Buses to start charging next winter

ASI, parking and commuter services can’t keep subsidizing free bus service

By Cathy Lee
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly students could expect to pay for a quarterly or annual bus pass to ride NOC Transit, starting Winter Quarter 2000.

Cindy Campbell, programs administrator for parking and commuter services, said her department has reviewed its budget, and it only has enough money for fall quarter.

“We just do not have enough (money) to pay 100 percent of subsidized busing with parking tickets alone,” she said. “We plan to meet with (Associated Students Inc.) in the fall to talk about an implementation plan for a winter quarter user fee,” Campbell said students should not worry about the cost for busing to Cal Poly next year.

“The bus service will be heavily subsidized, and the cost will be reasonable to Cal Poly ridership,” she said.

Matthew Ceppi, business services coordinator for Parking and Commuter Services, said the university contributes $125,000 per year for the city bus program from parking fines. He said in 1997-1998, Cal Poly Foundation covered the unframed cost of $44,000. In 1998-1999, ASI covered the unframed cost of $49,000.

Ceppi said the university only had

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Use the force

JEDI NIGHTS: These unidentified “Star Wars” fans mock a flight scene in the most-awaited film of the year. People lined up outside the Fremont Theater Tuesday to get seats at the opening night of George Lucas’ prequel, “Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace.” The lines for showings at 12:01 a.m. and 3 a.m. snaked down Monterey Street and around Santa Rosa Street, back onto Higuera Street near Woodstock’s Pizzeria.

Student wants farm to flourish

By April Charlton
Mustang Daily

The future of the student experimental farm is still being explored, but things are changing at Cal Poly’s only certified organic farm.

The farm has existed since the 1980s, and has been home to many different, small projects. The farm, however, hasn’t had strong direction, mostly due to its lack of a manager.

The experimental farm, located just beyond the hill behind the Dairy unit, doesn’t receive funding from the agriculture department. Primary funding for the farm has largely come from outside donations since the farm’s beginning, said Mark Shelton, associate dean of the College of Agriculture.

“The farm doesn’t have a budget per se, unless I see it provide an educational program for the students,” Shelton said.

The College of Agriculture is starting to develop a vision for the future of the farm, thanks in part to meetings organized by agriculture graduate student, Francis Hunter. Shelton said he wants to see the weed-choked farm cleaned up and become a viable resource for students.

“I would like to see (the farm) become a focal point of organic food production ... a model for organic farming,”

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City Council delays decision on Poly annex

By Joellen Smith
Mustang Daily

Tuesday night, the City Council delayed a vote on a proposed study to make Cal Poly an official part of the city of San Luis Obispo.

The city staff wants to talk to Cal Poly officials and seek their help to fund the $30,000 study, said councilwoman Jan Marx. The council will vote again on the study in about 90 days.

For almost 30 years, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo City and County officials have debated on whether the city should annex Cal Poly.

If Cal Poly is annexed, then the campus would be inside the city’s limits. Marx said.

Frank Lebans, Cal Poly’s vice president for administration and finance, said the university may not support annexation.

“In any assessment we have done, we do not see any material advantages for (Cal Poly),” Lebans said.

There will be advantages for the city, however, if the university is annexed.

Sales tax revenues from on-campus

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Quick response

SIRENS: Fire trucks responded to a smoke alarm in Sequoia Hall Wednesday afternoon, after reports of the smell of smoke. Firefighters, who parked trucks behind Sequoia and on the road in front of the dorm, were searching rooms for the source of the alarm. Students who live in the residence hall were forced to evacuate their rooms until firefighters allowed them to return.

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City Council looks at plans for Madonna Road shopping center

By Rena L. Sripramong

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State needs bill to stop discrimination

Employers can think of many ways to get rid of older workers. Whether they call it being “just your turn” or “downsizing,” the bottom line is that age discrimination is alive and well.

Some companies have adopted a “use them and lose them” mentality. People are hired when they are young and smart. When wrinkles and gray hairs become more prominent, management gets the idea that some young whipper-snapper — who will agree to a lower salary, seeing that it is his first job — is better qualified.

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It has already passed in the California Senate and is currently before the California State House of Representatives.

