School of Ag stages Poly Royal alternate

"Agri View" attracted thousands for activities.

By Meredith Behrmann
Special to the Daily

While most people stayed inside their homes on a rainy Saturday morning last weekend, many students were busy working welcoming visitors to "Poly Agri View," the School of Agriculture's answer to the absence of Poly Royal.

Thirty-two clubs and nine departments within the School of Agriculture participated in the two-day event, which attracted thousands of visitors, parents and alumni.

Friday was aimed toward students, with educational exhibits and morning tours focusing on the agricultural displays. Saturday, which was geared more for adults, did not include as much hands-on learning but still featured close-up views of the agricultural units.

The guests, who were personally invited by individual departments and clubs, were able to choose from a wide variety of educational displays, Ewing judging and tractor demonstrations, horse shows, apple manufacturing and dairy showmanship.

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Cattle to blame in Poly Canyon

For the past three years, Poly Canyon has been a favorite mountain biking area of mine. Imagine the frustration I felt when I discovered that the canyon has now been closed to bikes. Those responsible for closing it state that mountain bikers are destroying the environment. I find the sudden concern over "the environment" (as expressed by Larry Rathbun and Doug Gerardi in a recent Mustang Daily article) grimly humorous when one considers how little the destruction caused by cattle evidently matters in the past. More than likely, cattle have been responsible for the damage in Poly Canyon since they crop in the creeks, turn the roads into a mire of mud and manure, and destroy ground cover. If concern for the environment was a big issue, eliminate the cows from Poly Canyon, not the mountain bikers.

The most serious erosion problems in the Canyon occur on the roads which were hastily bulldozed to drainage and which serve as passageways for maintained and undercurtured cattle. Mountain bikers should not be blamed for this. As for the issue of open gates — let them be. I personally have found it easier to jump over the gates than to open them anyway.

Finally, I find it hard to stomach the fact that a handful of Ag students and their cows got to romp around in this huge and beautiful area while the rest of us thousands of Cal Poly students are restricted to riding our bikes on a painted green strip below the science building.

Monte Reinders
Civil Engineering

Correction

For the record — In the April 22, 1991, issue of Mustang Daily, the softball article contained incorrect facts and quotes.

• Lisa Johnson started and won the first game.

• Joe Tarica was the mercy rule winner in the fifth inning.

• The team did not move into first place in the CCAA.

Larre Sterling
Investigative Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ELECTION LETTERS

David Kapic

I am writing this letter as a concerned student based upon my experiences as a member of the Board of Directors for two years.

Our current ASI President claims he is "truly enviable," honest and open." I urge all students to consider this track record for himself.

He has done well with ethnic relations, but he has failed miserably with community relations. After hearing Mayor Ron Dunin on April 12, 1991, I am concerned that the future of the Student Community Liaison Committee is uncertain. Our Mayor speaks of an ASI president that was unresponsive and inflexible in the role of a communication link between students and the city.

Our current ASI President has put much acclaim to his lobbying trips, yet budget cuts are mandated by the Board of Trustees and are already cutting effect.

His entire image as a "people person" might he examine in his Mustang Daily quote "They should accept you for who you are. And if they don't like you, fuck 'em. You can quote me on that one. Fuck 'em." I wonder what this attitude gets him with President Warren Bakar, with whom he claims to have only met four times during his term. Even this statistic has been questioned for validity.

Taylor even missed the annual meeting of the University President's Cabinet which deste- mines crucial decisions for next year and future planning. Many believe our ASI president has simply gotten through this year by riding the coattails of his staff and by covering up the blunders until election time.

There is an alternative — Dave Kapic. An honest, hardworking and ethical student leader who is in touch with all student needs, not a simple few. Your vote will only make the difference.

Let your voice be heard on Wednesday.

