Bulldogs arrive:
Women's basketball plays host to Fresno State tonight.

Millennium eating:
Start the new year right.

Lab dedication brings new technology to students

By Teresa Wilson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's colleges of engineering and business dedicated their new Advanced Network Laboratory to the Cisco Systems in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday.

Cisco Systems was the main financier, with donations of cash and equipment, totaling more than $1 million, from Intel and Netcom Systems.

The lab, located in the engineering east building, was created to give Cal Poly's computer engineering and business students the chance to learn and work with state-of-the-art computer networking and technology.

Consisting of 16 work stations and one instructor station, the lab accommodates two students per station and integrates network routers and switches to bring students the latest technology in computer networking.

The lab was originally put together in July 1999 with a grant from Cisco. Two sections in the computer engineering department and one section of business were taught in the fall quarter. This quarter, two more sections of computer engineering classes are being taught in the lab. Currently, the lab can accommodate up to 100 students per year.

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On-campus bikers get a lucky break

By Melissa McFarland
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In an effort to improve bike safety on campus, Cal Poly Public Safety plans to offer incentives – coupons for law-abiding bicyclists.

"It's a positive promotion to get people to adhere to the rules — to stop at stop signs or walk their bikes across the crosswalk," said Susan Rains, administrative services coordinator. "Hopefully it will encourage people to pay more attention to safe bicycling."

The new program, starting this week, will give coupons good for on-

see BIKES, page 2

Agriculture science senior Dominic Diaz feeds the Cal Poly "Best in State" chickens, which were rated by Cobb-Vantress, a leading poultry research and evaluation company. The chickens are owned by Foster Farms but are raised at the poultry unit, above, on campus.

By Kelly Hendricks
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly chickens can now strut their record-setting stuff after being rated "Best in State" by Cobb-Vantress, a leading poultry research and evaluation company.

The record 292.40 Cobb score for best flock was given this November to a flock of chickens raised during the 1999 summer quarter by poultry management students.

According to Bob Spiller, Cal Poly animal science professor, Cal Poly chickens are owned by Foster Farms, who pays for all the necessary elements involved in raising them. Cal Poly provides the buildings, electricity and students who raise the chickens in the books.

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Barrier placed in crash prevention effort

By Alexis Garberff
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

A temporary median barrier is in place as a response to several fatal head-on collisions on a dangerous stretch of State Route 46 traveled by many Cal Poly students during the recent winter break. "Because of that section of road, and several fatal multiple vehicle accidents, Cal Poly enforces some major accidents, one in 1995 and one in 1999, have occurred on SR 46, where the westbound and eastbound lanes take turns at passing," said Officer McConnell of the Templeton California Highway Patrol Office.

A majority of accidents occur when drivers pass in the opposite direction, McConnell said. "Over a period of years, accidents have erected in passing lanes. Instead of just using the passing lane, drivers take another," McConnell said.

The accident occurred on a 2- to 3-mile stretch of SR 46, where the westbound and eastbound lanes take turns at passing. "The two major accidents, which burst into flames, occurred within 250 feet of each other, near Coulumb Garage. The accident in April of 1999 claimed five lives," McConnell said.

The project consisted of a new topcoat of asphalt, the installation of a temporary cement median barrier, new striping, improved center median width and an overall width increase of the roadway. The highway improvements were the result of an emergency meeting convened in mid-1999 by Senator Jack O'Connell (D-San Luis Obispo) in Sacramento with Secretary of Transportation Jose Medina and other ranking Caltrans and CHP officials.

The median barrier is only temporary until a 26-mile, four-lane expansion project begins in 2003 with a 2005 completion date.

Regent fights for abortion research

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"This helps reduce the risk factor in raising the chickens," Spiller said. Each flock, which includes 7,000 chickens, is evaluated in four areas: livability, body weight, age when sent to market and how much feed it took to produce each pound of meat.

"Cal Poly is the only school campus where networking is an integral part of the future of education and application of computer net­work technologies. Eventually, Grimes hopes that other depart­ments and disciplines will be able to use the facility where networking can be applied.

An estimated 40 to 50 students were on hand for the ceremony, including representatives from Cisco, Intel and Netcom, Grimes said. "(The students) should be able to hit the road running when they hit the industry with this knowledge." - Joe Grimes
director of computer engineering
Fuel up before hitting the slopes

Here are some nutritional tips to help ensure your best performance on the ski slopes this winter.

Limit caffeine and alcohol. Both are diuretics: they can make you lose more water and slow you down.

Drink up to 80 fluid ounces of water a day, your body can lose 2-4 quarts of water for every hour of skiing.

Meal suggestions

It is recommended that skiers eat about 2,500 calories per day while active day of skiing. It is recommended that skiers eat foods and protein.

chili, grilled chicken and green salads can fill you up with the essential nutrients necessary for a active day of skiing.

Places to find snow

While California resorts are slim on snow so far this season, spots farther east are well-packed.

California:
Bear Mountain: 18-36 in. with machine-groomed, hard-packed powder
Bear Valley: 13-24 with machine-made, packed powders
Heavenly: 12-30 with machine-made, packed powder
Colorado:
Aspen Mountain: 29-31 with packed powder

Beverage Creek: 27-33 with machine-groomed, packed powder
Steamboat: 46-52 with powder
Brian Head: 20-30 with machine-groomed powder
Brighton: 65-65 with packed powder
Deer Valley: 54-34 with machine-groomed powder

Without a doubt, the most popular New Year’s resolution remains the go-on-a-diet/start-to-eat-healthier routine. Diet fads come and go, but moderation is the key to healthy eating. Moderating amounts and frequency can control the unsaturated fat, saturated fat and cholesterol in your lifestyle.