Claiming that protecting older workers hurts younger workers is no basis for age discrimination. Whether we get good-paying jobs right after high school or have to wait 10 years, we will eventually end up with something. Working your way up the corporate ladder may sound time-consuming, but it has worked for CEOs throughout the world. We shouldn’t be against working hard to achieve our goals. It is a great job with a six-digit income you desire. Just don’t be biased toward the 40-somethings who already enjoy the career you crave.

People over 40 have a priceless asset in society. Our country is run by them. They have lived longer and experienced more. People over 40 serve as mentors for the younger generations. They share their knowledge so we may learn the strategies that will enable us to take over their jobs when they retire.

So the question is, what could possibly make it all right to make legitimate to discriminate against age? I can think of no justifiable reasons. Maybe because there aren’t any.

Dina Chatman is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Survival of the fittest belongs in work place

The measure recently approved by the state senate could affect your chances of getting a job after you graduate. The proposal would give workers over 40 more job security — they couldn’t be fired or demoted for any reason other than salary. An employer couldn’t fire or demote a worker and then hire and pay a lower salary, which means the majority of older workers will be around longer and there will be fewer jobs for new graduates.

Some call it age discrimination to get rid of older workers to make room for the new, but hey — couldn’t we call survival of the fittest, a law of nature? And conversely, isn’t it age discrimination to prevent younger workers from entering the work force?

It sounds like an affirmative action-like proposal to protect older workers to the detriment of younger workers. If I remember correctly, affirmative action was outlawed in college admissions, so why should anyone re-enact it at a later point in our lives?

How will it affect you? There will be fewer job openings and opportunities upon graduation, and far fewer opportunities for advancement. If you have to wait for someone to retire before you can move ahead, you might be waiting for a long time.

The bill is based on a court decision involving an employee who was fired when his company closed an office. His position and that of a colleague were later filled by younger workers who were less paid. The state Court of Appeals said a company could replace workers with lower paid employees even if it hurt older workers. A senator took issue with this and re-introduced the law, which former Governor Pete Wilson didn’t sign.

Who will protect the younger workers? They are discriminated against just as often if not more so than older employees are. Perhaps they really do lack the skills necessary to perform at the level of a more experienced worker, but it’s a card 22. How can they gain the experience if they aren’t allowed to move up the chain of command?

The only chances graduates have of not being affected too much by the bill if it passes are twofold; as is true, and it. Employers make use of the loophole offered in the bill and/or enforce the law, new graduates just might be okay. The loophole allows the employer to find a reason other than salary for firing, laying off or refusing to hire an older employee.

The other possible loophole is enforcement — who will make sure older people aren’t being fired because of their salary? Not everyone in our society is as litigious as some, so who will control salary based employment changes? If we are lucky, it won’t be decided until after we graduate and are in the work force. Any proposed bill or law that discriminates against one group to benefit another is wrong and shouldn’t be written into our law books. Affirmative action didn’t work as some hoped it would, so people are trying to re-package it under another name and hope no one will notice. Well, I noticed, and I don’t like it.

Sara Henrikson is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

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"Good Martin'America! How are you?"
Students upset with Clinton, U.S. involvement in Kosovo

Editor:
What's wrong with this? We are bombing like there's no tomorrow, bombing Serbs, refugee camps. Isn't that the whole point? Yet our fellow Christian Milosevic is working hard on expelling the second half-million Albanians and Muslims from Bosnia and Kosovo — successfully.

Sometimes I wonder who we are truly helping, the Muslims or the Christian nation? You call the shots. Estimated cost of Clinton's war: $6.05 Billion to September. $50 million tomorrow, hominin, Serbs, refugees, up, IS, that the goal of so-called "NATO peacekeepers," Russia agreed to "the general plan" of "U.N. troops with a NATO core." Russians agreed to "the general plan" to try to eliminate the Serbs as the powerhouse of the region. His so-called "popular" support has come at the expense of reducing Kosovo and other ethnic minorities to second-class citizens in order to satisfy his racist supporters, most of whom are holding 600-year old grudges over the region. The man owes his entire political existence to "creating war for his own agenda."

