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Proposed referendum could increase student fees

Emily Logan
Volunteer Writer

The Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) is considering a proposal to increase student Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) fees. If it is approved, the proposal will affect the budget for students winter quarter.

The referendum would only affect non-athletics IRA programs, which include agriculture, art, music, national events, athletic teams, and more. For several years a financial problem has been developing for Cal Poly’s program of non-athletics Instructionally Related Activities,” music department Chair William T. Spiller said. “Increases in the sources of funding have failed to keep up with increases in the requested uses of funds by IRA programs. The Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Committee is to advise the president on the allocation of IRA fee revenues, according to the Web site.

The current non-athletics IRA fee is $6.94 per quarter for students. The proposed increase would be $10.00, making the quarterly fee for students $16.94.

“The one-time fee increase is small, but the money is going to help with the community’s financial problem has failed to keep up with increases in the requested uses of funds by IRA programs,” said Emily Logan, a former member of the CFAC.

In seeing Hurricane Katrina’s devastation, Spiller said, “It’s a great city, not because it’s a sleepy little town,” he said while stating his interest in purchasing season tickets for Cal Poly’s football team.

With the decrease in sources of funding, student activities would be reduced. The proposed increase would be $121,000. Eight newly eligible programs were added in 2005-06, but the fee increase is needed to fund them.

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Health Center to offer safe sex and contraception workshop

Jonathan Drake
MUSTANG DAILY

Information about birth control and advice on medical choices regarding birth control methods are available at Cal Poly’s own Health Center.

Located in building 27 next to the Rec Center and Peer Health Education, the Health Center has a team specifically trained for sex information called EROS (Educational Resources on Sexuality).

This team has a workshop on Oct. 28 from 8:10 to 9:45 a.m. in the Christopher Cohen Center, (building 6, room 124), which will focus on contraception and sexually transmitted infections.

“The workshops are more effective to get people involved,” said EROS team member, Steve Visosky, an assistant at the EROS office.

A full pharmacy is located upstairs where students can fill prescriptions for both birth control and other prescribed medications. Because the pharmacy is on campus and supported by student fees, pharmacists can fill prescriptions at lower prices than most third party pharmacies like those located in grocery stores.

In the pharmacy is also open to all students for sexual health information, located off campus at 705 Grade Ave. The office provides free and confidential information on condom use and other birth control methods, emergency contraception (the morning after pill), pregnancy tests and counseling, and HIV/STI checks and treatments.

Visitors can walk in and grab a free “Safer Sex Pack,” which includes 30 condoms and 2 flavored lubricants placed in a Chinese food takeout box.

Fire Department hires new chief

James Mellor
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The San Luis Obispo Fire Department will operate under a new chief as of Tuesday, Nov. 1.

John Callahan, a former deputy chief of the San Luis Obispo City Fire Department, will be sworn in during the next City Council meeting.

Callahan will bring over 32 years of experience to his new position. As the commander of operations at Los Angeles City Fire Department, he acted as commander of the Fire Suppression and Rescue Bureau and oversee disaster preparedness. He has also been directly involved in numerous emergency situations including the Northridge Earthquake in 1994, the Los Angeles fire storms in 1993 and the Rodney King riots in 1992.

“Callahan’s strong background in emergency response and extensive involvement in running a fire department as reasons for hiring him,” said Fire Administrative Officer Ken Hampian, who appointed Callahan.

Hampian also commented on Callahan’s preparedness in emergency situations. “He came out on top because of his extraordinary experience,” he said.

In seeing Hurricane Katrina’s devastation, Spiller added. “It’s a great city, not because it’s a sleepy little town,” Callahan said. “It’s got the energy and enthusiasm of Los Angeles county students, plus the number that go to Cal Poly sporting events.”
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EOC also offers a pamphlet with detailed information on emergency contraception, hormonal methods, intrauterine contraception (IUC), barrier methods such as condoms, spermicides, sterilization and lactationamen-torrhea methods (LAM). Details and descriptions on these methods are in the pamphlet.

**Education best way for addicts to reform**

Danielle Torricelli

FULLERTON — Denying convicted drug offenders financial aid for postsecondary education does not deter drug use, according to a recent government study.

