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Higher education expenses on the rise

Financial Aid office estimates a $1,670 increase this year

By Anne Guilford
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Surprise! Student expenses have gone up again this year.

The "Nine-Month Student Expense Budget" for the 2001-2002 academic year, which is created by the Financial Aid office, has estimated that students living away from home will need approximately $12,170 for the fall, winter and spring quarters. That is up $1,670 from the 1998-1999 budget.

The budget includes tuition and fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation and personal/miscellaneous. The Financial Aid office bases most of the budget on information from the Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS). The survey is done by the California Student Aid Commission and gathers information from the California State Universities, Universities of California, community colleges, and private trade colleges. The commission also adjusts figures for inflation, which is about 2.2 percent every year nationwide.

The Financial Aid office must keep its suggested student budget within certain parameters set by the Student Aid Commission unless the school has enough data to support another figure. The Financial Aid office did its own survey in the spring of 1999 and was able to change some of its estimates because the survey found that expenses for Cal Poly students exceeded those that were estimated by the commission. Despite the overall rise in expenses, the costs of some things have gone down.

The nation and fees category shows a decrease of $57 per academic year since the 1998-1999 budget was compiled. "The fees were brought down by the CSU system," said John Anderson, director of Cal Poly's Financial Aid office.

Tuition for all CSUs was lowered by order of the chancellor's office. The books and supplies category rose more quickly than did other categories, from $648 per academic year during 1998-1999 to $900 for the 2000-2001 year. This is a difference of $252 total, or $84 per year. But the added expense isn't coming from the books.

"Our costs have actually gone down," said Frank Crawley, director of El Corral Bookstore. Crawley said that one of the reasons for the price drop is that more used textbooks are available for purchase.

Forty percent of our books are "used books" versus 24 percent three years ago," Crawley said. In the fiscal year 1997-1998, the average cost of textbooks per student per year was $383. The next year it was $381, in 1999/2000 it dropped to $365, but this year it went up to $388. So if textbook prices are stable, where does the dramatic leap in the books and supplies portion of the budget come from? Anderson said that the cost of other supplies has risen and the Financial Aid department left room in the budget for things like computer lab printing costs, something Cal Poly students started paying for last year.

The most expensive budgeted items are housing and food. According to the budget, off-campus housing is more expensive than living in dorms, while food on campus is more expensive than eating off campus. When the two are combined, on- and off-campus living costs the same per year.

A small discrepancy exists between the budgeted cost for housing (excluding food) and what Housing and Residential Life is charging. While the budget said on-campus housing costs $3,931 per year, Housing and Residential Life is charging $3,600 to $3,710 this year, depending on the payment schedule. The cost of housing and food combined have risen about 8 percent since 1998-1999, or $1,213.

"There was a big increase in '99-"00," said Carole Schaffer, the director of Housing and Residential Life. "And that was in preparation for new student housing and we hadn't seen an increase for several years." Unlike the landlord of rental properties, Housing and Residential Life doesn't have to worry about making a living of tenants.

"We're in this to break even," Schaffer said. "We try to keep it as good a deal as possible." Personal and miscellaneous expenses are not overlooked in the budget. This year the Financial Aid department suggested putting aside $189 per month, or $2,271 per year, for incidents. This category covers toiletries, laundry, and the always-important entertainment expenses.

"It's kind of a catch-all," Anderson said.

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Textbook costs beginning to stack up

Prices soar with rising costs of maintenance, salaries, shipping
By Sam Kean
MINNESOTA DAILY

(U-WIRE) MINNESOTA — Take a look around next time the checkout line stalls in the bookstore. Count the employees. Follow the fans swaying overhead and feel the climate control. Picture the book's authors and remember their editors and assistants. Slide your finger along the gussy photographs. Find out who published the book.

Students sometimes overlook textbooks when calculating the cost of higher education, but for many, texts consume the equivalent of one month's rent every year. Editing, photographs and other steps might cost only pennies per book, but now take a look at the cash register, it adds up. Fast.

When students pile into university bookstores over the next few weeks, their textbook money will pay for more than just black ink on white paper. They pay for building maintenance, employee salaries, shipping costs, royalties, marketing and publishers' profits.

Students are last in the textbook line. But every penny has its place.