First of all, Simon, the fact that you're ethically close to the Serbs doesn't add any merit to your points. In fact, it works to exhibit the very sensationalism that you so vocally accuse the media of. Furthermore, it demonstrates the basic problem responsible for the war to begin with: the self-other dichotomy. The Serb unity and trying to establish a Serb The Christian Ring, obviously the best team this season, but the next closest-minded student. A state so glaring, so intensified with fury, that a nearby mainspring could not have disturbed his attention. His conversation from then on consisted of insults left and right at my thinking style and beliefs. He announced that I can be saved if I just attend Bible study.

Can't be saved! I asked him this question over again as he insisted to save me. Save me from what? I am content with my life, and my beliefs. After I told him this, he became more aggressive and pushy.

This abrupt conversation worries me. Everyone has the right to believe in whatever one feels strongly enough to pursue. I think it is wonderful that this student feels dedicated to his religion, but please remember you can not force beliefs on another being.

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Bible preaching borders on harassment at lunch time

Editor:
Does freedom of religion exist? The sun beams down warmly, the crowds smile with cheerful faces among trendy, comptuous lunches are devoured within minutes — lunchtime outside in the University Union. One additional component to this scenario was added against my wishes as I tried to enjoy a peaceful lunch break.

A member of a club approached waving around fluorescent green flyers advertising Bible study. He asked if we consider ourselves Christian. I, for one, do not classify myself in any categories. I feel this only leads to segregation and discrimination. Once this fellow student realized this incomprehension of Christianity, I felt as though the earth stopped rotating, life as we knew it never existed, it had all been an illusion. This empty feeling followed a similar state from the close-minded student. A state so glaring, so intensified with fury, that a nearby mainspring could not have disturbed his attention.

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**NATURAL LIGHT** Sandra Davis Lakeman, a Cal Poly architecture professor, seeks students for Italy travel. "I want to do a very good job with the students," Lakeman said. "I want to work directly with them." Lakeman plans to emphasize the importance of having a vision when taking photographs. "The picture should be embedded in your eye. You need a vision before you take a photograph," Lakeman said.

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Swing is sticking its fedora-festooned head into Cal Poly night life once again.

A Los Angeles band, Red and the Red Hots, is coming straight from The Derby in Hollywood to play at the Swing Club's dance in Chumash Auditorium from 9 p.m. to midnight, Friday, May 21.

Red and the Red Hots has been performing at The Derby, a club featured in the movie "Swingers," for three years, said Red Young, who formed the 10-piece band.

"I'm looking forward to getting out of town," Young said. "Hollywood, as a general rule, gets kind of jaded. Whereas if we're coming through Cal Poly, we feel a little more appreciated."

Trevor Owen, a biology sophomore and president of the Swing Club, said the group's energetic and musically diverse.

"We're not mellow," said Young, the pianist and lead vocalist for the band. "It's a lot of bluesy-dooto-swing."

Even the most knock-kneed novices need not be afraid to test the waters.

Local dance instructor Jeff Bloom will offer pre-show lessons, Owen said. Hopeful beginners not yet exposed to the swing scene can be equipped for an enjoyable evening.

"It's giving someone an M-16 and sending them into battle," Owen said.

Lindy Hop lessons for beginners will run from 7 to 8 p.m., and for intermediate dancers from 8 to 9 p.m.

Owen said the Swing Club has been publicizing this dance around San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara.

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**Attack of the boy bands**

By Steven Geringer

Mustang Daily

The faces look a bit more mature, but the music sounds the same.

The "invasion of the boy bands" has rocked America once again and doesn't look like its popularity will fade any time soon.

Early '80s acts like Ricky Martin, Jordan Knight, Joe McIntyre and Robbie Williams have albums that are soaring up the Billboard sales charts.

Martin, a former member of Menudo, can be seen on MTV once an hour with his uncanny hit "Livin' La Vida Loca." His good looks and suave personality will fade any time soon.

Melissa Underwood, an employee of Boo Boo Records, said Martin's self-titled album is selling at a rampant rate.

"(Since the album has come out) I have personally sold at least ten of his albums a day," the music major said.

The boy bands have also invaded local radio airwaves. Adam Burns, program director of KSLY 98 FM, said that he takes certain measures to add new musical acts to the rotation.

"The three big things we look at are the national charts, requests to the station, and sales at the local retail stores," Burns said. "These factors determine whether we add the new song."

