Spinning glass

English sophomore Jeff Gray carefully spins a glass bulb at a lab in the Duster Building / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson

Poly ag know-how goes to work in Uganda

The College of Agriculture is taking Cal Poly’s ‘Learn By Doing’ motto all the way to Africa.

With a $612,000 grant, soil science professor Del Dingus will lead a project to help farming in Uganda.

Dingus received the grant last week in March. It is part of a $15 million grant from the Agency for International Development (AID) in order to establish a sustainable agriculture program in a country with one of the highest population growth rates in the world.

Dingus also is the Coordinator for International Agriculture Programs for the College of Agriculture.

Grant money for the five-year project will pay for teaching Ugandan farmers — 70 percent of whom are women — how to produce non-traditional crops such as Chinese peas and asparagus. The crops are imported from Central America. Program coordinators hope to sell the products in Europe during the winter months when the crops are out of season.

“Crops like this bring in a premium price in European cities like London, Paris and Amsterdam,” he said.

Money earned in the European market will be used to help strengthen the agriculture program at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

“We will provide agribusiness management training, curriculum development and lead research efforts in tropical diseases and entomology,” Dingus said.

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ASÍ rejects spring vote to challenge executive director

A referendum to remove ASÍ Executive Director Polly Harrigan from her position will not be placed on the spring ballot.

The ASÍ Board of Directors announced the decision to throw out a petition calling for the referendum after a half-hour closed session last week.

The petition, circulated by part-time chemistry lecturer Gail Wilson, calling for a “no confidence vote,” and the resignation, of Polly Harrigan, was labeled invalid by ASÍ attorneys.

Wilson started obtaining signatures for the petition in July, immediately after Harrigan was chosen for the director position.

Wilson needed 750 signatures to have the initiative on the ballot and received a total of 1,051.

But ASÍ attorneys said the petition was invalid after reviewing the case during the board’s closed session.

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Lawmaker calls for affirmative action vote after bill dies in committee

By Jennifer Kerr
Assemblyman Bemie Richter said Wednesday, a few hours after his bills to end such affirmative action programs died in legislative committees, he would ask legislators in their 1996 re-election campaigns to force a vote on the bills on the Assembly floor, and use those votes against legislators in their 1996 re-election campaigns.

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Various bills that tried to end affirmative action programs died in legislative committees this year, doomed by a handful of Democratic votes.

"We're going to be able to hide," Richter, R-Chico, said. "I will ask those people to come forward and say where they stand on this issue.

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Richter's comments came nine hours after the Assembly Higher Education Committee, in a late-night session, defeated three of his affirmative action bills.

His bills would have abolished preferential policies based on race, gender and ethnicity in admissions, hiring and promotion in the California State University system. They would have allowed some preferences for poor people. All three bills died on 4-4 votes in the committee.

Richter said the nation still was hurting from the decades of past discrimination, and that racial bias still exists.

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"I think it is an excellent opportunity for our faculty and Agriculture Department," Baker aid. "AID is an excellent program providing an opportunity for developing countries that could perhaps become trading partners with the U.S."

The next step will be implemented April 9 when Don Breazeale, Cal Poly's on-site connection to the Costa Rica Earth College, starts work in Uganda.

The program in Uganda is one of many of the College of Agriculture's international programs. The college is already involved in exchange programs in foreign countries including Kenya, Thailand, Japan and New Zealand.

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COYOTE AND COWARD play name games

"Hey, you low-down odious bundle of pernicious varmint vermin; you tongue-lolling alley of want; you sneaky, mangy bag of range bones! Get out the vagrant vagabond self out of these parts," snarled Coyote on his out-on-a-limb, ready-to-complaints and species' rights notwithstanding. I'm too much the rapscallion to know fear.

"You ... you preying, prying PREDATOR!" Coyote scowled at his out-on-a-limb, not ready to, him, the chances of kicking the habit are almost zero. Yet, we seem to be a generation that fails to heed the warnings of our predecessors and continues our foray into the drug world.

The life of a heroin addict is not as glamorous as Quentin Tarantino would have us believe in Pulp Fiction. The reality is a life full of secret encounters that exist on a level totally away from the mainstream.

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Coyote glanced at this. "The only law out here, Coyote, is the law of the wilderness, which translates to survival of the fittest. — which is me. So, Coyote complaints and species' rights notwithstanding, I'm protected by the laws of this elevated perch from which I can pounce on you in a lightning minute! Ever see a Coyote struck by Panther power?"

