

CHANGING SPACES



UNIVERSITY UNION AND RECREATION CENTER SCHEDULED FOR NEW LOOK



THE BACKDROP OF COUNTLESS memorable conversations, quiet moments of reflection and intense study sessions for Cal Poly students is getting a facelift.

The plaza of the University Union, or UU as it's known on campus, will soon undergo a major renovation. The project is scheduled to begin June 15 and take approximately nine months to complete. All services in the UU, including El Corral Bookstore and SESLOC, will remain open.

Funding for the UU plaza renovation comes strictly from capital reserves. It can not be used for academic purposes such as more classes, labs and library hours according to Cal Poly Vice President of Administration and Finance Larry Kelley. "The students have chosen to use revenue from the existing UU fee to renovate the plaza. This is an exciting project that will serve future generations of Cal Poly students for years to come," said Kelley.

The renovation incorporates many design elements from Cal Poly Architecture students and provides more seating in the plaza. Temporary safe walkways will be established through the plaza during construction. Access to balconies will be unaffected.

In addition, the Cal Poly Recreation Center will be undergoing a major expansion starting this October. The popular center will gain three new fitness rooms, an indoor jogging track, an additional sand volleyball court, a leisure pool, deck and a lounge with the expansion.

The three-year project, once completed, will triple the exercise space for all Cal Poly students, faculty, staff and visitors. Funding for expanding the Recreation Center comes from student-approved fee increases that were designated solely for this project. No state funds are being used.

In September, ASI will begin moving weight and cardio equipment to the Recreation Center's Main Gym to stage a temporary workout facility during the construction period. ASI plans to build a sub floor over the current hardwood floor in the gym. The current floor will continue to be used once construction is complete. □



For closure and construction updates on both the UU and Recreation Center projects, visit the ASI Web site at: http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/facility_projects.