Freshmen precariously jump into housing market

By Andra Coberly
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

There are almost 3,000 freshmen at Cal Poly. That’s 3,000 more people who will need to place a name in the books of Cal Poly students in the San Luis Obispo housing market and 3,000 more people who will not sign a lease because landlords, apartment managers and property managers consider them unfit to rent. Many freshmen and other local students picked to California-West department offers resources to help with the search for off-campus housing, students must spend quite a lot of time and energy to find a house, apartment or condominium that suits their needs. “Everyone is struggling here,” said Brittany Malone, a recreation administration freshman. 

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Business as usual for new Ag dean

By Bridgette Vanherweg
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The College of Agriculture named Professor David Wehner dean on April 15. But the new title didn’t change much for Wehner. He became the head of the environmental horticulture science department in 1994, the associate dean since 1997, and interim dean since former Dean Joe Jen was appointed U.S. undersecretary of agriculture in July 2001. “It’s not a lot different for me, but it would be for someone who wasn’t already involved with the university,” Wehner said. “I have the ability to make major decisions now, that I couldn’t make as interim dean.”

One of Wehner’s major duties as dean will be to update the Strategic Plan, last updated in 1998. Its goal is to develop facilities capable of handling new technologies within the industry, as well as adding new majors, including a wine and viticulture major, to the current mix. “We’ll evaluate aspects of the college and the services we provide,” he said. “Since Cal Poly is the fourth largest agriculture college in the United States, we will work to increase that prestige. It’s a matter of strategically placing ourselves for the future.”

The College of Agriculture is the oldest and second largest of Cal Poly’s six colleges, with 3,675 students enrolled.

“Dr. Wehner was named the new College of Agriculture dean April 15. Wehner has been interim dean since July of 2001. “We are extremely fortunate to have a number of strong candidates for the deanship.” said Paul Zung, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. “The process confirmed much of what we already knew — that we are fortunate to have Dave with us already. He has earned the respect of his colleagues in the college and throughout the universities during his years as interim dean. We are confident that his strengths, background and experience, along with his commitment to undergraduate education, are a perfect match for Cal Poly and the College of Agriculture.”

Issues including water and land use and foreign trade challenge the agriculture industry at present, Wehner said, and those challenges see DEAN, page 8

Local stores lack union-picked produce

By Bryan Dickerson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Recently, on a balmy Thursday evening in downtown San Luis Obispo, Lucia Stone went shopping for produce. She consistently passed over the local fruits and vegetables at Farmer’s Market because it lacked something. While it was affordable, fresh and pesticide-free, Stone could not find a black Atece eagle — the United Farm Workers (UFW) logo — on any of the produce.

“I looked for the eagle and it’s really disappointing,” Stone said. “I asked three owners and they said ‘No, we don’t have union labor.’”

Stone is president of the American Indian Students Association, the group responsible for bringing United Farm Workers co-founder Dolores Huerta to speak at Cal Poly in March. She was following Huerta’s advice to “look for the union label.”

Why is it difficult to find produce clearly marked as picked by union labor?

Part of it has to do with the several paths produce can take on its way from field to store.

Buyers for each store fill their shelves with fruits and vegetables from a variety of sources — local farms, produce brokers and huge wholesale markets.

Factors such as growing seasons, regional boundaries and stores buying from organic and smaller farms, all play a role in why the UFW logo rarely appears at local markets.

Doug King, produce manager for Albertson’s in San Luis Obispo, said that when buying for the store, he looks for produce that above all will appeal to consumers.

“Most people look for quality first, but price becomes an issue,” King said. “I haven’t seen any produce with the union label as far as local stuff, but I have seen somewhere where they have a picture of the person who picked it, but with a supplier like Pismo Océano Vegetable Exchange (POVE) you don’t know who picked it.”

Jose Perez, a POVE employee, said their main clients are brokers, food service distributors, buyers from Safeway and Albertsons, and “anyone with good credit looking for produce.”

He added that POVE is a coop owned by five families utilizing several growers, some as far north as Morro Bay, who have their own crews for harvesting. He said he was unsure if they used union labor.

