Associated Students Inc. dropped its liability insurance for club events on campus, and Cal Poly clubs are taking it hard.

The only way ASI would provide limited coverage for a club is if the club is participating in an activity where an ASI agent is supervising. Other activities that clubs do on their own are not covered by ASI, director of business services for ASI Dan Brimmett said.

This came as a surprise to the Polycon club, which was denied an insurance certificate for its yearly video game convention in July. The event takes place on campus in one of the residence halls.

Club adviser, Troy Weipert, a technology support specialist, went to ASI at the beginning of June to file for insurance.

After a couple of weeks without a response, he contacted Brimmett.

Weipert said Brimmett called him back and told him he would take care of it. Nine days prior to the event Brimmett contacted him saying that he was not going to be able to get him insurance. Brimmett told Weipert that the insurance they had only covered ASI and not other groups.

Weipert said, when he was looking for insurance, he went to risk management and they told him he could get it through ASI.

The insurance coverage Polycon got from ASI in the past was a certificate that covered everyone who attended the convention, Weipert said. Brimmett denies that ASI gave that type of coverage.

"ASI did not provide that kind of liability insurance for Polycon," Brimmett said.

Weipert said Polycon needed special event insurance, which ASI does not provide.

The Cal Poly Sailing Club was also notified by ASI that their boats would no longer be insured. If the club cannot find insurance, by the end of November, they will not be able to sail.

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own their boats themselves, Kenworthy said this would be too costly and could cause liability issues. "We are currently working to obtain specific insurance for every club on campus," Brannett said.

The insurance they hope to obtain would have minimal medical coverage. ASI is also considering paying for part of the coverage.

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

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Dairy

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12 classes of cows. A class is a group of four cows or heifers, which are young cows who have not had calves. The official judge will place each of the four cows in first, second, third or fourth place. The individual team members then judge and place the cows.

"You all have to judge the cows the way you see them," Dibble said. "That's why it is so important to see the cows alive."

In addition to placing the four cows, the team members must each come up with reasons as to why they placed the cows in a specific order.

"It's really boring to watch it all," Dibble said. "It is 200 kids staring at cows, but it is extremely intense. I take it really seriously."

After the cows are judged, all the teams eat lunch together in silence. Dibble said. No one is allowed to talk because the team members cannot reveal their reasons or judging places to one another.

"It's a very long day," Dibble said. "Being in a room eating lunch with 200 silent students can be funny."

When presenting their reasons to the judge, the team members must speak formally and include appropriate terms, Dibble said.

"Basically, it is like an impromptu speech," Dibble said. "You have to remember 24 cows all day long."

The judge takes the top three scores of each team and drop the lowest person's score. Henderson said part of the reason the teams continue to be undefeated was the team members took turns receiving the highest and lowest scores.

"We're all so close in points that the low score could be two points lower than the other kids' on the team," Dibble said.

This undefeated group cannot compete again in any of the competitions they won. The new season starts in November, and the junior team will take over to become this season's senior team.

Henderson, who has coached the team for about seven years, was on a team in college. He keeps the team practicing at least twice a week at Cal Poly's cows. He said it is hard to get a team together in California because dairy cattle judging is neither big nor commercialized in the state.

"We're the only school out West that's really competitive," Henderson said.

From 1996 to 2003, Cal Poly ranked fourth overall out of 63 schools. This win might move them into second. Henderson said. The last time Cal Poly won the National Intercollegiate Judging Contest was in 1983.

"This was a really big win for us," Henderson said. "This is one of the biggest national competitions."

Dibble, who has been judging since she was about 9 years old, transferred to Cal Poly last year and judged on the senior team this year. Henderson said that I S  no longer useful and is sent to the slaughterhouse. Once a cow is sent to the slaughterhouse, the dairymen get money for that cow. Instead of getting the money for that cow, the team asks the dairymen to send the money to Cal Poly. This helped the team raise about $8,000.

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SAN DIEGO — An air ambulance crashed in the mountains near the Mexican border early Sunday, Shortly after taking off from a small air field in San Diego, Two pilots, two paramedics and a nurse aboard the Lear jet bound for Albuquerque, N.M., were killed in the crash, said Larry Levy, CEO and medical director of Albuquerque-based Med Flight Air Ambulance, which owned the jet.

