ITS cleans computer code for Year 2000

By Steve Noone

Mustang Daily

In a race against time to make campus information systems Year 2000 compliant, Cal Poly Information Technology Services seems to be winning. Currently many computer systems around the world store dates using only two numbers to designate the year (1999 is stored as 99), which may cause them to incorrectly interpret the year 2000 as 1900. It's called the Y2K bug, and it could potentially trigger nationwide computer crashes or corruption of financial and personal information.

It's up to Sally Anderson, coordinator of Cal Poly's ITS Y2K task force, to make sure the computer systems that regulate campus operation correctly handle dates after Dec. 31, 1999.

"Student Information Systems, which include CAPTURE, Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, MustangInfo and Student Accounts, should be fully compliant," she said. "They were certified on Dec. 31, 1998.

"However, the university's financial record system, which includes the overall budget, is not yet compliant, but should be by the end of April," she said. "Energy management systems — which regulate campus heating, air conditioning, and some alarm systems — are controlled by embedded chips that are not compliant — those should be replaced by the vendor by April 1."
Eating Smart On Campus

March is National Nutrition Month and Campus Dining is using the opportunity to help students be more aware of their eating habits.

Several eateries around campus are advertising nutritious meals to emphasize the convenience of attaining daily nutritional needs from several areas across campus.

Tapungo’s and Tapungo’s Super boast their Salad Bar. Inside this tortilla is shredded lettuce, diced tomato, cheese (if desired), diced onion, and Girard’s fat free champagne dressing. For those who request it, a 99¢ fat free tortilla can substitute for the regular one.

City Deli offers custom-made sandwiches with non-fat mayonnaise to add to the taste but not the hips. Chick-Fil-A serves grilled chicken sandwiches or garden salads, while Cowboy Grub offers their Garden Burger and spaghetti.

The Avenue also offers fresh fruit and veggie snacks from their coolers. To top off a healthy meal, customers can dabble in the nonfat frozen yogurt section which carries healthy toppings, trail mixes, and dried fruits.

For that extra boost in the day, both health and taste-conscious people can visit Lucy’s Juice and Lucy’s Juice Too for fruit and vegetable smoothies.

For Campus Dining, nutrition isn’t just a word, it’s a way of life.

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Earl work contractors are grading the site, and all other contractors are gathering and gathering approval for materials. All materials, including metal, concrete and pipe products, must be approved by the engineers and architects before they are used.

The architects and engineers ensure the products meet the requirements outlined in drawings. For example, the concrete has to withstand a certain amount of pressure, and the drainage pipes must meet a specified thickness.

"This period of time is where there is a lot of paperwork," MacNair said.

After the materials are approved, building can begin.

Throughout construction, field inspectors will test concrete work, soil quality and other environmental factors.

"A lot of people are working as a team to ensure the final product is something students want, Athletics wants and (Associated Students Inc.) wants," MacNair said.

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1870s. "The artifacts give us a little more insight into what they lived," said Jimmy Yip, president of Lambida Phi Epsilon fraternity. "I have heard of all the prejudices before. It was reenacted when I went to the lab, and every time I go to the lab it hits me harder."

In 1987, during the construction of the Palm Street parking garage, workers discovered they were building on ground that was once Chinatown. Archaeologists were called to the site and found a wealth of artifacts — 90 percent Chinese imports — such as globular shopping jars — used to ship spices — remains back to China, spouted jars, a wedding band, opium pipes, medicine bottles and three different types of porcelain.

The five tons of artifacts sat locked in a cargo container and stored in a city corporation yard for 10 years, until Parker decided to take on the project and open a lab on Cal Poly’s campus — which turns almost entirely on volunteer work.

"Everything that we have found lets us paint a picture of what their lives were like," Parker said. "It could be as common as a toothbrush or a silver pocket watch."

Parker has been able to tell us what the population of Chinatown ate, due to bones found at the site. He also determined their economic status by the type of dwelling they ate from. He has received enormous help from the descendants of three major families who lived in Chinatown — the Ah Louis family, the Ginn family and the Chong family.

Howard Louis — son of Ah Louis, the first man to make bricks in San Luis Obispo — is in his 90’s and has helped Parker by recalling what life was like in Chinatown when he was young.

In California in the 1860s, one out of ten people was Chinese. Single Chinese men came to California in search of gold. In San Luis Obispo, Chinese men lived in boarding houses — which developed into Chinatown. However, according to Parker, in 1890 the United States’ first immigration law was passed, making further Chinese immigration illegal. It reduced the country’s Chinese population from 10 percent to two percent.