Zaneel Bernier, a fruit science senior, said he has never seen a
By Navid Niakan

Housing and Urban Development

Driving around campus on a stolen golf cart may sound like fun to some Cal Poly students, but most do not know the consequences associated with such a seemingly innocent crime.

"If we catch you joyriding in a golf cart you will be changed with a felony," said Sgt. Lori Hashim with University Police.

These golf carts have already been reported stolen so far this year, and it is estimated that two to four golf carts are stolen during an academic school year, Hashim said.

The reasons behind stealing these golf carts are unknown, but police have their assumptions. "Most likely joyriding," Hashim said. "It looks like fun and they take it for a few blocks then drop it off in different locations."

Many campus services use golf carts, including administration, athletics, Associated Students Inc., the Rec Center and many others. The carts are sometimes damaged and are found all throughout campus, but not in one particular area, Hashim said.

By Sean Martin

Academic Senate looks into rudeness rules

Rudeness in the classroom has prompted some people on campus to develop a code of conduct.

The Academic Senate formed a student and faculty body to look into the need for classroom conduct guidelines.

Statistics professor Jay Devore brought the issue to the Academic Senate after seeing a set of student conduct guidelines from Boise State University.

Boise State's document opens by stating the reason behind the rules.

"While there are many informal situations in which people have neither the desire or the right to prescribe how others ought to behave, a classroom represents a level of courtesy than many people exercise in ordinary public space," the guideline states.

Devore said he thinks following such a rule would be good for the university. "I think it would be nice to have something in writing so we could show the students a clear message about our expectations," he said.

"We want to encourage people to not use the golf cart for joyrides, but other carts," said Jesse Bender, a journalism sophomore.

Students go through an application process to get the grant. They will receive the money starting next fall. Recipients of the grant also do workshops as part of the program.

This year's recipients are currently working at the County Housing Authority, Community Development Department, Country Land Use Department and the Advance Planning Division.

The city and regional planning department offers a master's degree in city and regional planning, as well as a joint master's with the department of civil and environmental engineering in transportation planning.

Twenty-seven other universities across the country received part of the $2.9 million grant, but Cal Poly received the maximum amount possible.

HUD secretary Mel Martinez explained why HUD reaches out to college students.

"Our nation's greatest resource is our young people who will soon be the driving force behind revitalize communities," Martinez said in a press release. "This funding will help us realize a new generation of leaders who will be at the center of strengthening neighborhoods and communities across the country."
More pipe bombs found in Nebraska

OCHOWA, Neb. — A sixth pipe bomb was found in a Nebraska mailbox, this time in a residential neighborhood, taking the total number of mailbox bombs discovered across the Midwest since Friday to 14, authorities said Sunday.

An anti-government note found with the bombs warned of more "arrests...and federal authorities said Sunday.

It is the sixth time in the competition's 17-year history that a squad was disqualified.

— CNN News

Bush salutes Mexican holiday

WASHINGTON — President Bush saluted the Latino community, dismissing Bush's overtures to Spanish-speaking voters as more symbolic than real.

— Los Angeles Times

Bush shows reporters what White House life is really like

WASHINGTON — President Bush gave CNN's on-air reporters a look at "what life is really like inside the Bush White House" on Sunday, showing off his collection of "actual, never-seen-before photos.

One of the good things about life in the mansion is that his wife, Laura, is always on hand to help him out, he said. Bush displayed a photograph of the first lady standing with her hands on each side of his face.

"Here she is helping me pro­nounce "Arequibbajl," said Bush, who is known to sometimes stumble over long words.

Bush walked off to enthrall at Oval Office before the squad led for the national competition in Nashville, but he didn't.

It was the first time in the com­petition's three-day history a squad was disqualified.

— CNN News

Bush praises immigrant rights

WASHINGTON — President Bush praised immigrant rights enrichment America.

"It was just the most wonderful experience ever. It was fantastic," Sasson, a 28-year-old former Web nine magazine and the world's second largest space tourist, said after the landing. A bystander handed him a blue egg in honor of Orthodox Easter and his father Rick kneel beside him.