"Better stop sniffing that gummy pine-rose glue, Puma pall."

You can't yell fire in a crowded canyon, and you can't attack my person and my integrity and my es­ Puma,pal."

"Call me SLENDER ROAMER. That's how I see myself," requested Cougar. "So it's agreed? 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GOP leader predicts grim year for budget battle

By John Howard
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — California's annual budget battle, always a political free-for-all, will be especially grim this year with pervasive anti-tax sentiment forcing lawmakers to make deep cuts, the Senate's GOP leader says.

Sen. Ken Maddy told a gathering of 500 people at a conference of the California Medical Association that "it will be difficult if not impossible to get a budget this year."

Republican Gov. Pete Wilson's $56.3 billion budget proposal cuts health and welfare services, boosts funding for prisons, leaves personal and business income taxes.

Raising taxes — any taxes — to cover shortages is not an option this year, Maddy said, "We requested it because we believe it is good news because it's constitutional," said H.D. Palmer, a spokesman for the state Finance Department.

"I may be the only optimist in the building" that the budget dilemma will be resolved, said Finance Department Director Russ Gould.

Economists generally believe California is in the midst of an economic recovery after four years of painful recession, but the budget's choices remain difficult.

"When the Legislature finally gets down to making the major budget decisions, they are going to be looking at the same landscape that the governor looked at when he was putting the budget together for January," Maddy said. "There is a number of difficult decisions that have to be made, fundamentally the decisions regarding health and welfare."

"That's a little reflection of why we won't have a tax increase this year," Maddy said. "We'll (legislative leaders) be sitting in the governor's office later this year, probably in June, trying to work out a budget."

State coffers are depleted, the governor and all but "one or two" members of the Legislature are opposed to taxes, added Maddy, R-Fremont. Moreover, a number of budget-balancing decisions have been questioned in the courts — education funding and the 1992 payment of state IOUs — which threaten to punch holes in the new budget.

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The court agrees to hear arguments on state's voter registration law

By Bob Egelko
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court agreed Wednesday to hear arguments over Gov. Pete Wilson's attempt to block enforcement of the federal "motor voter" law and granted Wilson's request to speed up consideration of the case.

The law, effective this year, requires states to let people register to vote when they apply for drivers' licenses or welfare.

Wilson contends the measure is an unconstitutional intrusion into state authority, an argument rejected March 2 by U.S. District Judge James Ware.

In an unusual action, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday scheduled oral arguments April 20 on Wilson's request to stay Ware's order, and excuse California from enforcing the law, during the beginning of the annual fiscal year.

The court also agreed to accelerate its schedule for considering the merits of the appeal, and ordered oral arguments in June, many months earlier than the normal timetable. The order was issued by Judges James Browning, Joseph Sneed and Melvin Brunetti, though other judges likely will be assigned to hear the appeal.

The central issue on a stay is whether the state's burden in spending money on enforcing the law during its appeal would greatly outweigh the public interest in signing up unregistered voters. The later hearing on the appeal considers broader questions on the constitutionality of the law.

Wilson spokesman Paul Kranhold said the governor was pleased that the court had agreed to speed up the appeal.

"We requested it because we don't want to have to start spending taxpayer dollars on a program which we believe is eventually going to be ruled unconstitutional," Kranhold said. "This is good news because it's unlikely that the program would be up and running prior to that time (June) anyway."
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If you’re Joern Jensletten, a computer science graduate student originally from Norway, it’s right about time you take a deep breath... and jump.

See NO FEAR / Page B4
By Tara Mich
Daily Staff Writer

Toby Lurie is like no other artist. Poet, musician and painter, Lurie sends his audience turning his paintings to life vibrant colors.

"It is my vision of the interlace of various major art disciplines; music, language and painting," Lurie said. "Each has always influenced and existed together."

The 69-year-old San Francisco based artist first picked up a paint brush just 11 years ago to begin an art that he feels is "a symbol of freedom and a breakway from tradition."

He studied opera and began composing at the age of 12, but after having second thoughts about his ability as an artist he didn't pursue his newly found career until his 40th birthday. It was then when he wrote a poem about his father and mother and transformed it to a patchwork-style piece of art.

