ASI postpones sports complex vote one more week

By Amanda Keller
Daily Staff Writer

The doors were wide open at Chumash Auditorium, the site of ASI’s Board meeting Wednesday night. The accommodations seemed equally accessible, judging by the number of seats available for the public. The meeting, normally held in U.U. room 220, was moved to Chumash to accommodate more than 200 attendees.

Although the board discussed the controversial sports complex issue for more than 90 minutes, no final decisions were made on the issue for more than 90 minutes, Terry Conner, Cal Poly alum, said: “This university is sorely lacking facilities. This has been on the table for a long time. Club sports deserves this facility.”

The board described the three options they have sitting before them. Option “A” is to do nothing and let the $83 million accumulate, saving it for some future project.

Option "B" is to go with the $83 million already agreed upon and put that money into field productions. This option does have some unfortunate exceptions. One drawback is the reduction of fields that will occur with the $3 million. Instead of the six fields originally intended, there will be only enough money to have one or one and a half fields according to Greg King, ASI vice president of operations.

Another issue is to do with the $350,000 a year maintenance fee will not be provided by the university as it will be if ASI goes with option “C.”

"I don't see option D," said social science senior Susie Oliver.

Social Security numbers as I.D. can bring trouble

By Joiey Vaner
Daily Staff Writer

A student identification card is something everyone is required to have on campus. But what many students don't know is that their student ID contains just enough information for someone to access their credit cards, bank accounts and other personal information.

The Social Security card and numbers, the Social Security Administration to look into charging $37.90. Current cards are free, since every worker is required to have one.

Current cards are printed on paper and do not have any security features to deter fraud. The new cards may include citizenship information or even a fingerprint.

Congress has asked the Administration to look into charging cardholders for a new card. Cost could range from $18.70 to $37.90. Current cards are free, since every worker is required to have one.
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replaced paper filing systems in most businesses and government agencies. Administrative services want a simple way to sort out each person on file. To avoid confu- sion when people share the same name, most systems assign a unique number to each file. Many businesses and government agencies believe the Social Security number is tailor-made for this use.

Besides Cal Poly, most California universities use a dif- ferent system other than Social Security numbers for identification purposes.

"We use computer-issued permanent numbers," said Sandy Swarnson, director of student service identification cards at U.C. Santa Barbara.

But Cal Poly is not the only California university that uses Social Security numbers for identification purposes, and some stu- dents at other schools have suf- fered because of it.

"Someone has used my Social Security number with a fake name, taken out a college loan, and started an account with Pacific Gas and Electric," said Rebekah Rainey, nutrition senior at San Diego State University.

"I proved to the electric compa- ny that it wasn't my bill, but they charged me anyway," Rainey said. "I called the criminal and investi- gation services hotline (run by the Social Security Administration) and they said there was nothing that they could do for me."

It all started when Rainey had her backpack stolen while she was eating on campus. Her student identification card was the only thing in her planner with her Social Security number on it.

"I'm sure that's what the jack- ass used to get my Social Security number and run my credit up," Rainey said.

Rainey's case is not an unusu- al one. According to May Brown, director of judicial affairs at SDSU, there were 160 reported cases of student-backpack bur- glary at that university last year in which a student identification card was stolen in the process.

"Although there is a very small number of cases which ended up like Rainey's, the potential is still there," Brown said. "Instances such as Rainey's and others simil- ar to it occur too often on college campuses across the nation."

Other California universities are still in the transition process of converting from using Social Security numbers to other forms of student identification.

"It really hasn't been a prob- lem to convert the computers over to the new system, but the stu- dents don't look too happy stand- ing in the extremely long lines for new photo IDs," said Demond Sanders, director of student infor- mation services at U.C. Berkeley. "I appreciate the conversion because I am a student myself and I know a couple of people who have gotten ripped off, and I sure as hell don't want it to happen to me," Sanders said.

Despite this danger, Cal Poly hasn't yet converted to a new sys- tem of identification cards.

According to Cal Poly's Cordova, an attorney for the University Legal Counsel, Cal Poly is not changing its system.

Cordova, who has researched this matter off-and-on for nine years, said Cal Poly's system was in place before 1974 and is exempt from the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), also known as the "Buckley Amendment" of 1974.

According to FERPA, schools that receive federal funding must require written consent for the release of educational records or personality identifiable informa- tion. The courts have stated that Social Security numbers fall with- in this provision. Schools must comply to retain their funding.

FERPA applies to state col­lages, universities and techni- cal schools that receive federal fund- ing. Students can argue Cal Poly is violating FERPA by displaying Social Security numbers on iden- tification cards or distributing class rosters or grade listings con- taining Social Security numbers.

But many colleges and univer­ sities including Cal Poly have not interpreted the law this way and continue to use Social Security numbers as a primary student identifier.

However, according to the Privacy Act of 1974, Cal Poly and other universities that request a person's Social Security number are required to tell him or her four things:

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Shoe-gazer paranoia

By Nathan Pontious

To quote that great intellectual bard himself, Forrest Gump, "You can tell a lot about a person by the type of shoes they wear."