— USA TODAY

San Diego resists possibility of moving marine base

By Tony Perry

Comedian Drew Carey was on schedule at 7:31 a.m. Moscow time (11:51 p.m. Saturday EDT), dropping through a clear blue sky near the town of Arkalyk. He landed safely on the Kazakh steppe Sunday after a 10-day space voyage. He emerged from the Soyuz capsule with a broad smile and said it was "the best thing I've ever done.

— Los Angeles Times

Bush administration has decided to terminate formally any involve­ment in a treaty setting up an international criminal court and is expected to declare in the signing of the document by the Clinton administration is no longer valid, government officials said Saturday.

The "unsigning" of the treaty, which is expected to be announced on Monday, will be a decisive rejection by the Bush White House of the concept of a permanent tri­bunal designed to prosecute individu­als for genocide, crimes against humanity and other war crimes.

The administration has long argued that the court has the potential to create havoc for the United States, exposing American soldiers and officials overseas to capricious and mischievous prose­cutions.

— New York Times

Middle East

JERUSALEM, Israel — After fail­ing to win support for an oil em­bar­go against the United States and other allies of Israel, the Iraqi Cabinet voted Sunday to resume oil exports beginning midnight on Tuesday, national television reported.

In a statement broadcast on the state-run service, the Cabinet said its April 8 decision to suspend oil exports for 30 days "did not find a response from Arab oil-producing blocs that can take similar measures so that it would succeed.

President Saddam Hussein presided over the Cabinet meeting, television reported.

Referring to Iraq's unilateral sus­pension of oil exports, the Cabinet statement added "Justice that we expressed the conscience of the Arab nation."
Stay Home... and take a Cal Poly course online this summer!

Courses require access at least to a 56K speed modem, E or Netscape, and general familiarity with web-navigating, using discussion boards, and sending/receiving attachments.

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Students put new spin on Barbie and Ken's dream house

By Kelly Foster
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

It was fantastic, made of plastic and sat, broken, in the corner of your best friend's room for years. It was the house of all pink houses — Barbie's Dream House.

Fortunately, pink plastic houses are a thing of the past. Barbie and Ken are looking for much more practical accommodations for the twenty-first century — something with room for the retired parents, the grown son who refuses to leave, and the two kids yet to leave the nest.

Fourteen architecture students have the opportunity to design such a house. It is part of a quarter-long project entitled "Barbie and Ken, New American Home for the 21st century."

"We've been talking about the cultural iconography of the lawn," said Alice Muller, Architecture 553 professor.

The first step of the project was to design a lawn chair for Barbie's new pad. These chairs, now on display in the architectural design gallery, were placed around campus during Open House weekend. The chairs range from a steel stool to a bamboo hammock to a porch swing.

"It was cool because it was life size," said junior Sergio Pena. "It was a real piece of furniture."

Once the locations where the chairs would be displayed were decided, the students began designing these chairs, so that the chair would "fit" its surroundings.

Pena's design was built around a rock and a tree, while his classmate Chris Williams designed his to hang from a beam in the Architecture building.

"It's a place of rest for all the weary design students," Williams said.

For the project, Muller specified that Barbie had planned to move to the new Tuba Ranch Community near Los Pinares Road and Madonna, and that her and Ken with their home to be "intuitive, intelligent and inventive."

Students will use their imagination when they design the new home and all its components.

Designing a scaled model home will be the next step to the project, along with many little play houses on the side, such as designing night stands, coffee tables and cookie jars.

"It's a different twist on architecture," said junior Sara Flaxton. "There is this make believe aspect."

After the 14 model homes are completed, they will be auctioned off to raise money for Beyond Shelter, the Student Community Service group that helps the homeless, said Muller.

The student will design homes with modern living concerns in mind, such as the parents moving in and the graduated children returning home as well. They will also include recreational aspects such as basketball courts.

People have grown up since the 1960s that characterized some styles of houses. It is what they are used to. "We are urged to design something out of the ordinary, what could be," Williams said.

This was a new project for the lab class this quarter, and Muller did not know if she would catch a flight back from New York over spring break.

"I do wish the entered mind. Barbie has always been such a cultural icon," said Muller. "She has undergone so many changes. I thought it would be fun, plus I like happy endings."

Company donates $25,000 to GRC that connects media print to Internet

By Dawn Rapp
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly's graphic communications department has received a gift that is helping students bridge the gap between print media and the World Wide Web.

