Semester push growing
Faculty neutral; Baker may decide this quarter
By Silas Lyons
Staff Writer
Faculty and staff are receptive to the idea of Cal Poly switching to a semester system, ASI officials announced Wednesday.

A questionnaire written by the Committee to Study the Calendar System has found most faculty members neutral to the switch, and most staff — especially those working in administration — in favor of it.

The notable exception was the College of Agriculture, where faculty preferred the current quarter system.

The committee’s findings were presented to the ASI Board of Directors. The committee will make a recommendation — largely based on the survey — to Robert Koob, Cal Poly’s vice president for academic affairs, and Jack Wilson, Academic Senate chair.

Wilson said that after he and Koob evaluate the committee’s endorsement, they will present final recommendation to Cal Poly President Warren Baker. Wilson said he thinks Baker will likely act on the recommendations by the end of spring quarter.

Wilson said the Academic Senate advised a switch to semesters 10 years ago, but it was never acted upon. He said Baker decided earlier this year to retroinvestigate the options.

Wilson said that while he personally prefers the fast-paced quarter system, he could appreciate some arguments in favor of semesters.

With fewer terms, he said, there would be less of the expensive administrative crunches that come at the beginning of every quarter when students are enrolling and registering for classes.

“Most junior colleges, CSUs, and UCs are on the semester system,” Wilson said. “Why not us?”

Wilson said that he could see students, faculty, and other campus staff benefiting from the change.

Wilson said the ASI board is scheduled to make a recommendation to the Academic Senate by the end of the quarter.

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Fresno, Calif. — A woman charged with fatally shooting her son’s alleged molester revealed in a television interview Thursday that she was molested when she was young.

"It happened to me as a child," Ellie Nesler said during a taped interview with The Maury Povich Show, which will air on Monday.

Nesler, 40, of Sonora is charged with murdering Dan Driver, 35, during a Monday, Feb. 14, 1993, murder-for-hire plot that would likely be found to be “partisan and potentially prejudicial,” in violation of a state law that calls for impeachment of the court.

Anchorage's gay rights ordinance.

A motion that shelves next week's vote to reconsider Anchorage's gay rights ordinance.

Baton Rouge, La. airport when he was 11.

Judge Brian Shortell to stop the election last week. "I'm astonished that the court has seen fit to tell the people that if he told anybody he would kill his mama and himself and he would come by to make sure my little boy wouldn't talk."
Psychedelic summit marks 50th birthday of LSD

San Francisco gathering to focus on drug’s health uses

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When Albert Hofmann, a Swiss chemist, accidentally brushed against one of his own creations 50 years ago Friday, he started a psychedelic journey that has lasted to this day.

He had taken the world's first LSD trip. As it took effect, he heard an air raid siren and was convinced his life was over.

He rushed outside to "live it up" and suddenly realized he had opened the world's beautiful colors.

"I was in this exhilarated, excited state," he recalled recently. "I felt like all of my senses were opening up in a way I wasn't aware of."

Hofmann created LSD-25 — lysergic acid diethylamide — in his Swiss laboratory in 1938. The drug was popularized by a tiny group of counterculture aficionados who advocate medical use of hallucinogens. They will gather this week at a conference to discuss their research.

The conference, the Psychedelic Summit, will feature talks by researchers — some who advocate medical use of hallucinogens. It will gather the world's 7,500 psychiatrically attentive physicians, said the summit's director, Cal Poly professor David A. Schultz.

"Half a century since the drug's discovery, scientists say research is still in its infancy," he said. "In psychiatry's rush to get on the bandwagon in banning these drugs, something was lost," said Lester Grinspoon, an associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard University.

Grinspoon argues that when the drug spread in the mid-1960s and was used by psychiatrists as a treatment for long-term emotional disorders, it was a "breakthrough in psychiatry," according to psychiatrist Dennis Poppel.

"The 'danger of psychedelic drugs, the danger of mind-opening, the danger of consciousness expansion, the danger of inner discovery is a danger to the establishment,'" he said.

Timothy Leary, 1960s drug-culture advocate...
By Deanna Wulff

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Just men'

Pay Morgan said that because the founding fathers though homosexuality was an "abomination," we should, too.

