Locals rally against bill assessing fees on county agencies

Approximately 200 people gathered for a protest at the County Government Center.

**By David Bock**

**Staff Writer**

The Coalition for Cooperative Government held a rally Tuesday morning at the County Government Center to show its opposition to Senate Bill 2557. The coalition is comprised of San Luis Obispo County, the seven cities and their accompanying law enforcement agencies, area school districts, Cal Poly, Cuesta College, the Area Parents-Teachers Association and others.

The crowd of about 200 was composed of the seven city police chiefs, officers from each city law enforcement agency, various city officials, teachers and other supporters.

Many demonstrators carried signs that read “Save Our Schools,” “Support Our Police” and “No on SB 2557.”

According to a coalition statement, SB 2557 allows county Board of Supervisors to assess fees on other governmental agencies, including cities, schools and special districts for the booking of arrests into jail and for the costs associated with the collection of property taxes.

The coalition says that monies collected and targeted for city and district programs would, in effect, be removed from those areas and redistributed to the county government.

The coalition estimates that approximately $3.2 million would be transferred to San Luis Obispo County as a result of the bill.

That reflects the equivalent of 21 police officers and 58 teachers, said Dee Lacey, board president of the Paso Robles Joint Union High School District.

Lacey, speaking to the crowd, said that since SB 2557 was “basically smack through the back door without any warning to the cities or schools,” the cost was not anticipated or budgeted for this year. Because of that, the money would come out of existing programs and services, she said.

“The bottom line is that SB 2557, if implemented by our county Board of Supervisors, would seriously undermine our law enforcement and our schools — two programs that citizens in this county want strengthened, not weakened,” Lacey said.

She said that SB 2557 is flawed legislation because, aside from pitting the county and city officials, teachers and other supporters.

**Second Gulf teach-in will focus on postwar future**

By A. Mortimer Naughton

**Staff Writer**

The Persian Gulf War may be over as far as bullets and flesh are concerned, but perhaps a more difficult time lies ahead for President Bush and other coalition leaders.

A second teach-in on the war has been organized by political science professor Phil Fetzet to discuss issues, old and new, that will be significant in coming weeks.

“I think the question was accomplished and what we still need to do,” Fetzet said.

“There’s an incredible feeling of euphoria in this country right now. Why? We need to take a look at what has happened.”

The teach-in is scheduled for Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

Four panelists, Mansar ParsaBar from the history department, Journalism Department Head Nishan Havandjian, Larry Martinez from the political science department and geography professor William Hanks, will discuss the postwar era in the Middle East.

**POLY REPS promote university**

**By Kelli Martin**

**Staff Writer**

There are hundreds of clubs at Cal Poly, ranging from the Audio Engineering Society to the Wildlife Club. But only one organization actually represents and promotes the university itself.

“POLY REPS looks for men and women of all age groups, all ethnicities and all majors,” said Nancy McCormick, chair of POLY REPS new membership selection committee. “But mostly we want those people with a high level of enthusiasm, commitment and a genuine pride and love for Cal Poly and this area.”

According to an application packet, POLY REPS is a volunteer based alumni relations organization. It consists of approximately 30 students who assist in the promotion of Cal Poly to prospective students and their parents and friends, potential donors and friends of the university.

Applications are being accepted until April 5 for those students wishing to take part in POLY REPS 1991 selection process.

POLY REPS are required to be full-time students with a

**Football will face changes when 4 conference teams leave league**

By Amy Reardon

**Staff Writer**

The Cal Poly football team is going to see some big changes.

If not, it’s going to have a real tough time scheduling games after next season when four out of the six NCAA Division II conference leave the league to go Division I.

“New NCAA legislation has eliminated multidivisional membership for football,” said Athletic Director Ken Walker.

Walker said those schools have an advantage over Division II schools; they have all the benefits of Division I training facilities as well as scholarships to attract valuable players, while remaining in Division II competition.