Michael J. Gomes
Former vice chair of ASI Board of Directors

Adam Taylor

Cal Poly ASI elections are an aspect of our students' lives that do have a significant impact which many students do not anticipate. I would like to take this opportunity to offer additional information to the students so that they will be able to make an educated decision in the presidential runoff. Adam Taylor is and has been an honest, straightforward and effective president for Cal Poly. Students must consider what is needed and what can be done by the ASI president.

I am not one who claims to know it all or run the whole show, but I am one who interrogates change, takes risks, encourages his staff to produce results and has the backbone to stand up for the students when needed. Adam is in touch with his students on this campus and all the programs ASI provides. Adam has supported many of the programs we are all involved in, explores the options available and most importantly, places emphasis on the needs of students and program prospering, but not at the expense of others.

It is for these reasons that I support and endorse Adam Taylor for ASI President. If you voted for me in the preliminary election, you will best match that vote by voting for Adam Taylor in the runoff.

I am confident in his integrity and dedication to the student body. Special interest groups are a fact of politics, and Adam does not "buy in" to these political pressures either. I was courted by representatives from the athletics groups, and had I signed their document pledging my complete support to an IRA rise in fees. I would have received the complete support of the athletes in the election. By not signing the contract, it was interpreted that I was anti-athletic, which I am not. I believe that athletics is an important part of Cal Poly life and students need to make the decision if they wish to place approximately a million dollars of their money a year into this program.

The importance of the situation is to realize that Adams also feels athletics is an important part of student life, and if you examine his track record, you see he has played an active role in this sensitive issue. More importantly, if the students of Cal Poly want their ASI president to represent them in all endeavors, they must not allow a president who "makes deals." Where is the representation there? Adam has been vocal on the issues, and would not, for any contract with special interest groups and maintain the strength to stand firmly on his feet for all of the students at Cal Poly.

Adam supports the WOW program, athletics, ethnic studies programs, Greeks and the many other groups on campus, and it would be in the best interest of all students to elect a president who has the experience, understanding and drive to make a difference. Working on the ASI executive staff this year I have seen this difference and have seen things happen.

As students we may not have seen "instant" results, yet in this past year Adam and his staff have brought you proposed city zoning plans changes, extended library hours, the initial stages of a teacher evaluation catalog, an ethnic relations committee and ASI Week for the students among many other changes.

As many of you know, Adam is the one who has the strength of knowledge and experience in representing the students with the proposed state budget cuts. This is not an issue to be taken lightly, and Adam is the candidate who would be able to represent the students efficiently and with strength in Sacramento.

Vice Wednesday to let your vote be heard, and vote for a student who has the strength and ability to make a difference.

Kim Forrester
ASI Marketing Coordinator
Women stride forward in Japanese elections

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese voters have elected the nation's first woman mayor and placed a record number of women in local assembly seats, unofficial results from nationwide local elections showed today.

Another woman swept Sunday was Hitoshi Motomura, the mayor of Nagasaki, who was wounded by an ultra-right wing woman last year after saying Emperor Hirohito bore some responsibility for World War II. He was re-elected to a four-year term.

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Doctor warns students of cancer risks

By Tracy Condron

Skin Cancer. Any mention of it on the beach, in the midst of sunbathers, and you could find yourself with a full­
ful of sand in your face. However, skin cancer is a growing concern among physicians, and being educated about this form of cancer could save your life.

"It's not impossible for someone in their early 20s to get skin cancer, but someone in their late 30s or early 40s is much more likely," said Richard Ascoli, a Cal Poly Health Center physician.

Ascoli said it is important that students, especially those with fair skin, are informed about skin cancer.

According to the Neutrogena Skin Care Institute, last year more than 600,000 Americans were newly diagnosed with skin cancer, making it the most common form of the disease.

Exposure to the sun is the greatest known risk factor in the cause of skin cancer.

Skin cancer can be most readily cured when it is discovered early and treated promptly. Being informed about the disease and aware of its symptoms can mean a battle with this sometimes deadly cancer.

There are three major types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and malignant melanoma.