Of every dollar spent on textbooks, bookstore maintenance, lighting, temperature control and employee salaries consume one quarter, according to a National Association of College Stores report. Though, university-owned, bookstores must pay for themselves and then some. In fiscal 2000, university bookstores earned $286,000 in profit, said bookstore director Bob Crabb. All this and more went to the university as part of a 3.5 percent internal tax designated to cover central university costs. The tax also represents a payment for the land and benefits an on-campus bookstore receives. Despite a small projected loss last year, the bookstore still must pay the tax.

Publishers say they have more demanding obligations: They must turn a profit to satisfy shareholders. Publishers keep an average of seven cents per student textbook dollar.

In addition to financial demands, editorial

demands have also risen. Improved printing technology gives students color charts and photographs but also costs more. So too does the development of CD and Web-based supplements.

Lower-cost experiments such as loose-leaf textbooks or black-and-white alternatives of the same text do not sell well, said industry sales representative Patricia Vauk, who works with the university.

"Am I paying for the name? Maybe."
Mike Reese
Book study author

Students and professors have higher standards now, Vauk said. "When you shortchange (textbooks), you hear, 'The book is ugly.'" Trends toward shorter textbooks and custom-published books that delete unused chapters might translate to lower prices, Vauk said.

According to a Federal Bureau of Labor report, shorter textbooks are indeed cheaper, and hardcover texts usually cost more than soft covers. In addition, books from larger publishers are generally more expensive.

"Am I paying for the name? Maybe," said Mike Reese, author of the study.

But other economic aspects of textbooks are not as straightforward. Specialized graduate texts are often cheaper than high-volume, introductory-level textbooks. And geography barely affects prices.

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By Kat DeBakker

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

If students are not covered under their parents’ insurance and have an emergency or need to see a specialist, the Cal Poly Health Center offers a supplemental insurance plan.

"Roughly 600 to 800 students use (the supplemental insurance)," said Martin Bragg, director of Health and Counseling Services for the Health Center. "We just did a survey and found that 80 percent of students are insured under their parents."

This may be due largely to the fact that many students are not aware that the Health Center provides supplemental insurance.

"I've been looking for a job that gives insurance," said Jana Larsen, a journalism senior. "I had no clue we had supplemental insurance for students."

The supplemental insurance is available to all registered undergraduate students taking three or more units and all graduate students, according to the Domestic Student Health Insurance brochure.

There are two plans, A and B. Annual fees range from $544 to $2,029, and quarterly fees range from $140 to $1,256, according to the 2000-2001 enrollment form. The main difference between the plans is the amount of the deductible.

The insurance is offered under a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), as opposed to a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO). According to the health center Web site, an HMO requires a pre-visit co-pay and requires that all medical services must be pre-approved by a primary care provider whom the policyholder has chosen.

A PPO creates groups of approved providers that can be seen at a discount, and instead of a co-pay, there is a deductible. For plan A it is $100, and for plan B it is $500. This means that the PPO will not pay for the first $100/$500 worth of expenses.

If a student with supplemental insurance needs to see a doctor outside of the Health Center, the insurance brochure stated that up to 90 percent of the bills will be paid if the doctor is in the approved group, and up to 70 percent for services from a non-approved doctor.

The Somerton Student Insurance Service, which was chosen by a pool of CSU campuses, administers the insurance plan, Bragg said. The pool is called CSU Health Link.

"For years we had done our own contracting," Bragg said. "The problem is, when you have a small base, one or two serious claims can jack the rates way up. Now the CSU campuses go in together and it gives us more negotiating power. They hire an insurance consultant who puts together a package with the lowest student rates."

The CSU Health Link Web site reported that, without insurance, an average three-day stay in the hospital can cost up to $7,500, not including medicine, surgery or laboratory costs. One day in the Intensive Care Unit can cost up to $12,200.

"I would encourage students (with our insurance) to come in and get a brochure," Bragg said.

Brochures are available at the front desk in the Health Center. More information on CSU Health Link or the Somerton Student Insurance Service can be found at http://www.csuhealthlink.com.
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Appealing to different appetites

By Kat DeBakker

While vegetarian food is widely available on campus, students do not always enjoy it. Ashleigh Selvey, a civil engineering senior and vegetarian, remembers the options available when she lived on campus her freshman year.

“The Options line had a lot of extreme vegetarian food. There was a lot of Thai food which tasted like they just mixed peanut butter in,” Selvey said. “I mostly ate brownies, rolls and salad.”

More choices are available now than there were several years ago,

The Lighthouse devotes an entire section to meatless entrees, called Options, but only during fall, winter and spring quarters.