Maybe we should go back to the days when women had no say in government, as it was in early America. We can even bring back slavery — I'm sure the founding fathers would approve.

The framers of the Constitution were great men, but they were just men. Our government should not be held slavement to their wishes.

Stjepan Pfeij Computer Science

Strip one on

On April 9, I read your cover story about a man who was killed in a bicycling accident on Johnson Avenue. Being an avid mountain-biker myself, I am well aware that the hazards of biking around town are commonly far greater than in a typical day of off-road riding.

After reading the article, the question immediately came to my mind, "Was the rider wearing a helmet?" While the article did not address the issue, I believe it is one well worth mentioning — even on a repetitive basis, perhaps.

I was in San Luis Obispo on April 1 only for a couple of days, and each day I noticed that, of the hundreds of people biking around campus, very few of them choose to wear a helmet.

I even saw one person riding with his helmet strapped to his handlebars.

I realize this letter does little in itself to educate and motivate your readers to wear a helmet while riding, but I sincerely hope you will consider reporting on bicycle safety. With such a high percentage of riders in San Luis Obispo, I feel it is imperative to both raise and maintain safety awareness of bicyclists and motorists alike.

Archer Koch Monterey Resident

Living in the present

In her letter to the editor on April 14, 1993, Pay Morgan asserts that they should base our moral and legal standards for mental or physical health and quality of life upon what this country's founding fathers believed.

The framers of the Constitution, living over 200 years ago, all knew that social values and standards change over time. This is one of the reasons that the Constitution was written to allow change as time and values change. To say that we should look towards the past for moral and legal standards would be to say that slavery should still be legal, women should not be allowed to vote, and many other social advances made since then should not have been made.

Today's standards for mental or physical health and quality of life should reflect today's times and situations, not those of 200 years ago.

John A. Kusters, Jr. Computer Science

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Read it

In regards to Bryan Bailey's April 14 commentary section, that "The country as a whole is reading less," may be true, but then editors and commentators as a whole are proofreading less, too.

W. John Hartin Computer Science
Nothing to do this weekend except run around in the streets like an idiot, wearing swim goggles and a sheet over your head?

Every Thursday, an Arts and Entertainment section that tells you all there is to do in San Luis Obispo, unless you choose to run around in the street like an idiot wearing swim goggles and a sheet over your head.

Every Thursday. Mustang Daily.
VOLLEYBALL

From page 8

Cummings will ask to kick it up a notch. Andovich led the Mustangs with 3.09 digs per game, ranked third in service aces with 27 and slapped down 240 kills last season. With two wins to play, Andovich is 13th on Cal Poly's all-time kill attempts with 1,466. Loucadam led the Mustangs in service aces with 27.

New faces will include setter Alison Weed — a transfer from Cal State Northridge, freshman recruit Heather Benjamin from Livemore and walk-on Trisha Pullara from La Serna High School. Elise Steiner will step back on the court after a 1 1/2 year battle with a knee injury, and Blase Stanek, a former San Luis Obispo High School standout, may join the team as a setter.

"The overall competitive nature and attitude on the court is very tight," Cummings said. "The players are very aggressive on defense. They all have a willingness to go to the ground on a play."

After relaxing in the winter quarter, players have stepped into practice and onto the court to hone individual skills including blocking, passing, serving and individual defense.

"Spring sometimes looks messy, but we are looking good," said junior setter Carrie Bartkowski, who split time with Reategui and still managed to place ninth on the assist-per-set list with 602.

The NCAA allot's its Division I volleyball members 22 weeks to practice. During the season Cummings' team consumes 16 of those. So from March 29 through May 8 the Mustangs are prepping for fall.

Regular season practice opens Aug. 14, and the Mustangs open their season at the Fresno State Invitational against the host team, Cal State Fullerton, San Jose State and Texas A&M.

The rest of the schedule includes 12 home games, a step up from last year's eight. Most of the home games fall in a six-game home stint in October, which includes a game against Long Beach State, who shared the top five in the nation last season.

The schedule also includes a five-game series back east and a trip to Australia and New Zealand this pre-season in Hawaii in November.

The schedule has to be approved by Athletic Director John McGovern and President Warren Baker, but it looks good, Cummings said.

