CSU schools: Financial pillar in state

Allison Terry
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Not only does a college degree provide a better quality life for graduating students, but also impacts the economic and social life of the entire state.

A study released in November by the California State University Board of Trustees researched the social and economic impact the CSU system has on the state and local communities. "Working for California: The Impact of the California State University," was conducted by ICF Consulting, a firm that specializes in technology and policy consulting.

The study found that the CSU system and its 23 campuses are a key component for the economic, social and cultural livelihood of the state, directly or indirectly affecting every citizen.

"Californiaians undervalue the vital importance of the CSU system and its campuses, so this report is a key way to identify the critical role of the California State University," CSU Chancellor Charles Reed said in a press release. "If it weren't for the CSU, California simply would not enjoy the level of success that it has today."

For every dollar the state invests in the university system, CSU generates $4.41 in spending. During the 2002-03 school year, the state gave $3.07 billion to CSU, and the impact from that investment was $13.6 billion in economic activity by CSU institutions.

Percentage of degrees awarded by CSUs in California

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For every dollar the state contributes to the CSU system, the schools generate more than four dollars

Cal Poly students spend $100 million dollars annually on food and housing in San Luis Obispo alone

A wrinkle-free revelation

Nicole Stivers
MUSTANG DAILY

A team of Cal Poly engineers won first place for an invention that removes wrinkles from clothes

The Cal Poly chapter of Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers placed first for the third consecutive year in the National Design Competition held earlier this month.

The five-member team took home first place honors and $3,000 for its gadget, the Automatic Wrinkle Remover, which they presented at the National Technical Career Conference in Texas. A second Cal Poly team placed fourth.

"This competition gave me a preview of what I'll face in the real world," said Miguel Trujillo, team leader and mechanical engineering graduate.

For the competition, teams are required to design a commercially marketable product that benefits mankind and improves the quality of life. Ten finalists are selected to present their product at the NTCC. According to the sponsors, the purpose of the competition is to stimulate students' creative, intellectual and entrepreneurial spirit and to encourage the development of their technical presentation and cooperation skills.

Trujillo has taken part in this competition for the past three years. He came up with the idea for the Automatic Wrinkle Remover after numerous occurrences of being in a rush to go out but having wrinkled clothes. One day, while holding a steaming iron up to a wrinkled shirt, Trujillo realized the process would work better if he could keep the steam concentrated around the shirt. And so, see Wrinkle, page 2

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CSU's well-educated graduates help attract, retain and develop the companies that are leading California's economy into the future," Reed said. "An investment in the CSU is an investment in California." According to the study, the CSU confers more than half of all bachelor's degrees and one third of all master's degrees in the state. In this special¬ity in several degrees, including 65 percent of business degrees, 52 percent of agribusiness and agricultural engineering degrees, 52 percent of communications degrees and 45 percent of computer and electronic degrees. The CSU also provides the major¬ity of social-related degrees for the state. The CSU educates 87 percent of teachers and education-related staff, 89 percent of criminal justice workers, 87 percent of social workers and 82 percent of public administration.

The CSU is the most diverse uni¬versity in the country with 53 percent minority students, twice the national average for four-year universities. The CSU confers 58 percent of degrees earned by Latinos, 52 percent earned by African Americans and 39 percent earned by Asian and Pacific islanders. Not only does the CSU impact the economy and cultural aspects of the state but it also influences the social communities where campuses are located. Each year 3.1 million visitors and tourists attend university events on CSU campuses, including sporting events, public lecture series, art exhibi¬tions and theatre productions. Also, about half of all CSU students (185,000) participate in community service activities, contributing more than 33 million hours each year. "The CSU directly or indirectly impacts everyone in the state, and we provide value to everyone's lives," Reed said.

The coordinated attempts were among 550 "self-harm" incidents that year, including 120 so-called "hanging gestes," at the secretive prison that opened after the Sept. 11 attacks, according to a U.S. military spokesman. In the Aug. 18-26, 2003, protest, nearly two dozen prisoners tried to hang or strangle themselves with their clothing, demonstrating "self-injuries behav¬ior," the U.S. Southern Command in Miami said in a statement. Ten detainees made a mass assault on Aug. 22 alone.