Until recently, I personally owned my third-old, beat-up Vans. They were, to say the least, lived-in. Relatively clean and had all the trademarks of a shoe that had seen its share of wear and tear. We were low to the ground, as the soles had long since been ripped out—so I could rummage through the back seat of the car for change, or just grab the thing and throw it in my bag. It was a标志 of my youth, and even though they were worn, my friends and I thought they looked cool.

I must admit, I am a bit self-conscious when it comes to new shoes. I was never one of those kids who could stand in line for hours just to get the latest pair of Air Jordans or the latest style of Vans. I had a set of shoes I wore, and I wore them with pride. If anyone saw me wearing a pair of new shoes, they would think you were just trying to impress them. You didn't have to have the latest pair of shoes to be cool. You just had to wear them with confidence.

Many people have their own idea of what shoes should look like. Some people are more into the casual look, while others like to wear something more formal. It all depends on your personal style.

The first few days of this new pair of Vans, everyone had a comment to make. Some people would comment on how great they looked, while others would say how they were just too tight. I didn't care. I wore them with confidence and enjoyed the attention they brought. I was comfortable with my shoes and knew that they were comfortable for me.

Another problem is that people are always comparing the shoes of others to their own. It's a natural reaction to see someone in new shoes and feel a bit inferior. But you have to remember that everyone has their own style and their own idea of what shoes should look like.

Nathan Pontious is a journalism sophomore.

Hit 'em where it hurts

By Brian Shapiro

The warm fuzzy hugging of a Pepsi mascot on campus seems simple enough to me that you have two choices in the matter. Do nothing or something.

The doing nothing statement is in consonance with the philosophy of one dollar equals one vote. Every time the consumer purchases a Pepsi product they are in fact casting a vote. Every time you purchase a Pepsi from a vending machine, Back Stage Pizza, or The Avenue, you are telling Campus Dining that you like Pepsi. The more Pepsi you buy the more votes that you are casting for a Pepsi monopoly. If you disagree with Campus Dining and their soft drink policy, don't buy it! Hit them where it hurts, in the wallet. Next time you are in Back Stage Pizza order a water or just bring your own soda or beer from home. It's simple, if you don't like it, don't buy it, do nothing.

The doing something statement gives me a warm fuzzy feeling. The warm fuzzy feeling that one can get from chanting vandalism and social unrest. If you don't like the Pepsi monopoly feel free to vent your frustrations on the nearest vending machine. Knock one over, kick in the shiny plastic cover and steal the money. Then dump cans of Pepsi in protest on Doster Lawn. If you don't like that approach try spray painting anti-Pepsi slogans on the white bright Campus Dining vehicles. Hold rallies in the UU, organize an "I hate Pepsi" club on campus. If you don't like it take an active stance in the anarchy and the ultimate destruction of the Pepsi Empire.

You now have two courses of action that you can take. Which course you choose is up to your best judgment. Remember if you want to, you can make a difference.

Brian Shapiro is a political science senior.

Death penalty is hypocritical

By Brian John's

What is wrong with our death penalty system is not so much it's policy, but its execution (no pun intended). The fact that executions are seldom carried out, and their excessive costs, are the problem. Even if our system functioned flawlessly, I doubt it would deter such various acts.

Dustin Okada is an aeronautical engineering freshman.

Insane criminals don't consider the consequences

By Brian Shapiro

Editor, this letter is in regards to Brian Johnson's editorial in the Thursday, Oct 16 edition of Mustang Daily.

After reading Brian Johnson's opinion piece on our nation's death penalty, I must agree that there are serious flaws in this system of punishment.

However, I must disagree with Mr. Johnson's assertion that a weak death penalty policy is responsible for some of the crimes in this country. Murder is a serious crime and I'm a strong proponent of the death penalty. But the people who commit these unspeakable crimes are not a state of mind that allows them to consider the consequences of their actions. People commit murder in a state of rage, hatred and insanity. None of them are going to stop to consider whether they're going to get 50 years or life, lethal injection or the electric chair. Everyone who commits murder were hang by their toes in the town square and eaten by rabid Chihuahua, the punishment would not deter the crime.

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beaches students what they are good at and what they are not.

Students can do more than one enterprise project, Angley said. The Loening Pine Arboretum provides a living lab for the students to do research and experimentation with growing new varieties of Mediterranean plants. Arboretum overseer and professor Thomas Eltzroth said that “all work is done by the students. There is no staff involved. You name it, it is done by the students. The arboretum was started in the early 1970s, and was named for a leaning pine tree that was planted at its entrance, Eltzroth said. The tree was lost in a windstorm about three years ago, he added.

The goal for the arboretum is to grow and evaluate any plants from the five Mediterranean areas of the world and see how they do in our area. Eltzroth said. Once the students determine that the plants can be grown for the public to see how they can be used in a garden setting.