The Government Accountability Office conducted a study analyzing the effectiveness of withholding federal assistance benefits from people convicted of buying or selling illegal substances. The study, "Drug Offenders: Various Factors May Limit the Impacts of Federal Laws That Provide for Denial of Student Benefits," was released Sept. 27.

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The report stated that between the academic years of 2001-02 and 2003-04, nationwide an estimated 22,000 to 41,000 students per year would have received student loans if not for their drug convictions. The number of students deferred from applying for financial aid because of the provision is not known.
BALCO founder Conte gets eight months

David Kravets
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SAN FRANCISCO — Victor Conte was sentenced to eight months Tuesday as part of a plea deal for his role as mastermind behind a scheme to provide professional athletes with undetectable performance-enhancing drugs.

"Conte, who will spend four months in prison and four months in home confinement, started the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. The lab, according to court records, counted dozens of prominent athletes among its clients, including Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi, Marion Jones and others."

James Valente, BALCO's vice president, was sentenced to probation after pleading guilty to reduced charges of steroid distribution. Greg Anderson, Barry Bonds' trainer, was sentenced to six months after pleading guilty to money laundering and a steroid distribution charge. He must spend three months behind bars and three months in home confinement.

"The case prompted pro sports to stiffen steroid policies and thrust performance-enhancing drugs into the spotlight. THCi, a once-unknown steroid discovered in the investigation, is now banned throughout sports," Conte said.

"We're going to hand out life preservers pretty soon because of all the grapes and the juice," Conte pleaded guilty in July to money laundering and a steroid distribution charge; dozens of counts were dropped. Anderson and Conte remain free on bond and are scheduled to surrender to see Conte, page 4

California wine grape harvest bigger than expected

Michelle Locke
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAPA — Grapes from the 2005 harvest are starting their journey to the bottle, tumbling onto conveyor belts up and down California in a shining blur of vivid green and rich purple.

"The berry weight is so much more than we anticipated," said Michelle Locke, a winemaker for Darioush, a winery known for its signature cabernet sauvignon and for a distinctive design modeled after the Persian city of Persepolis. Locke said grapes get a thorough going over. Workers monitor the fruit as it tumbling along conveyor belts, picking out leaves, debris and any grapes that don't look right.

"The harvest was expected to be finished by early November, with workers bringing in tubs and bins of fruit that was additional," Locke said. "The berry weight is so much more than we anticipated. Some of it doesn't make viticultural sense," she said.

"We're going to hand out life preservers pretty soon because of all the grapes and the juice," Locke said. "This is going to set the tone for this decade."

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SIRENS AND VIOLENT PHONE MESSAGES WILL CAGE YOUR ANGER

Amy Westfield

NEW YORK — Visitors to the Sept. 11 memorial museum could relive the 2001 terrorist attacks in an "immersive" area that surrounds them with pictures of the falling towers, the sounds of police sirens and the last words of some of those who died at the World Trade Center.

The first piece of steel to be hit by a hijacked jet — as well as lottery tickets and keys pulled from ground zero, and a contemplative area where visitors can leave personal messages — are among other proposed exhibits for the museum.

The plan, presented in public workshops over the past month, offers the first glimpse of an institution that is likely to become one of the country's most visited museums. The ideas are also likely to prompt sensitive questions of how to tell the story of Sept. 11.

Recently, a proposed freedom museum was removed from the space that had been reserved for it at ground zero, after the World Trade Center families and others bitterly complained that the museum could foster inappropriate debate about Sept. 11 at the site of the attacks.

The memorial museum would be built around the twin towers' footprints and a shabby wall that are the last remnants of the trade center. Visitors would view exhibits while descending to the footprints 70 feet below street level, and then walk up again.

"The idea is to move people from devastation to renewal to recovery," said museum planner Jeff Howard.

Howard, hired to develop exhibits by the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., the agency overseeing the rebuilding, said the museum would have an "iconic artifact" such as a large piece of steel from the trade center near the entrance. Family members who want to privately mourn their loved ones will be able to build an elevator directly to a separate room where victims' unidentified remains will be encased.