Basal cell carcinoma is the most common. The basal layer of the skin is the deepest layer of the epidermis (the top layer of skin) and usually starts as a small shiny bump on areas which are normally unprotected from the sun, such as the head, neck, or hand, and it grows slowly. When untreated, the bump may crust over or bleed. It may grow but is not usually life-threatening.

Squamous cell carcinoma is common­ly found on the face and ear tips as a knobby-like bump or as red blemishes. Squamous cells are present in a layer directly above the basal layer of skin.

Squamous cell cancer, less common than basal cell cancer, tends to grow faster. It is also more likely to "metas­"tate," meaning it will spread to other internal systems of the body, which can, in turn, become cancerous.

The last type of skin cancer is melanoma, and it is the most dangerous. This cancer begins in the melanocytes, the skin cells that produce the dark protective pigment called melanin. When exposed to sunlight, the melanin in skin increases to form a protective layer in the form of a suntan. Melanoma consists of melanocytes which have been transformed into can­
cer cells that grow uncontrollably. Once colonies of melanoma cells reach vital internal organs and grow, they are much more difficult to treat, making melanoma a potentially lethal form of cancer.

Ascoli said that if people know the symptoms, they are more likely to seek treatment. Sometimes, though, they wait too long. "If you get care early, you can cut the cancer off," Ascoli said.

Melanoma shows up looking like a mole. If a mole undergoes a sudden or continuous change, that is a sign to see a physician. Possible symptoms of melanoma include when one half of a mole doesn't match the other half, the borders of the mole are ragged, the pig­mentations are different shades of color or the diameter of the mole is greater than six millimeters.

Anyone can get skin cancer. A new popularity in skin-tanning has been the use of tanning parlors. It is possible to get skin cancer in tanning booths but not as likely.

"All tanning rays are risky; however, tanning booths use longer rays which are less damaging and much less risky for causing skin cancer. But it is not risk-free," Ascoli said.

Adrian Toffeteller, a sales repre­sentative at Sundance Tanning Center, said beginning tanners will sit in a booth for only 10 to 15 minutes. Tan­ners then build up, but Sundance will only allow their customers 30 minutes maximum to prevent burning.

"Here, you build up to a certain color, and you stop," Toffeteller said. "In the sun you keep getting darker and possib­ly burn." Being informed about skin cancer is the first step in prevention. More infor­mation can be obtained at the Health Center.

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"However," he said, "Southern Californians are very reluctant to change their driving habits and we've noted some resistance to water conservation as well."

The Save the Earth Founda­tion funded the Environmental Report Card survey.

"If we could think of Southern California overall as a student enrolled in a course on sound en­vironmental practices, and con­sider our survey as an exam, I would give this student an 'A' for environmental awareness and a 'C­plus' for actual performance," said Berk.

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"He conveyed to the secretary that Saudi Arabia believes it is time to put an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict and to achieve a com­prehensive and just solution to the Palestinian question."

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Varied services given at little-known center in agriculture building

Students can find administrative forms and needed help at the Student Resource Center.

By Aaron Nix
Staff Writer

Being successful at Cal Poly means facing many challenges over the years. There are forms to fill out, requirements to meet and advice to seek from a variety of sources.

The average student probably would find it hard to believe that one place on campus can assist in all these areas, plus help in finding internships and jobs after graduation.

"Most people don't even know we're here," said Shannon Hamilton, a facilitator at the Student Resource Center. "I've had friends who are graduating seniors wander in here, look around, and say 'what do you guys do here, anyway?'"

The Student Resource Center offers guidance to people seeking information about services available on campus. Located in room 202 of the Erhart Agriculture building, the center is run by junior and senior agriculture-related majors who volunteer their time to answer student questions.

"Most people come in here for forms, like add/drop slips and petitions," said Shelly Stace, a student facilitator and agricultural science senior. "We have lists of all the forms found at the Administration building, and we're more than happy to help students fill them out."