"We look for history in these artifacts," Parker said. "This project has given me an opportunity to write a chapter of our country’s past that was left out due to prejudices. Not too many people know that the first bricks in San Luis Obispo were made by a Chinese labor contractor — Ah Louis."
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Welcome to Politics

With the recent and incredible rise from apathy I have witnessed on this campus, I feel it is my duty to praise my fellow students for their sudden leap into the beautiful world of politics. Whether it be the MoveOn.org rallies, the Cal Poly Plan or even the lack of parking spots on this campus, finally I am seeing the section of society filled with intelligent people willing to make their voices heard.

The surge of involvement is also prevalent in Associated Students Inc. Last Wednesday, at the ASI board meeting, we hosted a bunch of geeeks, Poly Plan haters and lovers and a husky named Ruckus.

Allow me to tell you what happened. The ASI Board of Directors passed a resolution condemning the new Associated Students Inc. Last Wednesday, at the ASI board meeting, we hosted a bunch of geeeks, Poly Plan haters and lovers and a husky named Ruckus.

Politics are everywhere. If you're convincing your teacher that you should be given an A in class because D is the only grade you got in your entire high school career, then you probably would not get the A that you desire — that is politics. It's power plays, and Cal Poly's administration has some of the finest power plays I've seen. It is necessary to have a little manipulative, deceitful and shrewd. Absolutely not, in the business world. However, at Cal Poly, it is misplaced. Cal Poly isn't a business. It's a learning and the building grounds for a foundation of education second only to Harvard and Stanford.

Our administration has been humbled. Realizing the tension and indignant attitudes settling in the hearts and minds of students, the Poly Plan Steering Committee is now in a holding pattern. We are postponing the vote until the state legislature says to do different funding.

And this is a quote from a member of the Poly Plan Steering Committee told the Mustang Daily. It is a sign, my friends. They actually have their ear to the ground and are realizing that alternative democracy is a sham and has reached just past a scared crowd as a referendum on the Poly Plan would have.

Do we deserve a little pat on the back for actually giving a damn this year? Most definitely.

The benefits of involvement in vital issues grow exponentially with each step. Do you think that if there wasn't such a negative vibe on the Poly Plan and the overall lack of trust toward the administration that even the possibility of a vote would come to pass? How about state Sen. Jack O'Connell — do you think he would have even proposed the possibility of the state making up the dock it sank under seven years ago of ASI and the administration had not hammered him for it? Where did that hammering originate? In the hearts and minds of every student who gave a damn this quarter. Student apathy is a disease only curable by the antibiotic known as caring, and we seem to have found that cure.

Eddie Drake is a political science sophomore.
See and hear no evil from Kosovo

Editor:
In the early morning hours of Jan. 15, Serbian troops and police equipped with armored vehicles and infantry attacked the village of Racak in Kosovo. The Muslim villagers were busy in prayers and preparing predawn meals for observance of the Holy month of Ramadan (the month of fasting).
The Serbian troops were after down, leaving 45 dead bodies, including women, children and the elderly.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident. Serbian troops have been committing massacres against innocent Kosovo Muslims for about two months. In fact, Serbs have been killing innocent Muslims for about 10 years. They started in 1988 when they murdered thousands of innocent women, children, and the elderly. They also raped thousands of Muslim women, solely because they practice a different religion. Many Serbians have been charged with war crimes by an international tribunal.

But the truth of the matter is that today the Serbian leader Milosevic is still free to do whatever he likes, in order to maintain his political power. Serbian troops would like to portray this as ethnic violence, but they did not see any evil in Bosnia, and they do not find any wrongdoing in Kosovo now.

Are the civilized Western governments supporting Serb Christians, even though they are wrong? I find it hard to believe American citizens would support such a policy.

When I asked some American friends if they knew anything about Kosovo, I was surprised to hear responses like, "What N BA team does Kosovo play with?" This basic lack of knowledge of an international crisis is the reason the media can easily manipulate viewers and sway public opinion.

As educated people, we should not blindly accept what the media portrays. Rather, we should investigate and research all the pertinent facts and details of this issue.

If you agree with me that the United States should do something to stop this senseless killing, then contact the president, vice president, secretary of state and your congressmen, urging them to take swift action on this issue.

