Students get first taste of Cal Poly, SLO
By Carrie Hughell
Mustang Daily
It couldn't have been a more beautiful day for Cal Poly's Open House. The bright April sun shone down on potential students, current students, families, and faculty as they celebrated the diversity of events and clubs at Cal Poly. Open House brings a huge influx of people to San Luis Obispo, filling the streets and packing local restaurants. The Campus Motel and others around San Luis Obispo were booked for the weekend.

Despite the larger than average crowds, the San Luis Obispo Police Department said this weekend was no different than any other.

"I'm so excited, it looks like it's going to be bigger and better this year," a man on the sidewalk said.

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Cultural clubs stress diversity
By Cindy Carcamo
Mustang Daily
The importance of diversity was a common theme among the multicultural community at this year's Open House. Multicultural clubs had the opportunity to convey their message to Open House visitors by presenting an array of booths.

Several multicultural clubs sold a variety of ethnic foods and drinks and provided information on their culture.

The Muslim Students Association sold kabobs, baba-ganoush, and hashbeens while giving visitors an opportunity to listen to Sufi Islamic music and learn about Islam.

Shahid M. Khan, a worker at the booth, said he believes a strong sense of diversity is important to create a situation to understand other cultures.

"We are here to help promote the understanding of Islam. We are not about converting," said architecture major Shahid M. Khan.

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Poly clubs prime for Wildflower
By Joellen Smith
Mustang Daily
The second-largest triathlon in the world, known as Wildflower, will bring together professional athletes, energetic students and local bands starting April 19.

About 800 volunteers from Cal Poly will help out with the triathlon, said Lori Milligan, president of Cal Poly's Running Thunder club and graphic communications senior. Running Thunder is the sponsor club for Wildflower and recruits Cal Poly students to serve as triathlon volunteers.

"Without Cal Poly, Wildflower would not exist," she said.

The races for the 17th annual Wildflower Triathlon Festival at Lake San Antonio have already been filled by 5,000 professional and collegiate athletes. These races include the Long Course Triathlon, Olympic Distance Triathlon and Mountain Bike Triathlon.

"Wildflower is seen as one of those must-do type of races," said Collen Bowman, assistant race director for Wildflower and Tri California Expo director.

One of the most challenging races, the Long Course Triathlon, consists of a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike and 13-mile run. The May 1 event also serves as a qualifier for the Ironman Triathlon World Championships to be held October 23 in Kona, Hawaii. The top 15 professional athletes are expected this year.

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Tractor pull pulls in guests
Open House visitors swelter in hot, fun sun
By Cassandra Jones
Mustang Daily
Swet, sun, and fun were synonymous with Cal Poly's rodeo and tractor pull on Saturday.

Crowds swelled to roaring engines and rodeo whistles, while guarding their stashes of thirst quenchers from parched onlookers.

Around 1 p.m., drinks at the tractor pull were sold out and ice cream cones became the hot commodity.

People in the stands jealously watched the speedways' track get watered, as they sat waiting for the next super-up engine to pull a weight-sled behind it.

The first event was the rodeo, scheduled to begin at noon. However, the rodeo and the crowds did not start on time.

As the sun increased in intensity, the
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Rodeo team, fans enjoy new home
By Dina Chatman
Mustang Daily
The Cal Poly rodeo team broke in its new arena Friday during Open House Weekend.

The old arena will be the new home of the Sports Complex.

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ON YOUR MARK: Wildflower triathlon competitors gear up for the 1.2-mile swim last year. About 600 volunteers from Cal Poly helped last year while about 800 are expected this year.

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Tired of the experts?
Columnist checks the pulse of the students on Kosovo crisis
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Softball dominates
Mustangs sweep Utah St., Loyola in 5-game homestand
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junior Khan.

The Indian Student Association shared the same view on promoting diversity. Its booth gave people the chance to learn about Indian culture through a question and answer game about India.

The Alpha Kappa Delta Pi, an Asian-interest sorority, sold sushi and California rolls at their booth. Funds gathered will go to a scholarship for diversity, available to incoming freshmen promoting Asian interest.

Jennifer Louis, a booth worker for the association, said diversity is essential because it is important college represents society. Cultural clubs also performed ethnic dances on Devon Lawn.

