Faculty clogs training lane on info highway

Although Cal Poly has edge on many for-profit providers, some students remain Internet illiterate for lack of classes

By Derek Arsey

While Cal Poly students have free access to Internet, many students don't know how to use it.

An Internet class for students would be a good idea, but that might not be the best solution, according to Director of Academic Computing Services Robert Clover. Clover responded to questions via e-mail.

"I think that use of the Internet should be tied to instructional programs," Clover said.

"That means that faculty should teach students in their discipline how to get relevant information on the Internet."

"One primary issue is who would teach such a workshop. I'm trying to encourage faculty to teach (Internet) within their departments," Clover added.

But until some kind of learning opportunity is made available to students, there are few sources on campus to get information.

"We are upgrading our Intro to Unix guide to include (World Wide Web) and how to use it," Clover said. "The guide may be finished by spring."

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"Some people, especially at high school age, don't see agriculture as career potential," Fritter said. "Speaking with others about the potential you see has a contagious attitude — you get a pretty positive outlook yourself."

"I started my engine and he remained at the rear of my car," Kahan said.

"He was shouting something to me about, 'Are students allowed to park here?,' " Kahan said.

"At that point, the suspect approached the driver's side window and began shouting at her. "At first, I couldn't understand what he was saying," Kahan said.

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AMBASSADORS: Students recruit peers, answer questions about college

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recruiter, Sabol has been recruiting for the College of Agriculture for 22 years.

"Taking students along has had a tremendous impact," he said.

Ambassadors complete both an application process and an interview session, and they are required to provide two recommendation letters from Cal Poly staff.

Those selected must then go through a comprehensive training process.

In addition to their meetings, formal training — including the Dale Carnegie Course, which teaches leadership, presentation, and public speaking skills — is offered to every designated ambassador.

"Students attend a course that private industry pays $1200 per person for, and they reap the rewards of it for free," Sabol said. "That's the equivalent of a $32,000 scholarship for this program.""It's a good program for students.

Sabol said the most important thing the advisors teach the ambassadors is how to say "I don't know." "That's the right answer," he said. "If the students don't say it at least once in each presentation, we make any stops on the way home — no breakfast, no lunch, and no ice cream."

The ambassador program began in the 1968 academic year, and it has maintained the same year each of its existence.

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Ag Ambassador adviserv

In the beginning, five students had the idea to come together to help promote the College of Agriculture.

The first ambassadors felt having someone from the same peer group tell what's really involved in going to college would be more effective.

"Good students make good recruiters," Sabol said. "Good students also know when to say 'no' — like during midterms and finals."

"The program works," Sabol said. "Junior colleges all over the state have copied our program, and we're always welcomed back. We usually have more requests to come speak than we can handle."

Pitzer said she agrees that the Ag Ambassadors are pretty busy.

"But who (or) better to tell students what it's really like," she said.

STUDENT: Suspect may have been seeking answer to innocent question

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She then drove to a friend's house located in the University Public Safety building.

Kahan said University Police Sergeant Steve Schrader told her no one else reported seeing anyone matching that description and urged her to file a formal statement.

"We have a suspicious subject acting strangely late at night," Schrader said. "That's all we have."

According to Schrader, there was no physical contact.

"This could have been an innocent question regarding parking," Schrader said.

He added that based on the information provided by Kahan, there was no crime committed.

"I didn't determine it to be an assault," he said.

University Police Investigator Ross Berrett and Sabol have not yet filed a formal report.

He added that "more than likely this is an isolated incident."

Berrett explained that Public Safety informs all patrolers of similar incidents so they can keep closer attention to the area.

But Berrett cautioned that students should still take precautions when walking alone at night.

"There really is no way to way to prevent this from happening," Berrett said.

The suspect involved in Monday's incident is described by Kahan as a white male with a medium build, and the time of the assault, the suspect was wearing a T-shirt, blue jeans and jacket, a baseball cap and eye glasses.

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INTERNET: Many students still uninformed

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the guide can be purchased at
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"I know that the Internet is
invaluable as a source for reports
and information in general," said
forestry and natural resources
junior Larry Markle.

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ministration) needs to make it
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Markle said. "That's what Cal
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provide a direct link to World
Wide Web (WWW) and other in-
formation servers. They also
charge a premium for use of the
Net, while Cal Poly students and
staff can use the AIX system for
free.

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Technology as a false prophet

Television — progress that is intelligently planned. But is it really? I have fond memories of my baptism into the faith of progress and technology. At the age of eleven, I knew already that I needed a computer to survive. My friends and television taught me this, and I believed.