The department has received more than $25,000 worth of new computer equipment from Digimarc Medialink. The equipment will help connect media print to the Internet.

"The two types of media are complementing each other," said Harvey Levenson, professor and head of the graphic communications department. "People think of Amazon.com and think that our society is moving paperless, which isn't true."

Digimarc donated the equipment to Cal Poly's graphic communications department because Digimarc considers the department one of the best in the nation.

"Their reputation and the prominence of their program made Cal Poly one of our top choices," said Steve Whaley, director of the Digimarc Embedding Institute and Field Engineering Services.

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Once the play is completed and before touring, the Liberal Studies Program must report back to the CAC and Consumer Service Agency to make sure guidelines given to them for the production were followed.

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Together, Cal Poly and the Fine Arts Academy, which is a three-year Demonstration Project with the Cal Poly Liberal Studies Program. This long-term program, led by Duffy and Kathleen Friend, a liberal studies lecturer, allows students to work with the arts curriculum in 46 different school of the Lasco Mar School District.

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Program educates elementary students about electricity use

By Kelly Foster
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

With the help of elementary school kids, Cal Poly is fighting electrical overuse with art.

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Opinion

Art of letter writing must prevail

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LETTERS

Letters to the editor

Evidence needs more than numbers Editor,

In his letter, "Bible's validity supported by evidence" (May 2), Zac Marshall seems to imply that numbers make math. So what if there are 5,300 copies of the New Testament found and only half of the Gallic War? Book making was very expensive, and only a tiny portion of the Republic could afford the text, let alone had the ability to read it, so few copies were made and fewer survived.

Numbers cannot make an argument valid. Saying that "Titanic" was a failure this of all time because it made the most money is a lie; it was popular, nothing more. Saying that the New Testament is truthful because we have more copies is equally misleading. Many of the New Testament have survived time, it is because so many more were made, not because it is truthful. If you want to argue that the New Testament is full of the truth, you are more than welcome to. If you want to convince people you are right, you will need better evidence.

Carrie Mansfield is a microbiology senior.

Even car drivers choose to take risks Editor,

I'm writing in response to Benjamin Volieus' (Skateboarding, biking not immoral, but illegal," May 1). Ben made a good point in saying that some skateboarders are not going to end up as a part of society. My natural response is, "Bring it on." I'd like to use Jay Z quote in this case. "I say that he was by his skateboarder and mistranslated as saying that everyone is going to be able to brush off bad skateboarders like so many flies, that we don't have to try to forbid everything that might hurt me.

I don't think that they can't skateboard on campus because it is putting a 30 mph speed limit on the freeway. Sure, it would save lives, but at tremendous inconvenience. Everyday people are given driver's licenses with the understanding that one of those people is going to hit someone else and maybe kill people. In exchange for that freedom of mobility we've accepted that. It is up to the driver to try to forbid everything that might hurt me.

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Letters are a form of posterity. Not all SLO police encounters are bad Editor,

What follows is my response to the May 1 article, "Student, police relations cause friction from time to time." Though students and SLO PD officers are at time to time, the officers really are out to keep everyone safe. I experienced this first-hand during March On, 2001. I was a resident in one of the local apartment complexes that typically explodes during March Gaze, and the time was 1:30 a.m. Like many other students that night, I had been out at a party but I was sure to stay safe.

One of the girls in my group of friends had to get her car back because she had work early the next morning. While pulling out of her parking spot, her tire was out of place. I'm personally not about the speed limit on 10 mph in order not to hit any of the many people in the crowded street. I heard glass crash on the pavement and what next? An "obscene "look at this" sound. Moments 1 reached the stop sign at the end of the street where the cop had blocked traffic, there were no cars at all. At the stop a SLO PD officer knocked on my window; of course I was nervous - perhaps I had told too far at the stop sign. Hardly! He told me that left front tire was out of place and thought. Someone had tossed glass underneath my tire and it slashed right through, hence the "fur. The officer continued to block traffic and then directed me into the nearest driveway.

Furthermore, he was kind enough to stick around and make sure that nobody was in there for a time. My friend and I went home safely that night.

