Textbook resolution awaits President Baker's approval

Justin Fassino

Cal Poly students could see reduced textbook prices beginning next winter. A recent Academic Senate recommendation would require teachers to submit their textbook requisitions at least six weeks before the start of upcoming academic quarters. If President Warren Baker signs the resolution, it will take effect July 2007. Because fall quarter textbook orders must go in before Cal Poly faculty leave for the summer, the effect of the resolution would not be felt until January 2008.

"Until (Baker) signs it, it's still a recommendation," said Andrew Schaffer, head of the committee that drafted the resolution and statistics professor. "It should be a done deal. Some policy about textbooks has to go in effect." One of the goals of the new rule is to benefit students with disabilities or special needs; earlier requisition will allow El Corral Bookstore to acquire non-standard course materials for those students. Landscape architecture professor Gary Clay, senate representative from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, endorses the intention of the resolution. "Cal Poly should take a leadership role in making sure there's adequate access for everyone," he said.

Clay also said there were many long deliberations on some of the potential problems the new requirements might cause. He outlined a situation in which a faculty member is hired a matter of days before the quarter begins and has not had the ability to submit textbook requisitions before the deadline.

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Cawley said that because the bookstore has more advanced notice of what books will be required for the upcoming quarter, they can offer higher buy-back prices for books that teachers will need to see again.

"We would like to give students back as much money as possible," Cawley said that because the bookstore should drastically increase that number. In fact, El Corral was very involved in the process of drafting the bill.

"The faculty felt it was an issue," Cawley said about the senate. "We were very involved in the process. We are the experts in textbooks."

"I think it really helps the bookstore out," Clay said.

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hy, this is just calculated fun — the method by which children learn, director of children's program Tonya Iverson said.

"The teachers are observing the children and they know the kind of developmental stages that are important for the children to go through," Iverson said. "So, like I said, to the untrained observer, it looks like play. But there is a definite purpose to everything they are doing."

The Children's Center — open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. — provides child care for 4- month-old to 6-year-old children of Cal Poly students, faculty and staff, and alumni parents. Started more than 30 years ago as a grassroot effort, the center now cares for 130 or so children within its seven classrooms.

Their philosophy is focused on the social and emotional development of the young children in their care. In this way, the center acts as a precursor to the children's upcoming elementary-school days.

"We believe that once (the children) develop their own social skills, all the academic sorts of things are going to fall into place normally after that. Until you learn how to problem solve, negotiate a conflict with your peers, and get your own personal needs met, you won't be able to focus on it in how to do math," Iverson said.

"We are focusing in on how to do that, negotiating for space or negotiating for a toy that some other child has. We are helping them to develop the skills to say, 'I don't like it when you hit me,' rather than letting them back. We are really focusing on helping them to develop a sense of self and self-competence."

Confidence and competence, especially social competence, are a key part of this so that these kids don't struggle later in life, she added.

With this in mind, the center seeks to nurture and encourage children as they develop individually, within a group setting.

One of the ways this is accomplished is by instilling children with the desire to learn, which is mainly based on their own sense of curiosity. For example, a couple of weeks ago, while on a trek around campus, the children from room seven came across owl pellets. Their teacher Erin Moschetti brought in a couple of baby chicks for the kids to look at and play with. Some of the kids said, "Well, we could get a book and put it in their cage and it will help them grow. And then they can turn the pages with the beaks."

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ngoing quarter, they can offer higher buy-back prices for books that teachers will need to see again. And the final project will be pressing them into clay to make fossil and then sending them home, noon seven teacher Erin Moschetti said.

Similarly, teachers are discouraged from modeling things for the students; the goal instead is for them to encourage the children to keep trying on their own instead. Again, this helps them to develop a sense of self-competence in the process.

But this can also develop in an almost humorous way, said Kimmy Walker, a liberal studies junior and student helper in room five.

"Pretty much they just say really funny things, that's my favorite part about working here. Like this morning, a parent brought in a couple of baby chicks for the kids to look at and play with. Some of the kids said, "Well, we could get a book and put it in their cage and it will help them grow. And then they can turn the pages with the beaks."