Those schools will look a lot more attractive to incoming players than a straight Division II school, said Walker.

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Parking should be redistributed

In response to David L. Nelson's letter (Feb. 25), we would like to say a few things. First of all, David, you have severely underestimated the problem. Forty percent of all parking at Cal Poly is staff. We know this because we counted. Are there really 40 percent as many staff members as there are students? Forty percent of Cal Poly's parking is staff. As well, the student parking available is considerably further from classrooms than the staff parking. Why is this? Doesn't it seem logical that students, many of whom must work odd hours and come and go, should be allowed to park closer than staff who generally on campus all day?

We were also offended by your accusation that students are lazy and unorganized. Some of us must get to work 10 minutes after our morning classes, and back in those 10 minutes after we get off work. Our time management is not the problem here, the racing is part of living. While you may be fortunate enough not to have this problem, many of Cal Poly's students do. A 10 to 15 minute walk after having just been in a space is just not acceptable. Ask David, have you ever tried to walk half a mile carrying a heavy project?

Public Safety is also part of the problem, not part of the solution. The revenue-minded officials who selectively enforce parking violations by writing tickets even when a lot is relatively empty are being utterly unjust. After all, if there are empty spaces, shouldn't students be allowed to use them? Will this somehow cause campus-wide parking chaos? I think not.

Instead of trying to deny that a problem exists such as you did David, we would like to offer some solutions to Cal Poly's parking problem. One thing that needs to be done is to reclassify all student, staff and visitor parking to general parking. This would help to redistribute available parking in a more efficient manner. A 'Poly Trolley,' which shuttles both students and staff from outlying parking lots, would help to alleviate the problem of tardiness and exhaustion felt by all who make this trek several times a day.

Finally, Public Safety needs to realize that they are here to serve the students, not generate revenue. If a car is parked in a spot that is not hampering someone else from parking, they should not write a ticket. Also, there are several spots on campus where there is not justifiable reason for cars not to park there, yet Public Safety continue to write tickets for cars parked in these spots. Hey folks, let's use a little discretion, OK?

Michele Arnold
Business
Ted Moncoue
Ag Engineering

Correction
In men's track (Mar. 5)—Tony Castiglioni is a pole vaulter.
World

Llama abuses police in 90-minute standoff

SCHIEDAM, Netherlands (AP) — An esc­aped llama fought Dutch police for 90 minutes, spat in an officer's face and kicked a belt in his patrol car before it was finally taken into custody, police said Tuesday.

The South American animal jumped a fence surrounding the field where it was kept and crossed a busy intersection in this Rotterdam suburb, according to Schiedam police spokesman Jan van Hoff.

Five officers dispatched to the scene Saturday tied a rope to the llama's head and tried to haul it away, Van Hoff said.

Kuwait's environment left in state of disaster

IN KUWAIT'S GREATER BURGAIN OIL FIELDS (AP) — Like flames from hell, hundreds of orange fireballs leap from burn­ning oil wells into a desert sky so filled with black poison that day is as dark as night.

The Iraqi sabotage that caused the twin disasters also devastated Kuwait's economy and that the final proposal will be presented to Congress next month.

NASA drafts plan for smaller space station

WASHINGTON (AP) — New plans call for a smaller and cheaper space station that can be built on the ground and delivered to orbit in four flights of the space shuttle, a NASA official said Tuesday.

Mark Hess, a space agency spokesman, said the modified space station plans have been delivered to the National Space Council and that the final proposal will be presented to Congress next month.

First troops returning during the next week

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush ad­ministration said Tuesday it would steer clear of the civil strife that has hit Iraq fol­lowing the Gulf War and warned Iraq's neighbors to do the same.

The Pentagon made plans to welcome home up to 15,000 veterans of the war during the next week.

President Bush hailed the troops as "American heroes" and said "home towns all across America" will welcome them home soon.

