Bill could force Cal Poly Corp. to release records

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El Corral Bookstore may soon have to open its financial records. Campus Dining will have to share its kitchen secrets and University Graphic Systems will have to stop screening its information.

This fall state legislators will vote on a bill that would force the Cal Poly Corporation and the Cal Poly Foundation to disclose expenditures they currently keep under wraps.

Sen. Bill 218 would expand the California Public Records Act to include university auxiliary organizations, which are secondary bodies that benefit a university. The Cal Poly Corporation and foundation are auxiliary organizations categorized as nonprofit organizations.

The bill, introduced and endorsed by a bipartisan committee in the California Senate, would require the corporation to show how it spends the money it receives from various avenues including grants and donors.

Many of the corporation's executive members have expressed apprehension about the bill, which will likely be passed in the next school year and is set for January.

"We've just concerned about people dissecting what we're doing, how we're doing and how that's going to impact the services that we provide for the campus," said Bonnie Murphy, executive director of the Cal Poly Corporation, which earns profits from El Corral Bookstore, Campus Dining, University Graphics Systems, Swanton Pacific Ranch, Cal Poly Chocolates, the meat shop and other agricultural revenue outlets.

The corporation "provides a service for the university where any responses that (8) get at the end of the year are set aside to improve the operations, to maintain the operations, and so that we're in a position that if we have to reconstruct or rebuild, those funds go back into that," Murphy said.

"It's all a cycle, none of the money is taken out other than the service we provide for the university." Sen. Leland Yee (D - San Francisco), who authored the bill, aims to increase transparency among university auxiliary organizations, according to his chief of staff, Adam Keigwin. The senator has introduced several bills meant to regulate California higher education. Keigwin said, adding that these organizations take advantage of the their public status for tax reasons but do not want to disclose information that other public entities must.

We were inspired to introduce the bill after learning of denial of public records requests at state universities. At Sacramento State University, the student newspaper tried to determine the amount that the university bookstore was marking up books.

Another case centered around the Fresno Bee when it was denied access to information about how much was paid for the luxury boxes at the football stadium at Fresno State University. Keigwin called it a "quid pro quo relationship between the donations and the organization that runs the stadium.

A recent request to view the Cal Poly Corporation's investment portfolio as well as unedited tax returns was met with confusion. A representative did not know anything of records requests and after assuring reporters the corporation did not "do" requests they were referred to legal counsel.

The bills "are in the works and there is no need to worry," Keigwin said. "We're trying to do this to make sure that the public is protected as many jobs as we can.

Cal Poly Corporation was paying more than it was worth to maintain the operations, and raising the grade point average of classes, he said.

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Student falls out of third-floor dorm, no details released

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A female Cal Poly student was rushed to the hospital early Saturday morning after falling out of a window on the third floor of a dormitory, university police said.

Umbrella Police Department Commander Lori Hashim said that police responded to an emergency medical call around 4:15 a.m. from the Sierra Madre dorm. When they arrived on scene, witnesses and the personnel were preparing to transport the injured woman to Sierra Vista Hospital, where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The incident is considered to be an accident, according to university police. However, they are still actively investigating the events leading up to the incident. Hashim said. No further details have been released as of yet regarding the incident.

Schwarzenegger cuts mean no college for thousands

Steve Lawrence

SACRAMENTO (AP) —

Budget cuts proposed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger could prevent hundreds of thousands of Californians from attending college this fall, higher education officials told a legislative committee Monday.

The executive director of the California Student Aid Commission, Diana Fuentes-Michel, said the Republican governor's plan to phase out Cal Grant aid to lower-income, college-bound students could keep more than 200,000 out of classes.

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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger answers a reporters question concerning his revised state budget proposal for the coming fiscal year during a Capitol news conference in Sacramento, Calif., May 14.
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Opponents to the bill argue that the time-consuming process of granting public requests to view university auxiliary organization records would place an undue burden on those organizations.