Knight and McIntyre, two other rehashed vocalists, have branded their name in pop culture with the singles "Give It To You" and "Stay The Same," respectively. The two singers stole many young girls' hearts as members of the universally famous boy band New Kids On The Block.

Ornamental horticulture senior Peter Gollinger knows the younger population for the infiltration of the new music generation.

"It's all a bunch of crap," Gollinger said. "The little girls that buy the CD's make the music popular."

A final star on the horizon is Robbie Williams, a former member of the boy band Take That. His new single "Millennium" has hit radio stations all over America. "Millennium" was recently chosen by Billboard Magazine as the "hot single of the week."

What causes these bands to be so unbelievably popular? There are two considerations. The demographic for the boy-agon stars is 11 to 17 year old girls.

When the majority of the current boy bands were first around, this demographic was still warming diapers. A second aspect is the marketing genius that packages the stars. Underwood praises the advertisers.

"I think the record marketers decide what will sell," Underwood said. "If you notice most of the boy bands are clean shaven and look like little kids, but have no talent. They cater to the little girls perfectly."

Burns said recent additions to KSLY's music format can be assisted by the marketing of the record company.

"The specific promotion of the record company can help the song be added to our station," Burns said. "What it mostly depends on is the type (musically) good and also good for the station. There have been times when I don't like a song, but it would benefit the station."

As the new boy scene grows, so does the demographic. Recent sales show adults are now chasing the new trend of music. Underwood said she doesn't understand why the band's demographics is growing.

"I've seen a lot of older people buy (the boy bands)," Underwood said. "This guy came in to the store and bought Ricky Martin and Robbie Williams and said it was for his daughter, but he looked way to young to have one. I don't get it."

**Poly production of ‘Marvin’s Room’ triumphs**

By Sara Henrikson

Mustang Daily

Marvin’s Room, a play about family life and the existence of the human spirit, is wonderfully acted, directed and staged. The Cal Poly production opened last Thursday and continues this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Cal Poly theater.

The complicated story is based loosely on author Scott McPherson’s experiences with illness and death. Each actor performed his or her role with energy and grace, blending the comic and dramatic elements seamlessly, resulting in a thoroughly enjoyable theater experience.

The play looks at a dysfunctional family and portrays how they deal with the many challenges life has thrown them. The family is composed of the father, Marvin, his two daughters, Besse and Lee, Lee's two sons, Hank and Charlie; and Aunt Ruth. Besse has spent the majority of her life caring for Marvin and Ruth, as they have both been struck with debilitating illnesses. Wayward sister Lee left home to flirt with disaster. The two had never spoken for many years, until Besse needs Lee’s help. Besse is diagnosed with leukemia, and the play shows how each family member comes together to support her.

Besse is exceptionally well acted by Shawna Flater. She portrays every emotion you would expect from someone finding her life falling apart. From the opening scene and her interactions with the hilarious Dr. Wally to the closing scene where she is tenderly caring for her Pedigreed father, you feel what Besse is feeling: her fear, her joy and her pain. Her facial expressions show everything her words don't.

Lee portrayed honestly by Lani Black, is a self-absorbed, irresponsible mother who has endured her fair share of heartache. When the audience meets Lee she is cortisol her son in a mental institution, and we learn just how unresolved she has been in her son’s life. Lee’s sons, Hank and Charlie, have not had an easy life. Hank, played by Michael DiRallo, is 17 and misunderstood. He was placed in a mental institution after he burned the family house down, while young Charlie, played by fifth grader Patrick Nanson, needs too much and is doing poorly in school.

The interactions between Hank and Lee are almost painful to watch — they have a very stormy relationship that is clear in their communication and lack thereof. DiRallo’s excellent posturing as an angry young man really helps you understand him. He has tender moments with his brother and his aunt Besse, so you know he isn’t simply stoic. Nanson played a small but important role.

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"Opening Minds" to mental illness

By Carla Flores

Mustang Daily

Opening Minds, an art show featuring the artistic expressions of people with mental illness, will open on Thursday at the San Luis Obispo Art Center. It includes artwork, quotations and information about mental illness presented in a variety of ways including paintings, poetry, sculpture and photography.

Opening Minds has been held in San Luis Obispo since 1996. It was developed to offer people with mental illnesses a way to artistically express themselves and to provide a venue for sharing their art, feelings, thoughts and messages with the general public.