Authorities located three of the bodies and were continuing their search for the other two, said Capt. Glenn Revell of the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

STANFORD — U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer said Saturday that he wasn't sure he was being truly impartial when the court was asked to settle the disputed 2000 presidential vote in Florida. Breyer, named to the court by Democratic president Bill Clinton, was one of the dissenting votes in the 5-4 decision that canceled a commercial recount in Florida, sending George W. Bush to the White House instead of Al Gore.

"I had to ask myself would I vote the same way if the names were reversed," said Breyer at a panel discussion at Stanford University Law School. "I said 'yes.' But I'll never know for sure — because people are great self-kidders — if I reached the truthful answer."

Breyer said his colleague, Sandra Day O'Connor, believed the high court's current relationship with Congress was "the worst it had ever seen" in her 23 years as a justice.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ARKALYK, Kazakhstan — A Russian rocket and the non-reusable Soyuz space craft have been the only way NASA can get to the space station and back since the U.S. shuttle fleet was grounded in August because the Columbia burned up on re-entry in February 2003.

OJFYA, Japan — Tens of thousands of Japanese huddled in emergency shelters Sunday after a series of earthquakes in northern Japan flattened homes, toppled bridges and killed at least 21 people and injuring as many as 2,000.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — In one of their boldest and most brutal attacks yet, insurgents waylaid three U.S.-trained Iraqi soldiers heading home on leave and massacred about 50 of them — many of them shot in the head execution-style, officials said Sunday. A claim of responsibility posted on an Islamist Web site attributed the attack to followers of Jordanian-born terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Douglasville, Ga. — A woman came home from vacation to find a stranger living there, wearing her clothes, changing utilities into her name and even ripping out carpet and repainting a room she didn't like, authorities said. Douglas County authorities say they can't explain why Beverly Valentine, 54, broke into an empty home and started acting like it was her own.

Mitchell was a complete unknown to Valentine, said Chief Sheriff's Deputy Stan Copeland. He said he had no idea how Valentine knew Mitchell was gone.

"In 28 years, I've never seen something this strange," Copeland said.

Valentine was being held in Douglas County Jail on a $25,000 bond, Copeland said. If convicted, she could face one to 20 years in prison. Copeland said Friday that he believed Valentine did not have a lawyer.

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Where have all the women gone?

There is no shortage of women musicians on MTV or on the radio. A few of them play acoustic guitar or piano, but a majority of them are solo singers or tap dancers. I have a great respect for all of these musicians, but lately I've been yearning for a good, hard rock band. The 1990s were a great time for women rock bands. Some played harder music than others, but bands like Hole, Veruca Salt and the Breeders dominated the music scene and didn't care about looking pretty or being thin (Hole being the exception later on). Now, Courtney Love is still around — in the news for less than flattering reasons and Melissa Auf der Maur (bassist for Hole) recently released a solo album.

Andi Der Maur's album satisfied about 5 percent of my hunger for good, thick rock. Many of her songs were too much and too slow. However, her vocal ability dragged far behind the energy of the music. Her songs would build energy until the end, where I expected a scream or even a tinge of Robert Plant somewhere, and I was just disappointed.

Thinking back to the 1990s again, two bands stuck in my mind as having a do-it-yourself attitude while maintaining the pleasure of being female: Those bands are the Cranberries and Garbage. Of course, these are female-fronted bands, but I'm taking great caution in using this, those girls WRRE the band. The first time I saw The Cranberries live, Dolores O'Riordan came out and I realized how short she really is. But once she started singing, the energy and pure talent that she exudes surpassed Shirley Manson of Garbage has always stuck out in my mind as being an ideal woman. I know, I know — wouldn't trust my judgment either, but I have enormous respect for her. Not only is she a great singer, but she has been strong, forward and yet graceful in every interview I've ever seen her give.

Times have definitely changed. I may be just having a mind blind, but I can't think of one hard rock group that is popular today that is fronted or composed completely of women. One that (unfortunately) does creep into my mind is The Distillers. I don't pretend to know much about them, but I know that the lead singer doesn't quite fit into my standard of a woman — it's harsh, but true.

The only way I'm going to find a good, solid hard rock band is to look at the women's rock bands. I know they're out there and I plan to see them.

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

Download of the day

Robby Williams
"Kacho"

While his career never took off here in the States, Robbie-mania continues in Europe with this new single, which is nice slice of new wave symphony.

