The dreaded yellow envelope

Money from parking fines at Cal Poly go toward funding alternative transportation
Natasha Toto
FEATURE STORY

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.

"Citations are the reason Cal Poly students and employees are able to ride the SLO Transit buses for free," Campbell said. "More than 24 percent of all parking fines go to 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 Tips, page 2

Students skate through competition

Cal Poly's WESTEC team holds the carbon fiber skateboards that won them second place in the 2004 Manufacturing Challenge.

Ji Jun
MUSTANG DAILY

Imagine riding a skateboard that is as resistant to damage as it is lightweight. That's what Cal Poly students were thinking about when they created a carbon fiber skateboard.

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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 and then say it out loud in class,” Evans said.

Right now, Cal Poly offers Japanese 101, 102, and 103, all taught over the course of one year. Tachibana would like to teach more classes, but she said the budget cuts are preventing her from doing so.

Instead, Evans said that Tachibana takes time outside of class to teach students who would like to learn more about the Japanese language. Students can earn one credit toward independent study, but Tachibana does not pay for her help.

“If a student is enthusiastic, I like to help,” Tachibana said.

Right now there are eight students taking the independent study, Tachibana said.

“She’s a hub for a lot of people who are interested in Japan,” Evans said.

“Without her, a lot of things wouldn’t come together,” Tachibana explained that there is no network for Japanese people who 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 $300 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 expense labor required to make these skateboards and the expensive raw materials cost of carbon fiber, it is not likely that a $500 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 WENTE with skateboards that came in three different colors: red, yellow, and the carbon fiber gray.

Tickets
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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 many looks parking enforcement officer Sun 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.

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IN OTHER NEWS

CORDELE, Ga. — There was no "Day After Tomorrow" for Charles Alton Adams' mobile home, which the south Georgia man told police he set on fire after watching the disaster movie and drinking beer. Adams, 32, walked into the Crisp County Law Enforcement Center early Thursday and told deputies he had burned down the doublewide home. He told deputies that after watching the film, a special-effects extravaganza depicting deadly natural disasters, and drinking nine or 10 beers, he decided to set fire to pillows on his bed. Harisson said Adams was charged with arson. He remained jailed Friday. —Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Drummer Tommy Lee has played plenty of stadium shows with his band Motley Crue. But none was quite like his performance with Nebraska marching band, before 77,081 red-clad football fans. Lee is in Lincoln filming a prospective NBC-TV reality show in which he takes classes at the University of Nebraska including chemistry and the history of rock 'n' roll. —Associated Press

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IN OTHER NEWS
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 widely 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.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE
ASI STUDENT DIRECTORY

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Everyone I know seems to be pretty good at forming their own opinions about the music I listen to. At least, when I introduce my friends to new artists or genres, I have to manage to play the fiddle, kick drum, harmonica and tambourine at the same time, most of them decide to play Frisbee 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 talent, but there isn’t an element of riot in each.

But that is all we’re reduced 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 ...

In order to overcome this stereotypical view of our generation as easily influenced, we have to make people listen to the music, not the ads. And it seems the music industry is only taking this into account, and strategies, and I read the word “cohort” way too many times.

Others would say channels like M TV do a good job at making us think why? Would records be sold then? It would have to be based solely on the music, not the advertising...

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.

 "And this question and our position in the world, we think that everybody should speak English, that’s the language of success,” said journalism department chair George Ramos. "And the most mono-lingual imperialists there are around, they expect everyone to speak English.

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

“There are benefits to bilingualism,” said Debra Valencia-Laver, professor of psychology and child development. “People have a better understanding of language in general, they have the ability to be more mentally flexible, and knowing multiple languages opens up a new universe of ideas that you can be speaking with.”

According to the Interventions Employee and Family Assistance Program, babies have the potential to learn any language with equal ease; but by the time they are six months old, they have already begun to focus on the one tongue they hear spoken the most. If parents take advantage of this small window of opportunity, they can introduce a second or even third language and stretch their child’s brain.

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Download of the day
The Honorary Title
“Frame by Frame”
Drawing on an eclectic range of influences that includes Elvis Costello and Bright Eyes, the band combines raw emotion with pop hooks and remarkably poetic lyrics to write songs that defy simple genre classifications.