The Mustangs play exhibition games in a Bakerfield tournament this weekend against Ohio State and USC. Next the Mustangs will travel to Loyola Marymount April 24 for a tournament with UC Santa Barbara and University of San Diego. Then the Mustangs will play San Jose State and Sacramento State in the Santa Clara Tournament on April 26.

SEMMER

From page 1
tem," he said. "If people are transferring, it becomes difficult to get a one-to-one transfer of units. I don't know for sure, but I think students may lose units (during this process)."

Several faculty members expressed willingness to absorb the extra effort that would be required to rearrange curriculums and adjust to a semester system.

"We're all aware of the transition difficulties," said Richard Zweifel, associate dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. "There will be a tremendous expense in human energy."

But the semester system is difficult for (our college) because of all the lab classes and projects," Zweifel said students are required to do the same number of projects in a quarter at Cal Poly as in a semester at other universities.

He said the feeling he's received from faculty in the College of Architecture is not of concern for the "nuts and bolts" of the transition, but what would best serve student needs.

Administrators at most of Cal Poly's other colleges, Zweifel said, have expressed similar opinions, emphasizing the need to consider quality of education first and deal with logistical problems when they come up.

"It's somewhat easier for students to adjust to a semester system," said Phil Bailey, dean of the College of Science.

"But the quandary," he said, "is deciding on a course whose length is divisible by four."

"There's (definitely) less stress." But he is concerned, he said, about whether the faculty will have sufficient time to make the transition, which he called "a tremendous job."

Joseph Jen, dean of the College of Agriculture, insists that his college did not oppose change, but wants to evaluate the options before endorsing either the semester or quarter system.

According to the Calendar Committee, the survey found that most faculty in the College of Agriculture felt the current quarter system meshed best with their curriculums.

Nationwide, the two-semester calendar is by far the most popular. Approximately 63 percent of colleges and universities use it, as opposed to 24 percent which use quarters.

PACBRA

From page 1

Burnett stressed the importance of gathering student and faculty input regarding department cuts before final decisions are made.

"Students want a say in where vertical cuts within department will occur," Burnett said. "They don't like waking up one morning and finding their department gone."

The committee agreed.

"It's important students take place in the participatory process," Koob said. Vertical cuts should be a campus process, not an administrative one, he said.

Students with specific concerns, Koob said, should visit their department chairperson or college dean.

"That's where the decisions will be made," he said.

PACBRA will tentatively meet again May 6. The committee's findings will ultimately be forwarded to President Warren Baker for consideration, he said.

Next week we'll be working really hard here at the joint.

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It's happening right HERE at CAL POLY. And WE will tell YOU all about it next week. Stay tuned.

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By Brad Hamilton
Senior Staff Writer

Poly volleyball puts spring on hold

Spring is here and for most that means kicking it on the beach and napping on the lawn. But for the Cal Poly women's volleyball team, spring means practice from 3:15 until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and weight training three times a week.

It also means a time to get slapped with a dose of reality.

Whether it be a harsh reality or not will be determined at a later date. But no matter how hard one looks, Cal Poly's best career blocker and a potent offensive threat, Last Preniere, is gone.

Jennifer Jeffries — another name appearing in six career records categories — is agone.

Both players were four-year starters.

"IJ (Jeffrey) was intense on the court, but sometimes she would turn around and smile," said sophomore Allison Brady, who had 15 kills in the 12 minutes she played last season. "The seniors (Perlstrom, Jeffrey, Anna Bostagno and Joy Osborne) made playing competitive and fun at the same time.

Perlstrom and Jeffrey led the team in kills last year, 333 and 304 respectively.

Their absence has dubbed junior outside hitter Eileen Bermundo's leading returner in kills (285). But Bermundo left after the winter quarter with plans of transferring to Colorado State.

As if Bermundo's absence wasn't enough, sophomore Shannon Meixsell took flight for UC Santa Barbara. In her first year, Meixsell collected 144 kills and ranked second on the team with 28 service aces.

Meixsell said several opponents with her trademark serve often barely clearing the net.

"The bottom line is that if you are not happy in what you are doing then you need a change," coach Craig Cummings said.

Both felt they were not happy in what they were doing here, Cummings said. The fourth year coach, with a 52-50 overall record, said he couldn't think of any specific incidents that might have encouraged the players to go elsewhere. Cummings and several of the players said no hard feelings exist.