Education is the overriding thrust of the arboretum,” Eltzroth said. “We educate the public as well as the students.

Alumni and friends of the arboretum provide student work with skill, Hacker said. A redwood and manzanita tree were transplanted from some of the plants to start new plantings, and landscape people also were hired to help.

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Two other garden areas have recently been added to the arboretum. They include the dwarf and unusual conifer collection and the formal garden. These areas depart from the Mediterranean plantings in other areas of the arboretum, but are valuable for their distinctive plants and planting style.

In sharp contrast to the more natural Mediterranean gardens, the formal garden uses an old-world, European style. Formally clipped, low hedges create pathways surrounding plantings. In the center of the garden is a large pond, used to provide color. Wooden planter filled with flowering perennials, highlighted by a 60-foot, multi-tiered fountain.

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while addressing the board.

Another issue addressed at the meeting was that of the urgency for ASI to vote.

"As a result of last week’s meeting," said Rick Johnson, ASI associate executive director, "the University has reinforced the need to move forward."

Many students and faculty asked the board not to rush their decision on a $4.9-million commitment.

"Whenever there’s no time, it’s a good signal to this board that you’re not being given the chance to look at the broad range," Oliver said.

"Where’s the emergency?" math Professor Paul Murphy asked the board. "You are not individuals organizing the project. You were the first ones in. You waited 18 months for everyone else to catch up to you."

Despite the desire to slow down on the vote, Murphy once again pointed out the importance of the fields.

Sargent said: "A lot of students are very upset that we have a time constraint. I think we should wait until we’re sure."

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that a student fill out their Social Security number as part of the identification process.

For example, when a student fills out an application for a Campus Express Card, he or she would have to turn in this form. "If anyone were to get a hold of this account number or write in his or her credit card information, it would be the end of it," she said. According to the Cal Poly fall 1996 semester junior. "As a lawyer I should probably protest, but it makes it go a lot smoother if I don't," Cordova said.

According to Cordova, the use of Social Security numbers on student identification cards is uncertain. According to Cordova, the use of Social Security numbers on student identification cards is uncertain. "Someone filled out a credit card application with my name and Social Security number on it, so the administration should do something about it," she said. Other students have flat-out refused to let their Social Security numbers be on their identification cards. "Let it be known that I didn't want my Social Security number on my card, so the administration issued me a different number," said Martin Haynes, political science junior.

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Mustangs face Big West opponents Utah State, Nevada

By Peggy Curtin
Daily Staff Writer

One of the goals of the Cal Poly women's volleyball team is to "Beat the East," that is, every Big West school outside of California. The Mustangs will try to meet part of that goal this weekend when they host Utah State and Nevada at Mott Gym.

Cal Poly is coming off a 3-1 loss, to sixth-ranked Pacific last Friday. The team is 10-7 overall, 2-4 in the Big West and is looking to make a return trip to the Big West Tournament.

For the Mustangs, that will probably mean getting a "wild card" to the eight-team tournament, which takes the top three teams from each division and then the next two teams with the best regular-season records.

Recently, Mustangs head coach Steve Schlick has been having a new time-up against Pacific. Schlick started with setter Luella Lipana, outside hitters Melanie Hathaway and Melissa Pierce, juniors Asha Wagner and Trisha Jenssen in the middle and senior Amy Aberle in the back row.

"I thought the rotation had its ups and downs last Friday," Schlick said. "But I also thought (the rotation) gave us more size, some diversity offensively and some additional ball control."

Routinely, Cal Poly had the same overall record when they faced Utah State last year. Utah State, however, is a much improved team from a year ago when they went 7-27 overall, 3-13 in the Big West. This year they are 13-8 overall, 2-4 in the Big West. Under third-year head coach Giny Alexander, the Aggies' 13 victories are the most for the program since 1989 when they went 12-16.

The strengths of Utah State's resurgence are freshmen outside hitter Amy Goulding and middle blocker Denise Mohlman.

Goulding so far this season has taken more than 750 swings and has almost 300 kills.

Mohlman, meanwhile, is hitting .364, fourth in the Big West, and has a team-leading 18 solo blocks. Outside hitters Nikki Conner and Nikki Fessen will also take a lot of swings offensively for the Aggies.

Two or three years ago they definitely struggled," said Schlick about Utah State. "Last year they made steps in the right direction, and they're obviously continuing in the right direction this year." Nevada, which lost to Utah State's return trip to the Big West Conference.

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SPORTS TRIVIA

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The Cal Poly football team won the NCAA Division II Championship in 1980. Congrats Markel Quarles!

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Today:
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- Women's Soccer vs. Univ. of North Texas @ Mustang Stadium, 7 p.m.

TOMORROW
- Cross Country hosts Cal Poly Invitational @ Cuesta College, 9 a.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. U.C. Santa Barbara @ Mustang Stadium, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
- Volleyball vs. University of Nevada @ Mott Gym, 2 p.m.