The art show is a joint project of Transitions-Mental Health Association, County Mental Health Services and the San Luis Obispo County Arts Council. The show is intended to help the public see that the mentally ill should not be defined in terms of their illness but instead by the strengths, gifts and contributions they make to society.

“We want the public to realize that there are more commonalities than differences in pieces created by the mentally ill than any other artist,” said CJ Robins, division director of Transitions-Mental Health Association.

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“No Limit Top Dogg”

Fountains of Wayne

“Utopia Parkway”

Atlantic/Scratchie

With their outspoken effort, Fountains of Wayne come out with a poppy and punchy piece of music. Much like the group's radio hit, "Radiation, Reaction, Dragon" and "Dopamine" make you want to jump on a chair and dance all night. Signed to Scratchie, the Smashing Pumpkins' record label, Fountains of Wayne poke fun at themselves and at other bands like Korn and Puff Daddy. The album is also full of songs that are fun for girls. The band's blossoming and punchy love songs will leave many wondering, "What the hell are you doing wrong with these women?" Other songs like "Hat and Feat" and "Laser Show" display the somewhat side of the band and sound ironically like mentors: The Jesus and Mary Chain.

Jazz great to perform with Cal Poly university bands

By Danielle Samaniego

Mustang Daily

Come one, come all. The music department's university jazz band and vocal jazz group are presenting their annual Jazz Night on Saturday, at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. Jazz great Kevin Mahogany is the special guest of the evening and will perform with the jazz band one.

The night consists of five main sets, which include the university jazz bands one and two, the Cal Poly Vocal Jazz group, and a jazz septet. Music professor De Paul Rinder will head the jazz band one; music professor William Johnson is the director of jazz band two; and director of choir activities, Thomas Davies will head the vocal jazz group.

Davies expects the event to be a success.

"I think it's fun music and it should be a great crowd," Davies said.

The vocal jazz group will also perform with the jazz band one for the first time on the piece, "A String of Pearls" by Eddie DeLange and Jerry Gray (arranged by Anna Kerr).

Mahogany is the star-studded power behind the event. Recently named Down Beat Magazine's No. 1 Male Vocalist in the world, Mahogany is best known for his versatile vocal style, as well as his instrumental abilities.

"He's a pretty complete vocalist; he can do scat singing, standard, and snobby balls," Rinder said.

Mahogany has just released a new album through Warner Bros; entitled "My Romance," featuring the covers of both recent and time-honored classics.

"Kevin Mahogany is a terrific jazz singer and hearing him will be a real delight," Davies said of Mahogany's upcoming performance.

Rinder worked directly with Mahogany to choose the various works, which include Billy Holliday's "God Bless the Child," and the Irving Mills/Toke Ellington classic, "It Don't Mean a Thing if It Ain't Got That Swing," among others.

Performers and vocalists are looking forward to the event.

Carras Baughn, architecture junior and trumpet player in the jazz band one, is excited about the prospect of performing with a vocalist this year.

"We've had people that played instruments before perform with us, so this year will be something new and different," Baughn said. Baughn has participated in Jazz Night for the past two years.

"To have a kind of a big band sound with a great vocalist is what I'm looking forward to most," Rinder said.

Tickets for Jazz Night are on sale now at the Performing Arts Center and range between $9 and $18. For more information, contact the music department at 756-2406.

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tate role as Lee's other son, Charlie. They showed the contrast between the two sons—one Lee's other son was still in school and help, and one she felt was out of control.

Aunt Ruth is a fabulous and memorable character, Michelle Robinson's, simple-minded yet sweet and funny portrayal is priceless. Her costumes and makeup are excellent, and you can hardly tell the actress is a college student. The scene where she looks like an old woman. The cast made the most of what they had to work with on set. Most scenes took place in Marvin, Ruth and Bessie's home, but they also visited doctor's offices and Downesworld. Props were minimal, showing the poverty the family had to deal with, but the medical props were great. They included a wheelchair, hospital bed, numerous syringes and other things. The show's makeup and wigs were also wonderful and obviously well thought out.

Overall, the play was well put together and a captivating theatrical experience.

