Poly athletics appeals to students to determine department's fate

Severe cuts or expansion to Division I depend on vote

By Meredith Rehman
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly athletics department is asking students for their input and dollars, into the future of the program.

Students will be asked in a referendum to pay $43 per quarter by 1994 to support a $43 per quarter fee to pay for their input, and dollars, into the future of the program.

The first increase in fees will be $14 per quarter beginning in the summer of 1992. By the next summer, students will have to pay an additional $15 per quarter.

A final $84 increase beginning in the summer of 1994 will increase the fee to $33 per quarter.

The student fees directed toward the referendum will offset the current debt to IRA, hire additional coaches, cover coaching staffs, and travel costs, said Charlie Crab, the interim associate vice president for Academic Affairs.

President Baker said Tuesday what the reason why athletics was cut in the first place was to spare academic programs from further cuts.

"It's not an easy decision to make, but we cut athletics 10 percent last year and our view is that the state resources that are going into athletics need to be shifted out and the academic programs," Baker said.

The IRA board still has to approve the referendum, Crab said.

"They are the filter through which the fee request goes," Crab said. "The IRA board is beginning to meet now and (is) putting together the basic information so they understand what the issues are.

"If the referendum does not pass, athletics would be cut to an eight-sport program beginning in December 1991, said Marilyn McNeil, associate athletic director.

Out of the existing 17 sports, said McNeil, excluding baseball, football, wrestling, volleyball, soccer, softball, and swimming, McNeil said.

The sports that will be cut are determined by those that cost the state the most money, McNeil said.

If the referendum does pass, the existing 17 sports would move up to Division I in the NCAA. Two sports, volleyball and wrestling, already play at Division I status.

This move would not necessarily be Cal Poly's choice, McNeil said, but NCAA rules require all sports to be Division 1, not just a select few.

"The students that vote on this that are juniors this year will see a direct result in the continuation of their athletics program," he said. "If the decision is to not pass this referendum, there is no other source of money — that I'm aware of at this time — that can offset the budget reduction targets for athletics.

On the current operating budget, the athletic department would only be able to afford eight sports to compete.

"If the referendum passes, the students will see a benefit... in that next fall, there will be a full-blown sports program at Cal Poly," Crab said. "And what we'll see is a progressive enhancement of that program over the years."

President Baker has indicated his willingness to help see ATHLETICS, page 11

County puts dorms into single district

By Ted Holz
Staff Writer

Students who live in the dorms will no longer be represented by two different county supervisors.

The boundary between districts 2 and 5 used to cut through the Cal Poly campus. It has been rerouted north of the school as part of the redistricting proposal accepted Tuesday by the County board of Supervisors.

Cal Poly is now fully within District 5, said Norma Dengler of the County Planning Department.

Board Chairman David Blakey called the redistricting "an obvious perfect fit as it could possibly be."

However, the plan was criticized by City Council member Penny Roppa because four districts contain parts of the city of San Luis Obispo. That area will be in District 2.

"Two is acceptable; three maybe; four is ludicrous," said city resident Dottie Comin.

"The city continues to be the way of balancing things," Roppa said.

Board member Evelyn Delany and County Assessor Dick Frank disagreed, counteracting that districts extending across city boundaries gives a "continuity of interest" of those on both sides of the boundary.

"I think the city has to be concerned with what is happening at its boundaries, as well as with what is happening in the city," said Delany.

Under the new boundaries, city residents north of Higuera Street will be in District 5, except for those in the northwest part of the city. People in that area will be in District 2.

"We realize there aren't that many people to push into District 2 without coming into the city," said Roppa.

The redistricting was based on the latest census figures and was done to make the five districts as nearly equal in population as possible.
Swiss troops unhappy about new combat bike

GENEVA (AP) — The Swiss Army's crack bicyclists are up in arms over a new "combat bike" chosen to replace a model that has hardly changed since its debut almost a century ago.

The 5,000-man force, believed to be the only one of its kind in the world, has been swept by a wave of nostalgia for the black-framed, single-gear version introduced in 1905.