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Searchers dig through wreckage in Kansas town destroyed by tornado

Roxana Hegeman
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GREENSBURG, Kan. — Rescue workers on Sunday searched for anyone still buried in the heaps of splintered wreckage left after a massive tornado obliterated most of this south-central Kansas town.

Waves of thunderstorms rippled across the Plains states on Sunday, drenching rubble that the Friday night tornado scattered across Greensburg and threatening tornadic weather late Saturday, state officials said.

At least 10 people were known dead from weekend storms — eight in the Greensburg area and two others elsewhere in Kansas — one Friday night and another in violent weather late Saturday, state officials said.

Amid the destruction, rescue workers and officials held out hope that death toll wouldn't rise and workers and officials held out hope "that death toll won't rise and we're going to have a school, then I'll stay," said Greensburg High School shop teacher Peter Kern, who had lived in the town for the last year. "If we don't have a school, I don't have a job".

School superintendent Darin Headrick said classes will be canceled for the rest of the academic year, with graduation being held elsewhere. When school resums in August, the district, which has about 300 students, will hold classes in other communities.

“Our teachers will have jobs; our kids will have classrooms to attend,” he promised. “This is going to be a huge hurdle for people to overcome, but it will also be a huge opportunity.”

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Spidey 3 spins a different plot pace

Third installment has some uncalled-for moments but still entertaining

Ryan Chatrand

Although "Spider-Man 3" has its moments of disgraceful blasphemy, it's hard not to admit that it is, at the very least, an entertaining flick. As always, the latest installment takes the comics, grabs a few general ideas, makes its own Hollywood characters out of them and meshes it into a chick-flick love story comedy. The change of pace could have made it a far better film had Raimi decided that instead of spending a good portion of the two hours on action and boasting dazzling special effects, "Spider-Man 3" would focus on storyline and even extend the film an extra half-hour. Picking up where the story left off in "Spider-Man 2," your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man is having a bad year. While he is now loved by the city of New York, dealing with the fame, glamour and ladies forces him to lose track of what's most important: his beloved Mary Jane (Kirsten Dunst). On top of that, black alien slime is following him around just waiting to give him the ultimate case of the turningarker emo by dying his hair black (and purple). For some odd reason, directors love toying with comic-book storylines by thinking that no one will care. Indeed, the general audience going to see "Spider-Man" movies haven't read a comic in their life and won't notice the differences. Raimi's unnecessary additions, however, are obvious not only to the geeks, but to everyone.

Making Peter Parker walk down a tightrope acting like a 75s pimp-like sex magnet is simply uncalled for. Turning Parker emo by dying his hair black (and purple) and pouting it to one side is not only a disgrace to Stan Lee, but an embarrassing, out-of-place addition to the series that no one will notice. Unholy alterations aside, "Spider-Man 3" is still an entertaining flick thanks to some of the best special effects spectacles in the entire series. The love triangle plot also comes together nicely in the end (although it takes a while to get there) despite some weak dialogue that the talented cast tries so hard to make worthwhile.

The story isn't as well structured as the past two films, but with the longer runtime, making the perfect package isn't easy to do with so many characters. Yet, for the first time, it does feel as though the story is what matters most. It even creates a feeling of one tidy package of a film, by leaving out a Cliffhanger ending (always appreciated). What it forgets to do, however, is make a film that the audience wants. When the prior two films create a summer flick tone, audiences come expecting a one-hour roller coaster. When the story runs longer, making the perfect package isn't easy to do with so many characters. Yet, for the first time, it does feel as though the story is what matters most. It even creates a feeling of one tidy package of a film, by leaving out a cliffhanger ending (always appreciated).

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It's hard to tell where the next three "Spider-Man" movies will go (especially without the same actors possibly), but it seems as though "Spider-Man 2" will remain the most polished. The strongest difference between "Spider-Man 2" and its predecessor, however, is that the former actually moves the story somewhere. If anything, "Spider-Man 3" did its job of preparing the series for a new chapter by nicely tying up loose ends in the first half of the series.

But next time, Raimi, remember this: porn music and Tobey Maguire do not fit in the same sentence.

"Spider-Man 3"

= don't bother.
= eeehhh...
= rent it
= pretty good
= damn good!