Unfortunately, I did not possess the means to acquire a computer myself. It happened that one sunny day, while I was lounging in my unadvanced human nature, my father suddenly made me feel useful — a Com­modore 64! His face beaming, Dad handed the computer to me. I was now surrounded by strange diodes and chips circling overhead, singing the Hallelujah Chorus, while mother and brother looked on. Crestedly, I began to absorb the knowledge of my computer. I spent hours upon weekends trying to "crack" software or solve "Zork" and write programs. I was having fun. The technologi­cal seduction was powerful. But it did not last.

I am not exactly what you would call disillusioned with technology, but it started with the suspicion that technological progress is a false prophet, of sorts. Not long ago, it was widely accepted that the computer would reduce people's workload and give them more free time. Well, when was the last time we heard of that? Today, when I work in the people in the force, besides government employees, not working more than forty hours per week? Most people work closer to fifty or sixty hours per week.

Try convincing a South American hunter-gatherer that he needs Western-style progress. Tell him that instead of wandering a mos­tronabe 15 hours per week, he can work for fifty! His work will be done mostly indoors during daylight hours while he is separated from his family. What's more, before he can even start, he must go to school for seventeen years to learn how to type.

We have had names since the age of man. God named Adam and Eve and gave them the responsibility of naming the animals. He knew the meaning and reverence of a name. Throughout all of history, we have used names to individualize ourselves. The Greeks attributed this to their history of names giving us Odyssey and Achilles. Native Americans gave names to their people Sitten Bull, Crazy Horse and the popular Geronimo. Even the early Vikings of the North gave names to their public.

What if all the world had a "Sherwood Forest" name? It may seem a bit silly, but hear me out. "Hello, I am Sherwood Forest name. 'The response is the same — laughter would become a part of every day. A little smile would grace human existence since their conception, and we still haven't felt all of the effects.

We are not perfectly victims in all of this, either. We allow ourselves to be entranced by the magic show that progresses computers, cars, compact discs, microwave ovens. We are so bedazzled by them that we happily create needs for them when there previously existed none. How many people were devast­ated before the arrival of the PC? Where were the starvation victims before the microwave oven? Who, before the invention of the car, found themselves helpless­ly immobile? We need to redefine the idea of progress. Until that happens, the capability will remain a burden that is useless on a human scale.

Jedediah Ireland is a civil engineering senior. You can call him Jed.
the ancient medicine man gave up his 'practice' many years ago. but in a sense, he's still in business today.

there was a time when if you twisted an ankle during your day's activities, you'd probably visit your tribe's shaman and he, or she, would examine your injury. the treatment might be some brewed tea or a poultice from various barks, berries or herbs.

the tea would calm you and have anti-inflammatory properties, wrapping on the poultice would also help reduce swelling; in a couple of days, you would feel better.

a miracle? no.

this is likely the roots (no pun intended) of modern-day holistic medicine.

according to kimberly kavanagh, doctor of oriental medicine, licensed acupuncturist and founder of the holistic medical clinic in san luis obispo, there are great similarities between native american, oriental and ancient indian ayurvedic medicines, and they're being practiced today.

this modern day approach to healthcare comes under the broader terms of 'holistic healthcare' or 'alternative medicine.'

holistic treatment usually follows the traditions of oriental medicine which considers all the symptoms and signals in order to diagnose and treat an illness as it applies to the entire body.
Music faculty displays talents

By Derek Aney
Daily Staff Writer

Breathing music isn’t easy, but through the contemporary music of one Cal Poly faculty member it will happen this Saturday night at the Cal Poly Theatre.

The recital will showcase a variety of performers from the music department, and features two new works by Cal Poly professors.

Music professor Dr. Antonio Barata will perform a new work called “Meditations.” The other featured debut is “Divertimento,” created by music professor John Russell.

“Meditations” is a contemporary work which utilizes various recorded and computer-generated sounds, as well as a breath controller. It is a 12-minute electro-acoustic piece — meaning it is produced mainly by a synthesizer.

“The breath controller adds life to the sound,” Barata said. “If I blow harder it will change the color of the sound.”

By controlling the presentation of the sounds rather than generating them himself, Barata said his role will be similar to that of a conductor.

A dominant theme in the piece is transformation, Barata said.

“One of the sounds I will use sounds like voices, but it is actually made using symbolic recordings.”

Contrasting the contemporary style of Barata will be Russell’s “Divertimento.”

“It is a light and recreational piece like those written in the 18th century,” Russell said. “It was written for 10 wind instruments, and features four movements.”

Several styles of old Italian dance music will be performed during the piece, including pas-somezzo, saltarello, and saraband.

A piano and soprano duet will be performed by Professor William T. Spiller and Mary Rawcliff. A trio for flute, bassoon and harp written by Jolviet will be performed by music faculty members Fred Lau, Carol Greenfield and Jennifer Sayre.

The recital is expected to last two hours.

The performance is Saturday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Cal Poly Theatre. Tickets are available at the Theatre box office, or by calling 756-1221.