"It's not the contracts with the university that are an issue," said Lee, who sat in on Murphy's interview with reporters. "It's when people going with off-campus, for-profit businesses, Murphy said. "We do want to make sure that we are taking care of our students on campus."

Supporters of the bill discount these concerns.

"I would say the impact in terms of aggravating them, they'll be very angry," said Tim O'Keefe, professor emeritus and Cal Poly Foundation Chair of the Californian Faculty Association, a union that represents 23,000 professors, lecturers, librarians, counselors and coaches in the California State University system.

The bill will revoke the corporation's current immunity to public public access to corporation records is particularly important when the university is facing a budget crisis, said Cal Poly CFA President Richard Saez. "It seems to me that since they deal with a lot of student funds, their transactions should be more transparent and meet the same level other agencies have to meet," he said.

The Cal Poly Corporation is "an arm of Cal Poly and student have the right to know where their money is going," Saez said.

"Even though they don't deal in state money, they deal in student money money associated with enterprises on campus and I think, in particular, in times like this, people want to know where their money is going. How much goes to athletics? How much does the bookstore make and where does it go?"

Their nonprofit status affords the foundation and the corporation certain privileges, he said.

"I think in return they owe the people who serve information on what goes on," Saez said. "It is a two-way street."

The existence of these two separate auxiliary organizations dates back to 206, when Cal Poly Foundation changed its name to the Cal Poly Corporation, upon which another nonprofit organization called the Cal Poly Foundation was formed.

The two organizations are legally able to achieve different results for the university. The foundation exists to generate and receive money such as grants and donations for the university, while the corporation is contracted to manage this money and provide for financial services.

Murphy described the split as an executive decision made by Cal Poly President Warren Baker. "It was a business decision by the university," she said. "To have a philanthropic arm for the university as well as a separate arm that manages all the other types of services that we manage. They basically split those based on the fact that they wanted a focus on donor relations and making sure there is one department that focused on working with donors and fundraising for the university to make sure the university has funds for scholarships, buildings and programs."

The change in the operations appears to be minimal as both organizations are mainly housed in the same building — under the corporation title — and seem to perform some of the same duties on paper.

According to business professor Christopher Pericle, however, a corporation and foundation, with respect to education, have different definitions and the existence of both allows for each organization to pick up after the other.

Finance professor Earl Keller said the split might have been protection for the foundation in case of a change in the tax code for the profit earning organizations within the corporation.

If it passes, the bill will apply to both organizations.
Families plead for U.S. reporters’ release

Jean H. Lee
ASSOCIATED PRESS

For weeks after North Korean guards seized Laura Ling and Euna Lee near the border with China and spirited the American journalists to Pyongyang on criminal charges, their families waited quietly for news about them.

They watched with mounting fear as an international standoff with North Korea over its rogue nuclear program deepened, with little word about the women’s imprisonment in one of the most isolated countries in the world.

Two months after their arrest, the families received letters relayed by the Swedish ambassador to the reclusive communist nation. Then out of the blue, a phone call last Tuesday — the first since the reporters vanished March 17 while on a trip near the Chinese-North Korean border.

“They were very scared; they’re very, very scared,” sister Lisa Ling, also a TV journalist who reported from China Reporters, page 4
North Korea on Monday said its reporters arrested in 2009 have waived their right to an attorney and have decided to forgo appealing their long sentences by their home country of the United States.

Breaking their silence, Ling’s sister, parents and husband appeared on the show alongside Lee’s husband and 4-year-old daughter to plead with North Korea for leniency and urge Pyongyang and Washington not to let the women become pawns in an increasingly tense geopolitical game.

Ling and Lee — reporters for San Francisco-based Current TV, a media venture started by former Vice President Al Gore — stand trial Thursday in North Korea’s highest court, accused of entering the country illegally and engaging in “hostile acts.” U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has called the allegations “baseless.”