Meixsell and the Mustangs will have their day on the court when Cal Poly hosts UC Santa Barbara Oct. 26.

"It's not going to be like, 'We play Shannan today, so we have to work her,'" Brady said.

Cummings said changes in personnel are part of the process of being a team.

"Granted, to a certain extent, we will miss the expertise (of the absent players)," he said sitting in his office lined with photos of past players. "But the players on the floor have an opportunity to step in."

Junior Maygan Androvich and senior Andrea Lucadom represent two players who will VOLLEYBALL, page 6

By Kevin Comerford
Staff Writer

Cal Poly's soccer teams kicked off the national letter of intent signing period by inking a total of five players.

The men's team signed four players, all of whom are high school seniors with three coming out of the San Jose area.

Women's coach Alex Cruzier announced Thursday the signing of one player, Karen Cummings, who played at Fresno City College and Bullard High School.

For men's coach Wolfgang Gartner, recruitment was helped by the planned move to NCAA Division I in 1994.

"This is the best quality of talent of any recruiting class that we've had," Gartner said. "We are very pleased with this group.

Cal Poly's men are coming off a 12-7-1 season and a third-place finish in conference.

Among the incoming is goalkeepeer Greg Connell from Sunnyvale, who Gartner feels is one of the top goalkeepers in Northern California.

Also inking with the Mustangs is Seiji Sato, a mid-fielder forward from San Jose who was named to the Parade All-American team.

In his junior year at Prospect High, he was named Central Coast Section player of the year.

Boto's prep teammate, mid-fielder Justin Peares, has also signed.

The fourth signee for the men is Scott Hames, a highly touted defender from Huntington Beach.

In the women's side, Cruzier is pleased with the signing of Cummings.

"Karen is the type of player we are looking for; a player who can help us now when I talent for the future," said the second-year coach. "I expect her to compete for one of the starting spots.

Cal Poly's basketball, baseball, softball, track and field and wrestling teams also have begun their hunt to sign new recruits.

SPORTS

Soccer teams sign recruits

By Christopher Black
Staff Writer

Cal Poly has a perennial power at the NCAA Division I level of athletics. For the fifth consecutive year, the team will be vying for a shot at the national championship.

It's not the football team. It's not the basketball team. It's not the volleyball, basketball or tennis teams, either.

No, this perennial powerhouse is Cal Poly to by the rugby team.

This weekend, Poly Rugby will be competing in the Pacific Coast Rugby Football Union playoffs at Oregon State University.

The playoffs, which boast the eight finest collegiate teams in the western United States, serve as a stepping stone to the national championship.

Cal Poly, which lost in the PCRFU title game last year to eventual national champion UC Berkeley, opens this year's tournament against Stanford.

Mustang standout center Allen Andrews expressed the importance of not overlooking the Cardinal toward a possible rematch with Cal in second-round action.

"If we control the tempo and keep constant pressure on them, we'll be all right," Andrews said. "We've got to keep the ball out of Stanford's hands and help us now.

Led by halfback and team captain, Charles Foster, loose forward Tony Smith, and Southern California Regional Conference all-stars Andrews, Dave Laulalie and team president, Robert Gossett, the Mustangs finished the regular season with a 5-7 record.

Poly Rugby is coached by Philip Mott, who is pleased with the fitness and strength coach for the South African National team.

All-purpose halfback Chris Hay — a four-year member of the club — shed some light on the key to this weekend's tournament.

"Cal is definitely the team to beat, and contrary to what most people think, they are unbeatable," Hay said. "If we can control the scrum, we've got it made."

Cyclists do well in early races

Sunny skies and a technical criterium course awaited the Cal Poly Wheelmen at UCSB Saturday.

Steve Hollambay selected the day with a convincing win in the men's D race. Julie Hender son and Shannon Captain kept the momentum going by placing second and third in the women's B race.

Greg Fry took third in the men's C race while Chris Ziemann came fourth in the B competition. Karen Steiner took third in the women's A race.

With three events left in the regular season, Cal Poly needs two team wins to earn a share of the conference title.

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Maygan Androvich spikes one past teammates in spring practice.