Baker salary increased by $20K a year

Cal Poly President earns $12,400 more than executive vice chancellor of the CSU system

By Jen Stevenson
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly President Warren Baker is now pulling in a salary of more than $200,000 a year after California State University trustees gave all CSU presidents raises in September. Boosting Baker’s annual earnings by more than $20,000

Already the highest-paid president in the CSU system, Baker — in his 19th year as Cal Poly’s president — received an 11 percent raise that shot him up from $187,729 to $202,404 on the first of this month.

“The salary gap makes it difficult to attract and retain the best executives to lead the CSU.”

— Chancellor’s office memo

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Speaker kicks off Agriculture Week

By Kristin Dehse
Mustang Daily

California’s Secretary for the Department of Food and Agriculture kicks off San Luis Obispo County’s Agriculture Appreciation Week today with a visit to Cal Poly. Ann Veneman will give the keynote address at the Food Safety Conference in Chumash Auditorium.

According to Mark Shelton, associate dean for the College of Agriculture, Veneman will be giving an overview of food safety-related issues on a state and national level.

“She’ll probably touch on food safety, food quality, food trade, and availability issues.”

Shelton said, “It will be a high-level food safety talk from the perspective of the head of agriculture in California.”

Shelton said Veneman would most likely discuss new technologies in agriculture and what such advances will mean for California.

Veneman has been CDFA Secretary since her appointment by Gov. Pete Wilson in 1995. CDFA’s annual budget of $198 billion employs 1,820 people who work to ensure a safe, abundant, and healthy food supply for California residents.

The conference is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is open to the public. Seventeen special guests will speak during a break in the conference for the Aurora Farmer’s Breakfast.

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Cal Poly, county cooperate to restore Stenner Creek habitat

Creek bed erosion damages steelhead trout spawning grounds

By Lauren Nowenstein
Mustang Daily

Steelhead trout and Cal Poly agricultural land may both be saved by the restoration of Stenner Creek. Cooperation between Cal Poly and the San Luis Obispo Land Conservancy is the first of several joint efforts to preserve the creek.

Deputy director of the project and the San Luis Obispo Land Conservancy, Brian Stark, said the effort is necessary. Since the 1950s, fallen soil from creek bed erosion has damaged the spawning ground of steelhead trout — listed as a threatened species. This excess soil has created a barrier at the bottom of the creek, covering the gravel the trout need to lay their eggs.

Stark said newspaper articles from the 1950s describe the creek as so full of trout that people could cross the creek on the backs of the fish.

“When was the last time you saw a mass of fish in the creek?” Stark asked. “We just don’t see that anymore.”

He added that Stenner Creek, a tributary of San Luis Obispo Creek, serves as one of the most viable steelhead spawning streams in San Luis Obispo. Stark said this is why eroded banks found in areas of Stenner Creek must be restored.

“This is a site that just wasn’t going
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to repair itself anytime soon," Stark said. "We just couldn't wait for nature to do this one."

The San Luis Obispo Land Conservancy initiated the project, which is funded by a $16,000 grant from the regional water quality control board.

Stark said the project is beneficial to both sides.

"Cal Poly is) getting their agricultural land protected and we are getting steelhead protected," Stark said.

Ed Johnson, coordinator of the project for Cal Poly's facilities planning department said the restoration plan used in-house expertise and was created as part of a Master's degree thesis by Chris Rose, a lecturer in forestry and natural resources management.

"This is a project that involves a lot of people in a lot of departments," Johnson said. He said soil science professors and the College of Agriculture Associate Dean Mark Shellot were also consulted.

Shellot said he doesn't know if agricultural work has harmed the creek but he believes flow grazing and runoff may have contributed to creek erosion.

"The project fits right in with our plans to manage the watershed," Shellot said.

The first phase of the project involves the removal of about 210 cubic yards of soil from the site of severely eroded, 15-foot vertical creek bank. Johnson said this grading helps eliminate the possibility of excess soil sliding into the creek.

John DeCarli, a crop science professor, said he sees the field near the creek to harvest soybeans as part of his service project.

"I noticed they were working on the creek but I didn't know what was going on," DeCarli said.

Johnson said Cal Poly is matching the grant by providing grading equipment such as backhoes and loaders to remove the soil.

Cal Poly's facilities services is also providing the labor for the restoration. Stark said the project would have cost thousands of dollars more without Cal Poly's assistance.