Their trial, on charges that could land them in one of North Korea’s notoriously grim labor camps, comes at a sensitive time in the diplomatic scramble to rein in an increasingly belligerent Pyongyang.

In the past two months, North Korea has launched a long-range rocket and conducted an underground nuclear test in defiance of the U.N. Security Council. The North also abandoned international disarmament negotiations and may have restarted its plutonium reprocessing plant. On Monday, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the regime appeared to be preparing a long-range missile.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — California’s three-member State Lands Commission has passed a resolution urging the Legislature not to support a proposed new oil drilling project off the Santa Barbara coast.


The state Finance Department’s chief deputy director Tom Sheehy had left the meeting before the vote was held, citing a death in the family. Department spokesman H.D. White said Sheehy’s father-in-law was killed in a traffic accident.

Last year, Houston-based Plains Exploration & Production Co. unveiled an unprecedented deal with longtime anti-oil conservationists in Santa Barbara County to allow the state’s first new offshore oil project in more than 40 years.

CHICO, Calif. (AP) — Chico police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man outside a fraternity party.

Authorities say a 25-year-old man was found early Sunday in the driveway of the Delta Phi Delta fraternity house.

The fraternity is not officially affiliated with Chico State University, and campus spokesman Joe Wills says the victim was not a student.

Witnesses told police they heard several gunshots and saw a man running from the area. The victim’s name has not yet been released.
You're right. I talk a big game. I basically declared war on the Sex and Dating column at the beginning of this quarter, tried to change from its former mediocrity. I haven't been able to please everyone all of the time, but I have managed to meet the goal I set at the start of this adventure. Except one inclusiveness.

What? You protest. Haven't I, somewhere in this sarcastic mess of a column, addressed an LGBT issue, sexual health information and even a topic most sex columnists find too graphic to discuss? Yes, but I've been working with an assumption that is, believe it or not, wrong: All college students have sex.

I lied to you. My abstinent
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You're doin’ it wrong!

By Jenna Ray

readers. But honestly, I don’t have enough to say about abstinence for an entire column. I’m not abstinent, but I have nothing against it. Yawn. This is the kind of column I hated reading for the last four years. But I want those of you who are not sexually active to know that you’re not alone. Many people don’t have sex. I’m making the conscious decision to not get it on right now because it would be very difficult to write this column. So, to at least find a compromise for this inclusiveness issue, here is a list I made of very good reasons for not having sex:

1. When you are not emotionally ready for it.
2. When you don’t have protection with you.
3. When one, both or all of you are drunk.
4. When you are at a funeral.
5. When you are at a family reunion.
6. When you are at or before a job interview. And to be clear, I include this on the list not because you won’t get the job, but because using this method to obtain a job will set a standard for the position(s) you take at the company.
7. During the third trimester of your pregnancy.
8. When you need to take something out of the oven in 15 seconds.
9. When doing any kind of project that involves super glue.
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12. When you are on a bunk bed that you share with a roommate.
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Event adds flavor to local charities

Bridget Veltri
MUSTANG DAILY

Locals showed up to toast and taste the town for a good cause on a sunny Sunday afternoon in Mitchell Park.

The first annual "Flavor of SLO" event raised money to benefit Alpha Counseling and support the United Way of San Luis Obispo.

"This was something that you needed a lot of organization for," business senior Jessica Sisco said.

"Both the United Way and Alpha have been so helpful.

While these charities may have helped Sisco with the organization of the event, the community was their true beneficiary.

"Alpha is a pregnancy counseling and support center and we provide nonjudgmental services in both a practical and emotional way," said Jen Miller, an employee for the organization.

"Pretty much all the needs that a new mother would have in a challenging situation we provide."

United Way chief operating officer Charlene Rosales explained the charity’s purpose.

"We support health and human service programs by raising funds to distribute funds to local nonprofit agencies," he said.

The event was created by Sisco to allow locals to experience restaurants in an affordable and beneficial way.

