Poly may ease impact of IRA athletic referendum

Student financial concerns instigate review of increase

By Deanna Wulff
Staff Writer

In reaction to student financial concerns, the Cal Poly administrative board has moved to decrease the first increment of the IRA athletic referendum fee increase and extend the gradual phase-in over a longer period of time.

Under the current plan, the referendum's implementation would follow a gradual three-step increase, with increases of $19, $35, and $43 respectively over the next three years.

Robert Koob, vice president of Academic Affairs, has been asked to assess the possible policy changes and determine whether it is feasible.

This week, he will review a financial spreadsheet to see if we can reduce the first $19 increase," said Hazel Scott, vice president for Student Affairs.

"The purpose of the proposal is to lessen the financial impact on students," Scott said.

In addition, the administration has made plans to meet every January in order to review the financial needs of intercollegiate athletics, the CSU system and students.

"So far, nothing has been decided," Scott said. "We are still waiting for the CSU chancellor to approve the initial IRA increase. Then, we have to wait for Bob Koob's financial review." Both Koob's review and the chancellor's approval are expected to come some time this week.

The original $43 fee increase was phased in over the next three years in increments of $19 per quarter, $15 per quarter, and $9 per quarter.

With the possible 40-percent California State University fee increase, tuition fees could increase a total of $117, including the increases from the IRA non-athletic and library referendums.

"When students voted in the election, they didn't know there would be the additional 40-percent state university fee increase," said Darlene Black, director of Communication and Special Events.

"We are trying to respond to students' needs and lessen the impact on them," Black said.

However, the administration is not acknowledging the students' demands for another election.

"As far as I know, the administration isn't considering a re-vote," Black said.

Student: transportation in Russia impressive

Editor's Note: Cal Poly accounting senior Sean Hearne spent last quarter in the former Soviet Union. He was taking part in the AIFS cultural study program. This feature will share some of his experiences and observations in this second article of a four-part series.

By Sean Hearne
Special to the Daily

My American comrades and I went to a bath house with our Russian friend Yuri. As we were the only non-Russians there, Yuri instructed us to be quiet lest our accents give us away and triple the price for us the use the facilities. We changed and wrapped our almost-clean sheets around us and ventured through the shower and washroom. I could have used some things at that point. About three showers were running with nobody in them, and naked men were vigorously washing each other's backs. I was later informed that this is tradition, and that going to the bathing house really is a social outing as well as a chance to get clean. We crossed the gritty floor with missing tiles and walked past the pool into the first sauna heated to 110 degrees Fahrenheit. I was tempted to do some laps but thought better of taking any of this water down the throat. My eyes got some water in them and stung a bit, most likely not from chlorine. After we went into the 120-degree Fahrenheit sauna and then repeated this process one more time.

We then proceeded to our changing room where in Russian tradition we planned to drink some beer and eat some snacks. My one Russian beer made me a little happier than normal and the sediment in the bottom of the recycled bottle didn't even bother me. We completed another circuit of the bath house. After leaving completely dehydrated, I persuaded our group to swing past a Pepsi kiosk where we shared a glass of Pepsi. The glass is handed to you, emptied, and rinsed momentarily on a spinning rinsercup (no soap is used). The glasses are used all day and I never saw any Russian complain. Then my friends, Yuri and I hopped on the metro and journeyed home.

There are four main methods of getting where one wants to go in St. Petersburg, and one often uses a combination of them. The metro, trolleybus (electrical), bus and tramvai (like a trolley) are available at a very reasonable price.

The metros of Russia are amazingly adequate at moving people for a country which is plagued by inefficient systems. Upon entering the metro one can either present his or her pass or pay 15 kopecks, the latter being equivalent to $0.01/00 of a penny when I left in December.

The entrance to the escalators going down is a small open gate. Only when somebody doesn't pay do the bars slam on one's legs. This tends to scare people more than hurt them, but occasionally this occurs as the machines vary in the speed with which they register your payment. After passing the ever-trusting gates and person sitting in the booth watching people go by all day, one descends down an escalator. The ride covers nearly 350 feet and moves at a respectable speed.

What is amazing is how clean the metros are. There aren't more than a scant number of trash receptacles, yet garbage may as well be nonexistent by the standards of New York City. At any rate, the metros are clean and often.

Boy with a bubble...

