

### Check out changes in financial aid

Financial aid programs and eligibility requirements have changed substantially since Congress passed the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act in July. Most of the provisions will go into effect next year, and the Financial Aid office is trying to alert students and parents to the significant differences.

The analysis to determine need and eligibility will change to a new federal methodology that eliminates home equity as part of the equation. This is good news for students in California, where high home values have made some students ineligible for funds. Now families with incomes of \$50,000 or less are usually eligible for some federal financial aid. Students from higher-income families might be eligible, too, based on additional factors such as family size. And it is now free to apply for financial aid.

The "independent student" definition has changed and might affect a number of students who previously were evaluated as independent from their parents. Age is the overriding determinant of independence from your parents. If you are not going to be 24 years old before Dec. 31, 1993, you must be evaluated as dependent on your parents for 1993-94, and they must complete their portion of your aid application. There are exceptions: Graduate students, married students, orphans or wards of the court, and students with dependents of their own are considered independent regardless of their age.

You are encouraged to apply for aid even if your status will change and you will be considered a dependent for 1993-94. With the more generous need-analysis method, you might very well still

be eligible for aid. Discuss this with your parents so they are prepared to help you apply. They might want to claim you on their tax return for 1992 if you will automatically be considered a dependent student.

Applications for aid will be available in January.

### Commencement fees: pay before Nov. 25

Because of the unexpectedly high number of students participating in Fall Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 12, candidates are urged to pay their commencement fee before Nov. 25. Those who pay after that day will receive only five guest tickets.

Fees are payable at the Grad Center in El Corral Bookstore, where students also pick up their guest tickets and receive instructions, invitations, and cap and gown. The Grad Center is open weekdays from 7:45 am to 4:30 pm and Saturdays from 11 am to 4:30 pm. It will be open the day of commencement from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

There will be a morning and an afternoon ceremony, both in Mott Gym. The 9:30 ceremony is for students in the colleges of Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design, and Liberal Arts. Candidates will assemble at 9 am. Guests will be let in at 8.

The 2 pm ceremony includes students in the colleges of Business, Engineering, and Science and Mathematics plus students receiving the Master of Arts in Education. Candidates will assemble at 1:30 pm. Doors will open at 12:30.

Guests should plan to arrive early for the best parking and seating. Seating is not reserved or guaranteed.

### Teleconference on race relations set

Students, the faculty and staff members are invited to attend a teleconference, "Enhancing Race Relations on Campus—New Challenges and Opportunities," to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 10 am to noon in Bishop's Lounge in the UU.

The live, interactive satellite broadcast will feature experts who will discuss positive methods, solutions, programs and strategies to enhance race relations on American college and university campuses.

The event, presented by the publishers of Black Issues in Higher Education, is co-sponsored by Students Affairs, Academic Affairs, Affirmative Action, and the Center for Women and Ethnic Issues.

### Recognized groups to get IRA funds

Your student group may be eligible to receive partial funding for its activities.

The Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) board has funds available for student-focused activities and laboratory projects that are partially sponsored by an academic discipline or department and are integrally related to its formal instructional offerings.

Funding is available only to officially recognized groups. The IRA board is accepting applications for recognition until Jan. 4, 1993. A request for recognition of a group may be originated by a student, the group, or a faculty or staff member.

Programs currently recognized don't need to reapply.

For more information or a copy of the procedures, call Shawn Reeves, chair of the IRA Advisory Board, ext. 1291, or Vicki Stover in Business Affairs, ext. 2171.





## Student clubs get approval to sell food

New guidelines have been developed that will allow student clubs to raise money by selling food on campus.

The sale of food was restricted last summer for health reasons. However, ASI officers recently met with officials from the foundation and the university and came up with guidelines that ease those restrictions.

