Beer kegs uncovered: ID system will not be a deterrent for illegal drinking.

Wake up: And smell the coffee at student café.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Frustration, worries and financial aid were the key issues discussed at Monday night's forum on the campus-wide fee initiative. A 13-person panel of administrators, Associated Students Inc. representatives and representatives from various student councils spoke to a small audience of 20. Up until last year, CSU allocated money under a "make-and-take" system, which recognized the different needs of different philosophies each university had, said Paul Zing, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. Cal Poly is chartered by the state to be a polytechnic university. This means that up until 1991, funding recognized Cal Poly's studio and laboratory-intensive curriculum. Zing said the fee increase would help the university sustain the level of quality it has achieved so far. "It's all about quality and what this degree is worth 10 years down the road," Zing said.

By Kristy Charles

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Alison Anderson remembers the moment she realized that she should not judge people. She was working at the homeless shelter in San Luis Obispo for a program called Beyond Shelter, which brings food and other aid to those at the shelter.

"I had so many judgments about the homeless, like they were alcoholics and drug addicts," Anderson said. "After I heard their stories I thought, 'This could happen to anyone.' There was one woman, divorced, trying to support three kids and slowly sinking into debt. That was when I learned not to judge.'"

In January, Anderson was named a member of the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism. Anderson is one of 25 members on the board. Each member serves a three-year, unpaid term. Anderson poses in the Student Community Services Office where she works.

By Whitney Kobrin

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The dairy science department will increase training and bring with the help of a large donation from the Monsanto Corporation, a prevalent company in pharmacutical supplies and products that enhance the productivity of animals. The money will be distributed at $500,000 per year over a period of five years through a restricted account for the purpose of enhancing management training at the dairy.

"Anybody with a degree in animal science, without someone trained to deal with the enhancement the product offers, the product is not optimal," Ferreira said.

Phillip Tong, a professor in the dairy science department, said the money was targeted to support a hardwood for the dairy farm. Until the late 1980s, the person who oversaw the dairy was paid for by the state, but due to budget problems, the position was eliminated. This left students to take care of the dairy, he said.

Ferreira said the new dairy herd manager will enhance the management and training in the dairy science unit. This new position will also add to the ability of the unit to do industry outreach, seminars and student training. The special student training will be offered by the herd manager to produce students who are well trained in operating dairy management with the latest technology, Ferreira said.

"Many people would expect curriculum to change in light of a large donation from a corporation." Ferreira said no such changes have been anticipated. However, he does expect the donation to enhance the content of some courses because an added staff member with a different area of expertise will be able to oversee training within the field.

"Students will be trained in leadership activities that are associated with the dairy," Ferreira said. "Later, we will hire students to work on the dairy, and pay them with money from the donation."

Ferreira said there were two main reasons the Monsanto Corporation chose to make a donation to the dairy science department. Firstly, although Monsanto is not a locally based corporation, but California is the largest dairy state, and Cal Poly has a good reputation in the dairy industry. Monsanto will receive more positive exposure in California's dairy community as a benefit of making a donation to Cal Poly. Secondly, Monsanto plans to hire more people in general and more California-based students. It is to their benefit to aid the dairy science department, said the manager to handle technology.

"It enriches the university when a corporate giant steps up with an interest in education," Phillip Tong, dairy science professor

Shop symbol missing

By Jenni Mintz

MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

A valuable antique statue of an American Indian was stolen Saturday, Feb. 16, from the San Luis Obispo AmeriCorps office.

Most Cal Poly students are familiar with the statue that has sat in front of the University Union Plaza. The cigar is located at 1111 Chorro St., between Marsh and Higuera streets. There was no breaking and entering, but since the statue was stolen from inside the store.

Doug Shaw, owner of Sacrutary Tobacco Shop, purchased the statue in 1973 at an auction for $25. It is one of 25 GO SERV funds and supports programs in California such as AmeriCorps, the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning and the Random Acts of Kindness Week. It also supports organizations that promote service and volunteerism.

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The road," he said. The plan is to have the students, in every way, participate in the success of the fee, the purpose and the measurements of the consequences, he said.

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"She bends a lot of stereotypes about Republicans," Andlig said. "A personal goal of hers is to bring students of her generation into the political process."