A group of Cal Poly glassblowing students take an interesting test.

Info exchange...

An American training program teaches a group of Japanese exchange students techniques of modern farming.

FYI...

* Spring Quarter CAPTURE schedules are now available at El Corral Bookstore.
* Registration for Spring Quarter begins Wednesday, Feb. 12.
U.S. embassies open in four Russian states

MOSCOW (AP) — American diplomats ran up U.S. flags Monday at opening ceremonies for new embassies in four former Soviet republics.

The embassies in Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan brought to six the number of U.S. embassies in the 11-member Commonwealth of Independent States. The United States already had embassies in Russia and Ukraine.

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Renee Earle, a U.S. spokeswoman in Moscow, said none of the four embassies opened Monday is in permanent quarters.

China's top leader on TV for first time in year

BEIJING (AP) — Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader, was shown on the national televised evening news today, his first such appearance in a year.

Deng's rare public appearances are intended to dispel periodic rumors that he is ailing or has died. This TV appearance also indicated support for continued economic reforms in China.

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Prosecutors re-create events in Tyson case

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Prosecutors building a rape case against boxer Mike Tyson reenacted in detail the chain of events from his night out with a teenage beauty queen to her emergency room examination afterward.

The former heavyweight champion's rape trial entered its second week Monday.

Tyson, 25, could get up to 63 years in prison if convicted.

In six hours of testimony last week, an 18-year-old college student and Miss Black America contestant said Tyson pinned her on a bed July 19, stripped her, raped her and laughed while she cried in pain and begged him to stop.

On Saturday, Dr. Thomas Richardson, who examined the woman the day after the alleged rape, testified she had two small vaginal abrasions consistent with forced intercourse.

Mental illness expert speaks at Dahmer trial

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Gruesome tales of how Jeffrey Dahmer killed young men, dismembered them and ate their flesh set the stage for experts' testimony this week on exactly what motivated him.

Twelve people fined for importing rare reptiles

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Twelve people have been fined a total of $27,000 for illegally importing rare and protected snakes, lizards and amphibians from Mexico, federal prosecutors said Monday.

One member of the smuggling ring sneaked at least one venomous live viper, neotropical rattlesnakes, boas, plumed lizards and iguanas — into the country aboard commercial airplanes and in the door panels of his own car.

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City debates adopting no-smoking ordinance

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. (AP) — The South Lake Tahoe City Council will consider Tuesday whether the city should have an anti-smoking law.

South Lake Tahoe is the only part of El Dorado County without a smoking ordinance and a dozen of the city's restaurants have banned smoking. But Mayor Frank Hembrow says merchants are afraid they'll lose business to Stateline, Nev.

"We're in the situation that if they don't like what we have here they can drive three or four miles across the border," Hembrow said. "We're starting to get more and more foreign tourists. They smoke like mad. Frankly, we need those people's money."

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SLO City Council meets tonight, public welcome

The San Luis Obispo City Council will hold its regular public meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

City Hall is located at 900 Palm St.

A copy of the agenda is available at the San Luis Obispo City-County Library.

The meeting will be broadcast on radio by KCPR FM 91.3.

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Bobbing bubbles for beginning glassblowers

Photos by Ray Sanchez

At left, students in George Jercich’s Art 242 glassblowing class test out their latest homework assignment — a glass bubble that must be able to float in water — in the pond near the Business building. Above, Bob Bowin, left, and John MacDonald watch to see whether their bubbles can meet the challenge.

**Lambda Chi Alpha Spring Rush**

Nearly 14 years ago, the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity placed an ad in Mustang Daily in which students were sought to form a chapter at Cal Poly. Since then, Lambda Chi Alpha has become one of the most widely recognized fraternities at Cal Poly, and its brothers continue to look for new members.

Through the upcoming Interfraternity Council Spring Rush, the men of Lambda Chi Alpha are again encouraging students to join their family and continue the traditions, principles and ideals of this fraternity.

Here are a few examples of what composes the strong bonds shared by the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha:

**Associate Member Program** - Unlike most fraternities, Lambda Chi Alpha has no pledge period, but rather an Associate Member Program. The A.M. Program integrates the new member into the fraternity -- essentially teaching him what it means to be a brother by having him fulfill the role.