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Recent scientific studies have shown learning a second language before the age of 7 can increase a person’s general intelligence levels.

Lindsey Bialystok of York University, preschoolers who speak one language can usually recite 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. Tests showed the bilingual preschoolers scored twice as high as their monolingual counterparts.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plato feared democracy, perhaps we should too

Why was it that Plato so feared democracy? We must remember that he came from a time when the majority had no education beyond what a god could tell. Moh! True!

No, any such government would be subject to the conservative wisdom of its supreme policy-makers and become conditioned from progress. History has shown time and time again that understanding the beauty of government always ends up in the hands of morally hypocritical freaks that spend so much recourses on preserving the power structure that nothing positive ever gets done.

We can search the world over for the moon of progress stagnation (or reversal). Sometimes it is due to poverty, other times it is lack of reforms. More often than not it is a religious ideology (war is big, but backed by thie.

Yet, despite lessons learned time and time again we freely allow this influence to control our future. But, our very eyes, residents of southern states are allowed to vote.

Yesterday I watched TV. I heard a Southerner say "Jesus most certain- ly works through Mr. Bush. God could not have done this when Mr. Bush wins." I myself fail to see where Jesus and God ever worked together. The man has the same voting power as this idiot, but God is still with the Southern states. In the year 2004!

Long ago I thought that Plato just liked the idea. His students probably still hold sway in the year 2004!

Morgan Ellis
General engineering senior

Another useless thing to spend our tax dollars on

Hi: Million spent by the U.C. Police? Yaay! Yet another useless thing government was fit to spend our hard earned tax dollars on. I was rather confused that in the midst of a budget crisis our government keeps dreaming it is going to spend more and more money on useless things like this and President Baker's new house.

I'm not saying such things aren't needed, or deserved. All I'm saying is that they should show a little bit of respect to us and the teachers in this time of need. Every quarter I see classes full up faster and faster, (I had to crash at but one this quarter) and hear about teachers getting fired (why not it ever the bad ones? The problems is not in the lack of funds, but in the misuse of the money they get. Take for example our beloved U.P.D. They think that their job is to give us parking tickets all day long. Sure, tickets 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 worry worrying about parking, bicycling and Math Grade?

We need to start tightening up on the things we spend money on, and find new ways to pump more money into our system. Simply tell us where your wasting our money and start spending it right.

PS to the writer of Religious Reference: after all, it's called free speech, and what makes this nation great.

Matt Neal
Computer engineering sophomore

Using a real razor can give you a nice, close shave

Listen up guys! Electric's the only answer. A real razor is the best available.

I take a shower or dampen your face with a net, hot towel in order to raise your skin and make the hairs off of your face.

Use a great shaving cream, I've heard using a cream helps rub the cream in better to protect your skin. Try a specific cream that works for you, such as "Sensitiv Skin," "Clean Shave," etc.

A razor is essential! I use the Gillette series Mach 3. Power. A good shaver can cut the line with a dull razor can pull your hairs out. Depending on the thickness of your facial hair, a good razor head should work for at least three shaves.

Always go with the grain! Our hands go in a lot of directions, so take the time to feel out which way you go. Going against the grain can embed objects into your pores, which creates ingrown hairs.

In, and last but not least, follow up with a good after shave. After shave isn't fancy cologne; it actually helps clean out your pores. It hurts, because it is working like rubbing alcohol on a cut.

I hope this helps all of you search of a real-man/razor guys out there. Rubbing a sharp blade against your face takes practice. So don't freak out the first time you cut yourself. Take it slow and easy, then you will catch on.

Ben Rylander
Civil engineering junior

The parking situation is only going to get worse

Hi, I'm writing in response to the comment that Blake brought to my attention about the library parking lot being bulldozed starting next quarter.

Now why does Cal Poly start projects right to the middle of a school year?! Wouldn't it seem more reasonable and logical to start the project in the beginning of the year, that way the construction workers have a full three months to complete their mission before school starts back up.

I am really frustrated at this concept because I'm free of it all, right in the middle of a school year, second semester is already over and the library is already being bulldozed. This is the only lot that is near all of my classes especially at NIGHT, and that's RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAMN SCHOOL YEAR!!!

Awesome, now when I have class lectures, midterms and finals, we will be embraced by wonderful sounds of machinery going to work. That's just going to be a great way to end my last year at Cal Poly.