Student documentary highlights lack of campus diversity at Poly

Kimberly Masculine

Michael Hamilton wanted his senior project to mean more than just the course units that it counted for. But the social science senior didn't anticipate the importance of the completed project to the community. "I always wanted to make a change," Hamilton said. ("My project has gotten bigger than I ever could imagine.

"What Are You Gonna Do Today?" Hamilton's project is a documentary film about diversity and multicultural education on the Cal Poly campus. After sorting through over 11 hours of video footage, Hamilton put together a documentary that represents what students, faculty and staff think about the existence of diversity on campus, in the curriculum and in the student body.

"I think it's really admirable, especially given that he had to go to every big administrator on campus," history senior Katrina delo Cruz said.

The video begins with a look at Hamilton's T-shirt collection, to show his colors and how he is involved on campus. He also wanted to show that getting involved on campus will help answer the film's title. The rest of the documentary is a compilation of interviewers answering Hamilton's question.

"There were a whole slew of questions I asked and they were catered to who spoke to," he said.

Hamilton walked around campus with his video camera and talked to students. He also sat down with staff and faculty, such as Vice President of Student Affairs Cornell Morton, ethnic studies professor Melissa Cireene and Multicultural Center coordinator Mark Kennedy.

He was unable to get Cal Poly President Warren Baker to speak to him during the filming of the documentary. After several attempts to reach Baker, Hamilton spoke with his Executive Assistant Dan Howard.

"At the end of the interview with Greene, Hamilton was told his project lacked academic merit. Hamilton again informed Baker of his project and what was said during his interview with Greene.

Hamilton got no response and decided it was important to let students know about the situation. Though he avoided making it the center issue, once the film was finished, Hamilton gave a copy to Baker, who has since watched it and spoke to Hamilton.

"I took a shot at Baker and he has every right to defend himself," Hamilton said. "There is stuff that he is doing at the school that is good. I think he is a little out of touch about students' needs. I think he knows that to a certain extent.

"The message of the Cal Poly's Statement on Diversity is that diversity in the curriculum is needed to create a well-rounded education. Hamilton said the statement says all the right stuff, but many students, as emphasized in the video, do not feel the university is making an effort to make it a reality.

"On the one hand, diversity is being addressed but on the other hand, some students and faculty don't care enough about it," delo Cruz said.

Hamilton hopes the video will be used in all classrooms on campus to create discussion and make people think.

"This video is just as important as a chalk board in the classroom," he said. "It's a learning tool.

The video is available at Insomniac Video on Broad Street, and it is being implemented in some student and staff training programs. Although Hamilton's senior project is completed, he is not finished. The video is being shown in Chumash Auditorium today at 7 p.m.

There will be a panel discussion and a question and answer period to follow. Panelists include Baker, Morton, ASI President Blake Bolles, Academic Advisor Don Johnson, history professor and co-writer of the Statement on Diversity Don Ray, president of ethnic studies Zlatomir Kuzmanov and Inter Vice President of Academic Programs and Undergraduate Education David Cook.

"These are the people that have the ability to make a change," Hamilton said.

He said he hopes people watch the film, take it seriously and start dialogue because, as Hamilton puts it in his last lines of the movie, "It's about what you're going to do today, tomorrow and the next day.

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Everyone's vote counts in
America, even Christians!
It's obviously that there needs to be some changes in high school edu-
cation and possibly even younger than that. If boys are so interested in
money and status, why don't teachers and counselors discuss with them
some higher-paying professions within liberal arts? And if girls aren't
getting enough information about engineering before they apply to
colleges, high school and community college counselors and teachers
need to educate them on all the possibilities in the field.

Lipstick. Perfume. Psychology. What do the above things have in common?
First, they're all pretty. Secondly, that most girls wouldn't be
cought dead applying lipstick, spraying on a floral scent, or ... sitting
in a psychology class?
The College of Liberal Arts at Cal Poly was a whopping 28.3 percent
men last year, according to the Cal Poly Fact Book for 2003-04. And
that percentage is not rising. The college was 35.4 percent men in
1997.
This goes both ways. Last year, the College of Engineering was 15.5
percent women. The percentage was slightly higher in 1997, at 18.1 per-
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While it should not be the only thing we look at when electing leadership,
what the candidate believes should be very important in the
decision. I am extremely concerned to vote for a candidate that supports
acts and laws that I think are wrong and be ashamed. What if I was voting
for someone who thought that my religious convictions were stupid
and absurd? The best way I can think of to avoid having someone like this in power is to make sure
they agree with my convictions.
I'll admit that voting solely based on
the candidate's religious profes-
sions is probably not the best way
to go. Most candidates say that they
are Christians anyway even if they
support things that directly contra-
dict their supposed religion. For
example, John Kerry claims to be a
Catholic and yet supports Roe vs.
Wade. We should also take into account their capabilities as a leader,
but please don't dismiss a Christian voter as "this idiot, this bane of
progress." It's simply not true and definitely not fair.
David Thonsell
General engineering sophomore