Anderson said she is excited about the opportunities, although she admits it has changed her plans for the future. Instead of going into the Peace Corps, she is now setting her sights on law school because of her increasing interest in politics.

"The university should get some special treatment when we have more expensive programs," he said. Hunt added that he came to the forum with hope, but sees that the odds are consistently against the students.

"It's up to the students" (to vote and affect change), he said.

Other students had concerns regarding how the fees would be spent.

Different colleges are overseeing the fee allocations in different ways.

Representatives advised students to find the details on their departments and colleges to understand how they would be affected individually.

Harry Hellenbrand, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, stressed the need for the democratic system of checks and balances. This, he said, would be spent according to how the students vote, he said.

Voting on the fee referendum will begin today and continue through Thursday.

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antique shop in Orange County.

The statue is 6 feet tall, and weighs about 122 pounds.

Shaw refers to the statue as "San" and said that it has had quite a history with him. San has been in front of several stores that Shaw has owned over the last 20 years.

"When I bought my first tobacco shop in 1973, Sam was the first purchase I ever made," Shaw said. "I've taken him all over the country. I brought him to arts and crafts shows and took him to all over the country. I've taken him to all the places where I've been." He said he would probably sell it in the next few months.

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"If you make a wish and touch the Indian, then your wish is supposed to come true," Shaw said.

"The thief didn't just take my Indian. He took the dreams of everyone who touches it."

The statue is now being placed in front of stores for decoration, but that was not always their main function. In the past, the statue was used for political purposes. It has been placed on a pedestal, and the statue has been used as a campaign tool.

"In the turn of the century, there were many immigrants coming to the U.S.," Shaw said. "The American Indians introduced cigars to them and set up lots of cigar shops. Because they could not communicate verbally with the immigrants, they put statues of Indians holding cigars in front of their shop. This let others know what they were selling."
National & International News

Navy helicopter crashes in Mediterranean, 3 crew missing
WASHINGTON — During a routine training flight Tuesday morning, a helicopter and its three crew members crashed into the Mediterranean Sea, the Pentagon said.

The Navy is searching for the crew of the SH-60B, which fell near the coast of Greece.

"The search-and-rescue effort continues," said Lt. Cmdr. Nick Balice, a spokesman for the U.S. Navy's 6th Fleet. "We have found some pieces of debris. We have not found the crew members yet."

It is unclear how long the crew members will be able to survive in the water, Balice said. But they were equipped with life vests and emergency breathing devices.

Maj. Timothy D. Blair, a Pentagon spokesman, said that the helicopter was operating from the destroyer USS Hayler.

The USS Hayler and the USS Ross are involved in the search-and-rescue efforts. The Hayler lost radar contact with the Seahawk while operating approximately 80 miles west of Greece.

The Navy is investigating the cause of the crash, officials said.

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Two killed in church shooting
LYNBROOK, N.Y. — Two people were killed when a gunman opened fire at a church Tuesday. One of the victims was the priest leading the service, said witnesses and authorities. The other victim's identity has not been released.

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International Briefs

Asia
JAKARTA, Indonesia — At least 23 people were killed in some of the bloodiest clashes between separatist and government troops in a year in Aceh on Tuesday, security forces said.

Three rebels were shot by soldiers in east Aceh, said police Lt. Col. Gapi Sutarmanto. The rebels were resisting arrest. A woman was also shot and killed in the clash.

Troops searching for the killers of an Indonesian marine, who died in a rebel attack over the weekend, shot seven guerrillas in operations on Sunday and Monday, a military spokesman said.

A rebel spokesman dismissed this claim, and said that only one of the dead was a separatist and the rest were civilians.

In a different incident, insurgents shot and killed two truck drivers, the rebel spokesman said. No other details were given.

Nine bodies were found elsewhere in east Aceh by riot police and hospital officials. All had gunshot wounds, the activists and officials said.

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Middle East
JERUSALEM — Tommy Lapid, an Israeli lawmaker, is outraged over Israeli troops writing identification numbers on the foreheads and forearms of Palestinian denizens who are awaiting interrogation during an army sweep of a West Bank refugee camp. Lapid, who expressed his concerns Tuesday to the army chief of staff and the defense minister, is a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust.

Army Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz and Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer have also said they are displeased with the practice and have pledged to take action.