More than 23 local restaurants, wineries and breweries showed up to support the cause while promoting their products.

"A lot of businesses are really gracious and willing to help support nonprofit organizations and we were really lucky to have their help," Sisco said.

"And several vendors were happy to be contributing to the cause." 

"Anytime you can pour beer in a community, it’s pretty fun," Spike’s bartender Danny Kramer said.

Doug Beckett, co-owner of Peachy Canyon Winery, was excited to benefit the day’s featured charities and to support a Cal Poly senior project.

"We have supported Cal Poly for many years," Beckett said.

"We have always felt that the kids coming out of Poly are going to make a difference in the future and this was a project put together by a student senior project and right away it appealed to us."

Sisco was pleased with the variety of food and business.

"We contacted almost every restaurant in town," she said.

"We wanted to get some restaurants that maybe people had never been to and give people a chance to try something new. We welcomed all restaurants and the same goes for the wineries and breweries."

Food wasn’t the only thing on display. Local bands Central Currency and Criticnuere serenaded patrons as they tasted and toasted the afternoon away.

"It’s just a really good cause; playing an outdoor show on a beautiful day is just hard to say no to," lead vocalist and guitarist for Central Currency Dave Carlien said.

"All these other businesses are donating their stuff, it’s a lot of good people coming together to do good things."

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As we are rapidly approaching finals week, the light at the end of the tunnel is becoming increasingly brighter. Summer, and the free­
doms that come with it, can entail both stress and reliefs. One of the main economic
predicaments. Whereas Cal Poly once boasted about the plentiful job offers that ranged down in its graduates only a few years ago,
now we envy anyone with a steady paycheck. But even with today’s lim­
ited options, there are still some prime summer internships up for grabs. And I’m not talking about the filing-and-copying variety.

Building more sustainable cities is going to take a lot of work. Living in a one­planet lifestyle, in a one­planet city, implies we’ve halted our outsourcing of climate changing emissions and we are using our share of resources efficiently. This level of local planning and organization will require us to imagine new programs and projects that will create the sustainable infra­
structure of the future. Young activists are already proving that they’re hungry for jobs in these fields.

Case in point: The Summer of Solutions, a two­month program created and run by a group of students at Macalester College, in St.
Paul, Minn. Instead of leaving the Twin Cities, the students used their summer break to envision the city they wanted to live and work in.
Be the energy: They had created local partnerships, networks and projects deal­
ing with issues such as energy efficiency, local food production and renewable energy.

One of the most successful projects that the students worked on the ground last summer was called Cooperative Energy Fina­
tures. The energy services project connected local con­
tractors with neighborhood groups to mediate a large number of houses under one contract. Together, the homeowners bought all the necessary items in bulk and then signed a group con­tract with an energy ef­
ciciency expert.

Focusing on one neigh­
borhood meant the contrac­
tors could serve more homes while reducing transportation costs, and it also ensured the contractor a consistent source of revenue. The volunteers at Cooper­
ative Energy Futures con­
ducted the research and development and assisted in helping the different groups find each other. The cooperative hopes to continue
the project through 2010 and other opportunities to local food production and renewable energy.

Many green economy jobs — such as the ones a business like the Competitive Energy Futures could provide — don’t quite exist yet. But that’s not stopping these students from train­
ing for them now. “We need to create the op­
portunities from the ground level, where there isn’t necessarily capacity to do it,” Macalester student Timothy Den Herder­Thomas said.

“To fix the problems, we need to figure out a way to build a society that works… Yet no one knows what that looks like.”

This summer, the program will continue and expand to include in­
clude 13 more cities across the United States, including West Coast cities like Seattle, Portland and Eugene. Funded by local, regional and national grants, the students will begin working on projects that will help them develop their cities into places where local opportunities, climate and green energy solutions and social justice abound.