One student developed a yeast intolerance while living in the dorms, Osorio said. The student could not eat food made with gluten, sugar or starches.

“We also have students who have gotten into car accidents or had surgery and had to have their jaw wired shut,” Osorio said. “We let them pick the food they want and then we’ll blend it for them and add additional nutrients to make sure they get proper nutrition.”

The meal plans all cost the same: $2,584 from fall to spring quarter, according to Campus Dining. Purchase of a meal plan is mandatory because fire insurance rates would increase if students were allowed to prepare meals in their rooms.

Most students can be accommodated, Osorio said. However, those with kosher requirements may have to live off campus.

Kosher food is food sanctioned by Jewish law or ritually fit for use, and cannot be cooked in the same pot, pan or on the same grill that another food was prepared with.

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Napster falls, MP3 use doesn't

By Kat DeBakker
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Like many students living in the dorms, computer science freshmen and Serra Madre resident Tom Reese used Napster everyday until court orders left it on shaky ground. However, Napster's demise did not mean the end of music downloading for Reese.

"Napster's situation has not gone unnoticed by Cal Poly network administrators, who have recently installed a new reservation system to help cope with the increased network traffic. "We had been getting a great deal of traffic going from the dorms late at night, at a time when most students were not traditionally doing academically related activities," said Jerry Hanley, Information Technology Services Chief Information Officer.

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Student money finances third of athletics budget

By Anne Guilford
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly athletic department received $16 million this year to cover the expenses of running its NCAA teams. More than a third of the money came from student fees while the rest came from state allocations, private donations, ticket sales, the NCAA foundation and food services. Since a large percentage of the money comes from a mandatory fee administered to every student enrolled, without which the program would not survive, a source of controversy would be where the money goes, who decides how much each program gets, and whether it is an appropriate amount.

The process

The athletic department's business and administration staff creates the overall budget. "It's a fairly complex budget to put together," athletic director John McCutcheon said.

Students are not directly involved in this part of the decision-making process, but their ideas are considered. "We get input from students primarily from our exit interviews," McCutcheon said.

The athletic department also has an "open door policy" for students who want to make suggestions on things that could be improved. The athletic department then submits the budget to the Athletic Governing Board.

"Their role is to basically provide oversight," McCutcheon said. "They review our budgets each year."

The board then makes recommendations to Cal Poly President Warren Baker. Baker makes all final budget decisions for the school.

The board is made up of three faculty members and three students who are appointed by Associated Students Inc. every year. Academic Provost Paul Zingg is the chairman of the board and votes in case of a tie.

"We meet monthly during the academic year," McCutcheon said.

The distribution

How much each team is given is based on a number of factors. One of these factors is how much money the teams spend, which McCutcheon said is competitive alignment.

"We try to make sure that the school has the best opportunity to compete," McCutcheon said.

Sports that are traditionally supported by the school, such as football and basketball, have more consideration given to them, as do sports with larger teams sizes. Another factor is the actual expense of running the sport. Teams that require more expensive equipment or more coaches will be given more financial support.

For example, football has a larger budget than any other intercollegiate sport at Cal Poly, but it is at about the school average for cost-per-participant, McCutcheon said.

The football program was given $358,356 for operating expenses and $868,557 for salaries this year. Football also has the largest squad size of 87 participants. This is nearly double of the next largest teams (men's outdoor track and field and women's indoor track and field), which have 44 participants each. The football team has nine paid, part-time coaches and one head coach. Football is also the largest revenue at Cal Poly, bringing in $167,706 this past year.

According to Title Nine, a federal law, male and female athletics programs at schools must have a proportion of participants and funding that reflects the school's enrollment. Of Cal Poly's 14,376 undergraduate students, 56.6 percent are male and 44.4 percent are female. Of those undergraduate, 492 are active in teams that are run by the athletics department (some athletes participate in multiple teams). Of those athletes, 58.3 percent are male and 41.7 percent are female. Men's teams received $2.5 million this year and women's teams received almost $1.6 million. Of the slightly over $4 million that is allocated by gender to the teams, the men's teams received 61.5 percent and the women's teams received 38.5 percent this year.

The goal

McCutcheon said that he thinks intercollegiate sports provide great resources and opportunities for the students, they provide athletes with scholarships, pull community members to the campus and are a central rallying point for alumni.

"We see ourselves as a diverse entity, we compliment the overall mission of the university," McCutcheon said.