"The model still in use has survived the emergence of airplanes, two world wars, computers and missile technology," said a brochure commemorating this year's 100th anniversary of Swiss Army cyclists.

The new model has seven gears and weighs 11 pounds less than the one it is to replace after 1993. But there are widespread feelings the army could do without it.

"Many believe there is no need to give up something that successfully served generations," Maj. Urs Ursprung, who commands a battalion, said in an interview.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, researchers have diagnosed fetal genetic disorders such as Down's syndrome by taking blood samples from pregnant women, eliminating possible risk to the fetus.

"This is important," said Dr. Sherman Elias of the University of Tennessee in Memphis. "It opens up prenatal diagnosis to the whole population because there is no risk to the fetus."

Elias was one of several researchers who described sophisticated new techniques for sifting fetal blood cells from mothers' blood. The results were described Tuesday at the Eighth International Congress of Human Genetics.

"What we're looking for is the needle in the haystack," said Dr. Mitchell Globus of the University of California, San Francisco. "It is not ready to apply," Globus said.

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SB 976 would allocate $5,000 more to the CSU, which would provide 4,000 additional classes for students. An additional $10 fee increase was introduced.

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By Joshua Eaton

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Gay, lesbian group protests veto of bill

By Amy Alonso
Staff Writer


“We denounce Gov. Wilson’s veto of AB 110 as a betrayal of the good faith of the lesbian and gay community who supported him in his 1990 election,” said the alliance’s group spokesman, Mike Hughes. “His failure to keep his promise to sign gay rights legislation is a cynical capitulation from conservatives and will not be tolerated.

In response to the veto, a number of local groups have formed an alliance to pursue a gay rights ordinance that will ban discrimination against lesbians and gay men in housing and employment in San Luis Obispo.

The group is comprised of members from local gay and lesbian organizations, the San Luis Obispo Business and Professional Association and the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. Hughes said the group has changed its goal toward getting an ordinance at the local level because they don’t have the support of politicians like Seastrand and Wilson at the state level.

“I'm a gay man, and I’m proud to live in this community and I want the community to support me,” Hughes said. “Right now we have no protection.”

Hank Alberts, a member of the ACLU, said the group is not asking for anything it doesn’t already possess as civil and state rights. He said they’re just.

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Ex-basketball star arrested for alleged sex with minor

By Travis Swofford
Staff Writer

A former Cal Poly basketball player was arrested and charged on Tuesday, Oct. 1 for allegedly having sexual intercourse with a minor.

Stuart Thomas, who played for the Mustangs from 1989-91, was charged with a felony count of sexual intercourse with a minor and a misdemeanor count of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Thomas will plead not guilty at his hearing Oct. 23 in the Santa Clara County Municipal Court, said San Luis Obispo attorney Melvin A. De La Motte, who is representing Thomas in the case.

Thomas, 23, now attending Stanford University, voluntarily surrendered to Stanford Police on Tuesday.

He then posted $80,000 bail, and was released Thursday, Oct. 4, said Stanford Police Chief Marvin Herrington in a Stanford Daily article. Herrington was unavailable for further comment.

Thomas is accused of furnishing alcohol to and having sex with a 17-year-old student in a Stanford dorm room on the night.

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Public Safety puts the lock on Poly bicycle parking violations

U-Bars, $8 fines encourage students to follow codes

By Jane Phillips
Staff Writer

Last week, Public Safety began impounding bikes parked illegally on campus.

About 20 to 25 bikes were impounded last week, said Cindy Campbell, Public Safety parking administrator.

Richard Gleeson, a bike enforcement officer and a physics senior, said the average number of impoundment citations issued per week is about 15.

To impound a bike, enforcement officers don’t cut the lock but rather secure the bike with a new Public Safety U-Bar lock.

“The officers do not wear uniforms, and sometimes the owner will walk up while they are putting the lock on the bike. "We get mixed reactions from the owners," he said. "Some get really mad, and others just laugh." But usually by the time the student has walked to the administration building, paid the fee and walked back to the bike, they have cooled down, he said.

