-effective material used to make skateboards. Fiberglass is more durable, but not as strong as a carbon fiber composite which is lighter than fiberglass and stronger than steel.

However, one thing offers carbon fiber's benefits. The cost. Moore said. "They're very expensive, they cost $150-$200 in materials. We were trying to market them for around $30 a piece which is kind of high."

A cheap skateboard can be bought for around $20.

"The conclusion of the student project was that because of the extensive labor required to make these skateboards and the expensive raw material costs of carbon fiber, it is not likely that a $300 skateboard deck would be successful commercially," Colvin said.

Moore, who believes the price of carbon fiber will not go down unless natural resources become endangered still hangs on to one of the boards he helped create. It stays with him in his shop.

The team took second place at WENTC with skateboards that came in three different colors: red, yellow, and the carbon fiber gray.

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There is one to four officers patrolling campus parking lots during most of the day.

For some students, however, it seems as though Cal Poly parking officers are waiting behind every corner.

"I have to make sure I am not a minute late getting back to my meter," mechanical engineering senior Adam Franklin said. "The parking police will get you every time."

Even with all the negative feedback and angry looks parking enforcement officer Son Goodwin receives from angry motorists, Goodwin says she still loves her job.

"There are such great people here," said Goodwin who has been a parking officer at Cal Poly for 18 years. "I enjoy coming to work, being outdoors and seeing friendly faces."

Parking officials try to be as approachable as possible Goodwin said.

"We are here to help, too, not just to write tickets," Goodwin said. Aside from processing citations, part of Goodwin's job is to respond to parking complaint calls.

When a vehicle is preventing other cars from leaving, Goodwin said she first tries to contact the owner before towing the car.

"If we can get a hold of someone, that is what we want to do," Goodwin said. "They will still get a citation, but we won't have to tow their car."

By checking the license plate or vehicle identification number, parking officers can try to identify the owner and locate them by phone or in the classroom if necessary.

Surfing after class?

Check out the surf forecast on the front page
STATE NEWS
SAN FRANCISCO — A delegation of 490 attorneys representing local bar associations statewide is urging a murderer representing local bar associations nationwide to put on hold pending an inquiry into whether California administers the ultimate punishment fairly and uniformly.

PICO RIVERA — A freight train carrying hazardous materials derailed in a Southern California community, forcing more than 200 people to evacuate and damaging at least four homes. No serious injuries were reported. Nearby 50 freight cars and trailers jumped the tracks Saturday, Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy Luis Castro said. About 500 gallons of diesel fuel spilled.

LOUIS ANGELES — The civil panel that oversees conduct within the Los Angeles Police Department has frequently been mired in incomplete reports of officer-involved shootings, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

DENVER — Colorado could end up writing an ugly sequel to the Florida election nightmare of four years ago.

Country clerks have been swamped with a surge in voter registrations, thousands of felonies are on the voter rolls, and there is widespread confusion about how

provisional ballots will be counted and voting rules will be enforced.

Then there is a measure that would split the state's nine electoral college votes, potentially holding up the results of the entire presidential race.

Democrat and Republican officials say they are assembling lawyers to keep watch at the polls.

ATLANTA — Fears of a terrorist attack are not sufficient reason for authorities to search people at a protest, a federal appeals court has ruled, saying Sept. 11 "cannot be the day liberty perished."

A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled unanimously Friday that protesters may not be required to pass through metal detectors when they gather next month for a rally against a U.S. training academy for Latin American soldiers.

After the 2001 terrorist attacks, authorities began using the metal detectors at the annual School of the Americas protest.

City officials in Columbus, Ga., contended the searches were needed because of the threat of terrorism, but the court threw out that argument, saying it would "eviscerate the Fourth Amendment."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS
BAGHDAD, Iraq — The most feared militant group in Iraq, the movement of terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, declared Monday it had considered bin Laden "the best leader for Islam."

It said the two had been in communication eight months ago and "viewpoints were exchanged."

KABUL, Afghanistan — Hamid Karzai's rivals said Sunday it was too early to call Afghanistan's inaugural presidential election, despite the interim leader's dominant showing after three days of vote-counting.

The U.S.-backed incumbent's main challenger, Yunus Qanoom, insisted that a full count and a proper investigation by a panel of foreign experts on fraud allegations could yet put him in the running.

He said his acceptance of the final results depends on the thoroughness of the probe.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. troops pounded the insurgent stronghold Fallujah with airstrikes and tank fire Sunday, and the Iraqi government appealed to residents of the city to expel "foreign terrorists" and "murderers" to prevent an all-out attack.

"I am warning the people in Fallujah that our cidade is not a place for you. You are all enemies of the city. You are enemies of the city," Defense Minister Abdullah al-Saidi said on an Iraqi television.

He said at least 11 civilians were killed and 11 wounded in the attack.