Employee ID cards, paperweights with the city skyline and chin from the Windows on the World restaurant would be part of an exhibit about history and the importance of the trade center, Howard said. The mementos would serve as "touchstones to rekindle memories of the place," he said.

Visitors would have a choice of two ways to experience the events of Sept. 11, when hijacked jetliners slammed into the towers, causing their collapse and the deaths of 2,749 people.

One exhibit would focus on a fact-based account of the attack in New York, as well as the crashes of hijacked jets into the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field. The other, "immersive," experience would try to make visitors feel as if they were in the towers, with the sounds of sirens and even voicemail messages left on Sept. 11 by those who died. The exhibit "is not necessarily appropriate for children," Howard said.

He said he was responding to advisers and family wishes that the attacks be recounted exactly as they happened.

"We are very, very concerned about revisionist history," said Charles Wolf, whose wife died at the trade center. "While we that lived through it are there, we want this thing nailed down in the next five years."

Wolf said he does not know yet whether he would like to go through the you-are-there exhibit. But he said it is important that the museum accurately depict the attacks.

Some family members favored the no-holds-barred look at the attacks, saying many people still do not grasp the devastation and horror of Sept. 11.

"You can't in any way, shape or form, sugarcoat any of it," said Lee elfs, who lost his firefighter son at the trade center. "It's reality, and probably 99.9 percent of the country didn't lose anybody there, except those who lost a little piece of America, and they need to understand what happened that day."

Other exhibits would focus on the aftermath, including the wall of missing-persons posters created in Union Square and pictures of neighborhoods covered in dust. Pieces of steel from ground zero would be displayed. Lottery tickets, keys, photographs and other mementos recovered from ground zero would also be there.

A separate room would allow visitors to "contribute one's own experience and impressions," by leaving written messages or drawings about Sept. 11, Howard said.

Another area of the museum will mark the spot where a bench in a rented van exploded in a trade center parking garage in 1993, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000.

Deconstruction specialists said they may revive the plans after hearing more from the public. "These are evolving ideas that we will continue to discuss as we move forward," said LMDC president scène Press.

Sept. 11 memorial museum: Sirens and voice mail will create a you-are-there effect

Study says obesity surgery is riskier than previously thought

Lindsey Tanner

CHICAGO — The chances of dying within a year after obesity surgery are much higher than previously thought, even among people in their 30s and 40s, a study of more than 16,000 Medicare patients found.

Some previous studies of people in their 30s to their 50s found death rates of about 1 percent in the first year.

But among 35- to 44-year-olds in the Medicare study, more than 5 percent of men and nearly 3 percent of women were dead within a year, and slightly higher rates were seen in patients 45 to 54.

Among patients 65 to 74, nearly 13 percent of men and about 6 percent of women died in the first year. The rates were 7.5 percent for those 75 and older, half of the men and 40 percent of the women died.

"The risk of death is much higher than has been reported," said University of Washington surgeon Charles Wolf, Jr., the Medicare study's lead author. "It's a reality check for those patients who are considering this kind of surgery."

The study involved 16,155 Medicare patients who underwent obesity surgery between 1997 and 2002. It was published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study lumped together all deaths, with no breakdown on the causes. But obesity surgery's potentially deadly complications can include malnutrition, infection and bowel and gallbladder problems. Also, surgery in general can be a deadly shock to the system, especially in older patients.

Dr. Neil Hutcher, president of the American Society for Bariatric Surgery, said that Medicare patients are probably sicker than the general U.S. population and that complication rates have declined as surgeons' expertise has increased.

Flum said some previous research on the safety of obesity surgery consisted of "reports from backup surgeons reporting their best results," while the new study is more of a real-world look.

The American Society for Bariatric Surgery predicts obesity surgery will be performed more than 150,000 times this year in the United States. That is more than 10 times the number in 1998, according to a second JAMA study.

The study parallels a surge in the share of American adults who are at least 100 pounds overweight, from about 21 in 1986 to 30 in 1999, to 2003, that study said.

"Obesity surgery is riskier than you might imagine," said a study co-author, Dr. David Elwood.