Gleeson said buildings with railings nearby were the most problematic because the railings serve as a convenient bike rack.

“The biggest problem areas are near Crandall Gym and between Fisher Science and Science North,” Gleeson said. “I think people get in a hurry and think they can save 30 seconds by parking illegally.”

“The bikes parked in the buildings are harder to find, but we definitely impound those." Campbell said. “We have students parking their bikes by hand railings, in stairways, doorways, buildings and landscaping — attached to trees and hedges.”

Each day, bike enforcement officers walk around campus with a backpack filled with five or six U-Bars, she said.

When the enforcement officers see a bike illegally parked, they put the Public Safety lock on it with a note which lists impoundment procedures, Campbell said.

The bike owner then needs to go to the state cashier in the Foundation Administration building to pay the impoundment fee of $8 before Public Safety will remove the lock.

“The reason we do not cut their locks is that it would be expensive for the students to replace, and we encourage them to look after their bikes,” Campbell said.

Only if someone blocks a handicap access or an entrance, will Public Safety cut the students’ lock to clear the passage, she said.

Public Safety does a bike rack survey towards the middle of the quarter to determine how full the bike racks get and if there is a need to repost them or add new ones, he said.

Opening this quarter, Public Safety gave students a grace period, Campbell said.

“We issued a minimum of 300 warning notices during the first week of classes,” he said.

They were bright red and were stapled around the owner’s U-Bar lock, she said.

In winter quarter there will be no week of warning, Campbell said, because most of the freshmen and new students arrive in the fall and learn about the bicycle regulations at that time.

After you are finished reading this newspaper, Mustang Daily urges you to pass it along to a friend, or recycle it.
About the Issue

Fraternity Rush

The Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) recognizes 18 fraternities on the Cal Poly campus. IFC fraternity Rush started September 29 and ended October 7.

During those eight days, over 300 Cal Poly students rushed those 18 recognized fraternities (several new fraternities are petitioning for acceptance to IFC).

The IFC has brought speakers to campus, held alcohol awareness seminars and performed community service on a regular basis.

Last Tuesday, in Mustang Daily, a letter appeared by Douglas Reeve, accusing the fraternity Rush program of promotingsexism by paying for strippers at Rush functions (the letter has been reprinted in the Pro column). This letter generated an enormous response by Mustang Daily readers.

Last Thursday, Rush signs were found vandalized on campus and anti-fraternity flyers were posted by a group calling themselves "The Committee for a Frat and Rape Free America." These flyers were also posted during last year's Rush. This shows one strong example of anti-fraternity views that are held by some at Cal Poly.

Scott Gould is the IFC Rush chair and a social sciences major at Cal Poly.

PRO

By Scott Gould

IFC Rush chairman

Well, another Rush has come and gone with all the attendant confusion. In the midst of all of the commotion, we had the usual selection of letters and anti-greek flyers that the Committee for a Frat and Rape Free America treats us to every year.

They either get over it in time and take great pleasure in telling you consistently that people in the Greek system are friendlier than they thought they would be, or they end up being judged harder than others when meeting people who are not in the Greek system, whether they are friends or completely new acquaintances.

A situation I'm sure most Greeks are used to is the reaction or the change of attitude people have when they find out a person is in a sorority or fraternity. The typical reaction is interest in what's all around, but another common reaction is immediate coding off in their reaction towards you. They either get over it in time and take great pleasure in telling you consistently that people in the Greek system are friendlier than they thought they would be, or you're the friendless end of the spectrum.

This last one is really too bad. People are always going to have feelings one way or the other about different groups but sometimes you just have to accept that every so often, you might have judged somebody or some group too harshly.

I feel that joining a fraternity was one of the best things I could have possibly have done during college. The Greek system is not for everybody. This is a system that Rush is a time to see what sororities and fraternities are all about. If a person decides not to join a house, it is still a worthwhile time for everybody.