I suggest everyone who is against this plan or at least think it should be moved until next semester, please write in your disgust to our Cal Poly know your concerns. I guarantee you parking is going to be even worse than it already is, believe or not.

Tara Gibson
Psychology senior

CAMPUS troubleshooter

Astroturfing campus

It's sad that no on else has commented on the astroturfing of campus (especially before coffee), but that comment annoyed me. First of all, the cows are really nowhere near Cal Poly because I don't see the correlations that they would be that is would be an excuse to feed us unsanitary food anyway.

I would think it would be in the best interest of the school to keep the food clean. That way people will buy it. I noticed that quite a few people, myself included, did not eat much before school because it is working like rubbing alcohol on a cut.

I would think that because we are "on campus" people will be more pride in the food we serve than this. Means sanitation should suffer. I'd be willing to wait a few extra minutes for my bagel if I know is would be clean out your pores. It hurts, because it is working like rubbing alcohol on a cut.

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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 slowed by the downpour 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 assured a winning season for the Mustangs. Darrell Jones had six receptions for 145 yards, while his 16th year balled 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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recalling this year, ran the second fastest time of anyone on the course, over 40 seconds faster than Moro.

The women's team only had two representatives, senior Ashley Drex and sophomore Julie Hancock. Drex finished 25th and Hancock placed 31st in the five-kilometer race.

At pre-nationals, Amber Simmons led the Mustang women with a 21:58 time and 81st place finish.

For men, it was Brandon Collins 23rd place in 24:32 that paced the Mustang squad.
COACHES' CORNER
This week's spotlight on...

Brian Lambdin

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 quarter-back 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 copped 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 Gino 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 Gino,” 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 point, 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 offense in Division I-AA, found the running game stifled 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 Jonath 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.

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, it’s second best effort of the year.

But Cal Poly responded immediately.

On the first play of the second quarter 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 Nealay topped with wide receiver Tyrone Scott from 40 yard out.

The Mustang defense knocked points against the pass, but for the first time all year the offense was bailing out the defense.

The Mustangs would not be outdone, on their next possession they showed their running ability as Randle scooted 57 yards to set up an Adam Martinez 11-yard touchdown reception that put Cal Poly up 28-14.

Impressive showings for cross country at home and away

Nate Jones

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 No. 11 men’s team finished with 163 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. Swier, who is see Cross country, page 7

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Men’s soccer coach Wolfgang Gartner

Melissa L. Dorcak

Wolfgang Gartner has been the men’s soccer coach at Cal Poly for 25 years. He went to San Luis Obispo High School as an exchange student and played soccer for the University of the Pacific, graduating in 1974. After college, Gartner returned to Stuttgart, Germany to play soccer professionally. He played for teams in Germany, Asia, Los Angeles and Sacramento before returning to San Luis Obispo. In 1979, he started coaching the soccer team part time and took over full-time in 1983. Coach Gartner took some time away from soccer to talk about his life as a Division I coach.

Q. — What got you interested in coaching?
A. — It was a complete accident, I was playing professional soccer and I had a serious knee injury. I had a nine month rehab time and I came home quite frequently during my rehab time because I was socializing and also my sister lives here. So that’s what got me to San Luis Obispo. And then some people knew me from playing professional soccer in Sacramento, they contacted me and said we need a coach.

Q. — What is your biggest goal as a coach?
A. — In the very beginning I had the idealistic notion that I wanted it to be fun, to have a really enjoyable soccer experience. But particularly after the move to Div I, you also have to make sure you are results-wise successful. People always look to how many wins and losses you have.

Q. — If you could instill one lesson in your players right now, what would it be?
A. — Whenever you step on the field, on the practice field or on the playing field, you need to take up your sleeves and put an all-out effort onto the field.

Q. — What is your team’s biggest obstacle this year?
A. — It’s this season in particular, last season we were spared the unfortunate injuries. The college season is so short and there’s no time to recover from injuries and we have serious injuries that are going on right now.

Q. — What are some of your other hobbies?
A. — I like the outdoors. I do all sports, I’m interested in any competitive sport. And aside from that, I’m interested in left social-leaning politics.

Q. — Anything else you want to add?
A. — I just enjoy sports and I really enjoy my 25 years of working with young, intelligent students.