Last year, there were 110 self-harm incidents, Spurrier said. The 23 prisoners were in steel mesh cells and they can talk to neighbors. It would not have been possible to pass notes, and they are allowed to exercise only one at a time. Only two of the 23 were considered suicide attempts, requiring hospitaliza¬tion and psychiatric treatment. Officials said they differentiated between a suicide attempt in which a detainee could have died without intervention, and a "gesture" aimed at getting attention.

Sixteen of the 23 remain at Guantanamo, and six others were trans¬ferred to other countries. The military has reported 34 suicide attempts since the camp opened in January, 2002, including one prisoner who went into a coma and sustained memory loss from brain damage. The 2003 protests came as the camp suffered a rash of suicide attempts after Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller took com¬mand with a mandate to get more information from prisoners accused of links to al-Qaida or Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime, which had sheltered Osama bin Laden.

Critics linked the two and criticized the delay in reporting the incidents. "When you have suicide attempts or so-called self-harm incidents, it shows the type of impact indefinite detention has, and it can also point to the extreme measures the Pentagon is tak¬ing to cover up things that have hap¬pened in Guantanamo," said Alastair Hodgert, a spokesman for Amnesty International in Washington, D.C.

"What we've seen is that it wasn't simply a rotation of forces (guards) but an attempt to toughen up the interni¬tionaization processes and tech¬niques," he said. Dr. Daryl Matthews, a forensic psy¬chiatrist at the University of Hawaii, said he believed he was commissioned during a visit to Guantanamo in January 2003 to investigate and make recommendations about detainees' mental health care, at the request of the Army surgeon gen¬eral. "There were many things I wanted to see that I was precluded from seeing, particularly with the interrogation issues," Matthews told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "It's no wonder I didn't get homes or accurate infor¬mation. I feel like I was being systemi¬cally misled."

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the Automatic Wrinkle Remover was born.

With a product in mind, Trujillo got a team together. He picked group members based on their skills and how they would complement one another.

"Getting people together to achieve a big goal was really fulfilling," Trujillo said. "I learned that by working together and setting goals we are able to achieve positive results."

In November, the team submitted a detailed design proposal accompa¬nied by a developmental production cost analysis. Team member Abi Arroyo, an computer engineering senior, worked on the proposal. Manuel Razo, an industrial technology major, coached the team on their presen¬ting and question and answer phase, the team used their prototype to steam a num¬ber of wrinkled shirts, which Trujillo said really impressed the judges.

While the Automatic Wrinkle Remover took first place, the other Cal Poly team placed fourth and took home $1,500. Trujillo said his team gave $1,900 to Cal Poly's SHPE chapter and the rest of the winnings among them¬selves. Cal Poly students also directly contribute to the economy.

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Veritas Forum continues the search for truth

Tawny Grace

A week long search for truth on campus begins with the Veritas Forum today and ends with a film festival Saturday.

"The whole purpose of Veritas is to beg the question (of truth)," said Trevor Clinard, student leader of the Veritas Forum and business senior. "We are not there to necessarily answer the question. We are there to begin asking the question.

Today through Friday there will be two day seminars and a night speaker/discussion.

Donald Miller, author of "Blue Like Jazz," will speak tonight. Miller gives his representation of Christianity.

Clinard said Miller provides a realistic view of Christianity and has a new outlook on Christianity that seems much more edgy, modern and real.

"We do not want to give the average 'my life is perfect once I become a Christian' outlook," Clinard said. "Miller asks a lot of questions people would ask when searching for truth in their lives. He has put himself aside and asked himself the hard questions." David Paine will perform an artistic drama Wednesday on "A Night With C.S. Lewis." C.S. Lewis is a well-known author who went through World War I as an atheist. He has put himself aside and asked himself the hard questions.