During World War II, many concentration camp inmates were tattooed with identification numbers.

The arms has said that the marks, which were made with ink that could be washed off, were a one-time occurrence and were not part of military policy.

On Monday, Palestinian President Yasser Arafat equated the actions with the treatment of Jews in the Nazi concentration camps.

Col. Gal Hirsch, a regional commander in the West Bank, confirmed the comparison between the Jewish soldiers and the Nazis.

--- Associated Press

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.
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- Ag (Outer Perimeter Road)
- Library (entrance)

On this day:

- March 13th
- March 14th
By Paul Duggan

WASHINGTON — Stifling swiftness, a jury Tuesday of a psychotic breakdown and could have sentenced to death in the trial's penalty phase, scheduled to begin Thursday.

Yates, 37, who has sat impassively through most of the trial, stood contrite when she drowned her five children, whose bodies were found in the family bathtub last June. She had some general concept of wrong and right, she believed they were not "righteous" and that if they had been allowed to grow up, they eventually would have "been doomed to hell." Noting that mental illness is a disease, Odom told the jury, "I suspect if you had a situation where a truck driver had a stroke and ran over five children, you wouldn't find him guilty of murder, would you? It wasn't his fault that he had a stroke.

Prosecutors, however, presented an array of evidence during the trial suggesting that Yates, despite her delusions, knew that killing her children was wrong.

"The state's position is, well, she had some - some deep belief in the almost inhuman horror of the murderous crime," said Odom to the crowd.

The protest was organized by the Family to Amend the Three Strikes law. Rich's son received 38 years in prison after convicted of two serious or violent crimes and one strike.

"When we look at this case today, we see it seems to me that we're still back in the days of the Salem witchcraft, when you take a demonized woman, and take her life," Parnham said later in brief remarks outside the courthouse.

"The judge has ordered lawyers in the case not to comment publicly on the trial until the penalty phase is over and Yates has been sentenced.

Defense attorney Wendell Odom, who will decide on the verdict sheet, also made his disappearance clear. "That's the verdict," he said. "And now we go to the next phase."

After 17 days of testimony from 38 witnesses and impassioned closing statements by prosecutors and defense attorneys this morning, the jury of eight women and four men deliberated for just 3 1/2 hours before returning the verdicts at 5 p.m. CST. Some legal experts had anticipated six or eight days of deliberations, but perhaps a deadlocked jury, in a case rife with emotion and complex questions about the criminal culpability of a woman whose history of postpartum mental illness was undisputed by the prosecution.

"If you don't look at this evidence and see this woman, this baby, then that's just as wrong as the concept of nature having no mercy and the abomination of what we're called," said Karren Lane, mother of 12-year-old Polly Klaas of Petaluma. "It's wrong to society, it's wrong to your life in jail for bad check writing: It may be illegal, but a person should be punished to fit the crime," she added.

Currently under this law, an offender, who has been convicted of two serious or violent crimes and then commits a third, is required to serve a sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

"I'm here representing youth students," Lane said. "I'm for a one-strike system. Our purpose is to strike three is our commitment to humanity.

"Three strikes law under attack at Los Angeles protest

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Food

Breakfast is business at student café

By Eric C. Rich
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

While many students are pulling the covers over their heads on their last night back to sleep at sunrise, the members of the International Breakfast Café are already hard at work. Every Wednesday from 7 to 11 a.m., the student-run business offers a quick breakfast to hurried students passing through the business rotunda.

The breakfast café started as a senior project and now is handed down each year to four new students who take over. Each quarter, two new students join the project, coupled with two other students finishing their second quarter of work. Every member works for two quarters, and writes a 10-page paper analyzing the business. While some senior projects are in the classroom, the International Breakfast Café gives the students real-world experience.

"It gives you a lot of important business skills on a smaller level," said business senior Julie Tran. "Time management is a big part of the process because you can’t fall behind. All aspects of running a business are involved."

The café is set up on tables directly outside the silo in the business rotunda. The café offers bagels, donuts, toast, coffee, hot chocolate and tea. Starbucks, Albertson’s, Bagel Café and Bread in the Backyard donate the food, which is all sold for $1 per piece. Every detail is accounted for, from cream cheese and sugar to an available toaster.

Every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m., the students travel to the different businesses and collect the food to be sold. "Without help from the community, we couldn’t possibly put this on," said business senior Julie Tran.