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SLO Brew offers first San Luis Obispo organic beer

By Justine Frederiksen
Daily Staff Writer

If you’re tired of the same old brew, and in the mood for something new, you can head down to SLO Brewing Co. this weekend to try out their newest beer called “Tasmanian Bitters.”

This beer not only has a unique name, but also a unique origin — it’s organic.

To make the beer, owner Mike Hoffman claims he had to get hops from Tasmania, which was the only place he could find organically-grown hops. It is the first organic beer SLO Brew has offered, and according to Hoffman, it also tastes good.

“It’s very flavorful, (and) medium-bodied, with a bit of bitterness to balance the malt and (has) a nice aroma,” he said in a printed statement released to the press earlier this month.

Although none of his regular customers specifically requested organic beer, Hoffman decided to make some, and hopefully to gain some new customers.

“With the increasing consumer interest in organic foods, we figured the time was right to offer our customers a truly organic brew,” Hoffman said in the press release.

Though it’s not the first organic beer ever made, Hoffman believes his new brew is “really different and distinctive.”

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lives of students and faculty at
Cal Poly Japanese professor Yoshiko Tachibana said the
earthquake left her feeling sad.
"It's too far away to worry about," he said in Japanese, while Tachibana translated: "If it was where I lived, I would be scared.

But Hajj Harada, another exchange student, said the earthquake had him worried. Harada is from Himeji, a city 50 miles from Kobe, he said.

"My family is fine," Harada said. "I had a tough time because I saw it on TV. I tried to call my family, but could not get through. The lines were always busy.

Luckily, Harada's family was safe. However, Harada said his house was devastated by the temblor.

"It messed up everything," Harada said. "Everything is broken."

Despite the damage, Harada, 24, said he feels better knowing his family is safe. "I'll be home soon," he said. "I am just happy to be home in America."

The earthquake also hit close to home for social science professor John McKinstry, McKinstry, whose wife is Japanese, lived in Japan during 1988 and 1989. While he usually stays in Tokyo, he said he has traveled to Kobe. McKinstry was able to call his mother-in-law, who lives in Tokyo.

"She said she didn't feel it at all," Bird said referring to the area around Tokyo. "They think they did feel it."

McKinstry said he didn't have any trouble calling his mother-in-law, but he told him she has not been able to reach anyone in Kobe.

"Almost everyone that lives in Japan knows someone in the area," McKinstry said. "It's huge."

McKinstry said he doesn't know anyone who was injured. Even though Bird's friends and colleagues were spared from the monstrous quake, the damage and loss was tremendous.

"In an area much smaller

way to travel between Northern and Southern Japan by land is to
go through Kobe, so the only way to travel now is by airplane.

Cal Poly business professor Allan Bird also lived in Japan. Bird said although he has many Japanese friends, none of his friends abroad were injured or affected by Tuesday's quake.

"I have friends in Japan, but none were in the area," Bird said.

He said he e-mailed a colleague from Bucknell University who just returned from Japan in December to see if he had heard anything.

But, Bird said, he didn't know anyone who was injured.

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ing his wife, mother and child out of town to stay with friends. I'm worried about their lives. It's dangerous here, and there's no water," he said. "It's no place for my elderly mother and my child."

The death toll from the quake, the worst to strike a Japanese city since 1923, climbed to 3,090. A teacher from Los Angeles, 24-year-old Voni Lynn Wong, was among the victims.

At least 14,673 people were hurt. Some 350 people were still listed as missing, but hopes faded of finding more victims alive in the rubble.

In the quake zone, life in a high-tech country was suddenly reduced to the most basic and primitive level. Telephone service, power, gas and train service were still largely knocked out. In Kobe, which had been a thriving, cosmopolitan city of 1.4 million, people crowded around campfires and used water from ruptured pipes.

"It's like hell here," said Satsuki Kawase, 20, who lives on the city's outskirts. "It's like World War II again."

Hundreds of aftershocks rattled the region. Many people were too terrified to sleep indoors and spent the night in the open, wrapped in blankets. More than 120,000 people sought shelter Tuesday night.

At shelters, people bickered in the somber daylight, waiting for food. A few wandered through the rubble, poking at the smoking ruins of their former homes.

"I'm helpless. All I can do is sit around the fire like this and wait," said a middle-aged man resting at a shelter in an elementary school. "All I have now are water and blankets. But at least I'm alive."

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Chechen fighters gain ground against Russian foes

By Barry Renfrew Staff Writer

GROZNY, Russia — Despite heavy shelling, Chechen fighters were close today to wiping out the Russian gains made since New Year's by recapturing Grozny's train station and moving into the central market.

Four days ago, Yeltsin, who has kept a low profile throughout the conflict, said he was in control of events. "Don't worry, everything will be settled soon on the Chechen issue. I am in strict control of the Russian security structures and know the situation every day," he said.

"We do not want to hold direct talks with Dudayev because he carried out genocide against his own people," Yeltsin said.

