Cal Poly agriculture has its day in the plaza

By Ron Nielsen
Staff Writer

A piece of the country came to Mission Plaza Saturday during the annual Farm City Day.

Twenty-one Cal Poly agriculture clubs brought petting zoos, displays and demonstrations to the plaza to help expose and educate the public to the importance of agriculture. Fun was also on the agenda as clubs competed in a series of Olympic-style events.

Farm City Day chairwoman Shanna Geiger said the summer-like weather may have reduced attendance at the event, but the day's purpose shone through. "We are here to share the activities of Cal Poly's School of Agriculture with the community," she said.

The Cutting and Reining Club demonstrated calf roping skills with a recently-purchased mechanical horse and calf.

An organic gardening display by the Ornamental Horticulture Club demonstrated ways to garden without using pesticides or commercial fertilizers. Quick composting methods, beneficial insects and safe ways to control fleas were among the information available at the popular booth.

Faculty adviser Patti Breckenridge said many of the non-poisonous techniques are useful for homeowners and ranchers with children and pets around the house. "We thought people might be interested in seeing alternative ways to take care of their plants," she said.

Students of the American Institute of Floral Design handed out colorful corsages to visitors, and the Natural Resource Management Club had mystery boxes in which people were invited to feel and identify parts of nature. A Holstein cow displayed by the Los Lecheros Dairy Club stood patiently in the sun while students of the American Institute of Floral Design handed out colorful corsages to visitors.

Cal Poly entry previewed

Parade president visits

By Julie Jordan
Staff Writer

The president of the Tournament of Roses, in his first visit to San Luis Obispo, previewed Cal Poly's entry for the coming parade.

Fred Sodwell and his wife were invited to Cal Poly for a promotional visit during the weekend by the Rose Float Club. Michelle Slice, vice chairman of the Cal Poly Rose Float Committee, said, "The president usually goes to Cal Poly Pomona, so we are really excited to have him come here instead."

Sodwell was given a tour of San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly and attended a meeting Friday with Cal Poly President Warren Baker.

Campaign will raise funds for engineers

By Chris Barks
Staff Writer

A five-year campaign to raise $30 million for the Cal Poly School of Engineering was unveiled by university and campaign officials Friday morning.

The Benchmark for Excellence in Undergraduate Engineering Education Campaign is geared toward enabling the School of Engineering to establish a national standard for quality in undergraduate training, said Duane Bruley, dean of the school.

"Our faculty and staff have done a marvelous job of adapting outdated equipment to provide an up-to-date education," Bruley said, adding, "But the job is getting more difficult all the time. We need major assistance from industry."

Through funds raised in the campaign, the school hopes to upgrade laboratory equipment, expand its facilities and allow students to have access to state-of-the-art technology. These improvements will help Cal Poly engineering programs maintain and build on their status as among the best in California, Bruley said.

In addition, the funds will make it possible for the school to concentrate on its goal of developing a standard other universities will adopt in undergraduate engineering education.

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Passage of San Luis Obispo County Measure A would give residents a direct vote on whether onshore oil support facilities are to be built along our coastline. The measure does not provide for a vote of the people in matters regarding offshore oil platforms, but does give residents a say in our county's economy and physical character.

Presently, the county Board of Supervisors is the governing body in determining whether permits to onshore support facilities are issued. Measure A would require that any permits receiving the backing of the board also receive support of the people. A general or special election would be held to determine if county residents approve of such a facility.

Because the federal government has jurisdiction in any offshore oil activities, Measure A is the only means the people of this county can have to control the economic complexion and natural beauty of our coastline. Only two of the county's five supervisors have come out in opposition to the measure, which indicates that the majority of the board is concerned about the welfare the people want, and not necessarily what the county government wants. Opponents of the measure argue that it would take policy decisions out of the hands of the experts and place them in the hands of the laymen. This is indubitable, but not necessarily bad. If county workers adequately prepare the public for such a vote, then we should have no problem in casting a vote that will accomplish our goal.

The Mustang Daily Editorial Board urges a yes vote on San Luis Obispo County Measure A.

Reconfirm Bird

Those arguing to oust Chief Justice Rose Bird and Justice Joseph Grodin and Cruz Reynoso from the California Supreme Court claim that the issue at hand is the death penalty. They couldn't be further from the truth.

Our court systems were set up to provide a stabilizing force in the government. For this reason they should be allowed to make their decisions without being swayed by public opinion.

An independent judiciary is perhaps the greatest strength of American democracy. If Bird and other justices are removed from the court, it will set a terrible precedent. Judges will be forced to become overly concerned about their own reconfirmation. The concept of justice will go out the window as judges worry about establishing a voting record that meets with the public's approval.