**The Alpha Code**

Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha follow The Alpha Code — a conduct code which has largely contributed to the success and uniqueness of the Cal Poly chapter.

**Sports** - The strong spirit of brotherhood has helped Lambda Chi Alpha be competitive in IFC athletic events and in the annual Greek Week challenge.

**Academics** - As one of Cal Poly's larger houses (more than 100 members), Lambda Chi Alpha offers a diverse brotherhood. This includes brothers with various majors who help other members maintain high standards in academics.

**Socials** - To make college life more exciting, Lambda Chi Alpha holds numerous socials.

The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha want you to make a commitment to excellence -- for yourself and their fraternity. A commitment to the highest standards and working to maintain them. Become a man among men.

Rush Lambda Chi Alpha

Schedule

| Monday 2/3 | Event: Casino Night | Place: 1050 Osos St. (Above Woodstock's Pizza) | Time: 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday 2/8 | Event: Casual Night | Place: 1617 Santa Rosa St. | Time: 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday 2/6 | Event: Lambda Chi Chapter Skit | Place: 1617 Santa Rosa St. (Lambda Chi House) | Time: 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday 2/7 | Event: Tri-Tip BBQ | Place: 1617 Santa Rosa St. | Time: 5:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday 2/4 | Event: Special/Slide Show | Place: 1050 Osos St. | Time: 7:00 p.m. |

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Attending Cal Poly made me a racist
By Peter Hartlaub

I am a racist. Cal Poly is the Hoover vacuum of racial tension and I wasn’t cursed.

I wasn’t always a racist. I came to Cal Poly expecting to develop relationships with other people on an individual basis based on their personalities, not their color or racial origins.

I walked into the dorms my freshman year sure of very little in my life, but was sure that I harbored no ill will toward any minority culture. Eventually that changed. A few years at Cal Poly developed an attitude of prejudice in me.

Last week I reviewed a movie called ‘Juice’ about ghetto life in Harlem. It was bad. Beyond the movie. I didn’t want to be a racist any more. I wish I could speak freely to you and give my true opinions, but I can’t anymore.

I hope for the day when I can call any man an idiot, regardless of creed, but with our present course, I do not think that day will come soon.

An end to racism at Cal Poly would involve a whole shift of attitudes. There is no simple solution. But as a racist who has come to terms with his disease, I have two suggestions.

I. To those of you who wish to deny minorities the right to express themselves. The rest of us have the same background. We do not all have the same culture. For those who have close ties to another culture, why not reserve to publicly express yourselves. The rest of us have benefited from your public celebration too.

II. To those minority groups who feel distanced from Cal Poly: Don’t see your race as an excuse. Not every criticism you will ever hear from another Cal Poly student will be racially motivated comment.

Letters go back and forth in the University Union. Submissions to the Chancellor should contact Chancellor Munitz.

Last Wednesday, after remaining silent throughout the past week, President Baker requested an approval of the referendum. No fanfare. No notification to the press. Just one big "yes" vote to the chancellor.

For those who challenge this decision, the battle has shifted. The real power now is in the hands of 241 Chancellor Barry Munitz. As far as the final decision, the only way to make a realistic change is to contact the Chancellor.

All of the energy that was put into the petition is important. If this much anger exists on the subject at Cal Poly, someone should bear the battle.

But another poll, after Baker has made his decision, is not the way to divert this energy. The battle has moved to the Chancellor’s Office.

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COMMENTARY

Returning to the parental nest

By Julia Greenberg

Last week a friend of mine who graduated last summer called. She sobbed uncontrollably until she finally blurted that her parents were driving her nuts. "I don't understand it," she wailed. "At first they were ecstatic when I moved back home. Now all they do is follow me around the house, saying 'So, when are you interviewing?' or 'What time will you be home?'" I laughed at this until I realized that in a few months I would probably be facing the same thing.

Unfortunately these days, unemployment rates and skyrocketing costs of homes and apartments are making it impossible for the college graduate to do anything but live at home while pursuing careers and higher degrees. The transition from college to home again can be like a slap in the face.

There are various alternatives to an athletics program

By D.J. Taylor

At this point, I'm sure everyone's heard the athletics referendum debate. However, as long as my almighty dollar is involved, I think it's time for one more round.