I have several friends who I met during Rush, that decided not to join a house but are some of the best friends I have. Their decision was right for them just as mine was right for me.

I'm not going to go on about how much. I like the Greek system. I think you have the picture and I hope that some of you who hated the Greek system will read this and reconsider. What I will do now is answer some of the questions that were brought up in recent letters to the Mustang Daily concerning unfair attitudes towards sororities and fraternities.

In response to Mr. Douglas Reeve's letter condemning fraternity Rush, I would like to say that I will not tell you that I have been a female member of a fraternity, but I do believe that system to be something to ponder. Apparently there is no such thing as a dry rush as I see you hoped to soak your pledges in their own drool as they ogled a local stripper at a Rush event.

Don't push this away as fraternity bashing. I've dreamed the Greek system for years and have quietly watched too many young students fall into the clutches of this whole system of brotherhood and sisterhood. I know worse conditions exist.

I've heard from far too many of you exactly what little sisters were for. Now you've even been taken away it is time to grow up and teach your pledges manhood and honor. It goes far beyond keeping secrets about your stupid nicknames. I urge all rushing students to think about all who they're with and what they're doing. (Please don't make community service at me, even the KKK has blood, not trying to impress others.)

Mary Storey

CON

By Mary Storey

The Greek system is such patriarchal and anti-choice. It evangelizes uniformity, homophobia and misogyny in a pathetic attempt to group some form of elitism, ignorance, insecurity, and desperation among the uneducated by fraternities, sororities etc. It demands nothing less than contempt. Fraternity spokesmen deny charges of sexism, homophobia and rape. However, the facts speak for themselves.

Rape is the most violent, violent crime committed on college campuses. Students commit between 80 and 90 percent of all campus rapes. Researchers have repeatedly discovered correlations between the presence of fraternities and increased rates of rape on university campuses.

Based on this information, many universities, such as Smith, have excluded fraternities from the campus community in the interest of promoting individual thought and a safer, less hostile environment.

Cal Poly fraternities have established "Greeks Against Rape," in the interest of public relations and the concealment of crime figures. After the last year's rape at Cal Poly, a group of "Greeks" of Cal Poly let their true colors shine. A woman was raped and last year's Inter-Fraternity Council president responded with deep concern for the survivor, "The incident will worsen the reputation the fraternity has for being associated with rape. It's really unfortunate that it happened, and I wish it was not going to be publicized. We're all participating in Greeks Against Rape." Throughout the Mustang Daily article describing the rape, no one from the Greek system expressed anything but self-pity and concern over anti-fraternity publicity.

Finaly, it must be conceded that some men feel grower power over other men. They find refuge in shallow relationships with similarly attuned men. It makes them feel less anxious and alone, when they are just a face in the crowded classroom and see others wearing the same symbols on their clothing.

Such men feel like they are "in charge" when they wish to recruit others. All fraternities allow these men to feel "normal" and as if they were part of the group, society would be better served if such individuals were not allowed to exist.

Mary Storey is a history major.

The following is the letter, written by Douglas Reeve, that was published in the October 1 issue of Mustang Daily.

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Fraternity Rush
After 30 years, American Peace Corps Volunteers still tackle the toughest job they ever loved

By Meredith Rehrman

Agriculture graduate student Jim Shaw was 27 years old when he stepped into a small, rural village in Paraguay in the spring of 1988.

For the next two years of his life, Shaw lived in a small house with no phone, no newspapers or magazines, what he called "atrocious" electrical systems, open wires, and relatively no medical service.

He witnessed a man die of a heart attack, overcame language barriers, developed programs in agri-forestry and taught basketball.

He bribed a local telephone operator, after standing in line for 45 minutes, just to make a phone call.

Letters took close to 3½ months for his parents to receive.

Shaw had entered the toughest job he ever loved as an American Peace Corps volunteer.

This year celebrates the 30th anniversary of Peace Corps. Since the first Peace Corps volunteers left for Ghana in 1961, more than 130,000 Americans have served in over 100 countries. Today, close to 6,000 volunteers work in nearly 90 countries.