The study suggests many patients may not understand the risk when they decide to have surgery.
MIAMI — Tropical Storm Wilma strengthened into a hurricane Tuesday on a path that could threaten storm-battered Florida, tying the record for the most hurricanes to form in an Atlantic season.

Wilma is the 12th hurricane of the season, the same number reached in 1969, the highest since record-keeping began in 1851. At 2 p.m. EDT, Wilma had top sustained winds near 90 mph, or 6 mph above the threshold for a hurricane.

Long-range forecasts show Wilma could hit western Cuba or Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula before heading into the Gulf of Mexico by Friday. The storm could also spare those countries while passing through the Yucatan Channel. Either way, computer models showed Wilma turning northeastward and bearing down on Florida during the weekend.

It is forecast to become a Category 3 hurricane with wind exceeding 111 mph by Thursday, forecasters said.

"It does look like it poses a significant threat to Florida by the weekend. Of course, these are four- and five-day forecasts, so things can change," said Dan Brown, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Seven hurricanes have hit or pounded close to Florida since August 2004, causing damage estimated at more than $20 billion and killing nearly 1,500 people. Wilma was on a path that could threaten coastal areas in the southeast part of the state hit by Hurricane Charlie last year.

In Punta Gorda, which was devasted by Charlie, there was little Tuesday of preparation for Wilma but Dawn Andrews, a worker at Deep Creek Florist, said she already had emergency supplies like bottled water and canned food. "It's got nowhere else to go with out hurting somebody," Andrews, 35, said of Wilma. "I have a 7-year-old who's petrified just because of everything he's seen on TV I can't even watch it when he's around."

Wilma entered the history books Monday, becoming the Atlantic hurricane season's 21st named storm before dawn, tying the record set in 1933 and exhausting the list of storm names.

At 2 p.m. Tuesday, Wilma's center was about 180 miles south of Grand Cayman, or about 450 miles south of Key West, Fla. It was moving west-northwest near 8 mph. The Gulf Coast was already battened down by Hurricane Katrina, which displaced some one million people in 2005.

That view was echoed at the White House where presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said that Miers answered the questions as a candidate during the course of a campaign.

"The role of a judge is very different from the role of a candidate or a political officeholder," McClellan said.

"Harriet Miers, just like Chief Justice (John) Roberts, recognizes that personal views and ideology and religion have no role to play when it comes to making decisions on the bench," he said. "Your role as a judge is to look at all the facts and look at the law and apply the law to that case."

The questionnaire also revealed that the White House was considering Miers for its first Supreme Court nomination along with Chief Justice John Roberts. When Justice Sandra Day O'Connor first announced her desire to retire, I was asked whether my name should be considered," she said in the questionnaire. "I indicated at that time that I did not want to be considered."
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"Is there always such a circus around you?"

It's Aug. 26, day two of the Rock En Seine Festival in Paris, France, and someone is about to die. Fans are hugging at fences, swaying dangerously with the growing planks. Reddest leaves are floating in the wind. From Dave Grohl, uttering the first words I've ever said to my hero. He looks at me, grins, and replies, "Always."

Stars come in modest packages -- Grohl, for his Midas touch on rock music, is notably shorter than his reputation alludes. He speaks with a soft resonance, in paradox to the diaphragm-ripping howl of his singing, and shuffles unsymmetrically with slightly arched posture. And his hair needs a wash. But when he arrives at the media tent with the other Foo Fighters in tow, all heads turn and a spiral of inquiring bodies slowly turns around him.

"OK, let's talk about stuff," Grohl says blithely, opening the band's press conference. "Let's talk about, you know, music."

"Cirtainly, Cirohli's the prizefighter, and he'll do the talking. When I ask what each band member's favorite Foo song is, he replies, "In Your Honor" -- it's my face, I love it. It's really powerful." The other musicians are coaxed to answer, but they are elusive creatures; Hawkins cracks a joke about having to agree with Grohl, as per contract, then they both adopt unidentifiable foreign accents and coo, "We ah coming to America, so whichever one you like."