Clinard said his hope for the festival is to show the journey people walk through while discovering the truth in their lives. "It is healthy to question what you believe as long as you seek answers," civil engineering senior Mike Simmons said. "This forum can bring everyone more questions and, better yet, answers to many questions."

This is the fifth year Cal Poly has hosted the forum, which is funded and supported by the Harvard Veritas Forum.

"Veritas brings students an option to explore truth," Simmons said. "In a school where the news paper is filled with debates on the existence of God and other theological and personal topics, the exploration of truth is something that can benefit many."

Clinard said the big emphasis for this year's Veritas Forum is doing things that have never been done before. He does not want any discussion to sound like a rehash of issues that have been hashed out before. He also hopes this year's talks have much more to do with life experiences.

"When trying to change things, we are trying to reach people," Clinard said. "We are not just trying to prove our points and move on."

Clinard also said that in the past, philosophical and biological discussions have taken over. This leaves major parts of the campus unengaged.

"Other people do not know as much about biology and philosophy," Clinard said. "There is a huge niche that has not been reached. We want to add a little bit more that can reach a majority of the campus."

"The art show gives students an opportunity to present truth through art, like how to see truth through books like 'The Da Vinci Code.'" Clinard said.

Download of the day

Dios Malos

"Starting Five"

This song, taken from the Hawthorne act's debut album, "Starting Five" is a delicious piece of sunny pop. With a description like that, it's no wonder the song was featured on "The O.C. Soundtrack Mix 3."
Bush tells abortion protesters their 'movement will not fail'

Laurie Kellman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Abortion protesters marched through chilly Washington on Monday "emboldened by Republican election gains they said gave new momentum to their 32-year fight to overturn Roe v. Wade." President Bush told them by phone, "This movement will not fail."

Protest leaders said stronger restrictions on abortion reflect the public's support for more limits on the Supreme Court that legalized abortion, prompts demonstrations by opponents and supporters of abortion rights.

Activists on both sides of the issue marched in demonstrations across the country Saturday, the actual anniversary of the Jan. 22 decision. As they marched past bleachers left over from Bush's inauguration, many abortion-rights opponents said they drew new confidence from the nation's decision to re-elect Bush, who opposes abortion in most cases, and to broaden the Republican majority in Congress.


For his part, Bush played cheerleader in chief at a rally before the march, telling tens of thousands of anti-abortion protesters on the Ellipse that their approach to the debate this year would "change hearts and minds" of those still favoring abortion rights. "This is the path of the culture of life that we seek for our country," Bush said by phone from Camp David, Md.

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"Choose Life," violate the First Amendment because abortion-rights foes, would move the high court in abortion-opponents' favor.

Separately on Monday, the Supreme Court struck on a more modest level on the side of abortion-rights supporters. First, the justices let stand a lower-court ruling that said South Carolina's license plates, which bear the slogan "Choose Life," violate the First Amendment because abortion-rights supporters weren't given a similar forum to express their beliefs.

The court also refused on Monday to keep a severely brain-damaged woman, Terri Schiavo, hooked to a feeding tube — all but ending a long-running right-to-die battle pitting her husband against her parents.

At the Ellipse, with anti-abortion marchers, Bush's father, Robert Schindler, called the decision "judicial homicide."

Student loan program at risk, auditors say

Education auditors fear colleges participating in the Federal Student Aid program may be squandering tax dollars

Ben Feller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Education Department lacks oversight of a rapidly growing program that lets colleges lend money to students at a profit, causing colleges to "profit at public expense," congressional auditors say.

Without improvement, the Federal Student Aid office "may be unaware of practices that could place taxpayer dollars at risk," the Government Accountability Office said Monday.

The government has long counted schools as eligible lenders under the Federal Family Education Loan Program, giving students another place to turn for financial aid. Yet over the past decade, colleges have embraced the program as a way to make money — revenue often used to help lower costs for students, but also to fix up campuses or to recruit new students.

From 1994 to 2004, federal lending by schools increased from $153 million at 22 schools to $1.3 billion at 64 schools. At least 17 more schools are creating lending programs.

