By Derek Aney
Daily Staff Writer

Heaven, hell and Hypertext

William Blake meant his works to be seen, not just read. But he probably never dreamed how that might happen.

The marriage of technology and art is making it possible to study "The Marriage of Heaven and Hell," in a new graduate level English class being offered spring quarter.

The art of William Blake is the subject of the experimental class that takes advantage of computer technology to study art work that normally is not available to students.

"Blake was one of the major English poets but by far most of his work was produced not just to be read in print," said Steven Marx, the English professor who is teaching the class.

According to Marx, most English departments study the poetry of Blake in part due to the simplicity of the format.

"He meant his work to be visionary in the sense that the words were always embedded in illustrations," he said.

"The work is relatively inaccessible to students in (plate) form because the editions of Blake that are available are quite expensive and hard to find," Marx said. "The capacities of multimedia solve a lot of these problems."

The series of plates which makes up "The Marriage of Heaven and Hell" has been copied with a scanner into a Hypertext document on a computer, which enables the user to explore various parts of each complex plate.

Hypertext is used by programmers to let users click on items on the screen to retrieve additional information on that subject.

Cal Poly English professor Steven Marx works on his new multi-media program which depicts the work of poet William Blake / Daily photo by Gordon Wong

By Monka Phillips
Daily Staff Writer

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According to Steven Marx, the English professor who is teaching the class, the project will be assigned to get to know the program, before contributing comments to it and eventually creating their own documents later in the quarter.

"Then because of the possibilities of Hypertext, we will be able to integrate them into one very large document which we can put on World Wide Web or CD," he said.

World Wide Web is a global information network that enables Hypertext distribution of graphics, text and sound.

Professor Doug Smith helps the student write the software for the class, but was not available to talk about it.

Cal Poly's first student-run Farmer's Market will be open for three hours every Saturday.

By Mario Miheick
Special to the Daily

Many Cal Poly students who were surprised to find Vista Grande Cafe closed during weekends this quarter will have to live without it next quarter as well.

According to Alan Cushman, associate Campus Dining director, there are no plans to reopen the cafe — commonly called VGs — during weekends for the rest of the year.

Unlike fall quarter — when VGs was open on weekends — Campus Dining Management Council decided to close VGs this quarter on Fridays and Saturdays, and during lunch on Sundays.

The decision to close VGs was finalized in the first week of December, Cushman said, after the Management Council realized Campus Dining was going to lose more money than it had budgeted to lose.

"From a financial standpoint, it was such that Campus Dining is not meeting our budget projections and we are responsible to do so," Cushman said.

Foundation's mid-term financial records from last quarter showed that Campus Dining lost $390,504 — $50,356 more than their projected loss of $339,948.

Because of the costs of keeping more than one dining area open during the weekend, officials opted to close VGs, Cushman said.

He added that VGs was never budgeted to be open on the weekends. Rather, the Management Council opened VGs during weekends last quarter due to an expected increase of students living in the residence halls.

They expected Campus Dining would make more than projected.

"We were wrong," said Cushman.

By Derek Aney
Daily Staff Writer

Many Cal Poly students are developing a taste for business.

Student entrepreneurs are getting a taste of what it's like to run a weekly Farmer's Market by selling fresh produce, dairy products and flowers grown at Cal Poly.

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The student-run market takes place on Highland Drive next to the Crop Science Unit on Saturdays from 10 to 1 p.m. A wide variety of farm fresh produce, citrus trees, cut flowers, garden and house plants, compost, dairy products, jams, jellies and gift packs are available.

Cal Poly's "learn-by-doing" philosophy has encouraged students to grow, harvest, process, package, market and distribute everything sold at the market.

The event is sponsored by the College of Agriculture, which has clubs and individuals that participate in the planning of the event.

Environmental horticulture senior Kevin Krol, treasurer for the Ornamental Horticulture (OH) Club, said he is pleased with the results of the event. Krol said the club makes over $100 each time the venture starts.

The club sells foliage plants to fund their See MARKET, page 3
Fueling the Controversy

Introduction to Aikido: A Four-Session Seminar
Learn some physical moves, get centered, practice harmony and have fun in a supportive, non-competitive environment. The class will meet every Monday in March from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. $25 covers fees for all sessions. Classes are held at the Self Defense and Empowerment Training Center. Call 544-8866 or 995-1124 to pre-enroll or for more information.