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Q. — What part of your career at Cal Poly are you most proud of?
A. — Probably just to be a part of the team and to be around such quality players and football coaches. It's just as honor to be a part of the program.

Q. — Where do you see yourself in the future?
A. — Coaching, don't know where. I'm certainly not looking to leave. I love it here. As long as things keep going well. I don't see any reason I'd be going somewhere else.

Q. — Are some of your other interests outside of football?
A. — Family, it's definitely a big interest. I have four kids. Madeline is the oldest. She kind of takes charge because she's got three younger brothers.

Q. — Anything else?
A. — We've got a great season going. They deserve everything they've achieved right now. It's an exciting time for the Cal Poly community. It doesn't happen very often that you have such a good season.

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This week's spotlight on...

Football co-offensive coordinator Joe DuPaix
Melissa L. Dorcak

Joe DuPaix has been a part of the football coaching staff for four years, but just last year he was named co-offensive coordinator for the quarterbacks.

He has helped coach ex-quarterback Chris Peterson and this year has seen the fruition of quarterbacks: Anthony Garnett, John Mende and Carl Webb.

DuPaix was a starting quarterback for Southern Utah University for two years and before that he played football for his father in high school.

He took some time out to talk about the quarterback solution and what it's like to be a part of the Mustangs' success.

Q. — For a while you were playing three different quarterbacks. Is Anthony Garnett going to be starting from now on?
A. — I don't think you can ever say from now on because in the game of football, anything can happen.

Certainly Anthony is playing great right now, but a lot of things can happen with your health and all. We feel like we have three quality men playing quarterback right now now. Webb, Mendenhall and Garnett. They all have good things to bring to the table. Our team has confidence in them, and they all lead.

Q. — What was it like for the players to not know who was No. 1?
A. — It's an issue of who's the guy who's going to be the go-to guy? Who's going to get the nod to play quarterback? It was just whoever is playing, just do it right. And that's kind of how it's come along, when you have three guys that are great quarterbacks you have a competitive atmosphere to get better. The competition is a good thing.

Q. — If you could instill one lesson in your quarterbacks right now, what would it be?
A. — It would be that every guy on our team had a relentless passion toward playing the game, a desire to get better every chance they have. They're only playing for four years at Cal Poly and then they're done.

Q. — What is the hardest challenge the quarterbacks face this season?

Q. — What got you interested in coaching?
A. — Ever since I was a little kid I wanted to coach. My dad's a coach — he coaches high school.

Q. — What do you like about being a coach?
A. — I like everything about coaching — being teaching to working with young men, watching their improvement.

Football's in seventh heaven

Karl Ivory has now made two crucial plays to preserve wins this year, the first against Southern Utah in the final drive and again this Saturday.

Mustangs remain undefeated at 7-0 and move into sole possession of first place in the Great West Conference

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Karl Ivory did it again. For the second time this season, the senior cornerback made another critical play, a 73-yard interception return that proved to be the game-breaker.

The second quarter score put Cal Poly up for good as the Mustangs fought off North Dakota State to win, 13-10.

Cal Poly remained perfect in the overall standings, joining Harvard as one of only two teams still undefeated in Division I-AA.

The Great West Conference game was played before a crowd of 11,834 at the Fargodome.

Ivory's interception was one of three for the Mustangs who have four defensive touchdowns this year.

Q. — The 7-0 start to the season equals the start the 1997 team achieved, granted the Mustangs are now at the D1-1AA level and are, coupled with UC Davis' loss this weekend, first in the Great West Conference. Cal Poly evened its series record against the Bison at 2-2 and won in Fargo for the first time. In school history, the Mustangs have faced five seasons 7-0. The 1986 squad went 7-0, the 1955 club was 9-0-1, the 1973 team was 8-0-1 before finishing 9-1-1 and the 1997 squad started 7-0 and finished 10-0.