As this surge has happened, the GAO found the federal student aid office has "little information" about whether schools are complying with the laws that govern lending behavior.

For example, the office discovered in October 2004 that 10 of 29 lenders required to submit an audit for the 2002 budget year hadn't done so. Such audits let federal officials know whether schools are financially stable and lending to eligible students.

The Federal Student Aid office also has been slow to use its authority in conducting "program reviews" of schools, a step that implements the audio, the GAO report said.

In its response, the Education Department acknowledged that more oversight is needed given the recent, substantial growth in the number of school lenders and the volume of loans. The agency said it has improved its monitoring, with full compliance from schools that were due to hand in 2003 audits, and with other reviews under way. Given that work, the GAO claim that the department has little information about lenders is "misplaced," the agency said. Most of the schools that lend money in the program are private, nonprofit schools providing aid to graduate and professional students.

Despite in growth, the schools-as-lenders program makes up a small share — 3 percent — of loan volume in the federal program.

In a letter to new Education Secretary Margaret Spellings, Democratic Rep. Dale Kildee of Michigan called for a swift response to the GAO report. The department's failure to perform its most basic oversight function regarding school lenders puts the integrity of the program at risk, the congressman wrote Monday.
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Results
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No. 17 California Golden Bears at the Helmsman Tennis Center. The No. 51 Mustangs won Saturday's doubles point but lost five of the six singles matches.
Samantha Waller and Nicole Shahar teamed for an 8-3 win at No. 1 doubles while Cheylo Thompson and Noelle Lee combine on an 8-6 victory at No. 2 doubles to give Cal Poly the team point. Lee earned the lone Mustang win in singles, as she defeated Cristina Vinco 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (11-9).
Cal won the other five singles matches in straight sets, making for an auspicious season debut. Meanwhile, Cal Poly fell 1-3 overall. The Mustangs previously lost 6-1 to Southern California on Wednesday and will now face Stanford on Friday. The women return home Sunday, Jan. 30 to host University of San Francisco.

Men's tennis
Cal Poly is still in search of its first win this season, following a 6-1 loss at Fresno State on Sunday. The Bulldogs won five of six singles matches and also managed to earn the doubles point to win the non-conference match that was played in 49-degree weather under foggy, morning skies at the Wathen Tennis Center. The Mustangs also fell 5-2 to No. 8 Southern California on Saturday to open the season.
On Sunday against the Bulldogs, No. 5 player Fred DeWitte posted the only Mustang singles win with a 6-3, 6-2 decision over Nico Mascarzoni. DeWitte also teamed with Brent Van Linge for an 8-5 win over Charles Fri and Teodoseanu in No. 2 doubles. Fresno State's Sergiu Modoc won the No. 1 singles match, 6-3, 6-0 over Matt Baca.
Earlier on Saturday, Southern California beat the Mustangs in straight sets in four singles matches and swept the three doubles sets. Cal Poly freshmen DeWitte and No. 6 Troy Samidens were the only Mustang scorers, with DeWitte winning 6-0, 6-2 over Aaron Badart and Saunders earned a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Bruce Aiken.

Women's swimming
Cal Poly lost 206-93 to Pepperdine in a non-conference women's dual swim meet Saturday at Ralph Ruggles Pool. The Mustangs won four events, with Stacy Sorensen taking the 50-meter freestyle in 24.83 seconds and the 100-meter freestyle in 54.51. Sorensen also won the second leg on Cal Poly's winning 400-meter freestyle relay team (3:45.96). The other Mustang event winner was Jackie Calhoun in the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 2:01.84.

The Mustang men's and women's teams will take on San Jose State and UC Santa Cruz next Saturday in Santa Cruz.

Feelin' Musty yet?
The Musty Zone is a new web-only feature in the Mustang Daily. Check in every Thursday for a schedule of upcoming games, highlighted players and this week's other meaningfulness fact.

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MUSTANG RESULTS

Lots of losing: Cal isn’t golden and Cleveland doesn’t rock

Low number of second-chance points haunts undersized Mustangs as they split two games for the fourth straight weekend

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

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