The center can be particularly useful to incoming freshmen who are unfamiliar with college life.

"New students usually don't know where anything is," Hamilton said. "We can help them with everything from locating laundry facilities to filling out course deviation forms. They just need to come in, and we can probably get the help they need right here."

"This is definitely a place where the older students pump up the younger ones," Stace said. "When a person is new and unsure, it's hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The advisors here are all juniors and seniors, so we have the information and experience necessary to help students keep the ball rolling."

Hamilton said the center also has plenty to offer to older students preparing for life after graduation.

"We have a file cabinet full of information on co-op, undergraduate and graduate programs," Hamilton said. "We can provide references from fellow students on the quality of many of the opportunities, and in some cases we have the connections to help students get their foot in the door."

Most of the services provided by the center were developed over the years by the volunteer advisers. According to Hamilton, a facilitator gets one or two units of course credit for working at the center, depending on how much work is done. Those earning two units must complete a project related to the center, improving the quality in some way. Past efforts have brought the center new resources such as a computer terminal and a copier.

Stace and Hamilton agreed that anyone could find a use for the center, regardless of their major.

"It's true, this place started out serving primarily ag business students, but we welcome anyone to come in for help," Stace said. "Because of the new CAPTURE registration system, it seems students don't talk to advisers in their own departments anymore. We realize what a gap that creates between the faculty and students, and the 15 of us who volunteer here are available to help bring things closer together."

The Student Resource Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary, and an adviser is always on hand to answer questions.

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State. "The situation looks very precarious," said another.

One official with long experience observing Soviet affairs said the administration has received recent signals from various sources indicating that Gorbachev is in serious trouble and is "maneuvering furiously to protect his flanks and undercut the opposition."

"He's very much aware of the threat," the official said.

Administration officials are reluctant to comment on reports about Gorbachev's political survival, and those who spoke to The Associated Press did so only under anonymity.

Other observers injected a note of caution, saying there is much hysterical talk but little hard evidence.

John D. Steinbruner, director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution, said, "I do not see signs of his imminent demise."

"He has balanced the overall politics in a way that doesn't make it easy to get at him," Steinbruner said, though he acknowledged, "One never quite knows where the breaking point is."

State Department Counselor Robert B. Zoellick, in outlining Bush administration policy on Capitol Hill recently, alluded to the "increased uncertainty about the future course of the Soviet Union.

The United States, he said, "should try to manage uncertainty by multiplying our channels of information and increasing our points of access with a rapidly changing Soviet society."

The administration is attempting to broaden its contacts at all levels of the Soviet power structure while trying not to undermine Gorbachev, whom it still regards as a friend and a positive force for change.

We are retesting the advice of critics who say we should wash our hands of Gorbachev," said one well-placed official. "We don't count him out."

Bush is pressing to settle a dispute over conventional forces in Europe and to complete work on a strategic arms reduction treaty (START) while he still has a sympathetic counterpart in the Kremlin.
A day at the park...Earth Day 1991

Left, Denise Sevier massages Nicole Koppel's feet at a booth at the Earth Day Fair at El Chorro Regional Park. Below, Miles Woodsmall gets directions from his father Woody at mom's (Lady Tie-Dye's) bead booth. Right, Teresa Wright, a Poly electrical engineering junior, mans the Amnesty International jail cell/booth.

- Photos by Hans Hess

TRAVEL

From page 3 though because everyone traveling in Europe has the book. "It is better to purchase a Youth Hostel Card and the International Youth Hostel Directory to aid in accommodations. An International Student I.D. is also worth purchasing for $14, McWilliams said.

"The card basically pays for itself," he said. The student will receive discounts throughout Europe including museums, car rentals and some hotel accommodations, he said. The I.D. also provides $4,000 insurance coverage. Student discounts on round-trip airfare can be worked out through any travel agency. "In general, the average rate to Europe will be around $800 round-trip during the summer," McWilliams said.