North Dakota State had the first score on a 20-yard run by Kyle Steffes halfway through the first quarter. Cal Poly was held scoreless until late in the second quarter when quarterback Anthony Garnett scored on a one-yard quarterback sneak. The score capped a 63-yard, 10-play drive.

Byungwoo Yoon missed the PAT kick for the first time in 25 tries, leaving the Bison with a 7-4 lead.

Ivory's fifth interception of the season followed three minutes later as he stepped in front of Marques Johnson for the theft and raced 73 yards down the right sideline for the score. Yoon's kick gave Cal Poly a 13-7 advantage.

The only score of the second half was a 19-yard field goal by Wilcox with 2:07 left in the third quarter as North Dakota State trimmed Cal Poly's lead to 13-10.

Cal Poly's defense was the occasion in the fourth quarter, stopping four North Dakota State drives.

Bison quarterback Tony Stauss overthrew Travis White on fourth down at the Cal Poly 24 and, on the second drive, North Dakota State punted from its own 40-yard line.

Kenny Chicorno earned his fourth interception of the season at the North Dakota State 32 to stop the third drive with 2:11 to play and Aaren Williams sealed the Bison's fate with his second interception of the game with 27 seconds to go.

North Dakota State had a 368-299 edge in total offense but Cal Poly had a 13-11 margin in first downs. The Mustangs turned the ball over four times and lost the turnover battle 4-3.

Garnett completed eight of 19 passes for 95 yards with two interceptions while Stauss connected on 20 of 37 passes for 187 yards and was intercepted three times. Both quarterbacks were sacked twice.

Jason Holmes caught three passes for Cal Poly while Jonath Russell and Darrell Jones each caught a pair. Travis White caught eight passes for 96 yards for North Dakota State.

Cal Poly's top ground gainer was Geno Randle with 48 yards on 12 carries while Kyle Steffes gained 47 yards on 10 carries for the Bison. Cal Poly has not allowed any opposing running back to gain 100 or more yards this season.

Five-game rally provides volleyball its first Big West win

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After the game deficit fell to 2-1 Saturday, it seemed like another loss for the Cal Poly women's volleyball team was inevitable.

Consider, the Mustangs were 0-10 in the Big West going into the match and on an 11-match winning streak.

The volleyball team did anything but back down.

Instead, the Mustangs persevered to rally for a five-game win against Cal State Fullerton, 24-20, 28-30, 24-30, 30-28 and 15-11.

Cal Poly improved to 3-17 overall and 1-10 in the Big West while Cal State Fullerton fell to 10-10 overall and 3-8 in conference.

The Mustangs had previously lost in three games Friday to UC Riverside, 30-17, 30-27 and 30-17. In Saturday's win, the Mustangs came out strong in the first game. Emily Doris and Kayla Mulder each collected five kills in the game and Cal Poly hit .263.

The Titans struggled hitting .064 and provided the Mustangs seven total blocks led by Margaret Donoghue's four assisted blocks.

But both teams struggled in the second game.

CSU Fullerton hit .071, while Cal Poly was only slightly better at hitting .087. Alyssa Opeka and Sarah Morrison each tallied four kills in the win.

The Titans fixed the hitting problems and took control of game three hitting .359 as two players had seven kills each.

The fourth game came down to the final points as Cal Poly tallied 19 kills on 58 swings with only six hitting errors. CSU Fullerton had 18 kills on 52 swings with nine hitting errors.

But the biggest statistic was Cal Poly's advantage in blocks 8-3. Donoghue led the way with five assisted blocks.

In the deciding game, Cal State Fullerton jumped to an early lead before the Mustangs fought back to take an 8-6 lead and never looked back.

Overall Cal Poly hit .206 for the five game match, led by Mulder's 18 kills. Doris added 16 while Courtney Holman and Nicole Bertoni had 14 and 11 respectively.

In Friday's loss, Doris led Cal Poly with 10 kills. Bertoni helped out with nine kills.

UC Riverside hit .259 for the match to Cal Poly's .145 and held a 64-51 advantage in digs.

Kym Murphy had 42 assists for UCIR and Adessa Pappasery had 33 for the Mustangs.

Cal Poly returns to action Thursday when the team travels to Pacific for a Big West Conference match.