But not everyone at Cal Poly agrees with investing millions of student dollars in athletics.

"I think the school is placing too much importance in athletics," said Julie Nell, an agribusiness major.

"I think the better investment would be to put more money toward our academic programs, which is something Cal Poly students actually excel at."
By Erica Tower
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Mustang Stadium in for a major makeover

No timetable put on project estimated between $8 and $10 million

Ellerson said he was impressed with the athletic department's commitment to improvement. "The renovation is a huge piece to the whole puzzle and takes us in the right direction," he said. "We want to be a nationally competitive program year in and year out, and this sends the right message to the community, recruits, players, coaches and the administration." The modernization of Mustang Stadium will not solely benefit the football team. Widening the field will also be advantageous to both men's and women's soccer, as the existing field is too narrow to adequately accommodate their needs.

"This is a very worthwhile and much-needed renovation," said Cal Poly President Warren Baker. "The stadium has supported many campus-wide activities over the years from athletic events to Commencement to the Centennial Celebration."

The pending question remains not the opportunity and prestige the stadium renovation will bring, but how to raise the $8 million needed to complete the project. The athletic department said the plan would most likely require private funding, as it is not anticipated that any state or student financial support will be available for construction. Cal Poly students would likely oppose an increase in student fees aimed to fund stadium renovations, considering there was heavy resistance last spring to a $6 inflation-related fee increase that was meant to keep both academic and athletic programs up to par.

The athletic department, taking these factors into consideration, has announced its intent to move forward on fund-raising efforts for the project as part of the university's Centennial Campaign. The department recently formed the Athletics Centennial Council, made up of prominent campaign boosters. Currently, the council is working to identify potential lead donors that can help jump start fund-raising.

Improvements to Mustang Stadium are the latest in a series of upgrades to many Cal Poly athletic facilities. Last year, the track was resurfaced, and the creation of a sports complex brought new stadiums for baseball and softball.

As far as a brand new football stadium is concerned, McCutcheon said it was a proposition highly unlikely. "A totally new stadium isn't very feasible," he said. "There really isn't land available on campus, and if there is land, it would be on a fairly remote location." McCutcheon said students prefer the location, history and tradition of the current stadium.

The proposed costs for stadium renovation already exceed the total money raised for the sports complex by $2 million. There is currently no specific timetable for the renovation.
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Cal Poly students and administrators have long clashed on important matters that affect the university as a whole. The most recent squabble: the funding and construction of the Sports Complex that came with a hefty price tag of $80 million.

Many students supported building such a deluxe facility while others, specifically non-athletes and agriculture students, were not in favor of a project that would inevitably gobble several acres of viable farmland. Though many opponents of the complex aggressively voiced their disapproval, in the end, Cal Poly President Warren Baker and his administration got their way, leaving many to question how much influence and power students actually have.

Students may voice their concerns or complaints through Associated Students Inc., campus clubs and the Mustang Daily.

ASI President Angie Hacker said that Baker and his administration do have the authority to strike down any resolution that ASI passes and that it doesn’t have the power to make policy changes without the approval of the Cal Poly president. Yet, she stressed that students do have a lot more power than they realize.

“Students have a great deal of influence because they have a lot of access to administration that other students at different universities don’t have,” Hacker said. “Students are given greater responsibility at Cal Poly because our ASI is more advanced than many other colleges. They can work one-on-one with administration and influence decisions on a committee level.”

Hacker suggested that if a student has a concern, whether it is dissatisfaction with a university policy or Campus Dining, that they should approach ASI for assistance by bringing their complaint to their college council meeting.

“The concerns discussed at individual college council meetings come back to the ASI Board of Directors, who have the ability to make resolution,” Hacker said. “If a student wants to make a policy change it is best that they come to us first because we are trained to deal with administration and already have existing relationships with these people.”

Hacker also said that there was importance in unity over solidarity and that having ASI behind a cause will look much better to the administration. Ultimately, though, she said that ASI is realistic about the amount of power it has because it is only able to recommend changes.

If committees and corporations (such as ASI) are not a student’s forte, he or she may also choose to voice an opinion in writing via the Mustang Daily. The paper is funded solely through advertising and, thus, enjoys a lot more freedom from administrative impediment than ASI.

Mustang Daily Business Manager A.J. Schuermann said he could not recall a time when someone in authority tried to shut down the Daily.

“Nobody told me what to write about or what was too much,” he said.