"I probably wouldn't have proceeded with grading if it hadn't been donated," Stark said.

Johnson said Cal Poly was interested in the project because the creek threatens agricultural grazing land running near a field used by the agriculture department. Creek overflow has the potential to harm the land.

The second phase of the project will take place upstream. As this barren site, native plants and trees will be planted to stabilize the creek bed and shade the water, improving the habitat for fish and helping to prevent erosion.

"We want to take a more natural approach," Stark said.

Johnson and the project addresses the symptoms of the erosion problem downstream and solves the problem upstream.

"We want to think of the creek system as a whole," Stark said.

Cal Poly will manage the site when vegetation efforts are completed.

Stark said that animals from Cal Poly such as sheep, goats and cows will trim weeds growing near new vegetation by grazing on them.

Stark said the project is made simpler because Cal Poly owns a large section of the creek.

He said he hopes the strong partnership between the university and the San Luis Obispo Land Conservancy will make it easier to receive more project grants from the water quality control board.

"It's an example to other groups in our watershed that this can be done," Stark said.

Phil Ashley, a lab technician in the Biology department, said he is concerned that a creek restoration project is going on that only a few people know about.

Duane White, an environmental engineering senior, said the project has not been discussed in any of his classes.

"I am surprised I never heard of it," White said.

Ashley said he is skeptical of the project and worried about the health of the creek. "People just love to screw with creeks," Ashley said.

"A creek is dynamic and moving, it is almost a physical being," he continued.

Ashley said he is concerned that some of the parties involved in the project may have not considered all sides of the issue.

"They can do some good work, but they can also do some bad work for the ecosystem," Ashley said.

Stark said the creek restoration, which began on Oct. 5 and will be finished by Oct. 31, is "going a lot faster" than he had anticipated. Results from the effort are not guaranteed but he is confident in the success of the project.

"We're taking the soft-path approach; we're not using hard technology. It's a little more difficult to predict the results," Johnson said.

Stark said that after the rainy season there may be less soil lost from the sides of the creek bed. He added though, that usually the full strength of projects such as this one can not be seen until three years have passed.

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Boxer fights for democrats, not issues

This year’s race for the Senate has been and will be — in the next three weeks — fought hard. Matt Fong, current State Treasurer and conservative-to-moderate Republican faces off against the ultra-liberal incumbent Sen. Barbara Boxer.

Fong is counting on his solid-issue stance and Boxer’s reputation for extremism to win her race.

While there is nothing particularly polarizing about Matt Fong, Boxer carries with her many liberal Democrats, but an unusual number of voters who personally dislike her. As an ardent feminist, Boxer’s reputation for extremism to win his race.

In 1992, better known as “the year of the woman” in California political terms. Thus Boxer’s “woman” in California terms. Thus Boxer’s silence is deafening, in Matt Fong’s words. Boxer danced on the grave of Packwood after he resigned and consequently wrote an entire book on the evils of powerful men (CBS) having sexual relations with their daughters. It would seem that Fong and the rest of the feminist movement (NOW et al) don’t have a problem with adultery, sexual misconduct, predatory behavior towards women or, for that matter, the character assassination of a good woman like Fong’s. This hypocrisy on the part of Fong, NOW President Patricia Ireland and the rest destroyed whatever credibility the feminist movement had worked to attain over the last fifty years.

So ladies and gentlemen, the men out there who have been sexually harassed, here’s the message: If your boss harasses you sexually, Barbara Boxer will fight for you — unless your boss is a Democrat.

What is your favorite ‘80s video?

- Debbie Gibson — “Electric Youth.” She was awesome and the symbol of the ‘80s.
- Michael Jackson — “Thriller.” It’s cool and he gets on that chick.
- New Kids on the Block — “Hangin’ Tough.” They were so sexy.
- Aerosmith — “Walk This Way.” It had Ram DMC and was an innovative blend of Rap and Rock.

Buying books online is not all that

Michael Hayes makes some good points (“Buying and selling textbooks online is the cheapest alternative,” Oct. 8). However, he neglected one minor detail: Fong views in his senior project so his opinion of the site would obviously be favorable.

There are disadvantages to online shopping. If you need to buy or sell four books, you might have to deal with four different strangers. That means playing phone tag times four, not to mention finding a common meeting time and place. Plus, you don’t know anything about the condition of the book and forget about returns.