This is just one experience, but I am just as safe as anyone else.

Paul Corwin is a computer science graduate student.
Opinion

We should own senior projects

Monday, May 6, 2002

I'd like to hope that everyone reading this wants to graduate someday. I know I do.

But before we get to that stage, we will have to complete a senior project. If your project does happen to reinvent the wheel, however, we're just going to ride off into the sunset with a bag of money under one arm and your Cal Poly prince under the other.

"Where University resources are used, including the execution of sponsored projects, the University retains ownership of all faculty, staff and student inventions and other intellectual property that may be patented, copyrighted, trademarked or licensed for commercial purposes," reads Cal Poly's "Intellectual Property Policy." Yep. Cal Poly owns our senior projects and gets to share in the profits. I stand by part of this policy. I believe the university should share in profits. However, I do not believe it should be allowed to exist without anyone's creative work.

I have $100,000 that a project earns completely to the university. I do not believe the profits will give it a reason to publicize our project and make it as successful as possible.

However, I do have a problem with the university claiming ownership. There is a big difference between taking money and taking control.

Sure, you might say I'm going against my original position, but I'm not. I just believe that the university has had enough involvement to merit a share of the profits. However, they have not done enough of the work to get control of the project.

I compare the role of the school to that of my parents. Both have supported me in so many ways, including financially. However, if I go to a book tomorrow, neither party has claim to it. That does not mean I would not be more than happy to give back to both of them.

Control of our project, and how it will be used, should always fall with the ones who put in the blood, sweat and tears.

Letters to the editor

Think for yourself

Editor,

As a recent graduate of Cal Poly, there's one thing I'm not going to do. I'm not going to be a editor in the Mustang Daily about religion and arguments based on it. Everyone has a right to choose what they believe. I'm not going to pick and choose what a person believes and try to make them believe in something that I do not believe.

So, I suggest we all just learn to coexist. We might not agree on a topic, but it is better to learn to live with it rather than try to prove that it is wrong to believe the way you do.

Kevin Costa is a recent industrial technology graduate, student assistant and in the band "I Tried."

Racism still persists; diversity is necessary

Editor,

I want to address the importance of racial diversity in response to those who claim that the reality of racial discrimination and supporting individuality.

Historically, white and colored people have a very different experience. White people think that they are better only because of their color. White Americans are aware of the others in control of the governments and huge industries or businesses. African Americans were slaves and Asians were Yellow Peril. White people treat other races in a certain way that African Americans do not.

There are different skin color have a different experience and attitude towards society.

In today's "ideally equal" society, ideally people are no longer judging one another based on their skin color. However, is the idea a reality? Do people really think that racism or discrimination should not apply at Cal Poly? If you say yes, I strongly advise you to look outside your little green house.

As long as the problem of racism or discrimination persists, no one can say that there is no need for racial diversity. Discriminating racial diversity removes the flow of discrimination and shows the unwillingness to accept other races.

Everyone thinks differently based on how we were raised, but if the majority population comes from the same, background, will that promote a variety of cultures? Is it smart to grow the same plant in different places? the flowers may not be exactly the same, but they will be similar. Only if we promote racial diversity, our community will gain diverse perspectives.

Kelly Leong is a biochemistry senior.

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have seven applications for a house, and five are from students in the dormitories or apartments who lived in non-student housing, I narrow it down to the ones with real rental histories. This preference is especially common with rental houses opposed to apartments, and fact that there are fewer house rentals in town, and they take more responsibility than apartments. Malvek said. "Houses are the properties of choice," she said. "But it is a huge crop for a year of experience of living. I think about it carefully, and they need to be diligent and have second and third choices.

With only a small number of houses to rent out, California-West will fill those on the list within two weeks, Malvek said. And those who do not get chosen must keep moving to try to find housing. "If this is the first time the student will be living on their own in a non-structured environment, then an apartment is the best way to establish rental history," she said.

But such advice is not deterring some freshmen. Like many students who are living on campus now, knowledge of freshmen Holly Finn-Strobel is looking for a house to rent next fall for herself and three friends. Even with the limited supply of apartments in Santa Luis Obispo, they are unable to find one in town.