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Heavy shelling, Chechen fighters screamed in pairs overhead, mortars, Sukhoi fighter jets rocketing buildings.

But the Chechens had retaken the train station and were fighting for the market, which the Russians used to launch attacks on the presidential palace, symbol of Chechnya's independence drive. The rebels still hold the palace.

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At a Kremlin meeting today, President Boris Yeltsin ruled out talks with Chechen leader Dzhokhar Dudayev.

"We do not want to hold direct talks with Dudayev because he carried out genocide against his own people," Yeltsin said.

However, he said the Russian government was prepared to talk to field commanders, clan leaders and representatives of local Chechen governments.

Yeltsin, who has kept a low profile throughout the conflict, said he was in control of events. "Don't worry, everything will be settled soon on the Chechen issue. I am in strict control of the Russian security structures and know the situation every day," he said.

Thousands of people are believed to have been killed since Moscow sent troops into the mainly Muslim republic in the Caucasus Mountains on Dec. 11.

Chechen fighters were defiant today — announced they had the Russians on the defensive and that the battle was going their way. They said they had heard of the reported agreement to stop using heavy artillery but didn't know if it would take effect. 
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**JUDGE RULES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EVIDENCE ALLOWED IN SIMPSON CASE**

By Michael Hansen

LOS ANGELES — The judge in the O.J. Simpson case ruled Wednesday that the jury can hear about domestic violence in Simpson's marriage to Nicole Brown Simpson, including a 1989 incident in which he pleaded no contest to wife beating.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito said most of the domestic violence evidence can be presented because it is necessary to prove motive and intent in the June slayings of Ms. Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Among the evidence he included was a 1989 New Year's Day fight, which led to criminal charges against Simpson; Ms. Simpson's 911 emergency call the day her ex-boyfriend shot her; and a 1984 or 1985 baseball bat attack on Ms. Simpson's car. The tape of Ms. Simpson's 1993 call to 911 was widely broadcast after Simpson's arrest.

The decision was a major victory for prosecutors, who hope to use evidence of domestic violence during Simpson's relationship with Ms. Simpson to support their contention that her slaying was the culmination of years of abuse and degradation.

Before it was released, District Attorney Gil Garcetti called the impending decision "the most critical ruling this court will make."

Opening statements had been scheduled for Thursday, but Ito said Wednesday that might be an optimistic schedule.

Earlier, Ito ruled that relatives of the victims may sit in the courtroom for most of the trial.

Ito also severely restricted Simpson's jail visitation privileges after the Sheriff's Department complained a book author met Simpson in a room reserved for attorneys and material witnesses. The judge also said Wednesday that he would allow jurors to have conjugal visits.

The ruling on the victims' families came after a prosecutor and an attorney for the family of Ms. Simpson criticized a defense request to limit the relatives' presence because some of them will be witnesses at Simpson's trial.

"We believe this is simply an attempt to sanitize the defense to shield the jury from the fact that there were real human beings, that were victims, in this case," said attorney Gloria Allred, a lawyer for the Brown family. "The defense is trying to dehumanize and depersonalize Nicole so that in this courtroom she is just a name."

The judge ruled that the family members may be in the courtroom for "a majority" of the trial, but not during times when a witness is testifying about matters those relatives may also be called to testify on. He also said he would restrict how much broadcast coverage of the trial they could watch.

In the ruling on jail privileges, Ito revoked Simpson's material witness list of people allowed to visit him in an attorney meeting room to help with preparations for his trial. Ito ordered the defense team to explain why the people should remain on the list and what their expected testimony would be.

The order was signed Tuesday and released Wednesday.

The Sheriff's Department, which runs the Men's Central Jail, said in court papers "a rather large number of individuals" who are supposed to be material witnesses instead appear to be regular visitors. Other inmates are restricted to only two regular visits totaling one hour a week.

"One of the individuals listed as a 'material witness' visited 15 times and evidently used this to coauthor a book with Mr. Simpson," said the court papers, filed by Los Angeles County Deputy Counsel James Owens.

This is a reference to Lawrence Schiller, a producer and author who has helped Simpson prepare a book, "I Want To Tell You," in which Simpson reportedly discusses his anguish at being wrongly accused of murder. The book is to be released next month.

The attorneys weren't immediately available for comment about the jail visit issue.

The discussion of conjugal visits for the sequestered jurors drew chuckles in the courtroom.

Ito said the arrangements would be made in about a week.

As the court proceedings got under way Wednesday, two of Simpson's attorneys who have been fighting this week — Robert Shapiro and F. Lee Bailey — walked into the courthouse together.

On Tuesday, lead attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. had promised that the dispute between Bailey and Shapiro would be over before opening statements. "I think everybody has to understand this case is about O.J. Simpson and not about the lawyers," Cochran said.

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