"Their magnificent victory in the gulf has brought a renewed sense in pride and con­fidence here at home," Bush said. "It's con­tagious, it's all over our country. You can feel it every single minute."

Dogs may soon sniff for oil pipeline holes

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Dogs al­ready help police find bombs and drugs; soon, man's best friend may be used to sniff out leaks in Kern County's oil pipelines.

Two trained Labrador retrievers on Mon­day demonstrated a leak detection system which Exxon feels could be valuable in Kern County's oil fields.

A chemical is injected in the line to let dogs pinpoint leaks, said Ron Quaife, coin­ventor of the process called Tekcent.

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minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and at least one year remaining at Cal Poly before graduation, said McCormick.

"Our final applicant information meeting is on March 19, and then all applicants must attend an April 4 preselection meeting," she said. An average of 150 to 200 students a year apply for POLY REPS. This year a panel consisting of POLY REPS President Dore Burt, McCormick, four other POLY REPS and two advisors perform a three-step elimination process, resulting in the final 30 applicants. Cuts are made from the applications and first and second interviews, said McCormick.

"Everyone should go for it because everyone has the potential to be a great POLY REP," said McCormick. "It's a great learning process to go through and a good practice interview. Plus, there is a chance of becoming a POLY REP."

A time commitment of 8 to 12 hours per month is required by members. "POLY REPS do give six tours a week at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays," she said. "But we also do a lot of functions with the alumni and the administration."

In addition to giving tours, POLY REPS represent Cal Poly at career symposiums, high school presentations and alumni activities.

The group, in conjunction with University Outreach Services, also visits high schools and community colleges throughout California to inform people about Cal Poly and recruit new students.

"I really enjoy being a part of the group," said home economics junior Jaime Ramirez. "It's great to be a representative of the school and to show it off to prospective students who come to visit Cal Poly."

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Making the Grade
Professors discuss the accuracy of grades and alternative evaluation methods.

Pretty Crummy Report huh?
I had no idea what the professor wanted for this assignment.

Oh, yours isn't that bad. But I got this professor figured out.
I'm gonna ace this report.

Randall Knight, a physics professor, said statistics show math and physics classes have a slightly higher percentage of students who receive Ds and Fs. He said, "The introductory classes such as Physics 131 are sometimes called filter classes. You don't want to pass students through these classes their first year, and then fail them their second." He said these classes show first-year students they either need to work harder or get out of the major. Although professors say they do not set grade quotas, they do seem somewhat concerned about how their grading system is perceived by the department and their colleagues. Janice Carr, an accounting professor, said if she gave too many As or Bs in comparison to other classes, it would be brought to her attention by the department. Randall Knight said, "If a professor is doing a good job teaching, and the students are learning the material, then I am very happy to see the grades reflect this." He said, however, if a professor is simply handing out As without merit, then the department must look at the reasons why.

Students often say they do not like classes where grade distribution is predetermined. "I think teachers should grade on merit. If the whole class deserves an A, they should get it, and vice versa," said Kathleen Logan, a business junior. Logan hopes to go to law school or graduate school, and she said grades are very important to her.

But do grades adequately measure a student's academic performance? Professors have differing opinions. Carr said by and large grades adequately measure a student's performance. "You can get a feel for how the student will perform often by the first grade received in the course." She said a student's preparation and study skills are usually obvious.

Shea Roberts is a journalism junior with a concentration in public relations. This is her first quarter reporting for Mustang Daily.
FOOTBALL

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"What we do (play Division I or II schools) and what other schools do affect each other. We feed on each other," said Walker.

The question the football community is concerned about now, he said, is, "How are we going to schedule games?"

These are the problems.

Being the only Division II scholarship school in California, Cal Poly will have to travel out of state to play other teams at its level. Walker estimated the cost of one road trip for the football team at $26,000. "We can't travel out of state all the time. It's too expensive," he said.

Cal Poly can't accumulate many games against Division I schools because Division I teams are required to play 90 percent of their games against teams of equivalent level. It does not benefit a Division I school to play Cal Poly.