Public opinion does have its place — that's why we have congressmen, senators, lobbyists and elections. To bring public opinion into the courts would be tantamount to having the entire population of California vote on every case before the courts.

Our judges are there for a reason. Let them do their jobs.

The Mustang Daily Editorial Board encourages support of all six Supreme Court justices for reappointment.

Greek's don't deserve negative stereotypes

Editor — After reading the letter by Mark Dellavecchia in the Daily (Oct. 20), I felt impelled to write a response. Being part of the Greek community at Cal Poly, which is comprised of 2,000 fraternity and sorority members, it goes beyond saying that Dellavecchia does NOT speak for the majority of students and its attendance. At the first home football game, which was played on Sept. 13 against Cal State Chico, Cal Poly drew 4,330 fans. This home attendance figure, which has been the highest to date, happened to occur over a week before school started and several days before even the WOWies arrived.

There are numerous instances of this cause and effect relationship between a team's record and its attendance. At the first home football game, which was played on Sept. 13 against Cal State Chico, Cal Poly drew nearly 4,300 fans. This home attendance figure, which has been the highest to date, happened to occur over a week before school started and several days before even the WOWies arrived.

The old "love 'em when they win — hate 'em when they lose" concept can also be applied to the University. Unsigned editorials reflect the majority of the Editorial Board, consisting of the editor, managing editor, special sections editors, sports editor and editorial page editor. Produced by University Graphic Systems. Mustang Daily Editor is located in the Graphic Arts Building, Room 226. Copyright 1986 by Mustang Daily.
63 injured in jetliner mishap

TOKYO (AP) — A Thai Airways jetliner lost cabin pressure and began sailing violently after passengers heard a loud bang, and police said a hole three feet in diameter was found in the cabin floor after an emergency landing. They said 63 people were hurt, nine seriously.

Police spokesman Kunio Otsuka said the bang sounded shortly after 8 p.m. as the A-300 Airbus was flying at 33,000 feet, about 145 miles west of Osaka International Airport. He said the cause of the noise and drop in pressure was not known.

He told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that the hole was found in the rear cabin floor after landing, but refused to elaborate.

"It's too early to tell," he said when asked if there was an explosion. He said some people were hurt when the cabin pressure dropped.

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The airport cleared a runway and had ambulances and fire trucks standing by when the airplane landed at 8:40 p.m.

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Gas prices fall but trend could cease

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Gasoline prices continued their seasonal downward crawl, dipping nearly a cent per gallon in the past two weeks, an industry analyst said Sunday. But the traditional price drop after the peak summer driving season could be foiled as dealers struggle with a discrepancy between their retail and wholesale prices, Trilby Lundberg said.

"Retail drops may slow, and consumers could find prices stabilizing nationally throughout the winter holidays," she said.

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ATTENTION

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Prop. 65 examines water, toxics

By Ken Miller

Clean water for drinking and agriculture is the stated goal of Proposition 65. Better known as the clean water initiative, Prop. 65 was started and is endorsed by the Sierra Club, but is opposed by farming groups. It entails the following:

- Prohibiting the discharge of any of a list of substances which could possibly be passed into the current or potential source of drinking water. The proposition doesn't differentiate between naturally-occurring substances found in the soil.
- Requiring that everyone be warned of all fruits and vegetables, up through the retail level, exposed to and containing even minor residues of a listed chemical.
- Allowing people to sue farmers or private corporations if "detectable amounts" of one of the listed chemicals are contained in run-off from a field. Anyone bringing suit and winning will keep 25 percent of all civil or criminal fines collected as a reward.

The proposition has drawn strong opposition from leaders in agriculture. Henry Voss, president of the California Farm Bureau, said, "Prop. 65 is a declaration of war against California agriculture."

Charles Crabb, associate professor in the crop science department at Cal Poly, said there are three things wrong with the initiative. "The first is the way the legislation set up their strategy. Certain sections of the population weren't included, such as homeowners who flush pollutants down their toilets all the time. The writers of this initiative knew the legislation wouldn't pass if people like this were included," he said.

"The second reason is because the initiative is badly worded, therefore unworkable. Words like 'detectable levels' are misleading, because whether it's 'parts per billion' or 'parts per trillion' doesn't mean much biologically, unless it's a very toxic chemical. Our bodies can withstand levels like these," Crabb added.