Marvin's Room will be performed May 20-22 at 8 p.m. in the Cal Poly Theater. Tickets are $9 general admission, $7 for students and seniors and available at the Performing Arts Center ticket office.
The real ‘Real World’

By April Charlton

Mastudy Daily

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Six Poly activities slated for student funding

By Cassandra Jones
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Six Cal Poly campus clubs now receive extra funding since the university now recognizes them as Instructionally Related Activities. To become an IRA, the program needs to be co-curricular or connected to a class.

The six programs that meet the requirement are Rose Float, the Tractor Pull Team, the College of Business Master’s of Business Administration Association Team, construction management, the Solar Car Club and non-linear dynamic construction management, the Solar Tutor Pull Team, the collective of director and MBA Team adviser. “I think we deserve to be,” said Warren Bicket’s approval.

The six programs were added to a list of about 30 already recognized co-curricular activities that includes the rodeos, KTPR and the LBC Band.

Jeff Morrison, an agricultural engineering senior who helps with the tractor pull competitions, said the Tractor Pull Team’s recent recognition will help Cal Poly’s reputation.

“I think it raises awareness,” he said. “It shows that we’re applying the skills we’re learning.”

Now that the new programs have passed their first stage, they, along with the pre-existing IRAs, will fill out a proposed budget for the expenses for the following year.

The expenses for the new IRAs include developing a flower budget and maintaining traveling expenses for the Rose Float program to buying materials to adjust the design of the Solar Car Club’s vehicle so that it is a lighter weight. Optimizing the weight may allow them to win more competitions, giving them more seed money for future endeavors.

Mark Zohar, bioresearch engineering professor and Tractor Pull Team advisor, said having the resources to attend statewide competitions not only lets Cal Poly brag about its students, but also about itself.

“When we’re able to beat (other) competitors, man, Cal Poly looks good,” Zohar said.

Program funding flows from student fees

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Students pay $54 every quarter to subsidize Instructionally Related Activities. According to Cal Poly’s Institutional Planning and Analysis Fall 1998 newsletter, student enrollment was 16,296 at the beginning of the academic year. With that many students, the IRA fund will receive around $2.6 million this year.

Some of the activities supported by the fund include art exhibits, the Horse Show Team and the Model United Nations.

David Thompson, biotechnology and chief officer of the Solar Car Club (one of this year’s newly recognized IRAs), sees the advantage of receiving these funds.

“I think it’s good because the money goes back directly to the students, and this is a project that gives students hands-on experience that’s invaluable when looking for a job,” Thompson said.

The majority of the IRA fees go to intercollegiate athletics. “A few years ago, students voted to designate $45 out of the $54 specifically to athletics,” said W. David Conn, vice provost for academic programs and undergraduate education, the IRA advisory committee chairman.

With an enrollment of 16,296 students, this makes the total amount from student fees dedicated to athletics about $2.1 million a year. In addition to this IRA money, intercollegiate athletes received a budget of $1,421,000 from the state General Fund for 1998-1999.

In the 1999-1999 academic year, an extra $5.531 out of the remaining $11, for a total of $270,351, was added to the sports fund.

“This left $5.47 per student per quarter (from the initial $54) for the (approximately 30 remaining) IRA programs and activities,” Conn said.

Last year, state general funds and fund investments contributed $39,649 and $62,645, respectively, to the remaining portion of the student fees allocated to IRAs.

He said the figures will be similar for the following year, depending on market conditions. Final allocation decisions for each IRA program for the 1999-2000 academic year are expected by the end of the spring quarter.

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Workers remove old fuel tanks from under Poly powerhouse

By Alexis Garbeff
Mustang Daily

An outdated system's underground fuel tanks are being removed from three spots on Cal Poly's campus by an environmental service.

Dillard Environmental Services is working next to the Graphic Arts building removing the underground fuel tanks that used to supply heating oil to the power plant.

According to building service engineer Joe Hamby and mechanical engineering assistant professor Glen Thorne, last year the power plant switched from steam boilers to hot water boilers only losing a bit.

The outdated boiler system leaked a few thousand gallons of water daily, and the new hot water boilers only lose about 200 gallons of water a day.

During construction last year, workers removed two fuel tanks next to the power plant. Now, Dillard Environmental Services is taking out the last three unused fuel tanks.

A crane should come Friday to lift the fuel tanks from the ground.