Sullivan, who is the president of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexuals United (GLBU) also said that as far as clubs are concerned, students have a lot more power to voice their opinion and evoke change than in previous times. Recently the GLBU held a gay pride rally at Cal Poly for the first time ever and received little opposition from students or administrators.

“It was the most extreme thing a Cal Poly club has ever done and it was really well received,” Sullivan said.

Sullivan added that when the GLBU first tried to get started in the 1970s, the Cal Poly president at that time (Robert Kennedy) was completely opposed to it and tried to stop the club from being formed.

“These days it’s a lot different,” he said.
Not even the 'head honchos' know who runs the show

As a journalist, I have come to learn that in any large organization, to find out what is really going on, one must go to the people on the frontlines. When I was assigned to answer the question of who runs Cal Poly, I knew right where to go — the students.

Commentary

They see the inner workings of this university day in and day out. Some of them live here, and answer the question of who runs Cal Poly, I thought.

The most popular answers were, and I quote, "I don't know," and "the administration." It is not surprising that most students do not know who runs this establishment. I have been a student here for almost four years, and I will freely admit that I have no idea. In fact, I truly believe that if pressed to answer, most faculty would admit that they, too, haven't the faintest idea.

Another popular scapegoat is the establishment. Kat DeBakker is a journalism senior and Summer Mustang staff writer.

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administration.

That is one of the most common in charge of everything on campus; personally responsible for both not opening enough sections of a particular general education course and maintaining the vending machines in The Park, that I have never actually physically seen Baker. In fact, for all I know, he could have died back in 1999, and there could be a whole black market for Baker impersonations — people being paid large sums of money for pretending to be the president for graduation events and donor dedications.

Another popular scapegoat is the Foundation. Unfortunately, they have not done much lately to dispel the belief that they very well could be responsible for running Cal Poly. Two of the most highly publicized Foundation ventures are the secret Pepsi contract and the battle with Bello's Sporting Goods over use of the name "Cal Poly," are not the kinds of operations anyone would expect out of a supposedly powerless non-profit organization.

The Foundation is in charge of Campus Dining as well as El Corral Bookstore, which many students view as the root of all that is evil. Having written for the Mustang Daily for two quarters, I have come to the conclusion that there is not one single person to blame. In fact, for any particular thing that goes wrong, such as the vending machine inside the library reserve room being out of Mountain Dew or the copy machines in the agriculture building being out of paper, there are approximately 5,000 people in 600 committees who must have months of board meetings before anything gets done.

There is nothing I would rather do than to speculate about exactly who is in charge, but you'll have to excuse me, I'm late for President Baker impersonation recitals.

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Crime

Fake IDs get minors into more than just bars

By Anne Guilford
Summer Mustang Staff Writer

It took no more than 10 minutes for Monica's fake driver's license to be completed and ready to bypass the scrutiny of San Luis Obispo bouncers.

Monica said she simply wanted to have fun with her friends, most of whom are 21 years old or already have fake IDs. So far, she is pleased with the quality of her forged ID but there are limitations as to where she can use it.

"There are some bars in town that I can't go to because they scan the card," she said. "I know someone in the Bay Area who has an encoder that will match the information on the magnetic strip with the information printed on the card."

Not many places scan cards though, and few people seem to take the difference, she added.

"(ID cards) are becoming very sophisticated," said San Luis Obispo Police Lt. Ron Brown. "I ran across one about the beginning of the summer, he (the suspect) had purchased it from some Cal Poly students."

Despite the changes states are making to their identification cards such as holograms, barcodes and magnetic strips, they are still becoming easier to replicate due to the advances in technology that are available to consumers. Almost anyone can make a California driver's license with a template for a graphics program purchased off the Internet (both prices starting at $29.99), a digital camera, a decent printer, and other supplies that can be purchased at an office supply store. Some Web sites, for a higher fee, will custom make the IDs and mail them to the patron.

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Brown said that one weekend The Graduate named in about 40 fake IDs that they had confiscated from patrons. The San Luis Obispo Police Department's Special Operations unit does sting operations at The Graduate and at other business in town. All confiscated IDs are eventually destroyed.

"Usually the bars are pretty good at checking," Brown said. "They have a little machine that scans them."

Bars usually comply with the laws because "they have a lot to lose," Brown said. Doormen can lose their jobs for letting minors in and those with fake IDs in. The Alcoholic Beverage Control department can suspend a liquor license for a couple of weeks.