It's up to you either take action and protest this inhumane violence or just sit back and do nothing. I know that doing nothing is the easiest thing to do, but think for a moment. What if you were a Kosovor Muslim?

To paraphrase a great saying, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing."

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The fall of feminism

By Erika Fields

Feminism is a lot like MTV: it startled you right out of your comfort zone, you immediately knew who you were going to love and hate, and there was a lot of drama. But in the end, it really, really worked. In its best form, feminism was simply the belief that women are as good as men. Period.

All women should be feminists — regardless of the color of your skin or any other attribute.

Women were equal to men. Period. Which kind would be up to them. Of course, in the popular trend, the most insane factions get the most publicity. But the truth of the matter is not only that the majority of people in the United States do not go to college.

How about that the percentage of women at Cal Poly is not exactly representative of the percentage of women in the United States who care?

Who are these people to decide how much diversity I need? I would think that minorities would be offended at the idea they were accepted to this school based on the fact that it is trying to be more diverse.

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Anderson said that a study group was formed in 1997 to develop a cam­pus action plan to bring Cal Poly's computer hardware and software up to Y2K compliance. The plan was implemented on June 15, 1998 when team members began testing campus systems for flaws.

"The problems could be in applica­tion software, operating systems, mainframe systems, network servers — we looked at everything," she said. "Most of the major ones are done or are being worked on right now."

George Glaser oversees Student Information Systems as Cal Poly coor­dinator of student applications. He said he feels confident that these systems are compliant, and he will flip the dates ahead to 2000 to test them over the summer.

"We will be running a test of the system over the summer, but it's basically just to double check," he said. "We're added the term expansion that puts all the dates in an eight character format (dd/mm/yyyy). That's been worked on right now."

The official Cal Poly year 2000 web page provides detailed information on how to prepare for potential Y2K-related problems. The Action Alliance web page (www.calpoly.edu/year2000) shows the inventory and assessment stages, where problems are located and plans to repair or replace the affected sys­tems are made, as nearly finished. The final stage, Remediation, where the problems are actually fixed, is shown as about half complete.

Several common pieces of software that may not be Y2K compliant are Windows 95 and the OpenMail Client.

"OpenMail itself is compliant — the web client will work, but Hewlett-Packard is still testing an update to the (user end) OpenMail GUL," she said. "Windows 95 is compliant for 'loss of life' or potential failures but of course I don't know where they're going to incur," she said. "On the other extreme you have the diKin and ghuan crowd — people stockpiling ammo and buying canned food and ammunition, one mistake made — and there are billions of lines of code written to correct the Y2K problem there will be one mistake made — and there are billions of lines of code being written," he said. "But will these shut down industries? I kind of doubt it."

Closen said he was certain there would be some problems when 2000 comes, but he doubted they would be severe.

"I've heard an estimate that for every 2,000 lines of code written to correct the Y2K problem there will be one mistake made — and there are billions of lines of code being written," she said. "But will these shut down industries? I kind of doubt it."

City officials offer Year 2000 preparation advice
By Steve Noone

While some may be stockpiling canned food and ammunition, one group of county residents is working to educate the public about the year 2000 computer glitch.

The San Luis Obispo Y2K Action Alliance has posted a web page (at www.slokounty2k.org) which provides detailed information on how to prepare for potential Y2K-related problems including a loss of electricity, water and other utility services person­al, home, and financial safety issues; traveler preparation information; and emergency contact information.

Sally Anderson, coordinator of Cal Poly's Y2K task force and a member of the Action Alliance, offered some suggestions for preparations for community members.

"I think there's going to be some dis­ruptions, but of course I don't know where they're going to occur," she said. "We may see kind of a domi­nating effect — a run on food and gaso­line due to people stockpiling right before the end of the year. I think the computers may work just fine because it's the people who are unprepa­rable."

PCUSA has already publicly stated there won't be power outages — and it's impor­tant to read their disclosure state­ments — but I'm not expecting any major disruptions," she said.

The Action Alliance web page recommends that people have extra cash on hand and enough food to last three days to a week in case supply lines are disrupted due to power loss or computer malfunctions.

Anderson said one of the main goals of the Action Alliance is to educate people about what reason­able preparations for Y2K would be: "On one extreme you have people who don't even know what Y2K is," she said. "On the other extreme you have the doom and gloom crowd — people stockpiling ammo and buying gold, and some people moving out to the desert because they think it's going to be the end of the world."