Crabb also questioned the validity of the rewards for bringing lawsuits, called the "bounty hunter" section of the proposition. "Is there any way of telling who put the 'pollutant' there? Bounty hunters are obviously going to sue wealthy sources, because there's really no way that wealthy source can prove it didn't put that 'pollutant' there," he said.

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Lady Mustangs lose to No. 2-ranked San Jose despite enthusiastic crowd

By Elmer Ramos

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team, despite a boost by a deafening crowd, lost its match to San Jose State on Friday night in five games.

The possibility of a Mustang win seemed real enough in the middle of the match, but then the Lady Mustangs' energy fizzled.

'We seemed to lose our competitive spirit; we had a little trouble sustaining it at the end,' — Mike Wilton

They let the match slip away, 8-15, 15-10, 13-15, 15-12, 15-10.

A victory over San Jose State would have meant upsetting the nation's No. 2 team — the Mustangs already ambushed top-ranked San Diego State last week — in a seven-day span.

Poly bounced back Saturday night, easily dispatching Fresno State in an hour, 15-10, 15-8, 15-10. The 11th-ranked Mustangs are 16-9 overall and 8-5 in conference play.

The second of Cal Poly's touchdowns, and the first by way of a Connecticut turnover, came when running back Carlos Adams ran untouched around the right side for the 7-yard score. The play, which was the only of the abbreviated drive, was set up by a Blue Devil fumble on their own 7-yard line.

The Mustangs' second quarter field goal, which put them ahead 17-7, was made possible by an interception and 46-yard run back by safety Terrill Brown. The interception, which was Brown's fifth of the season, was the first of two that Cal Poly would pick up on the day.

The only successful long drive by the Mustangs started on their own 30-yard line after the Blue Devils had taken the early lead, 7-0. Including five running plays and one pass, the drive was capped by way of Blue Devil miscues.
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ped off by a 24-yard touchdown
run by Adams.

Filling in for Jim Gedde, who
sat out the game with a rib in­ju­ry, Adams accounted for the bulk
of the Mustangs' second quarter
offense by picking up 55 yards in
the quarter.

Finishing the game with 58
yards rushing, Adams was out­shined
only by starter Todd
Henderson, who picked up 90
yards on 16 carries.

While the Mustang defense
managed to score in the second
quarter, it really never put up
impressive numbers. On the day,
the offense picked up only 159
yards rushing and 117 passing.

Six Cal Poly turnovers kept
the Blue Devils in the game and
put the injury-depleted defense
on the spot by forcing it to re­main
on the field.

"The offense created so many
problems for our defense that
we're really fortunate we won the
football game," said Mustang
coach Jim Sanderson.

The third of the Mustang tur­novers, which occurred at the
end of the first quarter, was the
most costly for Cal Poly, stop­ping
an offensive drive and
leading to a Blue Devil
touchdown.

The turnover came when
Mustang quarterback Robert
Perez, looking to connect with
Lance Martin for a 29-yard
touchdown bomb, was in­tercepted by Connecticut's Troy
McMullen in the end zone.

Taking the ball at their own
20-yard line following the
touchback, the Blue Devils mar­ched
the ball 80 yards down the
field in 20 plays for the score.

The Cal Poly defense, which
has suffered many injuries in the
past several weeks, held up pret­ty
well against the pass-oriented
Blue Devils. Throwing for 251
yards, Connecticut quarterback
John Cavanagh completed only
two long passes against the beat­up
Mustang secondary.

Sanderson, who had trouble
saying anything good about Cal
Poly's overall performance, said
the defense performed as well as
could be expected.

"It still broke down," he said.

"I'm not that unhappy with the
defense except for a couple of
plays."

The injury-ridden Cal Poly
defense was dealt another blow
in the third quarter when Brown
went out with an injury.

Brown's early departure forced
Sanderson to move cornerback
Bobby Brandon back to his orig­inal
free safety position and to
bring in Damon Shows, who has
sat out the last several weeks
with a knee injury.

Sanderson said that Shows
was only about 70 percent
healthy and that he would rather
not have played him.

Linebacker Tom Gallo, who
leads the team in tackles with 52,
sat out the game with what may
be an abdominal pull or a hernia.
Splitting time in filling Gallo's
shoes were several linebackers,
who helped starter Rich
Bosseimann control the Blue
Devil running game.

Bosseimann, who finished the
day with a team-high eight
tackles, led a Cal Poly defense
which held Connecticut to zero
yards rushing on 33 carries.

The loss dropped Central Con­necticut's record to 0-7, while the
Mustangs are now 3-3 overall
and 1-1 in the conference.
VOLLEYBALL

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After winning the second set, San Jose took a 13-11 lead in the third set. Poly did not let them get any further, rallying with four unanswered points to steal the match.