American representatives have carried on the goal of promoting peace worldwide in developing countries in areas of forestry, agriculture, health and nutrition, business, math and science, education and engineering.

"I wanted to go and do something substantial and get down to the roots of things, and see how other countries operate," Shaw said. "That's where this tremendous perspective comes from. I'm not out to make a million bucks now, as I am enjoying life."

While serving in Paraguay, Shaw was involved with an agricultural extension service in the area to develop efficient plans of integrating agri-forestry trees into the existing agricultural process.

Because the area in which he worked was suffering from deforestation, Shaw worked on a plan to transplant trees in strategic areas to benefit cattle, crops and people.

"You kind of develop your own program (when you're there)," Shaw said. "You survey the community, see how you can help, what they (the villagers) need you to do, and you try to integrate what you're there for with their realities."

Shaw said that volunteers have main projects, such as his work with trees, plus secondary projects, to assist in other areas.

As a secondary project, Shaw was asked to teach Paraguayan villagers how to play basketball.

"They thought, since I was so tall, that I knew how to play and could ultimately teach them."

Despite poor living conditions, long hours and hard work, Shaw said, "Paraguayans are very nice and very friendly people. Everybody is happy, but they don't know what they are missing."

"They see Americans as what they see on Dallas or Dynasty. I had to explain to them what the U.S. was really like."

When asked if he would volunteer again, Shaw said "with no doubt. My perspective is night and day now. My goals have"

"Volunteers do two years of practical service in a field of interest, learn organizational skills, educational skills, communication skills, perseverance, dedication and loyalty."

--Jeff Carnahan, Peace Corps volunteer

Carnahan's family in Micronesia, shown at right, hosted Carnahan during Peace Corps training.

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According to Cal Poly Peace Corps Director Troy Flanagan, Peace Corps philosophy emphasizes that it is critical to be culturally sensitive when working on assignment in a developing country.

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From page 5 changed, and what I want out of life is different. I see things very differently now."

"Changing its image from that of a college student's chance at international tourism and volunteerism, the Peace Corps now is attracting more volunteers who are experienced specialists like Shaw."

Troy Flanagan, director of Cal Poly's Peace Corps office, said the Peace Corps' image definitely has changed, but its substance hasn't.

"The Peace Corps has never pushed the program as an opportunity to go overseas and kick back and be a hippie," said Flanagan, who served in the Philippines. "We have a job to do, and it is a job."

"There are great opportunities in terms of expanding yourself cross-culturally and professionally. I think that's what we've always pushed."

Return volunteer Jeff Carnahan, who taught English in Micronesia and is now studying international agricultural development at Cal Poly, agreed that the Peace Corps has been changing, but that it has been going through an evolutionary process as it has grown.

"When Peace Corps started in the early 60s, it was a brand new idea and concept and there was a lot of uncertainty and new ground was being charted," Carnahan said.

"The people who were first attracted were people who had very high ideals, were altruistically motivated and really felt like they could go out and conquer the world," he said. "Now, after doing it for 30 years, the countries are getting more sophisticated with types of requests and types of volunteers. They recognize what their problems are and realize they need technically-trained manpower to overcome those problems."

Carnahan said that many people look at being a Peace Corps volunteer as not beneficial to their career.

"This is a big misconception that people have because they think they (Peace Corps volunteers) are on vacation in some exotic land," he said.

But volunteers do two years of practical service in a field of interest, learn organizational skills, educational skills, communication skills, perseverance, dedication and loyalty."

Carnahan said U.S. employers recognize the fact that being a Peace Corps volunteer is a difficult job, often performed under difficult circumstances.

"Successful volunteers return to the states and move into positions of responsibility much faster than Americans that stay at home," he said.

But some opponents have argued that the Peace Corps tries to impose Western attitudes and ideals in countries and cultures that are very different from the United States.

"For the Peace Corps, we believe it is critical to do an effective job in that we are culturally sensitive," Flanagan said. "We do everything in the context of the country we're working in, and by doing that, we avoid being labeled as someone trying to press our views on someone else."