"We are in a lot of competition," Finn-Strobel said. "Some don't want to rent to students and everything fills up fast. It is really hard to keep up with, but we want a house. They are more homes, and we want to find a place we can keep, and we don't want to do all this over again next year."

As houses seem to be students' top choice, Sheila Aitken, a business administration freshman, has found a rental apartment in a house for rent to students and everythin g over my head. Now, you have to get these applications in so you know where you're going to be next year so you don't end up on the street.

Scott West aerospace engineering freshman mentioned that for a condo they buy, they give up when the one they wanted was bought before her parents had a chance to put an offer in. After looking at apartments to rent, Machado decided to live in her friend's house. As a property manager, Jensen said that the best advice she can give first-time renters is to look beyond the house market.

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carry over to the university's agricul­ tural departments to a certain degree. "I'm excited because there are lot of choices," said Kurt Ponder, a business administration freshman. Ponder and his friends would like to live in a house, but they are all downtown residents and lack such experience.

Members of Housing and Residential Life know of students' problems convincing property owners that they will be responsible tenants. For this reason, they have set up partnerships with local complexes like Mustany Village and Valencia apartments, which accept referrals from Cal Poly. The departments' Web site also has rental listings for students who want to rent to students and everythin g over my head. Now, you have to get these applications in so you know where you're going to be next year so you don't end up on the street.

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You don't really know what you are supposed to do. I have always been sheltered with a roof over my head. Now, you have to get these applications in so you know where you're going to be next year so you don't end up on the street.

Malbeau began searching for a place to live after the winter break and secured a condo in early April. She has connections to property owners she already knows, and most freshmen don't. She has watched most of her friends work hard to find a suitable place to live.

"There was a condo that was open, and the first day it was on the market, one of my friends dropped off an application," Malvek said. "The stack was already so thick that he didn't even have a chance, but he did it anyway.

Malvek's friend has been searching since winter break as well, and still has not found housing. One of the major problems students in the dorms face, aside from overcrowding, is a lack of rental history. Many property owners require applicants to have at least one year experience renting.

"They are basically telling us that living in a residence hall doesn't count and you have to be living on your own," said Garrett Pender, a business administration freshman.

Ponder and his friends would like "pretty straight-forward" when it comes to decision-making. "I'm involved with several clubs, so I know what I want to ask for money for a conference, sometimes nobody wants to ask. But he's easy to work with — he'll either say 'yes' or 'no' and that's it," she said.

Walter chaired the College of Agriculture Admitted Students Day Committee and is completing his third year, working closely under Wehner's supervision. She will intern this summer with the College of Agriculture again working with Wehner on the summer advising program and other special programs.

"What impresses me the most about (Walter) is how approachable he is," Walter said. "He helped set up chairs and tables for the admitted students day barbecue. Some of us stuck around to clean up after, and there was the Dean of the College of Ag picking up chairs — one of the most miserable jobs."

Mark Shelton, Wehner's colleague, friend and College of Agriculture associate dean, has worked side by side with Wehner since they both began associate dean six years ago. "We have seen a lot of turning and respect for Dave," Shelton said. "I'm confid­ ent in his abilities. He's already established a lot of credibility as a faculty administrator on campus, and has rapidly gained the confidence of industry leaders in California since becoming dean."
Survey finds employers test for drug use

By Shane Sakae

A recent survey from the American Management Association reported that 71 percent of major U.S. companies drug test prospective and current employees, over 50 percent do so under government mandate. The survey said that there is a direct correlation between testing and test-positive results. The more testing that is administered, the fewer positive cases occur.

According to U.S. Department of Labor figures, drug use in the workplace costs employers up to $300 billion annually in lost time, accidents and health care. Most businesses cite safety reasons for drug testing.

Critics of drug testing policies say drug testing, especially urine analysis, can detect the use of illegal drugs but also detect disabilities and certain types of medications which may lead to employee job discrimination.

The American Civil Liberties Union lists a number of reasons why they are against many drug test procedures. In a briefing paper, the ACLU said the process can sometimes be unfair and unnecessary, forcing workers who are not even suspected of using drugs, and whose performance is satisfactory, to "prove" their innocence through a degrading and uncertain procedure that violates personal privacy.