Every press-savvy, Grohl deflects interest in his side projects (he's worked with Tronc Dad, Queens of the Stone Age, Bruce Springsteen and Brian May, among others). Attention generally sprays to the Foos' latest album, "In Your Honor." "In my experience," Hawkins says, "we are probably the most talented people we've ever worked with, he says.

A beat later, he cites another recent guest star: "John Paul Jones (former Led Zeppelin bassist) was even better. Different, but a lot better. I'll take Zeppelin over Hawkins any day, and that's saying a lot. He told some stories and we listened with our paws on the floor."

"He's never done anything (musically) to embarrass himself until he played on our album," Hawkins added.

Underwhelming appraisal, surely, but Grohl still knows how to deep the bomb. He says the N-word once in passing, irrelevantly and without preamble, and reporters physically stagger -- and, in at least one instance, glare at their hearts.

This word, of course, is Nirvana, his legendary altra mater and more recent source of prying questions and financial squabbles. In fact, before the conference, all attendees were told strictly to refrain from queries involving Kurt Cobain and his litigious widow Courtney Love -- also Grohl's own with Jordyn, as she is pregnant.

Grohl shrugs and offers, "We did a BBC session recently and they asked us to do a cover of a song, so we kinds did an Oasis one. It had to be a song that we could learn in an hour."

"We were gonna do a Coldplay one, but we found out there's a lot of chords in there," Hawkins explains dryly.

"Yeah, there's like pianos and shit," Grohl says.

"They're good songs, but the other one sounds..."

Cirohli adds, "They're good songs, but the conference is over. Thrilled faces descend, thick accents beg for autographs, and Grohl and Hawkins oblige them pleasantly.

Mendel drifts away; Shiflett slumps in his seat and, upon my encouragement to have a good show, looks up with tired eyes and sighs. They will -- the Foo Fighters, the sunset hour is poignant and precise, with a narcotic effect on most of the French scenesters, but Shiflett's invariable expression looks even more haunting on a megaplex screen.

Maybe he doesn't like crepes.

Regardless, the Foo's charisma still translated. When it comes to rock, they are arguably the reigns heavyweight and -- they're standing behind their man. For that day in Paris, and maybe for 10 more minutes that's something worth fighting for.

Stacey Anderson is a journalism and music senior, KCPR DJ and frequent contributor to the newspaper. He's the "last of the Kock stars.""

Jennifer Gongaware

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Something new brewing in SLO

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"When we have a brewhouse in the building, we have a leg up on other businesses," says O'Hagan. "Also, we have a guy who really good at it."

In addition, with seven new plasma televisions and two projector screens, the upstairs has become a sports fan's paradise. Downtown Brew even purchased NFL Ticket and just about every other cable sports program.

"If there's a game somebody wants, I'll do anything to get it," O'Hagan said. "I'll even order Pay-Per-View if I have to."

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Downtown Brew general manager

Music is still a big part of the operation, with the spotlight being renounced more towards local bands.

"We are not out to make money off these bands," Williams said. "Every dollar earned goes directly to the band.

Larger acts will continue to perform as well, with the new owners working with Numbskull Productions to have all ages shows on Sundays and Mondays. O'Hagan said they are trying to leave the re of the week for the 21 and over crowd in an effort to avoid that "awful cage" separation downtown.

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Saddam trial will be test for Iraq's new government

Hamza Hendawi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAQUBAH, Iraq — Nearly two years after his capture, Saddam Hussein is finally facing trial for alleged crimes against fellow Iraqis. In some ways, Iraq also will be on trial, with the world watching to see whether its new ruling class can rise above politics and prejudice and give the former dictator a fair hearing.

Saddam's lawyer said Tuesday he would ask for a three-month adjournment at his client's trial for a 1982 massacre, and challenge the court's competence to hear the case. The trial was to begin on Wednesday.

Khalil al-Dulaimi's comments appeared to suggest that his defense strategy will focus not on the details of the massacre but rather on the broader question of the legitimacy and competence of a court set up under U.S. occupation in 2003. Iraq formally became a sovereign nation again in June 2004, but the United States continues to wield vast influence.