According to the California Vehicle Code, anyone using a fake driver's license, lending the license to someone else, duplicating it, or creating anything that resembles a license, is guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined a minimum of $500. But the federal government has a different set of rules. Falsifying identification is guilty of a felony, and the punishments depend on the degree of the offense.

One such case is that of Jeremy Mariner of Tarzana, who is in trouble with the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC has filed a complaint to the U.S. District Court that alleges that Mariner sold high-quality computer templates for driver's licenses for California, Georgia, Florida, Maine, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Utah, Wisconsin, and New York over the Internet. The FTC is assisted by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation Division of Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco Fraudulent Identification. The Florida program has closed 31 similar Web sites. But some sites can't be closed. Web sites from the United Arab Emirates and Canada are offering the fake IDs and the products for the production of fake IDs, but cannot be punished or shut down because they are out of the FTC's jurisdiction.
POLY ADDRESSING

Sex

By April Pack
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's 'Mind Your Own Business' motto apparently holds true under all circumstances, including the area of sex. But professors teaching in the fields of sexual behavior said there is a real need for education and that Cal Poly is reflective of what has been happening on most college campuses: sexual activity rampant.

The only classes on the Cal Poly campus that teach about sex are offered through the psychology and human development department. One class in particular that concentrates wholly on the issue of sex is PSY 205 Human Sexuality, an undergraduate class that is offered credit or no credit. Anne Goshen, the professor who teaches the class, said there seems to be a great demand for the course since she gets at least 125 to 140 students who register for it during winter and spring quarters.

The class looks at sex from all different perspectives: historical, cultural, research and practical. Relationship issues, sexual dysfunctions and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), the term now used over STIDs, are thoroughly discussed.

Goshen said that every quarter she teaches the class she is surprised to see the responses that students give on papers and tests that show their lack of knowledge concerning many aspects of sexuality.

"There is obviously a real need for this class because the information gap was more significant than I expected," Goshen said.

Goshen said that this lack of knowledge is probably a result of many things. One reason she gave was that, in high school, students are given the basics in health education classes, but she said, many do not get as much information from home at an early age because of the uncomfortable nature of the topic.

Another course that dedicates a section of its material to human sexuality and family planning is PSY 103 Parenting and Marriage. Harry Busselen, the professor, said that psychology classes talk about sex because it is a big component among young people in general. Busselen said that it is extremely important to have education in the area of sex. He explained that documentation showed in the 1990s that women as young as 11 were becoming pregnant, and that one third of all women became sexually active by the age of 14.

Busselen said that this is because people are starting to see sex earlier in life from TV programs, like on MTV, which "errantly present sex." "In the past people are 16 to 19 years of age, they think they're invincible and don't see the consequences of their actions," Busselen said.

He explained that the pregnancy rate declined five to six years ago. This trend can be attributed to the teaching of responsible sex education, he said.

"Sex is never an emergency; you have to be consciously responsible," Busselen said.

A sign of the times is the increasing number of new organizations concerned with sexual education. Busselen explained that these numbers reflect the epidemic proportion of STDs. He said chlamydia infects 25 percent of female students, and heterosexual women between the ages of 20 and 30 are the most rapidly growing group with HIV.

Another organization on the Cal Poly campus that educates about STIs and other areas of sex is Health Education, located downstairs in the Health Center. Health Education has created a team of nine Cal Poly peer health educators called Educational Resources on Sexuality (E.R.O.S.). The group has many responsibilities including one-on-one consultations with Cal Poly students on all issues relating to sexuality. These sessions are private, individual and confidential, said Health Education Director Rojean Dominguez. The educators talk to women who come in for Pap smears, and what happens during the procedure and why it is needed. They also consult on contraception, communication and relationships, STIs, HIV and AIDS.

Additionally, the peer health educators give presentations to residence halls, fraternities, sororities and various classes. Dominguez said that each presentation usually involves one or two games like sex jeopardy or the "The Bob story," which tells how many different sex partners "Bob" has had to illustrate how easily STIs are spread.

Health Education also provides free condoms and latex squares, a barrier method for oral sex. Every year the E.R.O.S. group comes up with a new safe-sex package. This year's condom cover says, "Saddle up and Ride," using the Cal Poly Mustang mascot as a graphic on the front. The cover also gives usage instructions about how apply and use the condom properly.

"We used Cal Poly's mascot to take away the negative stigma (of sex) and make it a little more fun," Dominguez said.