Today

United We Stand America Meeting • San Luis Obispo
Mayor Allen Settle will explain what he hopes to accomplish as mayor. San Luis Obispo City/Country Library, 3-5 p.m. — 541-4515 or 489-2354
Financial Seminar • "Looking for Tax Free Income" lecture. San Luis Obispo City/Country Library, 995 Palm St., 7-9 p.m. — 781-2229

Wednesday

International Women’s Day • There will be a series of speakers and a panel of international students today and tomorrow.
Engineering Council Meeting • U.U. 220, 5 p.m.
Native American Student Organization Meeting • Multicultural Center, 5-6 p.m. — 756-6461
Mr. Fraternity Competition • Sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi, the competition is to help raise money for the Arthritis Research Grants Foundation. Ticket cost is $6. The event starts at 6 p.m. at the Graduate Journalism Professor to Read Poetry • Pulitzer-prize winning journalist Victor Valle will read from his poetry. Bidg. 3-204, 7 p.m.

Join us for these events and more!

This week in the Mustang Daily

By Karen E. Spaeeder
Daily Staff Writer

Crowds of Farmer’s Market consumers milled past the two tables on Higuera Street Thursday, some of them perusing the literature and bumper stickers laid out.

The tables were not more than 100 feet apart, yet the chasm between them was unmistakable.

Two National Organization for Women (NOW) members distributed pamphlets that read, "Who Cares About Women’s Rights? NOW Cares!" Meanwhile, two pro-life activists countered that with pamphlets that stated, "What They Won’t Tell You at the Abortion Clinic."

In the wake of several recent attacks on abortion clinics throughout the state, pro-choice and pro-life activists agree on at least one thing: abortion currently ranks high on the list of hot topics.

This is particularly true in San Luis Obispo, where police and federal officials believe a fire which destroyed much of the interior at the Planned Parenthood clinic on Santa Rosa Street Feb. 15 may have been deliberately set.

The embers are still cooling, and activists on both sides are now attempting to defend their movements. Other clinic attacks throughout California have only helped fuel the fire.
Controversy surrounds Pushkin Museum show of trophy art

By Condie Hughes

Some are from public or private collections in Germany. Others are from the collections of two prominent Jewish families in prewar Hungary. More than a third are described as "origin unknown."

Most of the works haven't been seen in 50 years; some were thought lost forever.

Pushkin Museum director Irina Antonova, who spent much of her career guarding the secret, described Soviet trophy-taking as "an act of heroism" that preserved priceless treasures.

"The first time they were saved by Soviet soldiers. The second time by our restorers and art historians," she told a news conference.

But the greatest controversy is the fate of the works. Germany itself all trophy art must be returned under international law and treaties with both the Soviet Union and Russia.

Russia, which has not revealed the full extent of its trophy art holdings, is stalling. Both Antoneva and Deputy Culture Minister Mikhail Shvidkoi said it is up to the Russian parliament to decide what to do with wartime booty.

"It's impossible to forget the total destruction of Russian culture in the war," Shvidkoi said.
Students and faculty learn abroad

The best way to learn a language, a culture — or just about anything — is to experience it for yourself. This is the concept behind Cal Poly's "learn by doing" motto, and it's easy to see that various campus programs are working to carry it out.

Last Thursday's Mustang Daily reported on the Cal Poly Pacific Rim Group's efforts to send students to Thailand. In addition to providing a student exchange program, the group offers faculty to various programs throughout Japan, Thailand and islands in the Pacific Ocean.

Other Cal Poly programs provide opportunities around the world for students to learn in other countries. For example, spring quarter, students have the option to study in London. Cal Poly sends both students and faculty to the U.K. and white, giving students the opportunity to learn from Cal Poly professors in a different environment.

Students can even get Cal Poly credit for these learning experiences.

With so many programs for keeping Cal Poly students competitive in the global marketplace, these programs truly exemplify our philosophy of "learn by doing."

Walch created a friendly library

Of all those who bear the title "Dean" on this campus, he's probably the one students would be least likely to remember. And apparently he's that David Walch, dean of library services, like it.

After a decade in charge of the Robert E. Kennedy Library, Walch has announced he's had enough of administration. The tough thing about Walch leaving will be filling his position. With the rest of the school, Kennedy Library has suffered repeatedly from the blows of budget cuts in recent years. At this time, especially, we need a strong leader to maintain this invaluable resource, despite its plummeting budget.

I hope whoever replaces him will do the same.

Letters

"Just mark 'c' - and forget it the next day"

By Jamie Grant

Question: The Cal Poly motto is...

a. learn by doing
b. learn by guessing
c. learn by cheating
d. learn nothing

I suppose the question we must ask is: Are we learning anything from these experiences? I don't think so. From my experience, studying for multiple-choice tests is studying for recognition; I read the question and look for the familiar word in the given context. We are not taught to learn the material, but instead, to recognize the key words. It thus becomes an exercise in memorization using the short-term memory rather than a task of understanding and long-term comprehension.

Here at Cal Poly, teachers and administrators alike consistently criticize students' overall inability to write. Questioning the general failure of students with the Gradate Writing Requirement has become a favorite pastime of our critics. The same critics watch as Suantom exams are conducted in which cuts have limited the supply of teachers and increased class sizes. Teachers, therefore, cannot find the time to grade essays or written exams.