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CORRECTIONS

The Mustang Daily staff takes pride in publishing a daily newspaper for the Cal Poly campus and the surrounding community. We appreciate your readership and are thankful for your careful reading. Please send your correction suggestions to mustangdaily@gmail.com.

= A Spotlight story published May 4, incorrectly noted that the Assy- sponsored Mira no Anime club means "everyone's anime." It really means "everyone's animé." It also said that Jennifer Pinkas is the club's treasurer, due to the vice president. Also, club members go to conferences on their own accord.
Tour de Wine: Perfect getaway for students

Well, wine enthusiasts, this wine season is among us. But perhaps you have not yet taken advantage of the beautiful weather and the conveniently located Edna Valley. I am here to let you know that there are options for you.

Wine tours are held daily by certain wine tour providers, and tours can be individually planned and made or prearranged, depending on your budget, for little or no money.

Everyone knows someone who has done a limo tour for a couple hours locally. Typically you pay about $30 to $60 per person depending on the duration of the tour and amount of people traveling along.

One disadvantage of a limo is that you are not traveling with a tour guide who can give you some interesting history and tidbits about the winery and local area.

One suggestion would be to take a wine tour given by either Breakaway Tours (805-753-AWAY) or the Grapeline (888-5-WINERY). Planning in advance is necessary for tour guide businesses. For a weekend trip, call a month prior to your trip.

In the case of a midday excursion, one to two weeks advance notice is necessary. Be prepared to put down a deposit of up to half the price of the trip the date of booking. Also, in hospitality, tips are always involved. Be prepared to tip either your limo driver or your tour guide 10 to 20 percent depending on their service.

If you are in charge of collecting the tour money from your friends, it may be smart to include gratuity into the amount they pay from the beginning.

For planning on a budget, you may look to designate a friend with a minivan or SUV to drive your friends around and perhaps offer to purchase a bottle of wine for their efforts.

Other options include renting a larger passenger van at a local rental car company in town. Again, I stress the need to designate someone as a bona fide designated driver. Not only are there several risks legally, financially and potentially physically; but as the planner of the event, you accept risk and liability for the goings-on of everyone.

Back to the limo idea, it may not be so bad to hire one because it can hold a great deal of people and a designated driver is already at your service.

One idea on how to get a real legitimate tour is to call the winery in advance. If you can speak with their educational director or whoever handles tours, most likely, they will be more than willing to take your group on tour for a reasonable price or, in some cases, for free.

A lot of the time, the actual wine maker is there talking about the wines he or she made. If not, educated staff will be ready and willing to answer everything and anything you have questions about pertaining to wine making, viticulture, their particular winery and even how and where grapes are grown, etc.

For more information on Edna Valley wineries, you can check out the San Luis Obispo Vintners Association web page (www.slowine.com). Another venue is Taste downtown, located at 1003 Osos St. This wine store is run by the Vintners Association and has local maps, contact info and directions to each one of the Edna Valley wineries.

The staff might even be able to give you suggestions that may help get your tour planned. Lastly, but most importantly, pace yourself. Again, the host's job is to look out for everyone.

It is important to arrive on a full stomach and to regularly hydrate yourself throughout the day. Watch your consumption because you certainly don't want to be "that guy." When planning an event, don't try to cram eight wineries into one day because it won't happen. In my experience, as the day progresses, people stay longer and longer at one winery.

Don't be drill sergeant wine tour planner; relax and enjoy a day with wine and friends.
Matt Taylor has what [it] takes

Editor's note: Newspapers have a long-standing tradition of choosing candidates that they feel will best serve their readers.

The Mustang Daily editorial board sat down with the candidates for ASI president to ask them about their issues on matters most dear to students. The board then decides, as a group, who would most effectively meet student needs.

Nine Mustang Daily editors sat down with ASI presidential candidates Arvand Sabetian, Brandon Souza and Matt Taylor on April 30 to discuss the issues that will affect students for the next year. All three are extraordinarily well-qualified and experienced, and the editors agreed that all would make outstanding presidents. Sabetian was adamant about helping students discover the importance of ASI. Souza stressed the need for better safety and on- and off-campus, particularly at night. And Taylor is most concerned with opening lines of communication between students and their ASI representatives.