Was Russ Livingston's commentary in the Jan. 28 Mustang Daily supposed to floor me? Was his token agreement with Cindy Rummens, or his analogy of a ball game to life's reality, intended to elicit some kind of confession and lead me to embrace this revelation? NO UH! And yet his brilliance earned his letter a "Commentary" title, allegedly of higher merit than the "Letters" column and worthy of a "Duh Bears!"

Russ continued by making a statement about the "well-roundedness" achieved by the participation in, and observance of, athletics. My reaction was one of amusement, as at one point, was a bunch of guys sitting around a table full of food. So yes, Russ can toss a basketball, but what happened to all the other things, athletics? Russ needs to refer to "Duh Bears!" at least for just longer-winded.

To begin with, I am all for generalizations used with consideration to make a point, but Russ met the Plimsouls "A Million Miles Away" when he stated that "the majority of those who are against the athletics program are engineers, of course." And the only ones opposed to athletics are the majors. Just as Russ continued by making a statement about the "well-roundedness" achieved by the participation in, and observance of, athletics, I, My friends and I, do not drink, eat flesh, do yoga, etc. Getting your own friendly workout centers, city leagues, work out with your roommates for free, etc. Getting your own friendly forestry program should be your own life. The reason (depression?) can't last forever and you may even be saddened when the time comes to leave the nest. And they might even learn to like Bears.

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If you're still driving each other crazy, it helps to remember that they pay the mortgage, raised you from diapers and aren't used to this new, suave adult living in their household. The reason (depression?) can't last forever and you may even be saddened when the time comes to leave the nest. And they might even learn to like Bears.

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One of the details to be worked out before moving back home is what compensation is to be made for room and board. If you're one of the lucky ones, the parents won't ask you to give them any money, but maybe you should (groan) insist. When a small stipend is made to them, say 25 bucks a month, it establishes the fact that they are responsible and independent and will earn you some privacy. Maybe you could exchange household work or errands instead of cash if you're not working yet. An agreement could be made that "Duh Bears!" couldn't get your own friendly workout centers, city leagues, work out with your roommates for free, etc. Getting your own friendly forestry program, etc. Getting your own friendly workout centers, city leagues, work out with your roommates for free, etc. Getting your own friendly forestry program should be your own life. The reason (depression?) can't last forever and you may even be saddened when the time comes to leave the nest. And they might even learn to like Bears.
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By Rick Shandley
Staff Writer

In Japanese culture, the oldest son of a farming family is not expected to buy the farm, just take it over.
The Young Japanese Farmer Training Program provides an opportunity for these exchange students to learn American farming methods and apply what is useful to their own farms in Japan.

"You have to do home studies and get them involved with American students," said Del Dingus, professor of soil science.

"We're building international friendships and international business friendships."

The students are there on March 1 each year and participate in a three-part program beginning with a one-month stay at Moses Lake, Wash. To study English, farming methods and apply what is useful to their own farms in Japan.

Next stop is a nine-month stay on a farm or ranch someplace in the United States.

Generally, the students will work on a farm or ranch that interests them and corresponds to their family operation, Dingus said.

After getting some hands-on experience on a farm or ranch of their choice, the students return to Cal Poly for one month.

Here, students go on field trips, take classes in farm management, pesticide safety, international trade, and agriculture and American life.

In the agriculture and American life class, Japanese students give a presentation on Japanese farming methods, Dingus said.

Each Tuesday and Thursday, the Japanese students go on a total of different field trips to various farm operations in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Monterey counties.

The final two weeks are spent touring the United States before the students return to Japan on March 1 of the following year, Dingus said.

Kazuhiro Uenoyama is the oldest son of a Japanese farming family.

He learned about the farming training program from a former trainee who is back in Japan.

Kanuhiro graduated from high school then worked on his father's tangerine farm for five years before coming to the United States.

"I can say I can contrast the San Diego orange farm with my father's farm," Kanuhiro said.

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"In Japan, my father and I own the farm. By working on the San Diego farm for nine months, I was able to see both the employee and the management side of things," Kanuhiro said.

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**Thai professor visits sociology department**

By Kelli Harris

Cal Poly social sciences department might have just opened a new door to Thailand via professor Uthai Dulyasakam.

“We are very lucky to get (Uthai) at Cal Poly,” said sociology professor Harold Kerbo. “There’s like 300 professors and Standard would feel lucky to have him on their campus.”