"This is an aggressive mission," he said.

"We have decided to start this offensive against the enemy because they are going to Fallujah," he said.

"We have orders from the Supreme Command to start the offensive in the city of Fallujah," he said.

He said the offensive was a "great victory" for the Iraqi army and added that the operation had "not been without losses."
Navy changes dress code, makes skirts optional

Stephanie Stoughton
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. Navy is getting a 21st century makeover, with a new dress code that makes skirts optional for its more than 54,000 female sailors for the first time since women officially entered the service in 1901.

Women can still choose to wear skirts, which come in colors that vary according to rank and sometimes the season. But until the new rules went into effect this month, they had to maintain skirts in their sea bags and could be ordered to wear them for special events such as change-of-command and retirement ceremonies.

The revamped skirt policy is one of several new changes to the dress code recommended after a survey of more than 40,000 sailors. As a result, all sailors in working uniform can now wear cell phones and carry garment bags over their shoulders. Women can also ditch their military purses and wildly unpopular "granny bags" and purchase more stylish replacements from department stores.

Among women's leading complaints: It made little sense to take skirts aboard ships because it wasn't practical to wear them. They also noted that the skirts didn't complement many women's shapes and that one of the skirts — a dress-blue one with a narrow cut — had no kick pleat.

Watch CPTV, Thursdays @ 8 p.m., on Channel 20

IMPORTANT NOTICE
ASI STUDENT DIRECTORY

Each year, Associated Students, Inc., produces a Student Directory that is made available to all students, faculty and staff at Cal Poly. The ASI Student Directory provides a listing of all students attending Cal Poly. This listing includes name, phone, e-mail address and major for each student on campus. Anyone who does not wish to have his/her personal information included in the directory should access

Mustang Info
www.mustanginfo.calpoly.edu

Go to "Your Student Information" Login
Look for "Personal Information"
Go to "Student Directory Information Restrictions"
Choose "PROTECTED" for your "Locator Information" status to prevent inclusion in the ASI Student Directory.

If you wish to restrict publication of your personal information, do so no later than November 12, 2004.

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COMMENTARY

It's the music, not the advertisement

Every one I know seems to be pretty good at forming their own opinions about the music I listen to. At least, when I introduce them to a great new manager to play the fiddle, kick drum, harmonica and tambourine at the same time, most of them decide to play Fisbee with the CID.

But as part of Generation Y (people born between 1977 and 1995) we're known as the 'marketing generation,' a group that is easily influenced by advertising and our peers. Many of us aren't teenagers anymore, but we are still considered the prime catch for anyone trying to sell something. And the music business is a big seller.

I remember when people cared about the Backstreet Boys, and it's hard to admit that it was people MY age. But that's who we're associated with. We've got the patterns in our generation, which means we are currently the ones buying Ashlee Simpson.

I ventured to San Francisco last week to see Billy Corgan (ex-lead singer and guitarist for the Smashing Pumpkins) in an interview. He talked a lot about how easy it was for him to write a "hit" song after a while with the Pumpkins, and how he's sick of it.

Corgan also said that he does listen to some of the artists of today and sees there but there all is an element of robot in each.

But that is all we're reared to! A generation of consumers and followers which buys anything that fits the mold of what's cool! We don't have a Kurt Cobain or a Jimi Hendrix to look to for quality. We've got artists in Sprite commercials telling us to think for ourselves ... oh yeah, everyone else does or because they see a great ad, so I'm convinced that we're seeing what's being sold to us, others would say channels like MTV do a good job at making us think sexy underage girl prance around in a video (why name names? You see talent, but there is still an element of robot in each.

In order to overcome this stereotype, schools are requiring foreign language. However, for all American students, and recent studies show that knowing multiple languages is actually make people smarter. If children are exposed to multiple languages at a young age, studies show that they will comprehend written language easier, and be able to learn more easily.

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I'm not saying we should want to talk about our peers, and others would say channels like MTV do a good job at making us think sexy underage girl prance around in a video (why name names? You see talent, but there is still an element of robot in each."

Emily Logan is a music and journalism junior and a Mustang Daily columnist.

Download of the day

The Honorary Title
"Frame by Frame"

Drawing on an eclectic range of influences that includes Elvis Costella and Bright Eyes, the band combines raw emotion with pop hooks and remarkably poetic lyrics to write songs that defy simple genre classifications.

Despite their young age, the group is gaining attention with their powerful performances.

Have a suggestion for the Download of the Day?
 e-mail us at artsandculture@mustangdaily.net

Please include your name, year and major and why the song should be downloaded.

Editor's Note: We will pick Ashlee Simpson if you request it. Do it.