The Indian Student Association held a fashion show presenting a variety of apparel from different regions in India and introduced Indian music. Hanta Patel, a dancer, said performing the Indian dance on stage was for a better cause than just having fun.

"It makes everyone aware of the diversity out there," said Patel, business administration senior.

The Filipino Cultural Exchange club also performed two traditional dances: Binisuan and Tinik-hunting. In Binisuan, dancers balance wineglasses on their heads and on each hand. Tinik-hunting is the national dance that represents birds jumping in and out of traps in rice fields.

"We want to share our culture with the community and everyone," said industrial engineering senior Beverly Amos.

"Imagery Espiritu" also promoted Mexican culture by performing a folk dance from the state of Jalisco.

"We express our culture through dance," said co-director of the dance, Francisco Barros.

The 1997 Teenage World Champion Indian Hoop dancer Ginger Styles performed on behalf of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society.

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After six months without a facility to practice or a place to house his horses, the team is excited about the new facility.

Rodeo coach Randy Wilson said he was displaced for six months while preparing to move to a new facility. The old facility was hard work and the Rodeo Team had no outside help.

"The old facility was so hard," Randy said, "we changed the whole facility." Wilson said everything was worth the trouble.

"The facility is 1,000 percent better than anything we've ever had," he said. "The arena was old, dirty, and run down - all we could do was tape it and wood it together. Now we can have a facility we are excited about." Wilson said he was excited about the new facility. The Rodeo Team has a new place to call home.

"It's bigger, everything works perfect," said Tom Clark, an Agricultural Science junior from Oregon.

"It's just so much," said Tom Clark. "I haven't had a place to keep his horses. I had them at the Madonna Inn for a while," he said.

Donald Schenewald, who competed in calf roping and team roping for West Hills College, was also impressed with the new arena.

"It's really nice," he said. "I was surprised." Tony Bronzino, a team roping competitor for Fresno State, said the new arena was good because the events happened in the same place.

"It saves the competitor's mind, all the events right here," he said. "It's heads above other arenas." Fresno State averaged about 800 people at its rodeos, about half of Cal Poly's turnout.

"For a college rodeo, this rodeo draws more spectators than any in the West Coast region," he said. "This facility is much better than it appears. Those guys know what they're doing, and give it their all when they're out there." Civil engineering senior Scott Wagner said the riding was his favorite by far.

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Dawn Kalmar/Mustang Daily

CARFEUL NOW: Chemistry senior Jonathan Hart demonstrates the properties of liquid nitrogen to students.

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“Of the exciting things is that Outdoor Lite Network will be produc- ing an one-hour television special entitled "Triathlon Magazine Television," she said. "The special will feature some of Wildflower's standout athletes like Cameron Widdick, who won the men's triathlon last year. Another recently added feature is Wildflower's results will be posted on the Internet as soon as they come in. "The Grid, a San Luis Obispo Internet network, will post updates and photos at (Tri-California's) website," Bowman said. These features will be on the Internet at http://www.tricalifornia.com Tri-California produces and directs the Wildflower Triathlons Festival. "We also added the capability to let people e-mail home and tell (their family) how they did," Bowman said. Throughout the weekend, the spectators will also have plenty to do. The sports exposition will feature about 80 booths offering the latest in sportswear, bicycles and nutritional supplements. Tri-California's NikeWorld will also be featured there. "In NikeWorld, (representatives) will show Nike's latest innovations in the fitness industry," Bowman said.

Nike, one of Wildflower's sponsors, will hold a running clinic before the races begin. Athletes will give demonstrations about proper running techniques. This and four other health-related clinics will be open to the public. Five bands are expected to perform throughout the weekend in the main festival area. These bands include Jill Knight, an acoustic & singer; Home Fm, a bluegrass band from the Lake San Antonio area; Dakotas, a country rock and blue band from Monterey; Darrell Voss Trio, a swing band from San Luis Obispo; and Jim Wilson, chil- dren's entertainer and comedian. Ticket prices for Wildflower are $7 per person. Camping fees range from $20 to $50 per vehicle.

ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

Force is a world leader in the embedded computing market, helping companies build the communications network of the future.

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...And I think I think too much

T he Kosovo conflict is one of the hot topics of conversation. Editorial opinions have popped up everywhere from the pages of the Washington Post to the Mustang Daily. Everyone seems to have an opinion, but what about those who don’t voice it.