After years of research, the ACLU, in 1999, urged companies across the United States to drop urine testing in the workplace, pointing to evidence that does not show a decrease in accidents or an increase in productivity.

Luisa Jackson, a 28-year-old Kapiolani Community College student from Kona who works for a tour boat company called Fair Wind Cruises, said he supports drug testing. Jackson said his profession warrants a greater concern for safety than other jobs, sailing on the open waters always involves a measure of risk.

"I think it's good for them to have a drug test... if they're going to pay me to work for them," he said. "You have to do something stupid so I think it's pretty important... to be on top of your game."

Coast Guard regulations specify that anyone working on a boat in Hawaii must be tested for drugs. In addition to a test before hiring, a random monthly drug test must also be given.

Kanani Kekai, an 18-year-old Web designer from Kaneohe, agrees with Jackson. As a former computer tutor for the Sacred Hearts Academy A+ program, Kekai had random blood and urine tests every other week. He said the results of both tests had to match up to ensure that the results were legitimate.

"I have no real grudge about it," he said. "They have to test people, as long as they do it fairly."

Kekai was responsible for guiding students younger than himself, he felt he had to set an example through his behavior.

Kenneth Ikemoto, a 22-year-old student at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, questioned the importance of drug testing in jobs such as his own, where he greets tourists at the airport.

"It's kind of irrelevant because someone can be on drugs and still work pretty good," he said.

Ikemoto said he had mixed feelings about taking the drug test. He acknowledged that after passing the test his chances of being hired would be better than someone who failed, but regrets the use of this procedure.

"It's inconvenient for me to have to take my own time to go over to a doctor's office and get tested," he said. "And it's not a big imposition on my life, but it's not like it was something I wanted to do."

Ikemoto gave a urine sample to be tested for drugs. Although there was no direct supervision, there were a few measures used to protect the results from being altered.

"The cup has a little heat thing on it so it can tell if it's warm," he said. Ikemoto said the bathroom he took the test in had no soap, to prevent attempts to alter the results by mixing the urine sample with an alien substance.

Some critics say the fact that test results can be altered is a major problem. Some patients dilute their urine samples by drinking large amounts of water or using anti-drug test solutions to mask or eliminate the presence of illicit drug residues.

Although Ikemoto said he may not have the "cleanest of histories," he still managed to pass the test without any kind of cover-up attempt.

"When I went in there, I was totally confident that I would pass," he said.

Kacee DeSouza, an assistant coordinator for the UH Alcohol & Drug Education Program, said that she thinks random testing of students is unnecessary.

"We're not dealing with a population of people that are hard-core users," she said. "(We're) dealing with a group of people that haven't really violated any kind of social norm... and if they just drink occasionally and smoke pot, I don't think they should be tested."

DeSouza did say that the use of certain drugs can be harmful to students' lives.

"Although students and faculty are not routinely drug tested, students who violate drug-seeking rules at the university usually get referred to the program for responsibility training classes."

"They come here to look at their alcohol use and see how it's impacting their lives, and maybe to reason it," she said.

DeSouza, who focuses mainly on reaching students through marketing campaigns, said that despite the image the media portrays, most students abstain from drug use.

Renee Okada, human resources manager for the Kahala Mandarin Oriental Hawaii Hotel, said all applicants are drug tested before being hired and can also be subject to future drug tests as well.

"Child if there is suspicion of drug use by the employe, we... request that they go for another testing," she said. "It's not like it was something I wanted to do."

DeSouza said that sometimes drug-testing procedures have not been finalized but will be worked out before drug testing commences.

"Right now we don't have a real problem, although it might exist," she said. "But I think we have a few problems in the past and we thought that maybe there is that a greater problem."

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union label when shopping. "I didn’t even know one existed," Bernier said. "Before I’d look for a union label I’d look for an organic label.

When picking out produce, Bernier said the organic label helps ensure he’s supporting a company that has a good relationship with its workers.

“I have mixed feelings about harvest conditions,” Bernier said. “I grew up around grapes which is a gnarly thing to harvest, but not as gnarly as picking lettuce or any other low-to-the-ground-row crop. It makes sense to have unions for them.”