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"We take different vocal textures and explore the spectrum of music." Twining began experimenting with music while at the University of Illinois. After performing in various alternative vocal performances, he said he decided composing and performing were his calling.

"We then took our compositions and formed Toby Twining Music four years ago. They added their album, "Shamen," last year following several appearances on Toby Twining, Greg Punhagen, Rebecca Weintraub and Jeffrey Johnson / Photo by Joe Caccia

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Wilt compared the group to the rhythm, a cappella sound of Bobby McFerrin, the man that coined the phrase, "Don't Worry, Be Happy."

Sometimes funny, sometimes frightening, but always entertaining, Toby Twining's quartet performs Friday, April 7 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $6 and $11 for the public, $7 and $8 for students and senior citizens, and are available at the Cal Poly Theatre Ticket Office.

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Program Manager for Cal Poly Arts, Peter Wilt, said the
Art and design majors show their stuff at the annual student art exhibit

By Natasha Collins
Daily Staff Writer

The sounds of hammering, the tapping of pens and the scraping of brushes filled the University Art Gallery as volunteers prepared for the annual student art exhibit that will be displayed April 8 through May 7.

"I'll Show You Mine If You Show Me Yours," the title of the exhibition, is representative of the alluring and humorous exhibition, which was produced by students in art and design classes.

"It's a great opportunity for us to see what other students are producing," said Kristen Hewitt, the student gallery director for the past two years. "And the community can see the caliber of artwork that is coming out of Poly.

The show will feature artwork from four different categories: photography, graphic design, two-dimensional studio artwork such as drawings and paintings and three-dimensional studio artwork such as sculptures.

The artwork will be displayed from 403 entries by fine jurors from the art community.

According to Kris Barney, Hewitt's assistant and an art and design senior, the jurors had the most difficulty picking from the photography entries.

"The jurors took longer than we expected," Barney said. "They had a lot of entries to choose from and they were all top-quality.

Art and design senior Chris Cunningham said she was excited about the prospect of several of her pieces being selected.

"Photography is natural for me," Cunningham said. "It's everything I love. I never thought I could earn a living by doing this."

Like many students, Cunningham's work was entered in several different categories, including photography and graphic design.

"Disciple design students use photography students' work to make their designs," Cunningham said. "My work has been entered not only by me, but by other students as well."

The exhibition is sponsored by Club 34, the art and design club on campus, but they hope to get a benefactor in the near future to run the gallery.

"We only charged students one dollar for each entry," Hewitt said. "That way we could offer prizes for the first place and best of show winners."

A winner will be chosen from each of the different categories and a Best of Show winner will be chosen from the first place winners.

"First place winners will win $25 and the Best of Show will win $10," Hewitt said. "The winners will also receive certificates."

The awards will be announced and presented at Friday's exhibition opening. Hewitt was insistent on concealing the results until that time.

"I could tell people (the results) before Friday," Hewitt said, "but that would ruin the suspense."

According to Hewitt, the exhibition will offer a variety of styles and interpretations.

"Each piece can be looked at differently," Hewitt said. "That's why there's a theme to the show. There wasn't anything that could encompass the different styles of work."

The exhibition will open Friday April 7 at 7 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 11-4 p.m., and Wednesdays 7-9 p.m.

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Mexico celebrated through dance

By Tim Williams
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly Theatre will come alive with all the excitement and cultural richness of a Mexican celebration when "Mexico de Noche" arrives on the Central Coast.

"Mexico de Noche" will start off the evening's festivities with an upbeat dance from the tropical state of Sinaloa. Following the group's dance, there will be two other California university groups, Raíces de mi Tierra (Roots of My Land) from UC Santa Barbara and Reflejos de Mexico (Reflections of Mexico), the Ballet Folklorico from UC Berkeley.

"These groups bring out the feelings of being in the plaza of Mexico with great gatherings of people," said Juan Carlos Tovar, the director of the Cal Poly grupos and one of the dancers.

The traditional dances involve singing and plenty of audience participation, Tovar said.

The three university groups will warm up the audience for the evening's main attraction, the world-class Ballet Folklorico Alfa de Mexico (Boul of Mexico) who has performed all over the country, including the 1984 Olympic ceremonies in Los Angeles and for Pope John Paul II.

"This isn't the kind of show where you just sit and watch," said Letitia Tucker, president of Raíces de mi Tierra and a choreographer for the group.