Most people who write letters to the editor seem to have certain personality traits that lead them to do so. I thought it would be interesting to ask those who don’t voice their opinions some questions about Kosovo and what should be done.

For the record. I believe the U.S. is making the right decision by being involved in Kosovo. There is tremendous human suffering there and we cannot sit by as it continues. The conflict could spread to other countries and if it does, the U.S. will be forced to get involved anyway under much worse circumstances. The U.S. is not doing enough. Air strikes don’t seem to be making much of a difference, so maybe it’s time to rethink our strategy.

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Tonie Baez is a political science senior.

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Professor submits new Cal Poly 'Plan' for student body

Old occurrences and incidents verify the adage, "anything can happen." For example, who would have predicted, and then actually witnessed, that Clinton would be impeached, that Dennis Rodman would (or could) get married (and divorced), or that Robin Williams was one. If you think the Three Tenors. While it may come as a surprise when the CSU Board of Trustees named Baker as the successor Warren Baker (only after the or that Boxcar Willie was a one of job) yet married (and divorced), with the normal classroom duties to engage in a discussion of national and international issues of importance e.g., ethics and morality, why some who don't look like us act like wolves, the future of education, why "Grand Canyon" didn't work, and so forth.

All efforts will be made to emancipate the University from the authority of CSU Chancellor Charles Reed, an administrative form of the Ebola virus. All students will spend at least one summer term living in a foreign country, costs of this will be largely offset by the revenue generated from the use of the football stadium for commercial purposes.

My administration will be a progressive one, students and faculty will assume more control over academic policy making (as well as the responsibility for the consequences of their decisions), intellectual growth will be encouraged, personal stupidity will be rewarded. Mind-numbing cliches (e.g., Visionary Pragmatism, Moral Illusionary Flannelness) will not be used in place of sound academic policy making. Together we will take Cal Poly into a new period of excellence.

John Culver is a political science professor.

Polyratings answers prof evaluation questions

Editor:

In response to the number of letters to the editor concerning Polyratings, we would like to make clear that Polyratings (http://polyratings.kwetech.com) was created as a resource for the students to find out who is best for them to take. One has to think, who is here for what? As far as we understand, the professors are here for the students. We also believe students have the right to know who will best fit them. Some students want an easy teacher, one where he or she can get away by doing almost nothing. That's fine, that's their business. But then there are students who want a good (hard) professor. One where he or she has to work their butts off to know every little detail. So in the end, those students can feel proud about making it through that class. And also the students can feel he or she has mastered the material presented. So if there are students who "love to learn," then those students should have access to such a site.

Concerning questions about what we consider "offensive" or "inappropriate," evaluations mentioning race, ethnicity, religious sentiments, or sexual orientations are definitely inappropriate. These characteristics have no bearing on a teacher's ability to teach and hence are of no concern to us. If an evaluation is found to contain this type of information, we delete them immediately. Occasionally, an evaluation is found that has a sentence or two that is inappropriate. Under these circumstances, the evaluation is allowed to remain. The inappropriate sentences are deleted and we have a notice stating that the comment has been edited. We hope this has answered your questions about us.

Polyratings is Doug Dahm, computer science senior and Forrest Lanning, architectural engineering senior.

Student shares tips for busy pre-meds

(U. WIRE) There are few groups of people in the University community more vilified, despised or scorned than pre-meds. The science faculty who instruct them are disgusted by their obsession with grades, and their fellow students are much more vilified, despised or scorned than pre-meds. The vast majority of the classes they must take and are all too willing to flaunt their inquisitive apathy. Because their only concern is the final grade, they attempt to boil down complex concepts into watery, oversimplified abstractions, while unceasingly asking, "Is this going to be on the test?" Your science professors have devoted their careers to the subjects they teach. There is no reason for them to only pay vigilant attention to your grade while ignoring the content of the course. When you are advised all your pre-meds to completely forget about medicine for the next four years and to pretend you are a scientist. If you do pursue medicine, this might be your chance to do scientific research and to the men and women at the helm of this University's strong research reputation.

While you're at it, why not pay attention to the world around you for the next four years? Pre-meds are probably the least interesting, least informed group of people on this campus. Many of you can engage in an interesting conversation outside of discussing what the curve should have been in the last exam and you read up on health care only in case it comes up in an interview. If you have found yourself feeling sorry for "all those poor people living in NAMO," it's probably time you put down that organic book and read a newspaper.