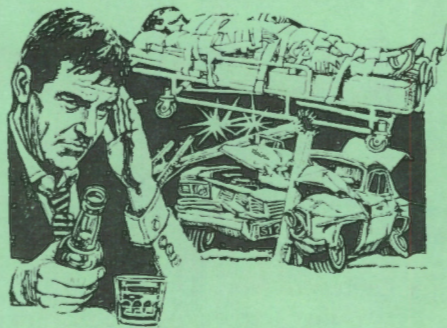
Ten clubs will be allowed to sell beverages and prepared food on Tuesdays from 11 am to 1 pm on Dexter Lawn, and five groups will be permitted to sell on Thursdays from 11 am to 1 pm in the UU Plaza. Students also may occasionally sell baked goods. Otherwise, all prepared foods, beverages and supplies must be purchased through the foundation.

For authorization, clubs and campus groups must fill out a Form 81, available in the Student Life and Activities office, UU 217.

According to national surveys, college students spend more money annually on alcohol than on textbooks. They also drink more, both in frequency and quantity, than contemporaries not in college. Cal Poly students are no exception.

Project Focus is a part of the campus Health Center's Health Education Program and is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education.

For information on Project Focus call 756-2890.



## Career events grants and calendar available

Organizations planning any type of career-related activity this year might qualify for one of four grants — up to a maximum of \$250 each. The deadline to apply is Monday, Nov. 30.

Career Services is sponsoring both the Career Events Grants and the Career Events Calendar.

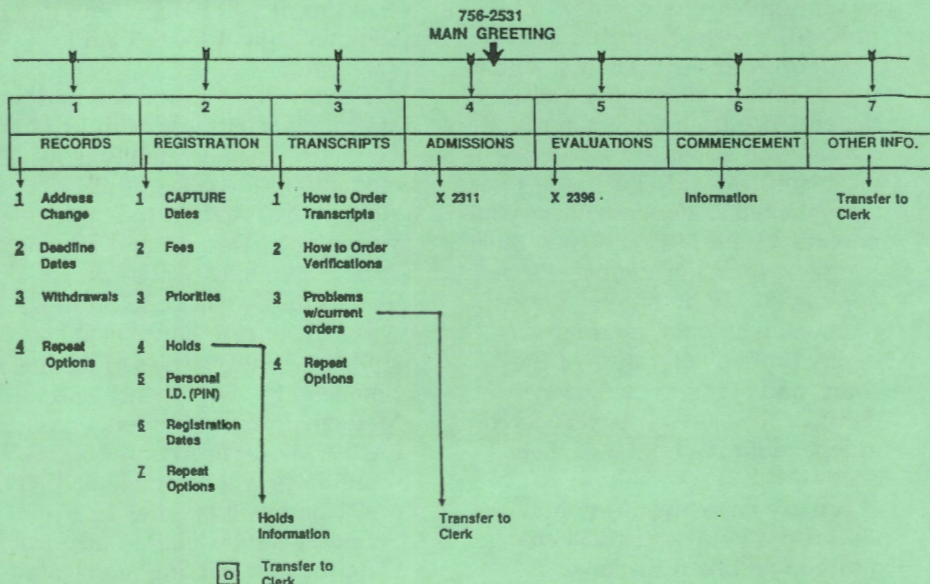
The Career Events Calendar will be published at the beginning of Winter Quarter. It will include information on all career-related events sponsored by university departments and student organizations for the remainder of the 1992-93 year. It will be distributed to student organizations and clubs, to the residence halls, and to departments and offices on campus. There is no cost to any organization to be included.

Contact Ellen Polinsky, Career Events Planning Committee Chair, at ext. 5971 for more information.

## Automated telephones in Academic Records

The Academic Records office has installed a new automated telephone system to answer routine questions. While students can still talk to a "live body," it is hoped that routine questions can be handled with the new system.

The diagram below indicates the choices available. The telephone number is 756-2531.



## Abuse prevention involves students

Cal Poly's Project Focus is a student program aimed at preventing alcohol and other drug (AOD) abuse. The program involves students in planning AOD-free events, offering support, and working to create a campus and community environment conducive to AOD responsibility.

A 24-member student action team has organized such events as Monte Carlo Night, St. Patrick's Day ShamRock Cafe dance and rock concert, Friday Night Live and Monkey Madness comedy shows and mocktail parties.