Den Herder­Thomas said that he hopes that the program will produce self­sustaining init­
itiatives that could eventually offer career op­portunities for those involved. In addition, he hopes that the Summer of Solutions 2009 can help to build a model for cities interested in glo­

bally concerned — we love to f"ind that spending an extended period of time in their own communities.” Since 1995 FSD has partnered with grassroots organ­
izations in the developing world, providing them with human resources, financial resources and technical assistance.

FSD works with local development organ­
izations in Nicaragua, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, Uganda, Kenya and India. The local organizations work in a wide range of areas re­
lated to sustainable development: microfinance, environment, health, youth and education, women’s empowerment, community develop­
ment and human rights.

The cornerstone of FSD’s work is the Inter­
national Program, through which individuals participate in a volunteer internship with a local development organization for anywhere from 3 to 52 weeks. Along with the intern’s work re­

cial expertise, FSD also runs shorter­term programs, including its “citizen trips.” 

Adventure Travel for the Service­minded, summer ser­
vice travel for students.

The volunteer programs are in­

tegrated with homestays with local families and trips to provide volunteers with a cultural immersion experience. Historically, most of FSD’s volun­
teeers have been college students and graduate students, but as a result of recent outreach efforts, an increasing number of professionals are par­
ticipating in FSD pro­
grams. Although most of FSD’s volunteers are American, citizens of many other countries, such as Canada, the UK, Singapore, Japan, Spain, New Zealand, Australia and India have participated.

So while the current job market might seem bleak, it’s important to remember that there are still some options out there. And I encourage you to make the most of your summer — to affect the most positive change that you can with the time available. And have fun with it. You’re only young for so long. As Maya An­
gelou once succinctly put it:

“Life’s a bitch. You’ve got to go out and kick ass.”

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PARIS — Roger Federer knows full well, of course, that Rafael Nadal is no longer around this year to bedevil him in his bid to stand between him and a French Open title.
Federer insists he is not thinking about that, not thinking ahead. Still, Federer sure did play as if it preoccupied him for part of two hours Monday, dropping the first two sets of his fourth-round match against 63rd-ranked Tommy Haas of Germany.
One point from letting Haas serve for the victory, Federer conjured up one particularly spectacular forgone that managed to change the entire flow of things. That point spurred a run of nine consecutive games, including a 6-7 (4), 6-7 (6), 6-2, 6-5, 6-2 victory over Haas and a berth in the quarterfinals at Roland Garros.
"I kind of knew I was going to look back on that shot. That saved me," Federer said. "I was in quite some trouble.
"But he escaped. With two more victories, Federer will reach a fourth consecutive final at the French Open, the only Grand Slam championship he has yet to win, instead of Nadal in each of the past three finals and in the 2003 semifinals, but Federer's 31-match winning streak at the clay-court major tournament ended Sunday against Rafael Nadal.
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Prosecutors appeal ruling tossing out Bonds evidence

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SAN FRANCISCO — Federal prosecutors urged an appeals court to let them present evidence they say shows Barry Bonds knowingly used steroids, arguing Monday it was mistakenly thrown out by a trial court judge on the eve of his perjury trial earlier this year.

Among the evidence that prosecutors say is key to their case are three urine samples they say belong to Bonds and tested positive for the steroids, methenolone and nandrolone. Prosecutors allege Bonds’ personal trainer, Greg Anderson, collected the samples for testing at the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operator, the headquarter of a massive sports-doping ring busted by federal investigators in 2003.

In February, U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston banned evidence connected to Anderson because of his refusal to testify at Bonds’ trial. Anderson has told the judge he would go to jail rather than testify.

Anderson spent more than a year in prison for previously refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating Bonds.

Illston also barred an alleged “doping calendar” kept by Anderson, log books maintained at the lab and other evidence produced by the trainer. The judge said there’s no way to prove the

Barry Bonds, seen in this undated file photo, won a major fight in his perjury lawsuit when crucial prosecution evidence was not allowed.