"By the end of the evening, everyone will be out of their seats!" Tucker said.

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By Barry Srhweid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration — this time joined by Japan, Germany and France — mounted another effort Tuesday to rescue the dollar, but financial markets shrugged it off and continued to batter the U.S. currency.

The Federal Reserve and the other central banks spent about $2 billion buying dollars, according to estimates from currency traders.

The massive dollar-buying, the first coordinated effort since March 2, had only a short-term impact. Almost immediately after it was over, the dollar resumed sliding against both the Japanese yen and the German mark.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 86.04 yen, down from 86.21 late Wednesday and at 1.3725 marks, down from 1.3785 on Tuesday.

Given the bearish market sentiment toward the dollar, this is just a license for currency speculators to make money," said Michael Evans, head of a Boca Raton, Fla., economics consulting firm.

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"I take the long perspective on this," he said. "I was involved in some research conducted at UCLA, studies on how to keep low-income and minority students in college.

"I studied how to best educate Hispanics. I did some studies that impacted the state of Illinois. I think I was at the right place at the right time with the right analysis to affect policies."

Since receiving the honor, Gonzalez has received several phone calls and offers asking him to join other national organizations.

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Dollar battered again despite help from U.S. allies

By Martin Outsinger

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton pledged Wednesday not to launch nuclear attacks against countries that have no nuclear weapons and agree not to acquire them.

Similar assurances will be offered by the leaders of Russia, Britain and France — mounted another effort to promote indefinite extension of the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty at an international conference that begins next week in New York.

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Circus animals entertain Congress, politicians

By Sandro Sobieraj

WASHINGTON — Three months after the GOP swept into control, 120,000 pounds of pachyderm — the Republicans' beloved symbol — came lumbering to Capitol Hill Wednesday.

But bringing the circus to Congress seemed almost redundant as House members debated which party claims the bigger clowns.

Why bother with the performing elephants and dancing girls on the Capitol plaza when you can watch professional politicians do the same, asked Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill.

"Step right up and you'll see Republicans juggling numbers," he promised visitors to the House gallery, bracing for at least six hours of debate on the GOP tax bill.

Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., who followed Gutierrez to the House floor, said Democrats were simply afraid of being trampled by charging elephants.

"They already had that experience in November," Kingston said.

One by one, House members trooped to the microphone and loaded tons of circus jargon into the partisan speeches that opened the day's session.

In a Capitol basement conference room, Democrats calling themselves the "GOP Prize Patrol" staged a mock TV show awarding more than $1 million cash prizes to the "millionaire beneficent corporations" they said would benefit from Republican legislation.

Outside, 13 five-ton elephants balanced on their hind legs and formed what circus people call a "long mount." They had the outer circus and the inner circus, said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., as he went to greet Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey president Kenneth Feld.

Earlier Wednesday, Columbus (Ohio) Zoo director Jack Hanna turned the animal-loving speaker's office into a petting zoo — complete with housing cockroaches and a fire-belly newt.

Gingrich, naddling a "North African fenno" fox, confessed that his first boyhood dream was to be a zoo director.

"It took a House-Senate resolution to authorize the circus' 125th-anniversary performance in the Capitol parking lot," Gingrich, house speaker,

"We have the outer circus and the inner circus,"

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House speaker

Gingrich, who watched from a folding chair placed on a small slice of red carpet, revealed in the performing elephants' symphony.

Asked about the absence of donkeys — mascots for the Democrats — Gingrich said, "That was an independent, private-enterprise circus decision about what works."

For Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, a GOP presidential contender, it was a picture-perfect photo opportunity.

The 71-year-old Kansan posed beside the 48-year-old King Tulku ("a young Republican," Dole quipped) and flashed reporters a "thumbs-up."

"We have the outer circus," said House Majority Leader Bob Livingston, D-La., as he walked off, the 14,762-pound pachyderm curled his trunk up to his forehead and winked.

Accompanied by a police motorcade of presidential proportions, the elephants had lumbered trunk-to-tail the nearly two miles from the D.C. Armory, where the circus opens a two-week run on Thursday, to the Capitol.

Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., the only senator to oppose the performance, said the sergeant-at-arms told him security for the two-hour circus act would rival that used for the president's State of the Union address — a cost to taxpayers of about $52,000.