According to Rich Clark, Dillard's field supervisor, the crew will be next to the Graphic Arts building for the next four days and will then remove three tanks at the Farm Shop and two tanks at the Transportation building.

EXCAVATION: A backhoe operator from Dillard Environmental Services digs through soil and concrete to reach an old fuel tank. Friday a crane will lift out the tanks.

Fraternity holds self-defense event

By F. Xavier Lanier II
Mustang Daily

Lambda Chi Alpha and San Luis Obispo Kickboxing will hold an introductory self-defense workshop at Santa Rosa Park this Saturday. The workshop includes introduction to kick-defense, striking and ground-fighting. The free lesson is open to the public and starts at 11 a.m.

“We wanted to do something for the community,” said Mike Mettel of Lambda Chi Alpha. “With the recent disappearances, we thought this would be valuable information.”

Mettel said his fraternity hopes at least 200 people show up.

SLO Kickboxing offers classes in self-defense, kickboxing, boxing and wrestling. Women-only classes are also available.

“I would recommend it to anyone who can see what's available and see if it's right for them,” said Scott Adams, a SLO Kickboxing instructor. “We want to make it clear that this is not a substitute for taking classes. It takes everyday training for self-defense to become second nature.”

Adams also warns against women having a false sense of security because of the arrest of a suspect in the Neighborhood and Cranford cases.

“There's no reason for people to put their guards down,” Adams said. “Self-defense should be on people's minds after we learned how many sex offenders there are in the area.”

Chuck Liddell and Kasey Noland will teach the striking part of the workshop.

Liddell has won the North American kickboxing title and competed in the Ultimate Fighting Championship. He plans to fight in the Pay-Per-View UFC again in June.

Pepper-spray will be sold for $10 at the event.

“People shouldn't rely on pepper-spray, but it is a self-defense tool,” Adams said. “When you carry it, you should have it out and ready.”

University officials are glad to see a fraternity getting involved with student safety.

Vice President Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez encourages students to attend the workshop.

“We should never take our safety for granted,” Gonzalez said. “We should be vigilant in making sure students feel safe everywhere.”

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Dynamo to a 2-1 victor. In the second game he scored
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Jeff Schneii.er said. "We're much
better prepared to play at the top
level of the league."


We seem to have a lot of guys

standing in, taking the

shots, but when he's on, he has the
dility to put up big offensive

numbers. Bjorklund's low-post scoring

gives the Mustangs a

valuable inside game to complement
Wozniak's outside scoring.

Jeremiah Mayes proved to be an
important part of the team in his
second season. He doubled his
rebounding average from under four
per game in his first year to nearly
eight last year. The Mustangs suf-
fered when Mayes went down with a
back injury in mid-December.

The Mustangs have a big hole to
tilt at the point guard position, vacated by Cal Poly's all-time leader
in steals, Ben Larson. Despite Jacon
King's 5-foo-6-inch stature, he can
shoot the long ball and should fill the starting role at the point account-
ing to Schneider.

"He played extremely well toward
the end of the year," Schneider said.

Newcomer Mark Campbell will
battle King at the point guard posi-
tion.
Schools looking for new ways to police agent activity

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Don't take money from agents. It's one of the rules of the house, rules for an athlete on a college campus, one drilled into the minds of players as frequently as the warnings about gambling, drugs and alcohol.

Still, there's nothing stopping players from taking money to agents. And there seem to be dozens of ways to skirt the rules once the players come in contact with agents. It means that anywhere there's an athletic program with a few good athletes, almost surely there's a director for compliance trying to keep track of which agent, or which agent's agent, is contacting which player at any given time.

"As athletes escalate in pro sports, it seems there are more sports agents today than there were five or 10 years ago," said James Cascio, associate athletic director for compliance at Florida. "That means there are more individuals trying to sell the pro world to the players. Unfortunately, some are more ethical than others."

This is why Florida has decided to let its latest set to encounter problems, with a sworn complaint filed against one agent having to do with a couple hundred bucks to a college athlete and the exchange that directly attacks the integrity of at least two other agents.

"You've got people going out, starting firms representing athletes, who have no credentials and no clients," Cascio said. "So the question is, How do you get that client? When that starts happening, sometimes they feel like they have to induce a client to go to their side. That's when you get a problem."