Most students with morning classes don’t have time for breakfast. The quick service of the International Breakfast Café saves the students time on their way to class. Translated, said, "There’s always a factor to work around, like if it’s pouring rain and cold outside. You just never know."

The café averages a profit of $75 a week for four hours of operation. The money goes to the International Breakfast Café to support the project’s success, Tran said.

An assortment of bagels from Bagel Café and bread from House of Bread are just some of the breakfast items served at the International Breakfast Café. The café, which began as a senior project, is officially open every Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the business rotunda.

Fudging’ your diet may have healthy benefits

By Shelby Sebens
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

(U-WIRE) NORMAL, IL — Chocolate lovers everywhere can rejoice at new research uncovering health benefits of the ever-so-sweet candy.

For many years, the fat and calorie content of chocolate caused people to steer clear of indulging. However, with new research developing in regard to the antioxidants found in the candy, one may want to think twice before passing up that chocolate.

According to Robert Cullen, associate professor of nutrition and dietetics program director, the health benefits of chocolate outweigh the concerns.

Compounds found in chocolate can be identified with those found in red wine, green tea and some vegetables. These compounds — flavonoids — can decrease heart disease, strokes and some types of cancers, Cullen said.

"Instead of viewing chocolate as a food that shouldn’t be eaten, perhaps amounts could be helpful," Cullen said.

The greatest number of the compounds can be found in dark chocolate, Cullen said. "Many studies are using dark chocolate to specify its nutritional value, he added."

Two products on the market with the highest content of flavanols are Dove’s semi-sweet chocolate and Milka’s semi-sweet mini baking bits, Cullen said.

Cullen said the positive effects of antioxidants on heart conditions also are found in flavanols. Sales of dark chocolate have been on the rise since reports of its health benefits have come out, said Karen Ludwig, manager of Fannie May Candies in Normal.

"I think anytime something comes out that isn’t supposed to be healthy, but turns out to be, that’s always a positive," Ludwig said.

Ludwig said, overall, Fannie May Candies in Normal sells mostly milk chocolate. But white chocolate and dark chocolate sales have been increasing. She added that since recent reports on the nutritional value of dark chocolate have come out, more consumers are purchasing it. "White chocolate contains no traces of caffeine, she added.

Ludwig also said dark chocolate is gaining in popularity not only because of its nutritional value, but it contains less fat and calories than milk chocolate.

Ludwig said the majority of customers who buy dark chocolate usually purchase one or two pounds at a time.

Nearly 70 percent of Americans prefer milk chocolate over dark chocolate, said John Shank, owner of The Chocolatier Inc. in Bloomington.

Shank said his customers have been eating chocolate for a while and, on average, long-term cho­colate consumers who prefer dark chocolate to like his any­way.

Cullen suggested consuming a little chocolate each day, but to watch out for excess amounts. "All foods in moderation are good," Cullen added. "A person could eat moderate amounts of chocolate and not feel like they’re doing something to hurt their health."

Shank said, "You eat it in moderation. Like anything else, you go overboard and it’s not good for you.”

According to Cullen, chocolate has similar compounds to caffeine, but chocolate does not have a dramatic amount in it.

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FUN FOOD FACT:

Why are pretzels shaped so weird?

According to an article from the Detroit News, monks in seventh-century France were responsible for inventing the pretzel. They used the food to reward children for learning their prayers. The peculiar shape represented the arms of a child folded in prayer. The article goes on to say that pretzels, the Latin root of the word pretzel, means "reward."

There is also a popular legend that credits a baker with a bad drinking habit with inventing the pretzel. As the story goes, the baker was sentenced to jail. The judge told him he would remain free if he could make a small cake through which the sun could shine three times. Hence the pretzel’s peculiar workings.

There are other versions of the story, too. One credits the invention of the pretzel to an Italian monk, while another states that the pretzel in Germany came from Oriental origin and was originally shaped like the letter "B" for the German word for the food, "bretzel."

Most websites, however, seem to support some version of the folded-arms story and propose that the pretzel originated in a monastery in France or Italy around 610 A.D., later spreading to Austria and Germany, where we got the word "bretzel" and eventually "pretzel."