Uthai came from Thailand on a Fulbright grant, a cultural and educational exchange program that provides opportunities for scholars and instructors from countries around the world.

The program has provided the opportunity to teach and do research at leading universities worldwide.

Uthai, the dean of faculty education and the vice president of Silkapakorn University in Thailand, came to Cal Poly after meeting Kerbo, who was studying under the Fulbright program in Thailand.

Uthai, who received his doctorate at Stanford University, said he enjoys California and has always been interested in teaching and working at smaller universities like Cal Poly, where there is more contact with the students.

Another reason for coming to Cal Poly is so “small and not-so prestigious schools should have access to this sort of program as well as the larger schools,” Uthai said.

Uthai and Kerbo hope that Uthai’s visit will establish an overseas program for Cal Poly and Silkapakorn University in Thailand.

Uthai has worked with English, Indonesian and Thai representatives of the World Bank to develop a training program in Malaysia, Laos and Cambodia covering agriculture, health care, unemployment, and economic growth and recovery.

Uthai worked with Malaysia for the 20-year development plan which emphasized youth and women’s unemployment, the dislocation of families and economic growth.

Uthai also is a consultant for the Canadian International Development Research Center, which does research for developing countries.

“We love to have him here because of his expertise on welfare and his desire to save the children,” Kerbo said.

Uthai has been teaching for 10 years and finds consulting a challenge, he said.

Uthai is currently teaching two classes at Cal Poly for the social sciences department: "Thai, Asia" and "World Systems." He is scheduled to present several lectures on Thailand and southeast Asia at Cal Poly, through April.

He will be returning home to Thailand at the end of April after lecturing at other universities across the United States.

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Harold Kerbo, sociology professor
Poly breaks ice, wins first race in four years

By Neil Pascale
Editorial Staff

The Cal Poly ski club team
won the Cal Poly women's ski event with a 12-place finish. The team had a significant dis-advantage as it raced with the barest minimum of skiers, said club president Brett Winkler. "The team's strategy is doing quite well, but they need more racers," Winkler said. "This is the largest team in at least four years, and it is the first time there has been a complete women's team in at least that long. There are a lot of good signs for the team this year."

The next event for the ski club is on Feb. 15-16 when USC hosts a school at Mammoth Mountain. Twelve schools participated in the event. Poly also recorded individual winners in both events. Chuck Parsons won the giant slalom race and Allen Claassen captured the slalom event.

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The paper said Deng, who is reportedly suffering from prostate cancer, appeared healthy with "quick reactions and a nimble mind."

The official Chinese Daily newspaper, meanwhile, published a photograph showing Deng in a group of people touring the Shenzhen special economic zone, which borders Hong Kong. It was the first confirmation of Deng's journey south by the official Chinese media.

By showing Deng in Shenzhen and Shenzhen, the official media are signaling Chinese leaders that they must continue policies of economic reform. The collapse of the Soviet Union appears to have convinced China's leaders that they must continue reforms because economic reform is Chinese people's desire for freedom by keeping the economy strong and store shelves stocked.

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One such report quoted Deng, as saying China's Communist Party would "fall" if it does not continue reforms. Another report said Deng, who holds no party of military posts since retiring, is considered first among equals in the generation of revolutionaries who led the Chinese Communist Party to victory in 1949.

During his trip south, Deng backed a drinking ad as a pace for economic reforms, which were frozen in 1988 by an austerity program designed to rein in inflation. Economic reforms were further slowed following the crackdown on China's pro-democracy movement in 1989.

The holiday is being celebrated with special fervor this year, in part because the Chinese are happy to see the end of the Year of the Sheep, which is considered unlucky.

The 12-year Chinese zodiac cycle assigns a different animal to each year.

STATE

From page 2

Muth told the agent that he would sell the smuggled snakes for $3,000 a pair.

Muth, 30, had been a member of the Northern California Herpetological Society in Davis for 18 years. He pleaded guilty to nine counts of illegally importing protected species between April 1987 and April 1991. He was sentenced to 200 hours of community service, placed on probation for five years and ordered to pay a $3,000 fine.

Ten others pleaded guilty to illegally smuggling protected species. U.S. Attorney George O'Connor said the case was "one of the most significant fish and wildlife prosecutions in recent years."