For the most part visas are not necessary, McWilliams said. All of Western Europe and much of Eastern Europe do not require them, he said. The ASI Travel Center has a list of which countries require visas. Once you are in Europe, the easiest way to go from country to country is by way of European trains. Many people travel at night to save money on accommodations, McWilliams said. "There are couchette cars (sleeping cars) that have bunkbeds with provided linen that are fairly comfortable," he said.

Marcocco said, "If you plan to travel on the overnight trains, you should make reservations a few days before to assure a couchette car." Security should be a major concern for all European travelers. "If you go with a conscious attitude and have a little bit of sense, you should be fine," Marocco said. All valuables should be kept in a money-belt. Many students also carry fanny packs, but students must be careful with these because they can unsnap easily, she said.

In case anything is stolen, "It is good to make copies of your passport and the numbers on the traveler checks," Marocco said. One set of copies should be left at home and the other set should be given to a fellow traveler. "This way if your passport or any traveler checks are stolen, it is easier to get new ones while in Europe," she said. "Traveler checks are the safest way to travel," Marocco said.

The ASI Travel Center is providing free weekly workshops on European travel. The next is Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in U.U., room 218.
Men’s tennis gears for nationals after taking third conference title

By Geoff Seratti

Staff Writer

The Mustangs men’s tennis team clinched its third consecutive conference title during the weekend, beating shorthanded Chapman 5-2 on Sunday at Poly. The Mustangs improved to 29-1 in the conference over the Poly.

In doubles, Sasso-Havrilenko are ranked fifth in the country while Allman-Olivier are ranked 12th.

In a tuneup for nationals, some of the Mustangs will compete in the Ojai Intercollegiates beginning Thursday. In the independent intercollegiates, Platt said Allman and Olivier will play singles and doubles. The Mustangs have lost a couple of players to injuries and suspensions this year.

As a team the Mustangs are ranked No. 2 in Division II heading into nationals. Individually they have four players ranked in the top 50 in national singles play. Sasso is ranked No. 2 in the nation; Havrilenko 19th; Allman 36th and Nelsen is ranked 463.

After taking third conference title last three years. They now have won 24 conference matches in a row. Cal Poly is ranked 12th.

Platt said the Ojai weekend will provide opportunities for students to ask a panel of industrial, governmental, environmental and educational experts about the environment in the industry.

"People should come out and ask the important questions themselves and get the right answers," said Kruger.

"This will give you a different perspective on things," Kruger said. "It should help you understand better the importance of it all.

"Plus, it’s good free information," Kruger said.
AMBASSADORS

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Students are not aware of the opportunities available at schools such as Cal Poly, he said.

"It's a strong and solid organization where each member contributes a lot of time and effort," Killgore said. "It is like the cream of the crop from the School of Agriculture."

Killgore says the group is an experience in leadership and communication. Not only do they gain insight into agriculture, but ambassadors also meet industry leaders and develop friendships.

Killgore and Agriculture Ambassador Vice President Suzie Emery have been a part of the organization since it began three years ago.

Emery, a business graduate student, says the future of Agriculture Ambassadors is promising. Already, the group has been credited with an increasing quantity and quality of applications.

Killgore says their presentations are energetic and professional. They usually begin with a questionnaire containing surprising facts about agriculture.

"It's mind-boggling; the response and interest we get back from students and teachers," Killgore said.

Right now, Agriculture Ambassadors are accepting applications for the 1991-92 academic year. Killgore said there will be about 20 openings.

To be considered for an ambassador position, students must be enrolled in the School of Agriculture or have an agricultural career objective, and have a Cal Poly cumulative GPA of 2.5. They must have taken the form of the "P" being altered by groups painting the "P". "Some creative individuals might come up with something offensive," he said.

Gerard said there should be some control over groups painting the "P". "Some creative individuals might come up with something offensive," he said.

Gerard said the cooperation of the student body in general is needed to keep the "P".