So there you have it, a twisted reply to a knotty question.
Recipe of the Week

Southwestern chicken melt on sourdough

Ingredients:
- 1 pound chicken breast cut into four equal pieces
- 1 medium green pepper sliced thin
- 1 medium red bell pepper sliced thin
- 4 ounces sliced monterey jack or cheddar cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon taco seasoning
- 4 sourdough rolls
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- salt and pepper to taste

In medium fry pan, sauté chicken breast while sprinkling with garlic powder, salt, pepper and taco seasoning. When chicken is no longer pink, add pepper and onion slices to pan and sauté until tender (two to three minutes). Butter outside of sliced sourdough rolls and sprinkle with basil if desired. Place rolls in toaster oven for three minutes to melt butter and crisp bread. Remove rolls and place chicken sauté mixture in bun. Top each sandwich with sliced cheese. Place back in toaster oven open until cheese bubbles and begins to brown.

Frozen food: a diet staple for more than just college students

By Lisa Schencker

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Recipe ingredients:
- 1 medium green pepper sliced thin
- 1 medium red bell pepper sliced thin
- 4 ounces sliced monterey jack or cheddar cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon taco seasoning
- 4 sourdough rolls
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- salt and pepper to taste

In medium fry pan, sauté chicken breast while sprinkling with garlic powder, salt, pepper and taco seasoning. When chicken is no longer pink, add pepper and onion slices to pan and sauté until tender (two to three minutes). Butter outside of sliced sourdough rolls and sprinkle with basil if desired. Place rolls in toaster oven for three minutes to melt butter and crisp bread. Remove rolls and place chicken sauté mixture in bun. Top each sandwich with sliced cheese. Place back in toaster oven open until cheese bubbles and begins to brown.

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KEG ID system doesn't stop illegal drinking

In a college town, underage drinking occurs everywhere. From that parties to houses to club events, there are no problem finding alcohol. Beer is sensed to most because it is cheap and tastes good.

Lawmakers in the state of Indiana wanted to change this image and decrease the amount of underaged beer drinkers by enacting a bill that would require identification tags on all kegs, allowing the police to track the keg to the purchaser.

What some people might not know is that there is a law that already exists in 16 states, including California. That's right, kegger fans - we have a tracking law in our own state.

Keg registration requires kegs to be marked with unique identification numbers using cloth or vinyl tags, stickers, or engraving. The registration also requires the retailer to record the keg identification number, the purchase date, the owner's name, address, telephone number and driver's license number. That way, any keg confiscated at a party with underage drinkers will be traced back to the purchaser.

In Indiana, Sen. Beverly Gard is fighting for the bill to be signed. In a press release, she said, "I feel this will help give law enforcement and university officials tools to make adults responsible for their actions. ... This bill will help save lives."

Even though we have a state law, I don't see much of a change in the identification at the doors. I do hear about anyone getting arrested for distributing alcohol to minors. The same Web site applies to be concerned at a place other than licensed restaurants, bars and other similar facilities.

On http://kegproject.secret session.net, a Web site discouraging underage drinking, it says, "Beer kegs are often the source of alcohol at underage drinking parties. ... Kegs are popular with underage drinkers because the alcohol is cheap, there is a lot of it, and the purchase can be made by a single individual over the age of 21."

Drinking has always been a social event for college students, especially after a long week of studying hard. A simple tracking device is not going to stop underage people from drinking. The same Web site also says, "Keg tracking may discourage adults from supplying kegs to underage youth and when faced with the keg tracking process, adults may consider their own legal liability and think twice before supplying kegs to underage youth."

Even though they are under 21, most underage drinkers are over the age of 18 and are adults. Therefore, they are allowed to make their own decisions and deal with them. Wherever consequences they suffer, it's due to their own choices.

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David Davenport is a city and regional planning freshman.

Editorial

I am writing this letter to inform everyone of the inconsistencies in the fee increase planned for fall 2002. As presented to the students of city and regional planning, the proposal has no specific language assuring students they will have a deciding factor in where our money will be spent. In fact, there seems to be no clear answer as to whether or not the money will go directly to the department or first to the city to take a percentage off. A fellow student informed me, the president of Cal Poly seemed confused during his question-and-answer session as to whether the money will go to toward general education courses or major courses.