Second language: Too little, too late

Louise Dobly
MUSTANG DAILY

In a time of growing diversity in the nation, it is becoming more important and more useful to know a second language. From simply fulfilling a graduation requirement, to communicating successfully with someone from a non-English-speaking country, students are being challenged to break the language barrier.

However, since it seems most foreign countries are adopting English as the universal language, this requirement may seem superfluous for college curriculum.

"We think everybody should speak English, that's the language of success," said journalism department chair George Ramos. "And even most mono­lingual imperialists there are around, they expect everyone to speak English.

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According to the Interventions Employee and Family Assistance Program, babies have the potential to understand the alphabet and spell their names but cannot read without the help of pictures. Bilingual preschoolers can read sooner than monolingual preschoolers because they are able to recognize symbolic relations between letters, characters and sounds without having visual objects.

"We have the ability to be more mentally flexible, and knowing multiple languages opens up a new universe of people that you can be speaking with," said Debra Valencia-Laver, professor of educational psychology and child development.

"Learning a foreign language at a very young age can clearly benefit children's reading abilities," said Bialystok in the American Psychological Association's Journal of Developmental Psychology. "It seems college students are too late to "flex our brains" by learning multiple languages since they are well past the age mark.

College students' brains are too far developed to easily master languages. Those who were exposed to foreign languages have a clear advantage.

"I think knowing and understanding multiple languages chal­lenges and exercises your brain," business marketing senior Allison Finger said. "If you know multilingual ways to say one thing you are ahead of the game. I know people that know three languages and did really well on the language portion of the SAT's because they could recognize prefixes and figure out the root of the word."

By not speaking or understanding a second foreign language, Americans also miss out on experiencing the social aspects and culture of other countries in the world.

"We've lost some of our native languages. People use these languages for example, by teaching English only in the classrooms we lose some cultural knowledge," said Valencia-Laver. "There are different kinds of understanding for things that often get lost in translation. (Knowing multiple languages) brings people together so they can share experiences in different ways."
Some good advice: Get another opinion

B ad advice. Nobody likes to get it. Why did you listen to your roommate when he told you you’d be great with that girl? She knows like a chairwoman and leaves her on the mantel. Then there was that friend your best friend? I’m not even a fan of eating McDonald’s as good as the box stuff. Bad advice.

There’s terrible advice. The kind that affects your future, not just your grades or tights and tassels. School advising didn’t become a problem until recently for me. The initial advising was fine: I had such and such courses completed and these other courses left to take. However, as graduation is rapidly approaching, I’m starting to juggle substituting courses for my minor as decided by my recommender change. Let’s just say, I’ve dropped the balls more than a few times while juggling. Who better to pick up the figurative balls than my faculty adviser? The professor assured me I was almost done, and gleefully signed off on all the dotted lines, sending me on my way.

I was created on the right path toward graduation, I went and saw a staff adviser for a second opinion. Staff adviser informed me that I in fact needed summer school to get another opinion. Said staff adviser informed me I was “good.”

I’m not implying students shun advising altogether. Some students I spoke to had positive advising experiences. Furthermore, it’s hardly the fault of the poor advisers who are given no formal training. With changes being made constantly in curriculum, and so few staff advisers for so many faculty, the advice the students are given will differ. Who better to pick up the figurative balls than my faculty adviser? The problem is not in the lack of funds, but in the misuse of the money they get. Take for example our beloved UDP. They think that their job is to give us parking tickets all day long. Some, ticket need to be given out, but do you really need a bunch of extra cops to do this? Why don’t they deal with some real issues here, and stop worrying about parking, bikeways, and Mobi-Gas.

We need to start tightening up on the things we spend money on, and if it doesn’t mean sending more funding increases our way, Simply tell us that you’re wanting our money and start spending it right.

PS to the writer of Religious Reference, give us, it’s called free speech, and what makes this nation great.

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"Due is the new Mustang Daily play thing."
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The second half opened and the clouds did as well.

Rain came down in torrents and drove much of the record 9,352 spectators crammed into Mustang Stadium away. The attendance was the largest in school history breaking the previous record set against Fresno State back in 1979.

In the second half, both offenses were doused by the torrent that came down in sheets. What had been an offensive struggle turned into a mud bowl as both defenses had their way.

Cal Poly would add a field goal late after the Bobcats had scored another touchdown through the air to cement the final score.

The victory secured a winning season for the Mustangs. Darrell Jones had six receptions for 145 yards, while his 16th year headed to two passes for 140 yards. On the ground, Kandle gained 102 yards on 11 carries and Garnett ran 20 times for 74 yards.

The Mustangs finished with 252 yards rushing while the Bobcats gained just 91 yards on the ground.

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reclaiming this year, ran the second fastest time of anyone on the course, over 40 seconds faster than Mora.

The women's team only had two representatives, seniors Ashley Dene and sophomore Julie Hancock. Dene finished 27th and Hancock placed 34th in the five-kilometer race.