Still, we should keep in mind that the aim of teaching is for the teacher to teach and for the students to learn. If class sizes are too large, then hire some student graders to find the time to grade papers, there's no reason why the students' education at Cal Poly should suffer due to the overall idleness of the staff.

I think this multiple-testing phase can be best summed up by a conversation I overheard last week: "Critical Thinking (ENGL 125) is easy — you either fill in 'x' or just mark 'true'."

Sadly, unless someone is prepared to pull the plug on the frantic scribbling on bubble exams, Cal Poly is bubble crazy.

Jamie Grant is a biological sciences senior.
Wilson tries to downplay presidential speculation

By Doug Wills

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Pete Wilson did all he could during last week's Republican state convention to dampen speculation that he may run for president. But that doesn't mean Wilson isn't still thinking about running to 1996.

There were no Wilson-for-precident signs or buttons. Wilson made no reference, even indirectly, to his presidential ambitions during his Saturday convention speech. His staff canceled a scheduled news conference at which presidential questions inevitably would have been raised.

At first glance, that's a reversal of signals for Wilson. In December, he first raised the possibility of running as a favorite-son candidate in California's presidential primary.

Wilson moved a step further in two televised last-minute interviews in recent weeks, saying "it would be wonderful to have that responsibility (of the presidency) someday," and that he would view a run on federal work that a lot of people have made the flattering assumption I should think seriously about it.

But Wilson does not want to appear as someone who is running immediately. He would like to avoid the open hostility to a Wilson candidacy that's strongest.

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Another reason for Wilson to downplay his presidential prospects last weekend was that anything short of an outright declaration was certain to be overshadowed by Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, the GOP's only formally declared candidate, who repeated the same sentiment was evident during this past weekend, as so-called "Wilson barf bags" ap­­peared prior to his speech Saturday.

"When Gov. Pete Wilson speaks during dinner, you will probably gag and become over­whelmed with nausea," the instruc­tions said, citing his support of­fering a tax increase, tax cut, rights, restrictions on guns and other issues opposed by conser­vative Democrats.

A second reason for Wilson to downplay his presidential hopes during his party's convention is that even though he said last weekend that the Federal Reserve will begin lowering interest rates to avoid a recessionary crash, some top economic forecasters predict.

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Scientists used herpes viruses to fight brain tumors in mice

By Paul Baxt

WASHINGTON — In a laboratory experiment on mice, researchers have shown that a genetically altered herpes virus is safe and can eradicate brain tumors in mice without affecting healthy cells.

The experiment raises the possibility of eventually treating one of the most lethal of human cancers, malignant glioma, by injecting patients with mutations of the herpes virus, said Dr. C. Yancey Gillespie, director of the school of medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"Herpes is normally a dangerous virus in the brain," Gillespie said Monday. But altering the genes of the virus, he said, causes it to pose no threat to normal brain cells.

The altered virus would be injected into the brain of a mouse embryo by injecting it into the pregnant mother, a surprising result that may someday let doctors treat genetic diseases in the womb.

Copies of the implanted gene remained active after the mice were born, researchers reported.

"It broadens the horizons on the way in which we can use gene transfer to treat human disease," said Dr. Kenneth Culver, a geneticist who until recently was head of the Human Gene Therapy Research Institute in Dorpat, Estonia.

Dr. James Wilson, director of the Institute for the Human Gene Therapy at the University of Pennsylvania, called the findings an exciting conclusion to studies reported in the March issue of the journal Nature Genetics by researchers at the National Cancer Center Research Institute in Tokyo and the Chiba University School of Medicine in Japan.

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The United Nations mission in Somalia had been beset by violence, political intrigue and a lack of cooperation from the government of Siad Barre, who was accused of both war crimes and corruption. Despite the efforts of the U.N. peacekeepers, the situation had deteriorated rapidly, and the mission was forced to withdraw from the city of Mogadishu on Monday, March 12, 1995.

The United States and its allies largely completed their mission to save tens of thousands of lives. Washington turned over the humanitarian mission to the United Nations in March 1993, and the emphasis shifted to reconstruction, with the hope of establishing a democratic government. That effort failed, mired in mismanagement and the intran­sigeance of Somali warlords. The humanitarian effort degenerated into a low-war between clan militias and U.N. forces.

The United Nations leaves Somalia no closer to democracy than when it arrived. The country remains divided, and the U.S. government, whose military intervention finally drove Barre from power last July, is not sure what to do next. It has been accused of using journalists as proxies for its political policies.

The Khmer Journalists Association issued a statement protesting the verdict as a violation of democracy and a free press. "I'm the only college tradition worth the hassle," said Steve Nelson, "and no one in this world is going to take that away from me."
AGENDA: Pro-life and pro-choice advocates agree on little — except the strength of their views