I present during Associate Dean Zwedel's presentation to Associated Students to city and regional planning. During our meeting, he stated that the language of this fee increase was being written hastily because of the imposed deadline. Furthermore, a majority of the students present wanted the fee increase for the city and regional planning department limited to $125 since we do not have as many labs as the architecture department. We also asked for a way to appeal the fee increase if we use the money to continue paying it. It appears that the wishes of ASB were all but ignored when the final fee proposal was drafted.

I am concerned that this fee proposal has not been thoroughly planned out. I call for the students of Cal Poly to oppose this fee increase until our college can prepare minimized guidelines for the distribution of our money, including some specific proposals as to how our money will be spent.

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Letters to the editor opposed to the fee increase

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Opinion

Letters to the editor in favor of the fee increase

Editor,

Today and Thursday, please take the opportunity to look at a copy of the Department/Program Specific Academic Fee Proposal drafted in part by student members of the Engineering Student Council Executive Board. Please pay particular attention to item four on the first page, which reads:

Allocation: The revenues from the proposed student academic fee increase will go directly to the department/programs of the students paying the fees - none of this fee will be allocated at the college or university level or for administrative purposes.

If you continue to read through the proposal, you will also notice that item 14-5 explains how students will represent the department, and their department's Allocation Committee. These students will select a Liaison student-chair. It will be the duty of this student-chair and his chosen student vice-chair to select six additional students from the entire department to serve as members of the department's Allocation Committee. These students will represent the department, and their decisions on how the revenue money should be spent will be binding (as stated in item 14-6).

So, this money is going to be spent by the students, right? That is exactly right. Meritorious attention was given to making sure this issue of student allocation was stated in black and white. "None of this fee will be allocated at the college or university level or for administrative purposes."

So, why do we need this academic fee? To preserve the quality and excellence of the diploma that we will receive from this institution. We are still facing the same problems that we did in 1996, so don’t sit idly by and watch the value of your education diminish. Vote yes for the Department/Program Specific Academic Fee Increase, and finally have a say in the use of your money. Furthermore, get involved in the College of Engineering.

Daniel Iverson is an aerospace engineering sophomore and one of the student members of the Student Academic Fee Proposal Committee for the College of Engineering.

Editor,

Engineers! Be sure to vote in favor of the fee increase at the referendum today and Thursday. Despite some people's claims that we should count on the state to take care of us, we are ultimately responsible for the quality of our education, and waiting on the administration, as we all know, will yield to nothing.

We need increased funds NOW! Two hundred dollars a quarter is a cheap ransom for quality education. Cal Poly will remain one of the best deals in the country and won’t have to sacrifice any more of what makes this school good in the first place.

Liberal arts majors and similar folk have voiced their displeasure to the increase. They can afford to put their feet down and insist that the state do its job. For mechanical engineering majors, with nearly half the major classes including labs, there is no opportunity to wait or make a statement.

Engineers will hurt the most when this school is poor, especially in the current depressed economy. I graduated from Cal Poly with a mechanical engineering degree in 2000. It took 212 units to earn that degree, a zero with electives and zero technical electives. Any classes I took out of interest were in addition to this ridiculously large number. The current catalog lists a ME degree at 204 units, the product of a condensed GE program that took 10 years to approve. Ten years of work and ME students will have to complete more than 200 units to graduate. I mention this example to illustrate how ridiculous and doomed funding is loss class availability and a large increase in class size. This means less direct contact between students and faculty during class, more faculty time spent on grading, and therefore less faculty time spent interacting with students outside the classroom.

The computer science department and the rest of the university are actively seeking to develop additional support from industry and private donors. These are important sources of support. However, it will be years before they become large enough to overcome the lack of state support for a quality education. More computer science faculty supports the fee increase as the only immediate solution to a growing problem. By supporting the fee increase, students will keep their Cal Poly education among the best in the nation. By student involvement in deciding how to spend the fee increase, students become active participants in ensuring they receive the best education possible. The academic fee represents an investment in the value of a Cal Poly degree now and in the future.

Bill Clark is a professor and chair of the mechanical engineering department.