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Condoms aren't as efficient as once thought

A panel of scientists at the U.S. National Institute of Health (NIH) has confirmed what experts have known for years: the proper use of condoms dramatically cuts the risk of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) gonorrhea and HIV. The findings, though, are not so bright for some other STDs.

The panel said it was "unheard of" just how useful condoms might be in preventing the spread of infections such as human papillomavirus, genital herpes and syphilis.

After reviewing a total of 138 studies, the panel of scientists convened at Congress to report that men who said they "always" used condoms during sexual intercourse reduced their risk of transmitting HIV to either a female or male partner by 85 percent. Consistent condom use was also credited with reducing the risk for gonorrhea infection by anywhere from 49 percent to 100 percent.

Published data is also "insufficient to draw meaningful conclusions" regarding the effectiveness of condom use in preventing a group of STDs characterized by genital ulcers — syphilis and genital herpes, according to the panel.

"We can make nuclear this and that, but not birth control for women," said a woman in the article who opted for tubal ligation. "We get the brunt of it — we have the costs, the pain and then we're pregnant for nine months, we breast feed... Men have the joy of it all."
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No answers found to explaining missing information and the existence of a mysterious waste site

By Sonia Slutzki
SUMMER MUSTANG EDITOR IN CHIEF

It was a strange series of events that lead to what looked like a fenced junkyard in the middle of Cal Poly, near Campus Market and next to Pachola Creek.

Mustang photographer Crystal Meers and I were looking for scenes to illustrate Summer Mustang's environmental issue. And we came upon "Ketcham's bone yard," an area filled with old refrigerators, couches, truck beds, shoes and even an abandoned Jacuzzi all left behind to rot and wither away — at least that's what I thought it was when I first encountered the dump.

Michael Abler, a chemical hygienist for Cal Poly, provided me with its nickname of "Ketcham's bone yard" and a brief explanation of what it is — or what it's supposed to be: a fenced and sometimes locked temporary storage place.

But, he added, there is no time limit to how long things can remain in storage, and lately its gates had remained unlocked for days. The way things were kept in the junkyard make it hard to tell which were meant for storage and which had been dumped.

Abler's responsibility only comes into play when there are toxic chemicals present. "Whenever I learn of abandoned paint cans or car batteries, I remove them within days," he said. But as long as there isn't a hazard, he is not in charge of overseeing the site.

He mentioned two names who might know more about it — Gary Ketcham, a Cal Poly farm supervisor, and Doug Overman.

While in his office, I remembered I had been there before talking to him about an environmental issue — and this is where a short story becomes long.

A year ago I had stumbled across an environmental report for the new Sports Complex. The report looked into possible environmental impacts during and after construction of the project and whether there posed any danger to the public.

There was one particular chapter that piqued my curiosity. It was titled "Hazardous Materials," but it was strangely missing from the report. In fact, it was missing from both copies available at Kenneth Library. I was able to get an original from Facilities Planning — nobody knew why the chapter was missing. It didn't appear to contain any secret information in the public should know about, except for a brief mention of some radioactive materials.

I sent the papers to Abler, he gladly accepted them and promised to take a look. That was the last I heard of it. It was not because of Abler. I had just run out of time, moved on to other stories and the mystery of the missing chapter got pushed into limbo until the visit to Abler's office refreshed my memories.

He remembered the report as well. On campus, there is a government-owned "sub-critical assembly," a component of a nuclear reactor, which contains 5500 pounds of enriched uranium. It has been under Cal Poly's supervision since the 1960s, when the government started providing universities with reactors as educational tools.

The actual reactor was removed from campus in 1983. Dave Ragsdale, environmental safety and quality manager, said the remaining component does not have enough radioactive material for a self-sustained reaction. "The radiation released by the sub-critical assembly isn't far from standards for the public," Ragsdale said. "Nothing can happen to increase the radioactive levels. The biggest risk would happen if someone actually took a piece of the uranium and started walking around with it."

For this not to occur, I was asked to not disclose where the "sub-crit" — as they called it — is located. The building is, however, equipped with an alarm and motion detectors.

They took Crystal and I for a tour, armed with a small radiation-detecting clip hanging from our shirts (we'll know the results in two months). I have to say that it was indeed intimidating. The pile of sand bags stood about four feet tall and six feet wide. "It's physically large but it contains small amounts of radiation," Ragsdale said.