How about participating in some activities for reasons other than the fact that it will look good on your AMCAS application? Pursue your craziest interests, your most spontaneous whims. Do yoga. Go skydiving. Fence. Do not waste your time with these ridiculous pre-med fraternities or organizations, and do not scorn that not joining them will hurt your chances of getting into medical school. The intense and competitive atmosphere, always pervasive when more than three pre-meds are together in the same room, is both unnecessary and destructive. Pretty much everyone in the University community already hates you. Must you also hate each other? Do not take extraneous measures to save the entire front row of the lecture hall for your friends. Offer your notes to a class­mate who was absent. There will be plenty of slots for everyone who wants to go to medical school upon graduation without making a big production of fighting each other for them.

Daniel A. Poppala is a student at Indiana Stateman (Indiana State U.).
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—Mike Zirelli, senior pitcher

Yankees lose fourth straight

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**WINNING RUN:** This run gave the Mustangs an eight-run lead and forced the slaughter rule.

**Poly sweeps five-game homestand**

*Mustang Daily*

The Cal Poly softball team made a huge jump in the Big West standings this weekend by taking three of five games from visiting Utah State. The Mustangs won 5-4, 5-2 and 9-1 improving to 6-7 in the Big West. The victories were significant because six of the seven teams in front of them led by no more than two games.

Sunday, the Mustangs doubled Utah State, 9-1, enforcing the slaughter rule. Utah State walked 10 Mustang batters but Kristin Nies led the Mustang offense going 2-4 with three RBI. Game four pitcher six strong innings for the Mustangs, allowing one run on six hits.

On Saturday, the Mustangs took both games of a double header.

In the 5-4 victory, the Mustangs scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to pull out the win. The Mustangs’ Kasey Everett and Sara Stokleton both delivered RBI singles.

**No. 4 Fullerton sweeps Mustangs**

*Mustang Daily*

The Mustangs fell to 6-12 in the Big West Sunday after dropping all three games of a series at No. 4 Cal State Fullerton. The Titans won 11-8, 12-7 and 9-1. They improved to 33-8 overall and 16-2 in the Big West.

On Saturday, the Mustangs lost the tying run to the plate in the ninth inning, but Andrew Eckland took a called third strike to end the rally.

The Mustangs led 3-0 after a Mark Riddle two-run single in the fourth and a Craig Ritter triple scored Riddle. The Titans bounced back with two runs in the fourth and six in the fifth, including three consecutive hits for David Boslow, Reed Johnson and Spencer Utah-Pepper.

On Saturday, starting pitching hurt the Mustangs again as Jeremiah Cunningham (3-5) surrendered eight earned runs in five innings. Steve Wood belted his fourth homer of the year, a grand slam in the third inning, which gave the Mustangs a 5-1 lead.

The Titans took the lead in the fourth and added a five-run sixth inning to take the win. The Mustangs committed four of their seven errors in the game.

Friday, Adam Johnson (6-2) threw a three-hit complete game. Johnson struck out 13 Mustangs.

The Titans knocked Mustang starter Mike Shown out in the first inning. Shown allowed six earned runs, while giving up four hits and three walks. He got one out in the inning.

*Mustang staff ace enjoying finest year as a top prospect*  
*By Chris Arns, Mustang Daily*

Among friends, Mustang pitcher Mike Zirelli has the reputation as being a bit of a prankster. But when it comes to baseball, Zirelli is dead serious, and beneath his green and white uniform burns a powerful competitive flame.

He has established himself as one of the best pitchers in the Big West and among the top prospects in the nation.

At the age of the notation, Zirelli’s performance is key to the way the team plays for the rest of the series.

“His ability to pitch in the big West and among the top prospects in the nation.

As the ace of the rotation, Zirelli’s performance is key to the way the team plays for the rest of the series.

“He sets the tone for the weekend with everyone else,” said head coach Rich Price, referring to the opening game of a weekend series. “One of the things in coaching is that when you’re out recruiting, you’re really looking for a warrior to pitch on Friday. Not only does he take ability but he takes a big heart to pitch on Fridays.”

Zirelli is well aware of how important his role is to the