Editor,

Today and Thursday, students have the opportunity to significantly enhance the quality of the programs offered in the College of Engineering. What sets Cal Poly apart from other engineering schools is its laboratory-intensive, learn-by-doing approach. Small classrooms and lab sizes along with modern and sophisticated laboratory equipment provide the Cal Poly engineering student with a unique and powerful learning environment. Engineering programs, however, are funded by the state of California using the same formulas as that used for disciplines that can achieve learning goals without the need for varied, expensive and ever-changing laboratory equipment. Although contributions from private donors and industry have helped immensely, these funds do not make up the difference between the funds provided by the state and the actual cost of education in the College of Engineering. The approval of the $200-per-quarter fee increase will fund student-faculty collaborative decisions at the program level, which will result in increased educational opportunities.

Bill Keams is the chair of the computer science department.

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Zimbabwe vote count begins amid outrages

By Ann M. Simmons

LOS ANGELES TIMES

10 Tuesday, allegations of misconduct continued to undermine the credibility of the poll.

Opposition politicians, local election observers and foreign political analysts charged that the government of longtime President Robert Mugabe had used every trick in the book to try to manipulate the vote.

The election pitted Mugabe, this southern African nation's only leader since its independence from British colonial rule 22 years ago, against Morgan Tsvangirai, a former trade unionist who leads the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC).

The final tally was expected some time Wednesday.

Analysis predicted that a victory for Mugabe would lead to an attempt to eradicate any future serious challenge to his rule. They said a low-intensity war against the opposition had already begun with the harassment, assault and arrest of key MDC officials.

The opposition party's secretary-general, Welshman Ncube, appeared in a court in the capital Tuesday, charged with high treason for allegedly planning to assassinate Mugabe. He was later released on bail.

Tsvangirai and another opposition figure are also under investigation for allegedly trying to kill the president.

"They should have been arrested a long time ago," Information Minister Jonathan Moyo said in an interview Tuesday. "It's just another example of us bending over (backward) to accommodate the (opposition)."

Treason is a charge punishable by death. The MDC officials have denied the assassination allegation.

President Mugabe, the African analyst, said the government is likely to continue the intimidation and arrest of high-ranking MDC officials in an attempt to weaken the management structure of the opposition.

Tsvangirai has been repeatedly detained and arrested on a hodgepodge of charges over the past two years.

On Tuesday, local civic groups condemned the election as fundamentally flawed. The Norwegian Election Observer Mission, the largest group of European monitors in Zimbabwe, echoed this sentiment, adding that the results did not meet international standards.

The Zimbabwe Election Support Network, a coalition of local independent poll monitors, said that huge irregularities up to and during the vote made a mockery of the procedure.

The group's criticism included flawed voter rolls, intimidation and attacks on voters by police and ruling party militants; and the assignment of polling stations in a way that government critics said clearly favored Mugabe. Opposition officials said the reported turnouts in pro-Mugabe areas didn't match the reports from their polling agents. They also complained that MDC observers had been locked out of the counting centers in Harare.

"There is no way these elections could be described as substantially free and fair," said the monitoring group's chairman, Reginald Matchaba-Hove.

Voting was originally scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, but a Harare high court judge extended it into Monday after thousands of people were left waiting Sunday night outside polling stations in the capital. On Monday night, a judge rejected an opposition appeal to extend voting for a fourth day.

The government denied allegations of vote-rigging.

"We feel very insulted that anybody in the world would think it possible for us to manipulate the integrity of the electoral process when so many people are watching us," said Moyo, the information minister.

"Doing so, apart from being unconstitutional, illegal and unlawful, would be plain stupid." Local and foreign observers and media watched as police, welding clubs and firing tear gas, forced thousands of Zimbabweans, many of whom had waited three days to vote, to flee polling stations Monday night when the government announced the elections closed.

Matchaba-Hove warned that "a flawed electoral process is a potential cause for conflict," and some observers predicted an explosion of mass civil action that might involve a general strike if Mugabe is declared winner.

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News

Bush administration seeks to strictly monitor college graduation rates

By Dorothy Augustyniak

DAILY BRUIN

The Bush administration is currently considering a proposal to strictly monitor college graduation rates, and some higher education officials do not like the way the plan is developing.

In February, the U.S. Department of Education released its new "strategic plan" draft. It consisted of an outline of the Bush administration's policy goals for improving elementary, secondary and higher education over the next five years.

A final version was scheduled to come out earlier this month, but its release has been postponed, according to the American Council of Education.