Saddam and seven senior members of his regime are facing charges that they ordered the killing in 1982 of nearly 150 people in the mainly Shiite village of Dujail north of Baghdad. The massacre followed an attack on the village of Halabja.

The ousted Iraqi leader and his co-defendants were expected to hear the charges against them in Wednesday's session. The session was to be held under tight security in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, home to Iraq's government, parliament and the U.S. and British Embassies.

If convicted, the men face the death penalty — by hanging.

Prosecutors are preparing other cases to bring to trial against Saddam and his officials — including for the Anfal Operation, a military crackdown on the Kurds in the late 1980s that killed some 180,000 people; the suppression of Kurdish and Shiite revolts in 1991; and the deaths of 5,000 Kurds in a 1988 poison gas attack on the village of Halabja.

If a death sentence is issued in the Dujail case, it is unclear whether it would be carried out regardless of whether Saddam is involved in other trials. He can appeal a Dujail verdict, but if a conviction and sentence are upheld, the sentence must be carried out within 30 days. A stay could be granted to allow other trials to proceed.

However, Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a Shiite who actively opposed Saddam's rule during years in exile, showed his eagerness to see any sentence carried out. "We are not trying to land on the moon here," he said Monday. "It's enough (to try Saddam) on Dujail and Anfal. The tribunal is just and fair...we want to see Saddam dead." Al-Jaafari, whose Dawa Party won the most votes in the Oct. 19 elections, leads a Shiite-Kurdish coalition government that came to office six months ago.

Many Iraqis, especially members of the Shiite majority and Kurdish minority — the two communities most oppressed by Saddam's 23-year regime — have also been eagerly awaiting the chance to see the man who ruled with unquestioned and total power in the defendants' dock answering for his actions.

However, some Shiites were sympathetic toward Saddam on the eve of his trial.

"How can Saddam get a fair trial when there's no government in Iraq? How can they try him?" asked Ismail Makki, a poor Shiite Muslim from the southern Iraqi city of Basra, as he hawked fruits and vegetables in a bustling downtown marketplace in Amman, in neighboring Jordan.

"There's no water, electricity, or security," he yelled. "If he stayed in power, it would be better for us."

At the same marketplace, Iraqi chemist Taher al-Sahab also defended Saddam. "He is not guilty," said the Shiite from Karbala, one of his sect's holiest cities in Iraq. "He won't get a fair trial in Iraq."

Asked about Saddam's alleged massacre of thousands of his countrymen, al-Sahab said tartly: "Now, more Shiites are being killed in suicide bombings."

Others, however, were happy about what they view as a chance for retribution.

Mohammed Najm, whose brother disappeared after he was taken away by Saddam's police a decade ago, said he wants to see Saddam dead. "Saddam needs no trial. He needs a guillotine," said Najm, a Shiite from Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood, home to an estimated 2.5 million Shiites.

If Saddam's lawyer has his way, then Wednesday's hearing would, as expected, be taken up by procedural matters followed by a long break.
UC Davis may offer new genital warts vaccine, pending FDA approval

Jennifer Ellis
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DAVIS, Calif. — Pharmaceutical company Merck & Co Inc., based out of New Jersey, hopes to eliminate the instance of genital warts in the female population by the end of this year if the Food and Drug Administration gives its okay to three new vaccines currently under development at the drug company.

In an Oct. 6 press release, Merck reported positive findings in its latest clinical trials of Gardasil, a preventative vaccine against four of the three new viruses currently under development at the drug company.

In its clinical trials, types 6, 11, 16, and 18 of the human papillomavirus (HPV) had both types 6 and 11 are responsible for most cases of genital warts, while types 16 and 18 are linked to 70 per cent of cervical cancer cases, according to Michelle Famula, deputy of the Conseil Student Health Committee of the Graduate School of UC at Davis, both can be linked to "abnormal Pap smear results."

"Gardasil acts to eliminate protected against this virus, just like vaccines for mumps, measles, rubella and chicken pox," said Karl Beutner, former chief medical officer of Dow Pharmaceutical Sciences, who participated in several clinical trials for the drug in Davis, Calif.