"It's important for students and staff to be prepared, but I don't think we're going to see any really major problems," she said. "I know not traffic control is not fully compliant yet, although I doubt we're going to see planes falling out of the sky. But let's just say I'm not planning to travel on New Year's Eve."

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Bush on abortion: Should be banned, but voters won’t allow it

Texas Governor and likely GOP candidate suggests abortion-limiting legislation

WASHINGTON — A nickname, says the proverb, is “the heaviest stone the devil can throw at a man.” Some wound and leave scars. Others fall away and are forgotten.

Some stick like burrs. Others fall away and are forgotten. Bush discussed abortion and a wide range of issues in his state Capitol office Monday, as supporters filed papers in Washington to form a campaign committee. Bush has made clear he intends to run for the Republican nomination in 2000.

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Bush himself is a “pro-lite person,” the Texas governor and likely presidential candidate told The Associated Press. “America is not ready to overturn Roe v. Wade because America’s hearts are not right. And so, in the meantime, instead of arguing over Roe v. Wade, what we ought to do is promote policies that reduce abortions.”

The Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion.

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won three AL Most Valuable Player awards, appeared in 11 All-Star games, and entered the Hall of Fame in 1955, his third year of eligibility. For half a century, he was introduced as "the greatest living player." Yet, the numbers don’t account fully for his almost legendary place on the American cultural landscape, the reason Ernest Hemingway wrote about him and Simon and Garfunkel sang about him. There was something about the country bearing of this son of Italian immigrants that made him special.

"I would like to take the great DiMaggio fishing," the ancient Cuban fisherman said in Hemingway’s "The Old Man and the Sea." "They say his class, his maintenance that inspired Simon and Garfunkel sang about him. There was something about his father was a fishermen. Maybe he was as American cultural landscape, the reason Hemingway says in Hemingway’s "The Old Man and the Sea." "They say his father was a fishermen. Maybe he was as American as the Yankees. He was to people all over the country what a baseball player was supposed to be," said former Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda.

"If you said to God, 'Create some one who was what a baseball player should be,' God would have created Joe DiMaggio. And he did." Added Tim McCarver, who spent two decades as a catcher and is now one of baseball’s premiere broadcasters: "The very mention of his name provokes class, dignity, elegance and professionalism, both on and off the field." To those who knew him and to those who only admired him from afar, DiMaggio was the quintessential American hero. "This son of Italian immigrants gave every American something to believe in," President Clinton said. "He became the very symbol of American grace, power and skill ... I have no doubt that when future generations look back at the best of America in the 20th century, they will think of the Yankee Clipper and all that he achieved." Mark McGwire, himself a larger than life figure after hitting 70 home runs last season, said he was saddened by DiMaggio’s death. "He was one of the best in the game," McGwire said, "and I wish I never got a chance to meet DiMaggio. And Cal Ripken, who shattered the consecutive games streak of Lou Gehrig, a former DiMaggio roommate, said, "I feel fortunate and I’m glad that I had the opportunity to talk baseball with him."

DiMaggio touched all the bases of a legend

The Associated Press

In midcentury, when baseball stood above all American sports, Joe DiMaggio symbolized what fans loved about the game. Fifty years later, he had lost little of his star quality. "He was to people all over the world what a baseball player was supposed to be," said former Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda.

"I felt as though I had lost a personal friend," he said Monday night. His fascination with the baseball legend began as a child growing up in New Jersey.

"As a kid, you couldn’t help but be a fan of Joe DiMaggio," Kimm said. "He was such a great ball player." Kimm pursued a career as a journalist, working in New York and Cleveland over the course of his career. He had many opportunities to interview DiMaggio, and in time managed to develop a personal relationship with him.

"Joe DiMaggio had a style about him that I don’t think any other ball player had," Kimm said. "He wanted always to be known as a man who had dignity and who played the game with great pride."

Ex-instructor remembers DiMaggio

By Jen Stevenson

Herb Kamm will always feel a glow of pride when he reads the inscription on the baseball Joe DiMaggio autographed for him. "For Herb Kamm, best always to a real friend." It reads.

Kimm is special assistant to the vice president for university advancement and a former journalism lecturer and Mustang Daily adviser. He got the ball signed at a dinner with DiMaggio when Kamm was editor of the Cleveland Press.

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DiMaggio’s death

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

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We Pay MORE.
Scottsdale, Ariz. (AP) — There’s no rush for Shawn Estes.