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Diversity calls for awareness

Based on statistics, reports and researches, it is apparent that not everyone feels welcome at Cal Poly. Yet most people still do not seem to grasp why this might be the case. It isn't due to plain racism or open discrimination — even though students have mentioned both things happening in the community with racial profiling. Mostly, though, it is due to the lack of awareness, understanding and education. Awareness of what life is like through the eyes of someone from another culture; understanding that not everyone likes or should like the Anglo-Saxon lifestyle; and education about the fact that institutional, social, and educational discriminations and inequality still exist today in the United States.

In a predominantly white society, certain things are taken for granted. Imagine going to a grocery store to buy make-up, hair dye, or just potato chips. There are plenty of brands, qualities and prices to choose from. But what if you are not white? Do local stores carry anything other than dark, light, or natural made potato chips? They don’t, and their definition of rade applies only to white skin. The same happens with make-up tones and other color-specific products.

It is when the simple things of life become an inconvenience that people begin to feel out of place. But it isn't just that Sam Luis Obispo ignores this fact, nor that Cal Poly doesn’t try to fix the problem. The same is true for any predominantly white area. Nevertheless, things need to start somewhere and if it is the goal of this institution to increase diversity in its student population, things need to change.

One place to start is by changing the mentality that programs aimed at increasing diversity serve only as favor to minority students. It is this concept of awareness that benefits, especially in such a complacent and safe environment as Cal Poly. Without diversity there is no questioning of beliefs — without questioning, the concept of awareness disappears.

Unsigned editorials are the voice of the Summer Mustang staff.
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The sandbags were placed to not interfere with radiation sensitive devices that were being used in the building.

Cal Poly has already petitioned to have the Department of Energy take it away, but it appears that the process takes a while — there aren’t many places where radioactive materials can be dumped. And dumping takes me back to the beginning of this story. By the time Summer Mustang went to print, I was not able to get a hold of anybody who would tell me exactly who was in charge of the “bone yard.” A source in Facilities Maintenance told me there are many bone yards around campus and that the planning department would know the details.

“It is used to keep excess materials that no one knows what to do with,” said George Mead, manager of landscape services.

He said that it is part of farm operations within the department of agriculture, that it is also used by the Rose Float, to temporarily store tree stumps after landscaping operations and no hazardous materials are to be stored there. But he said the person who would really know the details was his co-worker Doug Overman, whose voice-mail message said he would be out of town for a few days.

There is no definite answer or conclusion to this intriguing issue, just bits and pieces of information. The chapter dealing with Hazardous Materials in the environmental report for the Sports Complex has been crossed out since the first time I looked at it. A message now stands by it asking to contact Chris Clark or 541-2622 for more information, who also just happened to be out of town.

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By Aaron Lambert
SUMMER MUSTANG CONTRIBUTOR

June 16 brought about hoards and masses of proud and exuberant friends and family members to Mustang Stadium to see the 60th graduating class of Cal Poly.

With them came crowds of onlookers who not only screamed and held signs in hopes of getting the attention of their student walking in the procession, they also called them on cell phones and talked to them as they flooded into the stadium with their respective colleges. While the phones gave some students instant contact with loved ones, the yells and cheers of others dominated the airwaves.

The first procession for graduation started at 9 a.m., and as expected, it was full of black gowns and caps with everything from small cities and oil towers to proverbs written on top. Even the green Cal Poly hard hats worn by some architectural engineering graduates were decorated with tassels.

Sam Abome, former Associated Student Inc. president, opened his speech by talking about how Cal Poly had become their home for last four, five, six and for some, seven years, and how it will always be their home. He invited them to come back and share their knowledge and experience with future Cal Poly students.

The end of the morning ceremony brought with it flying tortillas from the College of Engineering as well as a flock of white pigeons let out to circle the crowd. One rogue pigeon even tried to dive bomb a couple of innocent graduates from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

The afternoon ceremony brought new friends and family members with the same excitement and energy.

Of the attendants sitting in the sun that Saturday afternoon, those visiting from Northern California complained of the heat, while those from Central California praised the sub 100-degree weather. They all brought with them an extreme sense of pride to see their son, daughter, cousin, niece, nephew or friend graduate as they held up signs saying, "Good job," "We're proud," as well as "Get a job."

Finally graduated...
Now what?

- Wow, we're done! What's next?
- Time to get a real job, raise a family, and then we can finally retire!
- Man, we're done! Where to?
- There's another party next door?
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