"The injection is not a live virus," he said. "It's very safe and very well-tolerated." Famula said she believes use of the drug could be placed on campus, providing there is student interest and it is released at an affordable price.

"The virus itself is a very common virus. Genital warts is a common viral STD at the health center," she said, adding that genital warts are "very contagious" and can be spread even by the infected individual undergoing treatment.

"It is hoped that with this vaccine the virus may be exterminated and put to rest," she said. "It is very easy to get a sexually transmitted infection if you have sex with someone who is infected."

Beutner noted that a woman's risk of contracting genital warts increases dramatically if she has had sex with a male partner who has ever had an outbreak of genital warts. According to Skidmore, the rate of effectiveness in female subjects did not change based on race or body-type factors.

"The key thing is that this is preventative, not therapeutic," Beutner said. "It would be important that women get this vaccine early." Skidmore added that it obviously would be administered before an individual has had any sexual contact, which on average is age 15 in the United States.

According to Merck, the most common adverse effect of the vaccine has been discomfort at the injection site. The company has not determined what the vaccine will be released, but plans to make it available as soon as possible after receiving approval.
A community challenge

The perennial challenge facing thousands of Cal Poly students and even more of our community who live, work and raise families in San Luis Obispo is how do we respectfully co-exist with those of us living off-campus constantly different routines, habits and perceptions. The answer isn’t simple black and white.

But let us not ignore that many of our neighbors don’t join us downtown, and aren’t interested in the frequent gatherings that we stage around town. While the fear of San Luis Obispo turning into the next Berkeley party destination is a valid concern, is it fair that students can be fined up to $1,000 for making too much noise after 10 p.m.? Our neighbors are not a college community. Instead, they have work and raise families in San Luis Obispo is an age-old problem of college town community relations. Many San Luis Obispo residents would like to believe that we are in fact a college town, but instead a beautiful and quiet retirement community. For better or worse, both are true. Over one-third of our total population is enrolled at Cal Poly or Cuesta, and over $1 billion annually is contributed to the local economy from the impact of Cal Poly alone.

A perfect duo must have a wonderful discipline, and I have great respect for those who teach and/or study it. However, does Cal Poly really need a master’s degree program in the discipline? All the information I have gleaned from various news sources suggests that the nation’s most desolate need is for more well trained scientists and engineers. Cal Poly should concentrate on attracting and graduating more students in these areas. To the extent that we attract additional students here to study history, there will be less room for students in technical subjects.

I want our history department to thrive, but I also think we should focus our resources on what makes us unique and what we do best compared to other universities. There are already many excellent graduate programs in history elsewhere. I also reject the notion that establishing a graduate program will compensate for high housing costs and low salaries in attracting faculty. I’ll bet there are many historians out there who would love to locate at Poly and teach undergraduate history if salaries were more in line with the cost of living, even with the heavy teaching loads and deficiencies in infrastructure. Our own department has been able to attract excellent faculty even without a graduate program (though our ability to continue to do so is being compromised by the state’s miserliness).

We considered one year ago and decided there were too many other places that could offer students a better experience. Jay Devore Professor and chair department of statistics

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Masthead

Cal Poly men’s soccer lost to UC Davis 1-0 Friday evening. Cal Poly’s defense was kept busy by an aggressive Davis offense. This began with Davis Ahmad Halif’s shot on goal, which was deflected by Cal Poly goalkeeper Jeremy Cooke. Cal Poly’s defense attempted to keep the ball from the outside of the field but were unable to execute Halif, along with Davis midfielders Mariano Arrua and Juan Hernandez, continued to make shots but were unsuccessful in the first half.

In the second half, Davis midfielder Nicolas Lind scored the 79th minute. Cal Poly was unable to recover, despite attempts by midfielders Moses Venegas and Abdul Schukro.

Davis head coach Dwayne Shaffer credited the win to preparation.

“Playing at Cal Poly is always tough because Wolfgang (Garner) gets his team organized to play on a narrow field with the speed up front,” Shaffer said. “We knew that was a big factor in our experience from last year.”

UC Davis improved to 5-5-2 on the season with the win.