The real alternative to bookstores is something called the Polyphase Book Exchange. At the beginning and end of every quarter, students can bring their books to Polyphase and sell them on consignment. Set your own price and if the book sells, you get the money (minus 10 percent commission). Otherwise, the book is returned to you at no charge.

I’m biased towards Polyphase because I work for the club, but I think the facts speak for themselves.

Eric Marcus is an electrical engineering senior.
Make way for bikes

As a bike rider I'm tired of being a second-class citizen of the road. For years I've been honked at by motor vehicles when I bike, and after reading last Tuesday's article on bicycling laws, "Pedal to the pavement" (Oct. 6) it occurred to me that decision-makers aren't helping either.

Planners at Cal Poly make life tough on bike riders. Unlike many other colleges, there are no bike paths at Cal Poly. The only marked route for cyclists is on bike riders. Unlike many other college campuses, the Cal Poly streets where bikes are allowed on are lined with bike racks. The strangest part is that motor vehicles are allowed on Cal Poly streets where bikes aren't. I've been hounded by motor vehicles since I've been a bike rider on Cal Poly streets where bikes aren't allowed on Cal Poly streets where bikes are allowed on. The signs aren't very prominent. Meanwhile motorists can be a constant source of bike riders breaking the law. It's important to know where to ride when bike-rideable roads are involved. I've seen motor vehicle drivers who don't check what was in the bike lane. I got hit, my bike got run over. I have a feeling the driver would have checked his side mirror if there had been a motor vehicle lane to his right; but it was just a bike lane, so it wasn't a concern.

This is far from an isolated incident. Last week I was almost hit by a car that ran a red light at the intersection of California and Football Boulevards. The car goes on. What these incidents teach me is that the law doesn't apply to bike riders. Instead, motor vehicle drivers think of cyclists as second-class citizens of the road. It's hypocritical to saddle them with the same responsibilities.

Chris Hoffman is a journalism junior.

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out a tremendous effort," he said.
Slichek said another obstacle the Mustangs need to overcome is their front row strength and blocking ability.
Hathaway agreed. "They have very good blocks," she said. "They're a big blocking team."
Slichek also echoed the Gauchos with being very good under pressure, a factor Cal Poly is still working on.
"(UCSB) is used to pressure," he said. "It's something that we have to continue to get better at, working through those pressure situations. We need to have the confidence that we're going to win the long rallies, that we're going to win the right points."
Coach Slichek said he is pleased with the team's standing in the Big West conference. Cal Poly is currently 1-3 overall and 1-3 in the Big West. The team played well Thursday night at Bobo-state, winning in a four-game match 15-3, 13-15, 15-9, 15-9. DeSoto played a great game, with 19 kills, 10 blocks, and six digs.
Hathaway also had a good night with 12 kills and eight digs, as did Pierce with 11 digs, seven kills, and five blocks.
Slichk said the team could make it to the NCAA Tournament if it continues to play well, but he said there are no guarantees.
"That's the primary goal that the team set," he said.
The team plays next weekend against North Texas on Friday and New Mexico State on Saturday at the Cal Poly Rec Center.

49ers, Doelman sack Ditka's Saints
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers made New Orleans look like the Saints of old on Sunday — the ones who have not had a winning season in five years.
Steve Young had his fifth straight game 300-yard passing game and became the 20th player in NFL history to throw for 3,000 yards in a 33-20 rout.
Chris Doelman's four sacks moved him into fifth place on the career list, and the 49ers (4-1) won by their second largest margin against the Saints.
Young, who left after one series in the fourth quarter, completed 21 of 40 passes for 329 yards and three touchdowns. He helped them open with three straight scores and take the New England Patriots to the wire last week.
Against the lowest-ranked defense in the NFL, New Orleans had only 167 yards and made only 10 first downs — just two in the first three quarters, when it was held to 46 total yards. The Saints had only one first down passing and were just 1-for-11 on third downs.
San Francisco held the ball for 36 minutes, 28 seconds. The last time the Saints scored against the 49ers it was Super Bowl XXIV. Now, 1996, a dry spell of more than eight quarters.
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Volleyball breaks even

By Jen Stevenson

A team in the parking lot by the Cal Poly Rec Center Saturday night had a license plate that read, “I’LL SET.”