The San Francisco Giants left-hander is taking it easy this spring, pitching in the fourth spot in the rotation. The mellow schedule is designed to keep Estes from peaking too soon — which is what some suspect happened to him last spring.

"The same routine will continue into the regular season," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "We’re not going to rush him."

Estes did not make his first start of the spring on Monday against the San Diego Padres. In his own words, he felt "a little bit left behind, a little bit out of shape." Estes allowed four hits in the first inning, including a two-run home run by Tony Gwynn. In the second inning he settled down to finish his brief appearance with two runs on four hits with one walk.

So, you’ve just graduated with your technical and/or business degree, and now comes decision time. How do you go about picking an employer and starting a career? You’ve got this great degree from a great school and you know the world is your oyster, but there are so many choices. Maybe you’ve narrowed it down a bit and decided that you want to start your career as a technical consultant because you like the challenge and you want the exposure to world-class businesses and leading-edge technology. You’ve interviewed with all the “Big 5” firms and they’re throwing money and bonuses at you and begging you to come join them and that’s cool. ‘Cause you like the professionalism, the poise and stature, the training, and the security, but you’re a little too chill for the whole suit-n-tie routine and too ambitious to be herded along with the masses. So, what do you do?

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Please join us for an information session on March 10th from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Staff Dining Room A (Veranda, Building 19.) Find out what it’s like to work for a GREAT company!
GREAT OUTING: Jeremy Cunningham pitched seven innings, allowing two unearned runs on Sunday.

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Brian Owston, shortstop Chris Hagman and Sheldon all scored twice for the Mustangs in the inning.

The second game of the doubleheader was not as much of a blowout as the first game, but Cal Poly still towered over Temple 9-6.

Center-fielder Bryan Giant scored three runs and added four hits. Ritter collected three hits and scored two runs and had two RIBIs.

On Saturday, the Mustangs once again defeated Temple, 9-2.

The first inning was led by right-fielder Matt Brady who doubled to center and drove in outfielder Doug Morales.

Pitcher Mike Zirelli allowed five hits and struck out 14, a season high.

Brady scored two runs on four hits.

Trooper scored a run and had two RIBIs.

"We did a nice job all weekend," head coach Ritch Price said. "The younger pitchers are getting better, they are gelling nicely. We have won six out of nine games and we are heading in the right direction into the conference."

The Mustangs start Big West Conference play Friday at the University of Pacific at 7 p.m.

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Joe DiMaggio died at his home Monday, surrounded by family and friends, following a five-month battle with lung cancer.

At age 94, John Joe has left and gone away. But his legacy lingers, shoulder-to-shoulder with the likes of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, his fellow Yankees. Very few others could measure up to him on the sports scene this century.

DiMaggio underwent surgery in October for breathing complications for weeks afterward and even falling into a coma briefly during his 99-day hospitalization. But he also answered his doctors by repeatedly bouncing back.

DiMaggio left the hospital Jan. 19 to recuperate at home, where his bed was decorated with a sign that read, "April 8. Yankee Stadium - Burt."

He died shortly after midnight, said Morris Engelberg, his longtime friend and attorney, one month and one day shy of making it back to the Bronx for the home opener.

For years DiMaggio had smoked three packs a day, and at times he even sneaked behind the run-ways at Yankee Stadium during games to have a cigarette with Gehrig.

At DiMaggio's bedside when he died were brother Dominick, a former major league outfielder; two grand-children, Engleberg and Joe Nachias; his friend of 70 years, Tristino joined in from baseball's past and present.

Told Ted Williams, who shared the spotlight with DiMaggio in the 41 season by batting .406 for Boston, the last time anyone batted .400. "There is no one Ted Williams admired, respected and envied more than Joe DiMaggio. Because of my close relationship with the DiMaggio family, I feel a very deep personal loss."

Said former Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda: "If you could get God to re-do a life and you were trying to find what a baseball player should be, God would have created Joe DiMaggio. And he did."

Told Bud Selig said he idolized DiMaggio. "I never saw a player who was as graceful. There was an aura about him that was amazing."

The Hall of Fame flag in Cooperstown, N.Y., was lowered to half-staff and a white flag was placed around DiMaggio's plaque. U.S. flags at Yankee Stadium, including the one in left field, honored Monument Park, also at half-staff. DiMaggio named center field and om the baseballs for 14 years through 1991, prizing for 12 prominent players for the New York Yankees.

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