The section of the draft concerning higher education said, "Although American institutions of higher education are among the best in the world, the public and many policy makers are especially concerned about the effectiveness of postsecondary institutions and are concerned about universities graduating students in a timely fashion."

Currently, colleges are required to report their graduation rates each year to the Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics, and have them available on request.

The proposal under consideration would make state agencies to the federal government by keeping track of the graduation rates of colleges at all levels and public and private.

There are not yet specific details on how the plan would be implemented, nor are there specific as to how the federal government might keep states accountable for their schools' graduation rates.

The issue of monitoring college graduation rates is more of a concern because of the expected increase in college students over the next 10 years, according to the Department of Education and the American Council of Education.

"The number of college students is expected to grow within the next 10 years," said Paul Hassed, assistant director of Public Affairs of the American Council of Education, a group that advocates the interests and goals of higher education.

"The major concern is whether or not we will be able to accommodate all of them," he added.

Some college lobbyists and leaders in education object to the administration's proposal, saying it is inappropriate for the federal government to dictate how states they oversee college graduation rates, especially private.

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Sports

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By Shaun Powell

I just got my NCAA Tournament office pool sheet and devised a brilliant way to pick the champ. Let everyone else study conference records,

shooting percentages and number of

Commentary

Dick Vitale. To those suckers: Thanks! One-point-eight million," corrected the projected first-round NCAA pick, which at least learned math.

Xavier (20 percent) has one of the highest rates in the tooners, which explains why the X-men run a distant second to the powerhouse across town. Cincinnati is a big winner on the court but a loser in the curriculum. Bob Huggins' exciting teams always draw a crown, except in graduation lines. The Buckeyes develop future leaders at a rate of 8 percent, making them a strong tournament team in 8 years.

And someone at Texas Tech explain why it bothered to hire Bob Knight? Sure, he blew into Lubbock like a tumbleweed and won 23 games. But last fall, he kicked off three players who didn't see the conference game. He's that kind of decaffeinated attitude that'll never win another championship for Knight, a stickler for stability.

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**Triathlon season starting to ‘warm up’**

**C O L Y P A L E R S R E P O R T**

More than 200 collegiate triathletes from around the country and their teams made their way through Cal Poly's last Saturday at the March “Warm-Up Triathlon.”

The triathlon was also attended by UCLA, UCSD, Stanford and Berkeley.

The triathlon consisted of an 800-yard swim in the Rec Center, a 22-kilometer bike ride which stretched along Highway 1 to Bywater Park, and ended with a four-mile run to the train tracks and then back to the Rec Center. Cal Poly's team had the most athletes, followed by Stanford, UCLA, UCSD and Berkeley, with over 100 in attendance.

Many triathletes commented on how well the race was put together, including Julie Moss, a professional triathlete and Cal Poly alums who came to race and talk with the team last week. "This race has all of the components of a professionally run event," Moss said. "It was an exceptional race."

Shaba Molsenia, the race director and graduating business management student, was pleased with the outcome of the race. "Everything and everyone worked so well together; it was a complete success," Molsenia said. "The Cal Poly triathlon team is comprised of many hard-working and spirited team players."

By Jeff Smith

**Oregon easily handled in tournament, beat—**

By Lonnie White

**B R I E F S**

**LA Kings win home game against ‘Hawks**

For the first time since his Feb. 15 accident, Coach Andy Murray was behind the Kings' bench for a game at Staples Center. And he couldn't have been treated to a better effort from his team. The Kings came close to matching a franchise record for fewest shots allowed in a game and used goals by Ziggy Palffy and Philippe Boucher to defeat the Chicago Blackhawks, 2-1, in front of 16,950 Monday night.

With their victory, the Kings improved to 31-22-9-4 and moved into the No. 5 playoff spot in the Western Conference with 75 points. King goal tender Felix Potvin had to stop only 10 shots to help the Kings improve to 17-6-2 over their last 27 games.

In detenting the Blackhawks, the Kings beat a top-tire team hungry for points. Chicago, which began Monday's game with a one-point lead in second place in the Central Division, played the first game of a key-four game West Coast tour.

In the third period, both teams had solid opportunities to score but either missed their net or were stopped by the goalies. But with nearly five minutes left, the Kings finally scored when Fischer made his fourth goal of the season with 4:59 left.