Cal Poly then lost at UC Riverside 2-1 on Sunday, falling to 3-5-2 in Big West play.

Cal Poly played the second half as men down after K.J. Lenci scored a red card in the first minute of the second half.

The Mustangs’ Chris Marczak III scored the first goal of the match off a header in the 59th minute.

The lead wouldn’t stand for long as the Highlanders scored eight minutes later on an own goal.

Kyle Ochoa scored in the final minute of play for the Highlanders (4-8-1, 2-3-0)

This week Cal Poly travels to Cal State Fullerton for a Wednesday night match against the Titans.

Fullerton returns 15 lettermen and six starters including two All Big West honorable mention players, forward Eugene Brooks and forward Jose Barragan.

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There will be much hype surrounding the football game between No. 3 Cal Poly and No. 10 Montana this week, and rightfully so. But there is another big game brewing on the horizon that will be battled closer to home this weekend.

Though neither Cal Poly nor UC Santa Barbara currently grace the volleyball radar, this weekend’s game has all the makings of a timeless classic.

What’s more, this is a geographical rivalry. Just two hours of coastline separate San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara. The rivalry might not possess the same fervor of Duke-North Carolina basketball, but it’s still a big game on the schedule, and you can bet the Gauchos will be out in full force.

This game is also significant to the conference standings. If the Mustangs win, they will have that realistic chance to win the conference. For Santa Barbara, heading to a bowl game is a matter of relief and some breathing room at the top of the standings (though Long Beach State will still sit atop the heap). Cal Poly is radically out of contention if they lose on Saturday.

To be quite frank, this game is shaping up to be one of the most important games in the last two decades of Cal Poly volleyball, since the glory days in the early ’80s when Cal Poly was the mecca of collegiate volleyball.

Streintzel believes the team can win. The players believe. And now it’s my turn. I’m jumping on the bandwagon. It’s time to see Cal Poly for what it is: a blossoming volleyball program on the verge of Moldovans and unlikely comeback.

Would I travel two hours to watch this game? Absolutely. I would. To see one of the most important games of the past two decades of Cal Poly volleyball, the answer is yes.

“Our team being healthy is a huge plus and it’s important that every individual is fresh and healthy as they can be,” Ellerson said. Ellerson gives the players Monday and Tuesday off after their last win and also gave the team the weekend off.

“We’re relatively healthy for being halfway through a football season,” McKeehan said. “If we don’t make mistakes and hold on to the ball we’ll give ourselves a good shot at winning this game.”

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Andrew Aquatic Center at Cal Poly, according to a news release. Dick Anderson was Lenz swimming coach and the naming of the facility honors Anderson for his many years of leadership to the Cal Poly Swimming and Diving program.

“Eugene swam every day,” McCaill said. “He did doing what he loved.”

Lenz had been working on a special fundraising dinner for the Anderson Aquatic Scholarship Endowment to be held on Friday in the Veranda Cafe from 6 to 9 p.m. Women’s shelter program. For information is available at 756-2255.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, two children and three grandchildren.

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No. 3 football fresh off bye week

Garrett Leight
MUSTANG DAILY

Coming off its bye week and a dominating win against No. 16/17 ranked North Dakota State (4-2, 0-1 Great West), the No. 3 Cal Poly (5-1, 3-0 Great West) football team looks forward to its next match-up Saturday against No. 9/10 Montana (4-2, 2-1 Big Sky) in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

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"The toughest part about this team is their venue environment," Ellerson said. "It's a loud stadium and their fans know when to make noise; if we can manage the noise we'll be alright."

The Mustangs are led this year by senior defensive end Chris Goceng, who was runner-up in the United States Navy

"What was neat about Eugene was that he was a very successful alum; taking the Cal Poly spirit with him in all his endeavors," McCall said. "But then he came back and shared with the university."

Lenz took the Cal Poly spirit across the globe while serving in the United States Navy for 10 years while on duty in Vietnam in the late 1960s and in his career in construction management where he worked in Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and the United States, McCall said.

"It makes me smile knowing that he took the 'Learn by Doing' with him everywhere - even to the Olympics," he said.

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