Flanagan said that the Peace Corps only goes to countries where their services are requested.

People interested in becoming a volunteer must go through an informational application process that takes several months. Students are advised to apply nine to 12 months in advance of when they graduate.

Cal Poly has sent close to 200 students on Peace Corps assignments since the campus office opened 15 years ago.

Peace Corps volunteers can benefit from international work experience, learning a foreign language, earning a $200-a-month stipend, scholarship opportunities, job hunting assistance, and academic credit.

"The message from the slogan 'It's the toughest job you'll ever love' is that it's challenging and rewarding," Flanagan said.

"If you come back to the competitive job market and the employer asks what you have done to demonstrate your skills, you can let them know that you've had this hands-on experience, and they'll think more highly of you."

Cal Poly graduate Mary Ellen Miller, who is leaving for a two-year stint in Costa Rica on Nov. 1, said her Peace Corps experience will be a definite advantage in her search for a job.

"I'm really excited because this is so perfect for me, and the timing is perfect," she said.

"I was training to be a teacher, but nobody's really hiring right now, I think I'll be getting a job more quickly when I get back because more and more schools are hiring bilingual teachers."

Miller, a liberal studies major who has experience working with children and as a camp counselor, will be involved in a program that focuses on environmental issues. She will be working with the community, schools and children in developing curricula in environmental issues.

"I really lucked out in getting this assignment," Miller said. "I know I wanted to do this. It fits in with my personal values, and I really like helping people."

"I will really appreciate learning about other cultures, new people and places," she said. "I was a little apprehensive at first, but I know the time is going to fly by."
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Sheriff speaks on Police vs. Poly

Relations aren't ideal, but also not as bad as many students perceive

By Lori Cheseaux

Staff Writer

Relations between the students and the San Luis Police Department are not as bad as perceived by the university and the community, said San Luis Obispo County Sheriff Ed Williams.

Williams spoke to a group of California College Republicans at the University Union Monday night about students and law enforcement.

"Students at this university talk about and think about their relations with law enforcement a lot more than law enforcement thinks about it," Williams said.

"I don't have any particular answer to the problem (with student and police relations). We deal with individual cases and individual people.

Williams, however, said incidents such as the recent "mini-riot" of two weekends ago are becoming more common.

"Very often, here and anywhere else, there have been more parties in the last three years. There is no question about it," Williams said.

"If this continues, you will see a reaction from not only law enforcement, but from the community."

Williams said the students need to understand what "fragile" the situation is, and that if the behavior continues, the chances of reinstating Poly Royal are slim.

"We need to understand the gravity of what is happening," Williams said. "What's a party to you is not a party to me — it's a riot."

Williams stressed that the relationship between the students and the local police does not stem from the university as a whole, but from a small percentage of students. He encouraged students to leave situations or parties before they get out of hand.

When disruptive parties occur, deputies come from all over the county to support the officers involved, he said. That leaves many areas of the community vulnerable with "zero protection."

"I have heard the comment, "If they just left us alone..." before," Williams said. "We are getting rapists and robbers too.

"If you violate the laws, you have to take the responsibility."

Williams, who is also the county coroner, said he is most troubled by student deaths related to alcohol.

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The technique could ultimately be a substitute for amniocentesis, in which fetal cells are obtained by inserting a needle into the womb to remove some of the fluid that bathes the fetus. Amniocentesis has a very small chance of causing a spontaneous abortion, and researchers say the new technique would eliminate that risk.

Elias and his colleagues reported the identification of a fetus that carried three copies of chromosome 21, one of the 23 human chromosomes normally occur in pairs. His group has also identified a fetus with an extra copy of the X chromosome.

Dr. Diana Bianchi of Children's Hospital in Boston reported the diagnosis of a case of Down's syndrome, caused by three copies of chromosome 21.

Screening mothers' blood for fetal disorders is likely to be much cheaper than performing amniocentesis and other conventional techniques for diagnosing fetal ailments, Globus said.