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In a campaign of two years ago, the Florida State's football program has encountered problems. So has Connecticut's basketball team. Accusations are being investigated at LSU. The list goes on and on.

"We're at the front of the line, not typically accused of being involved with illegal activity, but the ones trying to break into the business are at a severe disadvantage," said Jamie McDougal, associate athletics director for compliance at Florida. "This is an example of the attention that the problem of people who want to clean this thing up, to do something about the problem, to a couple hundred bucks to a college athlete."

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Roadrunner alumni have excelled

By Danielle Samaniego
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They've come and gone. Some still play, others are still here, but one thing is for certain: The Central Coast Roadrunners is where it all began. Since the team's start in 1996, several athletes have advanced to upper divisions, and they have only the Roadrunners to thank.

"If there hadn't been a Roadrunner team, I wouldn't have done soccer," said Jeremy Oetman, who played for Cal Poly before joining the Roadrunners as a sweeper during the team's 1996-1997 seasons. Since then, he has played with the San Francisco Bay Scud, and California Jaguars of the A-League, and is currently playing for the Sacramento Growlers of the A-League.

There are five main leagues of soccer: MLS (Major League Soccer), A-League (Division II), D3 Pro League (Division III), PDSL (Premier Development League), and USL (United System of Independent Soccer League). In its first two years (1996 and '97), the Roadrunners won the USL Premier League National Championships. In 1997, they claimed the U.S. Open Cup Amateur Championships. Now in their fourth year, the Roadrunners have several alumni who have climbed the soccer league's ladder.

"After leaving in 1996, Forward Brian Taylor has since been drafted by the L.A. Galaxy of the MLS and has later picked up by the expansion Miami Fusion. 1997 alumni include midfielders John Mune, who was drafted by the New York MetroStars, and Mario Sanchez, who was drafted by the Kansas City Wizards of the MLS and is currently in his second season with the Orange Country Zodiac of the A-League. A total of four players from the 1998 team have progressed to other leagues. Among those are Oetman and Jeremy Schulte, who both play for Sacramento; forward Clay Hart, who currently plays for the San Francisco Bay Scud; and midfield-forward Jose Espindola, who was signed on to the A-League Carolina Dynamo this season. Espindola is making a lot of noise as he has scored five goals for his new team this season."

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Ripken should avoid Murphy and Sandberg's big mistake

To a generation of current college students, the name Cal Ripken Jr. has the same meaning as Mantle, Mays and DiMaggio had to our fathers' generation. With a career .276 batting average, 2,889 hits and 863 home runs, as well as a dependably sure-handed glove, Ripken has truly carved a place among baseball's greats.

Once again, this year, Ripken's plan is speaking for itself. But, sadly, it is making a much different statement than his past 17 seasons. He is hitting .234, and even more astonishing, the sure-handed Ripken has committed six errors in only 12 games. Unfortunately, it may be time for him to retire, and, even more unfortunately, he may not realize it yet. It has happened before. The great Atlanta Brave Dale Murphy, a two-time National League MVP and arguably the best power hitter in the '80s, continued to play despite the warning signs. In his last seven years, his numbers tell drastically, making many fans forget the great player he once was. His career sadly came to an end with the new born Colorado Rockies, batting for only 12 games last year. Ripken at the end of the season. The best power hitter, the最 young player to play at least 20 games in a season yet, narrowly avoided when his offensive statistics dramatically declined in 1994. Two years later, he made a foolish comeback. His average dropped near .200, and the once-mighty Gold Glove showed weakness at the position he detested. It was heartbreaking to watch as "Ryno" grew old before our eyes.

Now, Ripken seems to be falling into the same trap. The "Ironman" who played 2,632 consecutive games from May '92 through September '98, just came off the disabled list last week from a sore back that sidelined him for nearly a month. And just to put his season into perspective, Ripken is batting more than 40 points below his career average, and his six errors already double what he had in the entire '91 season. Ripken had the right idea when he voluntarily held himself out of the lineup last September, thereby ending his consecutive games streak. He went on his own terms and didn't wait for an inevitable injury to decide his fate. Now, he may have to apply the same thinking to his career.

Watching these great players succumb to age is as tragic as the first time a boy realizes he can hit a ball further than his father. The memories of the glory days will always be there, but the reality of an aging hero takes painful precedent.

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