Then the Mustangs' early-match magic began to fade. San Jose's All-America hitter Lisa Lee, who had been quiet the first three games, came to life. Her thunderous spikes riddled the Poly defense and carried San Jose to a four-set win.

The two teams traded points to begin the rubber match but San Jose pulled to a 10-7 lead. While San Jose continued to rack up the points, the Poly hitters were having trouble breaking through blocks or finding seams in the Spartans' defense.

But with San Jose at match point, 14-4, the rolling crowd of 2,104 came to its feet, screaming for a comeback. Hemesbergh and Erin Dieters stuffed a San Jose spike and Carol Tschasar served an ace to close the gap, but the heroes stopped there.

"We thought we had a chance to come back," said Hansen. "Even when they led 14, we thought we had a chance." 

Wilton said the Mustangs were out-gunned by the Spartans at the end. "They have a lot more weapons than we do. We need some people who can really stick the ball. We had some mental lapses that really took the wind out of our sails.

To complete San Jose's effort with 16 kills and 29 digs, Vera Pendergast had 15 kills and 27 digs, and Theresa Smith added 13 kills and 26 digs.

Hamersbach was steady as usual, collecting 133 assists and 22 digs.

For former Mustang Shawa DiBlasio, appearing at the Main Gym for the first time since she transferred to San Jose a year ago, was greeted with a smattering of boos. She collected 13 kills and 24 digs.

Despite the tough loss, Poly was able to come back the next night and make quick work of Sfreno State.

Hansen had another fast start, nailing 10 of her first 11 kill attempts. She again led the team, with 13 kills for a .454 hitting percentage. Carol Tschasar also helped the West Coast power.

Poly will face the 10th-ranked Stanford Cardinal in a non-conference match 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Main Gym.
TOXICS

Engineers

From page 1, president and group executive of Litton Industries, there is concern among the high-tech industries in California that there has been erosion among the engineering disciplines at the college level.

Given the fact that the economy of California is dependent on the strength of the state's high-tech industries, it is important that the current level of technical excellence is maintained. This calls for well-trained engineers, Brann said.

"I think industry wants to repay that debt by making sure that Poly has the equipment to maintain its high standards," said Brann. The fund-raiser offers them an opportunity to do that, he said.

Bruley said the Benchmark Campaign began in 1984 and has already raised $21.8 million from private, corporate and government support. The goal of $30 million was decided upon this year after compiling a list of needs drawn up by the School of Engineering's faculty. Bruley added that the campaign consists of two phases. Ultimately, the school hopes to raise up to $70 million, he said.

"In the high-tech universities, it's the funding from industry that makes the difference between the average institution and a truly great institution," said Brann.

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FARM

From page 1, her calf sought refuge from the heat in the shade of hay bales.

Agriculture Day Olympics held on the Mission Prep High School lawn, clubs participated in egg throwing, cow chip tossing, milk drinking and a sack race. The Ornamental Horticulture Club took the overall prize and a nail pounding competition was needed to decide a tie for third place.

The ABM club took the milk chug competition, just edging out the Dairy Club who were favored coming into the event. The team of Joe Clokey and Russ Autrey of the Ornamental Horticulture Club had the softest hands in the egg toss. Mumbleings of "hardboiled, hardboiled" that filtered through the crowd were silenced when the egg splattered on the grass in the final toss.

The Agricultural Engineering Society won the cow chip toss in a competition that judged accuracy over distance. The Dairy Club used a blistering third leg of the sack race by Tim Vanderven and Mark Wesen to win that event.

calendar

Monday 27

• The Robert E. Kennedy Library Reference Department will offer free computer literature searches in medicine and related topics from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in Kennedy Library Room 202. The searches, made by telephone connection to the National Library of Medicine's database of medical literature, would cost $5 to $15 at any other time. Searches will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tuesday 28

• The staff of the Hobby Garage will be on hand to answer questions at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the University Union Plaza. A propane/gasoline-powered vehicle will be on display, and KCPR's "Dr. Grease" will be present to answer general automotive questions.

• ASI will sponsor an open forum on "Equal Educational Equity" to discuss fair admission standards for minorities at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the San Luis Lounge.

• Disabled Awareness Day activities will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the University Union Park. Activities will include a wheelchair obstacle course, complete with ramps and pylons; and wheelchair sports, such as ping pong, tennis and volleyball. The event is sponsored by Disabled Students Unlimited.

Submissions contributed for consideration for publication in Calendar must be received by noon two days prior to the event.