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The new techniques rely on the fact that a very small number of fetal blood cells can make their way into a pregnant woman's bloodstream through leaks in the placenta. The cells are very rare in the mother's bloodstream, however. The new technique uses automated blood cell sorters to help separate fetal blood cells from maternal blood cells, along with a variety of other biochemical tools, Globus said.

Researchers are working to improve both the cell-sorting methods and the methods for analyzing the small number of fetal cells they can identify.

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not being recognized.

"City leaders may be tough to persuade at first, but I believe that the organizations backing the movement can overcome anything," Daniels said.

The gathering in front of Seastrand's office was originally planned for the purpose of presenting Seastrand with a letter urging her support for the bill.

Once the bill was vetoed and the group decided to keep the meeting there and make it a token one, GALA member Wayne McAugahan said.

"We wanted to show that, clearly, she is our enemy," McAugahan said.

Seastrand, however, wasn't present at Monday's protest conference.

Seastrand's administrative assistant Eric Daniels said that the group knew she would not support the bill.

"She had a meeting with them last week, and told them she would not support the bill," Daniels said.
El Corral expands selection of books authored by Cal Poly faculty members

By Allison Gatlin
Staff Writer

Some of Cal Poly's professors can be found in the bookstore — not browsing between the shelves, but on them.

Faculty books written by faculty members are offered in a regular bookstore section labeled "Campus and Local Authors." And currently a special display is at the front of the store.

As of late, local books are getting even more attention thanks to the efforts of English professor Steven Marx, said Nick Routh, El Corral's marketing manager.

Marx has personally solicited titles from faculty authors he knows, allowing the bookstore to increase its selection.

Although the bookstore's General Interest Books department regularly tries to solicit faculty-authored books, it has had limited success, Routh said.

Every quarter, the bookstore runs a notice in the Cal Poly Report, which is distributed among faculty. It has also used department meetings and one-on-one meetings with individual faculty members to find new titles to carry.

"It was generous of him to take the time," Routh said of Marx's effort. "It's good to have the personal contact."

Marx has taken a personal interest in this section of the bookstore. Such a display is standard in other institutions and often a prominent feature, he said.

"It is an important function of a college bookstore," he said. "There's a certain mission I think that they have, and they've shown a willingness -- do that."

Other faculty members have shown an interest in this area as well. English professor George Cotkin thought it was a benefit to students to read from books written by their own professors. He was also glad to see the faculty authors get some special attention.

"We want to honor faculty who have published," Cotkin said, and I think it's exciting for students to see their professors who have published." One reason Cotkin felt the faculty section has been deemphasized in the past is that writing at Cal Poly is not as prevalent as on other, more research-oriented campuses.

From his perspective, Marx agreed that student enthusiasm can be generated by using books written by Cal Poly professors. He pointed to one student whose senior project was inspired by his professor's book.

The special display of faculty-authored books is rotated, along with other features, usually on a weekly basis.

"We pull books out of the section and put them in other features," Routh said. "We rotate displays ... depending on what's happening on campus and in other areas."

A campus authors display is out at least once a quarter, he said.

The bookstore has tried other promotions, such as an author-signing, but at the time, the writers approached turned down the offer.

"They thought it was a great idea, but they didn't want to participate," Routh said. "I think they were shy."
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The students with the cost associated with doing some marketing work for the school. It is an ASI election and I imagine it will be a shared expense between the President's office and ASI," he said. "This referendum, from our perspective, becomes a signal from the students to how important intramural athletics are to their life on campus."

"If they do (think it's important), then they need to help fund them. But we are not going to erode the instructional budget to enhance the athletic program."

This means no more state funds will be diverted to athletics and if that athletics are important to students, they will have to pay for them. "I think that we've done a good job and a lot of the students will realize how it is to have a good sports program from their school and good athletes representing them," said McNeil. "We've got coaches who are partly short-term contractors, and the student athletes are very anxious." Senior Staff Writer Gregg Mansfield contributed to this report.

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