The final problem lies with the Northern California Athletic Conference, the other Division II league in California. The NCAC does not allow scholarships. Its teams include UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara and CSU schools Humboldt, Chico, Sonoma, San Francisco and Hayward.

"We want to play those NCAC teams," said Walker. But Head Coach Lyle Sonentlich has never lost to a NCAC team in his four-year career at Cal Poly.

This record makes it hard to schedule games with NCAC teams, said Walker. "They don't want to play against us and lose."

As for Cal Poly football, "We're going straight ahead," said Walker. "There's a lot going on with it right now — a lot of options being discussed."

First of all, he said, "Dropping football is not an option."

He listed the team's options.

* To keep Cal Poly football as it stands, the only Division II program in California.
* To drop all football scholarships and ask for membership in the NCAC. Walker said he thinks by making this move, the football team would lose a lot of good players as well as the ability to attract good players. "I really don't want to do this," said Walker.
* To move football to Division I. "That will only happen if the whole school goes Division I, and that's not up to me. It's a very hard thing to do," said Walker, "and we would need a lot more money."

"This is very controversial, explosive stuff," he said.

Associate Vice President for Academic Resources Frank Lebens said the final decision will be affected by many variables. "We will certainly rely heavily on Walker's insight. It will also depend on whether the fee increase referendum is passed," he said.

If approved, the referendum would increase tuition to benefit the athletic department.

The decision is not solely Cal Poly's, said Lebens. "There is a number of external factors that will have an influence on any decision we make."

Walker said, "I think we'll have to make a choice to do football and with the whole athletic program."

He said the decision will be made within the next couple of months. However, said Walker, "I don't want to drop it (football)."
insight

From page 5 early in the quarter, and the grade they receive normally reflects this. Battenberg, however, said that he wouldn’t hang his head on whether grades are an accurate measure of a student’s efforts in a class. He said oral examinations might be a better tool of evaluation, but there are problems with that too. "Students would have the pressure of getting nervous, and that could affect their grades," Battenberg said.

Some faculty say there are problems or limitations when using letter grades. "Absolutely not!" said Battenberg. "It is an em"...
SCIENCE & AG

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Communication between all levels of the coalition and the public will be directed by Joanne Aceto, director of the Cal Poly Women's Engineering Program. "Linkage is the arm that reaches out to society," said Coalition Director Anthony Ingraffia. "It connects within our organization and translates what we're doing so people can use it."

"These are broad-based projects," Eide said. "The coalition has five years to reach our goals."

The coalition's goal is to produce more interest in engineering education. The National Science Foundation (NSF) projects a decline of one-third in national engineering school enrollment, resulting in an industry shortfall by 2010.

"Without students, industry doesn't have workers," Hennarson said. "We need Ph.D.'s. If students aren't there we can't solve problems."

Cal Poly, Iowa State, Cornell, Southern, Berkeley, Tuskegee, Stanford and Hampton engineering schools received NSF grants. These eight universities will divide a $15 million grant over five years. Universities must raise the same amount for their share of the program.

Representatives meet every two months to discuss the program.

"Collaboration among schools helps when we meet people face to face and work together," Ingraffia said. "Cal Poly faculty are among the most responsive (in the coalition)."

For some Cal Poly faculty members, the coalition pilot will mean more work said Dan Walsh, associate dean of the School of Engineering at Cal Poly. Extra faculty members will be hired to replace professors in classrooms while they develop new courses, Walsh said.

RALLY

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"There's only one way governments against each other, it distracts public attention from holding the state legislative leadership responsible for finding viable solutions to fiscal problems."

The coalition planned to make two requests to the SLO City Council: a moratorium on the sale of the city's police department, and an end to the city's anti-union efforts.

In addition, SB 169, also supported by The League of California Cities, would raise the money lost by the counties by altering the state legislative leadership responsible for finding viable solutions to fiscal problems.

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