The plaza was roped off to the uninvited public but about 300 local schoolchildren packed the Capitol steps at Gingrich's invitation. They waved small American flags, marveled at the jumping dogs and giggled at the dancing clowns.

But not everyone was laughing.

Eighteen animal-rights advocates — dressed in prison garb and elephant masks, and pretending what they called the circus' maltreatment of elephants — were arrested at the Senate steps and charged with unlawful entry and obstructing passage on Capitol grounds, police said.

Ringling Bros. spokesman Barbara Pflughaupt dismissed the protesters' claims and said, "For 125 years, we have set the standard for the care and welfare of domestic and exotic animals and we're very proud of our record."

CIA director denies link to killings in Guatemala

By Rita Beausoleil

WASHINGTON — As the widows of two men killed in Guatemala lobbied Congress Wednesday, acting CIA Director William O. Studeman denied complicity by the agency in the deaths. But key Senate Intelligence Committee members accused the CIA of misleading Congress.

Studeman also denied reports that the CIA increased funding for its clandestine programs in Guatemala to make up for President Bush's cut of military assistance at the end of 1990.

In the first detailed response to criticism of CIA ties to the Guatemalan military, Studeman acknowledged Wednesday that the CIA:

—Failed to give Congress information it had in the fall of 1991 regarding the death of American TV producer Michael Devine.

—Did not recognize the "potential significance" of information received in mid-1994 about the death of rebel leader Eliseo Velasquez Bamaca.

—Recalled its station chief in Guatemala in January after a six-day "management lapse," according to Assistant CIA Director Alvaro Vargas.

Studeman did not specifically discuss the agency's relationship with Lt. Col. Julio Roberto Alpirez, who is said to have been a CIA informant implicated in the deaths of Devine and Bamaca. Those questions, said to deal with classified material, were left for a private session with the Senate Intelligence Committee.

But Studeman told the committee in public that the CIA was diligent in providing other U.S. government agencies information it obtained about Alpirez's reported involvement in the deaths of Devine in June 1990 and Bamaca around March 1992.

Studeman and Assistant Secretary of State Alexander Watson both said the administration believes Alpirez was at least involved in a cover-up of Devine's death at the hands of the Guatemalan military, and is believed knowledgeable or involved in the death of Bamaca.

Watson said U.S. Ambassador Marilyn McAfee pressed Guatemalan President Rodrigo de Leon Cargos as recently as Tuesday night for a full investigation of both cases.

Velasquez was married to American attorney Jennifer Harbury, whose hunger strikes in Guatemala and outside the White House helped draw attention to the unanswered questions about her husband and Devine.

Harbury and Devine's widows, Carole Devine and Bamaca, attended Wednesday's hearing.

"The CIA is not complicit in the murder of Mr. Devine nor in the apparent killing of Mr. Bamaca," Studeman said.

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Residents and urban planners clash over rebuilding Kobe

By Peter Landers

KOBE, Japan — City officials have a new vision for earthquake-ravaged Kobe. Tear down crowded, aging apartment buildings and businesses and redevelop the area with high-rise apartments, wide roads and green parks.

For Akitoshi Yoshida, his dream for the future is to return to the way it was before his neighborhood was devastated by the Jan. 17 earthquake.

Surveying the rubble of the bathhouse he ran for 43 years, Yoshida said, "You can work there." "I'll build it. I'll work there."

In Kobe and neighboring areas ruined by the earthquake, thousands like Yoshida dream the old one.

City planners want to move on, look ahead. The emerging debate has highlighted old and painful themes in Japanese urban development. Cities tend to be hodgepodge neighborhoods, instead of making way for new apartments, better roads and parks.

Even before urban renewal began, legislators will have to meet," said Shinichi Ito, a resident opposing city plans to build a 55-foot wide road down the center of his neighborhood.

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"The people on top make the plans, and force the people on the bottom to live according to them," Ito said.

Finding a new way in Kobe will not be easy. Efforts to impose a new urban vision have not been welcomed so far. Protests broke out in mid-March as residents denounced the Kobe city government's approval of a redevelopment plan for five key areas devastated by the quake.

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SEATTLE — The Navy on Wednesday discharged a gay petty officer after a federal appeals court panel refused to grant a preliminary injunction against such a move, officials said.

Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Mark Philips was notified of his discharge by his commanding officer shortly before noon, said Bangor submarine base spokes-

woman Patricia Hooks. She said Philips collected his paperwork and personal belongings and left. A two-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco on Tuesday refused to grant an emergency motion, requested by Philips' attorney Jett Whitmer, that Philips be allowed to stay in the service until his appeal of U.S. District Judge William Dwyer's ruling is resolved.

Dwyer on March 17 reluctantly upheld the Navy's recommended discharge of Philips under the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell policy" of excluding active homosexuals from the military.

"Well, it means Mark will be out of a job pending appeal, which I think is a setback," Whitmer said Wednesday. "He doesn't have a job lined up so I imagine he'll be pounding the pavement." Whitmer said the discharge will have little effect on the appeal process.

"The discharge isn't warranted because he's been on active duty for two years and he's been openly gay during that time," Whitmer said. "But it's certainly not going to affect the appeal process."

Philips had said earlier that a discharge would mean he would "go get a job and stay in the area so that I'm available to be around during the appeal."

He said he expects to be reinstated. Whitmer said he expects to be in court with the appeal within one year.

A federal judge in New York last week ruled the "don't ask, don't tell" policy is unconstitutional. That decision continued an order barring the Defense Department from starting discharge proceedings against six plaintiffs.

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Outlaw security program SATAN makes anti-climactic debut on Internet

By Karyn Hunt

SAN FRANCISCO — It was hyped as the possible precursor to an online armageddon, but on the first day of its free distribution on the Internet, SATAN turned out to be a bit of a bust.

The mass distribution of the easy-to-use program designed to detect security holes caused an ethical controversy before its release. Some feared computer hackers and crackers would use it to find weaknesses they could exploit to break into other people’s computer systems. But its release on Wednesday caused no perceptible disturbance in the aether. A brief survey of on-line servers, corporations, educational institutions and government agencies from New York to San Francisco found no problems — yet.

“If I were someone using (SATAN) for nefarious purposes, I wouldn’t use it the first day anyway. There are too many people watching,” said Steve Fran, technical director for the San Francisco-based Institute for Global Communications, which runs the Onenet and Eonet online services.

But whether or not people were actually using it, SATAN was clearly a hot commodity out of the gate. When it was available to the public were several hours to get through so there they could download a copy, said Tim Grance, manager of Computer Security for the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

He predicted eventual trouble as a result of the program’s free distribution, but said it will be days, weeks or months before hackers learn to use it and problems begin to show up.

The Internet is a network that links computers around the world, allowing people to swap data and information. In its early days, it was used mostly by academies, the military and government agencies and security wasn’t much of an issue.

As the net has expanded to incorporate more users and more commercial applications, concerns have increased about the theft of information, trade secrets and private medical or personal files.

A security expert named Dan Farmer and Wietse Venema, a security expert at the University of Eindhoven in the Netherlands, designed the program to help smaller users who can’t afford other measures check their systems for possible security holes.

They decided to distribute it for free over the Internet at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Farmer’s 33rd birthday.

Computer technicians at San Francisco-based Wells Fargo Bank ran the program on their own systems and did not discover any problems, a spokesman said.

Quite a few at major corporations or government agencies asked for advance copies so they could find and plug any holes before hackers getting SATAN free off the Internet could use it against them.

One of those was the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which found some weaknesses programmers hadn’t been aware of, Grance said. The institute advises other government agencies on computer security.

Others planned to use SATAN eventually but weren’t in much of a hurry because they feel confident of the security measures they already had in place.

“We probably use it as soon as we get off our lazy butts and go find it,” said Tom Jennings, owner of The Little Garden, a San Francisco-based online service.

Some, such as the Institute for Global Communications and Pacific Bell, did not plan to use it at all because it would only replicate the work their security technicians already have done, Fran said.

If there are any break-ins as a result of SATAN’s distribution, they will happen days, weeks, or even months after the distribution, several computer experts said. For starters, they said, it will take hackers some time to figure out how to use SATAN.

Meanwhile, in discussion groups and bulletin boards throughout the Internet, the reaction ranged from questions about where to find the program to sarcasm about the hype.

Said one user on a computer security newsgroup: “It appears that all the hype is kind of like the doomsday weapon of World War III. Everyone is trying to get a copy and everyone is trying to protect themselves. I just find it kind of funny. Well, then let the mayhem begin!”

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