Patrick Gispert, a business senior, worked a summer for Cirone Farms picking apricots, peaches and avocados. He said that by working for a small organic farm he was afforded many conditions the UFW has guaranteed to its workers.

“I was exposed to a very minimal amount of chemicals,” Gispert said. “I got paid $8 an hour for six to 10 hours a day with a lunch break. But that was at a small farm with less than four employees. I don’t know how it would be at a big place. I always try to support local farmers.”

In lieu of a visible UFW label, consumers like Gispert said they buy from smaller farms to ensure humane working conditions and low doses of pesticides.

At farmers’ market on April 18, that is what Stone ended up doing.

“I bought from a guy who lived in Santa Maria and owned his own farm,” Stone said. “At least I could support local products, but if I see the eagle I get the eagle. It’s a matter of principle.”

For a list of produce and companies that use UFW labor, visit www.ufw.org.

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Marines ready for advanced combat training.

“We just don’t see it as a huge disadvantage making the trip to Camp Pendleton,” said Col. Thomas W. Spencer, the depot’s chief of staff. “We feel the Marines trained here are every bit as good as those turned out at Parris Island or if they were trained at El Toro or somewhere else.”

The civic attachment to the recruit depot is both financial and emotional. The depot pumps $200 million into the local economy, including $20 million from 90,000 parents and family members who come to San Diego to attend graduation ceremonies each year, according to a number of economic studies.

A business park or biotechnology campus might be just as financially beneficial, but many locals doubt that other uses for the property would provide the same boost to the San Diego civic psyche.

“The Marines are part of San Diego’s identity,” said politically connected lawyer Louis Wolfsheimer. “Letting them move makes no sense.”

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Senior Katie Bourgeois sails to a 5'4.5" mark in the high jump Saturday. She went on to win with a mark of 5'8" on a day that saw the women's field team take first in several events.

Knelly Dahl set a personal record of 12' 6" in the pole vault competition, good for sixth best in Cal Poly history. That height was also good enough for an NCAA provisional qualifying mark, which works similar to a qualifying list. Athletes who have earned provisional marks are selected to fill vacant spaces in the field at the NCAA championship, if their marks do not automatically qualify for the meet.

Dahl beat her closest competitor, Benjamin Hernandez of Fresno State, by a full six inches. With the win, second, Dahl chose to clear 15' 1.25" which would have automatically qualified her for the NCAA meet.

Though she did not clear the second height, Dahl said she was happy with her improvement throughout the year.

"At the conference meet, I went to 15' 1.25," she said. "I just missed at 1.25 because that will probably get me a spot in the national meet," she said.

Sophomore Jon Takahashi also had a record day, recording two personal bests in long jump and pole vault. He tied with his showing in the long jump with a mark of 24' 3.25" before having to jog over to the pole vault pit. Once there, he said, he didn't feel good and "took off" at 15' 7" good for tenth best in Cal Poly record books and automatically earned him a slot in the NCAA tournament.

"I made a goal at the beginning of the season to go (17' 8") in the pole vault," he said. "I'll try to improve by a foot next year." Senior Kristin Bryden set a new school record in the women's hammer throw with a winning distance and personal best of 183' 9.5". The Cal Poly women finished 1-2-3 in the shot put as well. Stephanie Brown, a senior and defending Big West champion in the event, finished first followed by Bryden in second and sophomore Amanda Garcia in third. Overall, the Cal Poly women's team had a successful day, despite their third-place finish. The Mustangs captured the top four spots in the women's 5,000-meter race, with senior Jen DeGregorio finishing first, followed by junior Jessica Del Nero, junior Amber Simmons and senior Monisha Rogers.

Junior Kristin Hall won the 400-meter hurdles in a time of 1:02.67 and was followed closely by teammate Sara Bonilla, who finished second behind her at 1:02.69. In the 800-meter race, sophomore Maggie Vessey won with a time of 2:08.62. Vessey is also the defending Big West champion in the 4000-meter race.

The Cal Poly track and field team could not be more pleased as they received plaques and medals. Four members qualified for the NCAA meet.

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By Carly Haseluhn

Wildflower event proves spectular yet again

By Mike DiGiovanna

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