As the editors deliberated after the meeting, a front-runner started to emerge. Taylor was seen as the "most real" of these three candidates and seemed to be most in tune with students' wants and needs. Ultimately, the eight of the nine editors agreed that Taylor is the best candidate for the 2006-08 ASI presidency. Two editors were not present to vote.

Taylor is not just talking the talk — he's already started taking steps toward implementing his main campaign points, which can take off as soon as he is elected. For example, he's interested in creating podcasts of meetings and events that impact students most, so that they, in a sense, can sit in as well. In fact, Taylor has already talked to the Apple store that will soon open downtown for collaboration and funding. In addition, he's come up with a plan to accelerate graduation evaluations by having a live-action audit system for students, meaning they can check off graduation requirements through mycalpoly.edu.

When asked about safety, he was a realist. He answered that they're not just about projecting the illusory sense of safety, but really making the campus a secure place at all times.

He plans to work with the University Police Department and the San Luis Obispo Police Department to educate students about how to stay safe, too, beyond just putting up more lights. Both Souza and Sabetian echoed many of the good ideas that Taylor put forward, but the editors felt that Taylor's fresh attitudes and ability to relate to the average Cal Poly student will transfer best into getting real results for all 18,000 students. As Taylor said in his final remarks, being president isn't about him and a flashy title — it's about the students he would represent.

But the editors are just two of many with an opinion of whom we think will serve Cal Poly best. We encourage you to make your own decision. If you visit www.mustangdaily.com, you can watch the editorial board's meetings with the candidates and decide for yourself.

And most importantly, go to the polls May 9 and 10 and vote for who you think will most effectively lead Cal Poly next year.

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Next weekend, the Mustangs can clinch their first NCAA Tournament berth since moving to the Division I level before the 1995 season.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly softball team could not have scripted an opportunity any better to sweep Cal State Fullerton on Sunday, but still came away with both the series victory and first-place residency in the Big West Conference standings. The Mustangs won 3-2 and 8-4 on Saturday before losing 7-5 on Sunday at Anderson Family Field in Fullerton.

Cal Poly could have clinched at least a share of its first Big West title Sunday, but that goal must now wait until next weekend, when the Mustangs wrap up the regular season against visiting Pacific.

Right fielder Alex Lopinetti blasted a three-run, walkoff home run with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning Sunday to lift the Titans to victory.

The wild finish was set up by Cal Poly scoring four runs in the top of the seventh to turn a 4-1 deficit into a 5-4 lead.

Cal Poly starter Emily Hively gave up four runs (three earned) on seven hits in six innings. She was relieved by Robyn Kontra, who gave up two singles separated by a strikeout prior to Lopinetti’s homers.

Krysten Cary blasted a three-run homer as part of the Mustangs’ four-run seventh. Cary and Stephanie Tam had two hit apiece for Cal Poly.

Sondra Sunday’s leadoff, the series victory was crucial for a Cal Poly team desperate to regain momentum after consecutive 2-1 series losses at UC Davis and against visiting UC Santa Barbara.

On Saturday, junior designated player Sarah Iwata batted behind two solo home runs — including the game-winner — to lift the Mustangs to the 3-2 win in the opener.

Kontra (11-6) earned the win in that game, giving up two runs on seven hits in her 10th complete game of the season. The junior right-hander walked six and struck out four.

A similarly efficient outing was put forth in the second game Saturday by Cal Poly’s Jenny Maiden (12-3), who threw her seventh complete game of the year. The sophomore right-hander allowed three runs on seven hits, walked two and struck out four.

The Mustangs put up six runs in the second inning, Cal Poly shortstop Melisa Pura gave her team a five-run cushion with a two-run bomb to left field in the sixth.

Pura (2 for 4) was the only Mustang with multiple hits, but one of eight Cal Poly players with at least one hit. Cary and Kelly Comstock drove in three and two runs, respectively, for the Mustangs.

Cal Poly hosts Pacific for a noon doubleheader Friday before closing the regular season with Senior Day at noon Saturday.

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