At pre-nationals, Amber Simmons led the Mustang women with a 2:18:58 and 35th place overall.

For men, it was Brandon Collins’ 23rd place in 24:32 that placed the Mustang squad.
Brian Lambdin
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly offense finally played the way coach Rich Ellerson believed it could.
Ellerson has been saying it all year: The offense can be explosive.
The Mustangs showed they can make plays on both sides of the ball, defeating the Texas State Bobcats 38-21 at the Homecoming game Saturday. Only a rain-soaked field in the second half could slow down a Mustang unit that put up 578 yards of total offense.
Cal Poly is now 6-0 overall.
Quarterback Anthony Garnett led the Mustang offense completing 11-of-15 passes for 326 passing yards, throwing four touchdowns and running for another score.
On the strength of this performance, Ellerson ended the quarterback controversy and named Garnett the starting quarterback.
"Garnett can do the things we want from a quarterback," Ellerson said.
Coming into the game, Cal Poly quarterbacks had thrown just five total touchdown passes in five games this year.
The Mustangs received the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards on 11 plays capping off by a Garnett 25-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Jason Holmes. Holmes was making his first start in over a year. It was the first time in six games that Cal Poly had scored on its opening drive and running back Geno Randle felt that the momentum they had from the first drive helped carry them throughout the rest of the first half. Randle wasn’t completely healed before the game.
"Even at 80 percent I will take Geno," he said.
Cal Poly’s offense rode the momentum in its next drive to a four-yard touchdown run by Garnett after the Cal Poly defense gave the offense a short field. By this time, Cal Poly had racked up more than 100 rushing yards, surpassing last week at Southern Utah.
The Bobcat offense, which came in sporting the seventh best rushing defense in Division I-AA., found the running game snuffed by Cal Poly’s fifth-ranked rushing defense. Instead, they challenged the Cal Poly defensive backs and had some success throwing the ball.
But the Mustangs took control early 14-0 lead.
"We were confident coming out," wide receiver Jonah Russell said.
"We knew they didn’t respect us."
After falling behind, Barrick Nealy, the Bobcats quarterback who led his team in rushing and passing, hooked up with wide receiver John Tyson for a 23-yard score.

And then there was offense

A Bobcat dive for Darrell Jones who finished with 145 yards on six catches including an 88-yard touchdown. The Mustang offense finished with 578 total yards of offense, its second best effort of the year.

Quarterback Garnett hooked up with Darrell Jones for an 88-yard touchdown pass, the longest play of the year for the Mustangs.
The Bobcats struck right back as Nealy hooked up with wide receiver Tyrome Scott from 49-yard out.
The Mustang defense looked porous against the pass, but for the first time all year the offense was bailing out the defense.
The Mustangs would not be undone, on their next possession they showed their running ability as Randle scooted 57 yard to set up an Adam Martinez 11-yard touchdown reception that put Cal Poly up 28-14.

Nate Jones
MUSTANG DAILY

While the upper echelon of the Cal Poly cross country team was off at the Pre-National Invitational at Indiana State University Saturday, Cal Poly still showed in depth at the VS Athletics/Cal Poly Invitational at the Fairbanks Memorial Cross Country Course.

While the men at Indiana placed an impressive second place, those who stayed home were not to be outdone finishing first and placing all five runners in the top 20. The women placed 26th at the pre-nationals, while the lone two runners that remained in San Luis Obispo competed, but could not place as a team.

In Indiana, the Nos. 11 men’s team finished with 186 points, enough to beat out every team but Colorado. The teams that were previously ranked ahead of the Mustangs but finished below them Saturday included Iowa, Georgetown and Butler.

At home, the first-place finish for the men spoke volumes.

The depth of the men’s team was obvious considering many of the other teams brought a regular squad.

Other than UC Santa Barbara, who also sent a team to Indiana State, the rest of the teams including Long Beach State, Fullerton, UC Irvine, Santa Clara, Loyola Marymount, Ventura, San Jose State, Fresno State and Pepperdine, had all their athletes competing.

Former collegiate athletes could also participate in the open race, thus their finishes are not taken into account.

But there’s always room for improvement before the Big West Championships on Oct. 30.

"I don’t like the way I ran," junior Tom Phelps said,"My legs just kind of seemed tired."

Phelps finished in seventh place less than a second behind teammate Jameson Mora who finished sixth place for the individual top finisher on Cal Poly. Phelps also went on the say the team had mixed emotions about its individual performances.

Although the team placed first, coach Terry Crawford said the runner she was most pleased with was freshman Tiny Swier, who didn’t even figure into the standings.

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Impressive showings for cross country at home and away

Nate Jones
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Tom Phelps runs to a seventh place finish at the VS Athletics/Cal Poly Invitational at the Fairbanks Memorial Cross Country Course.