This seemed to be the attitude of the volleyball game at Cal Poly played well, but lost to No. 4 UC Santa Barbara in a tough three-game match, 3-0.

UCSB caught the Mustangs off-guard in the first game, grabbing an 11-2 lead early. Cal Poly tried to pull it together and come back, but couldn’t close the gap, losing 15-6. Sophomore outside hitter Melanie Hathaway said the Mustangs played good defense and put up a great effort, but were too slow catching up in the first game.

“We should have started-off aggressively the first part of the match,” Hathaway said. “I think we didn’t really start playing until the second game.”

“UCSB is used to pressure. It’s something we have to get better at.”

— Steve Schlick
head volleyball coach

A change in attitude from both sides. The teams fought each other point for point until the Gauchos closed the game, 16-14. The Mustangs served game-point twice, but failed to get the game-winning point.

Asha Wagner named the team’s slow start as early problems with passing. “We should have gone out strong in the first game,” Wagner said. However, she said few errors came as a relief after the frustrating roll errors took on last weekend’s game against University of Pacific.

In the next game, Cal Poly made the first point and kept the lead until Santa Barbara slowly gained on them. The game’s pace was furious with long rallies and powerful shots from both sides. The teams fought each other point for point until the Gauchos closed the game, 16-14. The Mustangs served game-point twice, but failed to get the game-winning point.

Asha Wagner played a superior game, according to head coach Steve Schlick, earning praise of cheers with her 14 kills, three blocks and 10 digs.

Kari DeSoto contributed 13 kills and a .313 percentage. Hathaway was formidable presence on the court, with seven kills and 17 digs. Melissa Pierce added five kills and 11 digs.

The Gauchos were a challenging opponent for the Mustangs. Their star player, junior Roberts Cellik, was an All-American last year and was named Big West Player of the Week twice this season. She was everywhere on the court with 18 kills, three blocks and 10 digs.

The third game was exhausting for the team and the audience of 572, as the teams agonizingly fought for each point right to the finish. The Cal Poly hard cheerfully beckoned Santa Barbara as they stepped up to serve, but nothing could stop them from winning, 15-11.

The Gauchos took a quick three-point lead and Cal Poly played catch-up until they tied 8-8 halfway through the game. Santa Barbara pulled ahead once more, but the Mustangs were unable to close the gap, despite some great shots by DeSoto and Wagner.

DeSoto said the team had trouble finishing the game, but expressed confidence in the Mustangs’ ability to compete. “I just wish we could try a little more towards the end of the game,” she said. “We can play with these teams, we’re as good as they are, we just have to know it.”

Schlick said Santa Barbara’s effort and intensity level allowed them to capture the victory.

“There is no ball that they’re going to allow to fall with-see VOLLEYBALL, page 7

Alou spurns Dodgers for Expos

MONTREAL (AP) — Felipe Alou, who seemed close to joining the Los Angeles Dodgers, is staying with the Montreal Expos.

He signed a three-year contract that the Expos said Sunday will make him one of the highest-paid managers in the major leagues. Manager Jim Barron and Mark Rutenberg, a member of the Expos’ ownership group, met with Alou at his home in Florida on Saturday.

The Dodgers were reported to have offered the 63-year-old manager a three-year contract worth between $3.5 million and $4 million.

Now, Davey Johnson and Kevin Kennedy reportedly are the leading candidates to manage the Dodgers.

Alou, who has managed the Expos since 1992 and has spent 24 years in the organization, was ready to leave at the end of the season because he believed he was no longer wanted.

After an owners meeting last week at which team president Claude Brochu agreed to step down, Expos’ general manager Jacques Menuard said a top priority was to keep Alou.

Dodgers general manager Kevin Malone spent three days in the Dominican Republic with Alou before returning to Los Angeles late Friday.

“We discussed the job and the financial package,” Malone said Wednesday. “We expressed our interest in having him as manager and what we have to offer. A financial package was discussed and is available if he wants to come here.”

Last week, the Dodgers said interim manager Glenn Hoffman would be assigned to the coaching staff next year.

Alou became Montreal’s winningest manager on Aug. 19 when he collected win No. 521, surpassing Jack McCarthy. Alou was the 28th manager in the majors to reach 500 wins.

The Expos’ ownership group of six men behind Montreal’s current investors would have to find new investors and renew their bid for a downtown stadium.