Meal suggestions

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Take advantage of new year to drop the weight

Many Americans want a simple answer to help lose weight and here it is: Moderation is the key to healthy eating and losing weight, not diets.

If you consider the idea of moderation, you are still able to eat everything you enjoy — just half the amount. The hidden part with diets is the elimination of favorite foods. Try eating from all the food groups listed in the Pyramid; this will provide enough nutrition and variety that a healthy diet needs.

To find a recent copy of the Food Guide Pyramid, look at the American Diabetic Association (ADA) web site www.eatright.org

Katy Kinninger is a nutritional science senior who writes a weekly column for your body.

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The city of West Hollywood is debating whether or not bars, coffeehouses and other nightspots should be required to give away condoms to their customers, according to the Los Angeles Times. The City Council has decided to keep the condom distribution voluntary for now, but the issue will go to the voters in November.

Many businesses have decided to comply voluntarily. Commentaries and letters are angry that the program could become mandatory. Those who disagree with making the program mandatory are right. Why should they be forced to do something that has nothing to do with their business? If people want to wear condoms, they will, and businesses owners should not be responsible for their customers’ sexual activities. AIDS activists claim that the condom giveaway will save lives. Sure, it might save a few lives, but a lot more lives would be saved if people did not sleep with the first person they met at the local night club. If they are going to have sex, they should know their partners well enough to be aware of any risks. They should also bring their own condoms. There is no need for taxpayers’ money to support irresponsible people’s sexual pleasures. It is a sad fact that many innocent people contract AIDS due to no fault of their own. But there is a huge difference between getting infected through a blood transfusion and getting infected during a one-night stand. The person with the blood transfusion had no choice in the matter. The fun-loving, cheerful, however, is fully responsible for the actions taken that night.

If a condom was available, they should have used it. If there wasn’t, they should have waited. And whatever happened to the brilliance of the idea of not having sex at all until you know your partner for more than five minutes, or better yet, until you’re married?

How much longer do we have to keep listening to the tragic stories of AIDS victims? We have more than enough examples to show what can happen when people unknowingly have sex with someone who has AIDS or is HIV-positive. People need to be responsible for their own actions, and they should be aware of the serious consequences they will pay for having irresponsible sex.

Introducing the mandatory condom giveaway idea here in San Luis Obispo might be considered fashionable to some because of the large college population, but that would only be detrimental to the students, the businesses and the city. The more people hear that condoms make everything all right, the more they let down their guard and start acting irresponsibly.

The idea that condoms prevent every problem related to sex desensitizes people to the reality that there are more things to be considered before having sex than deciding whether or not to use protection.

The idea would also not be beneficial to business. Business owners have more important things to worry about than making sure their clients pick up free condoms as they stumble out the door with a partner. Besides, just giving out condoms does not guarantee anything.

One West Hollywood resident, Ruth Williams, asked the Council, “Who is going to make sure they put them on?”

Just having a mandatory distribution does not ensure that people will be more responsible, and it is simply just another regulation that will burden business owners. Finally, the idea would not be good for the city as a whole. Taxpayers should not have to support something with which many people do not agree, much less something that will not necessarily fix any problems.

Leave decisions regarding condoms to the people who need them. They are not the problem of the city or the businesses. If they choose to be responsible, they will be responsible. Otherwise they must suffer the consequences of their actions.

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State drops $800 million to rid counties of Y2K bug

LOS ANGELES (AP) — State and local agencies in California spent more than $800 million on Y2K-related preparations ranging from checking computer systems to extra law enforcement.

Officials involved in the preparations say that they were worthwhile, despite public perceptions that precautions seemed unnecessary.

"We had people walk up in the grocery store and tell me what a bunch of hokum Y2K turned out to be," said Steve Steenbrecher, Contra Costa County's chief information officer. "You can look at it that way, but I think the real reason Y2K was such a non-event was because a lot of good people did a hell of a lot of hard work."

The state spent $384 million protecting its network of computers. For the city and county of Los Angeles, the total was $262 million.

The smoothness of the transition to 2000 was proof that $150 million used for computer upgrades was well spent, said Jon Fullinwider, Los Angeles County's chief information officer.

"We had over 30,000 programs that were found to be noncompliant," Fullinwider said. "We would not have been operationally viable on Jan. 1, 2000, if we had not made the changes."

Long Beach spent $15 million, San Jose $11 million and San Francisco $9.5 million. Orange County paid $15 million.

NBC exec likens game show to crack

"It's like crack. Once you're on it, it's wonderful because you get these giant ratings. But nobody believes it's going to work forever."

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NASCAR footer with a large New York flag.

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LTGClARAJAP — A group of veterans, including Steve Young and Jerry Rice, have been asked to take "big-time" pay cuts in order to help the San Francisco 49ers avoid a $9 million salary cap overage.

"This is the time I've been in the voting, and every year it's the same," Perez said. "I'm not getting too anxious. You get used to waiting after so many years."

The Veterans Committee will hold its vote on Feb. 29 in Tampa, Fla. Former manager Sparky Lyle, former catcher Tony Oliva and former starters John Smoltz, Osvaldo Vemalı and Cito Gaston are expected to be elected by the panel for the first time.

"We're talking about some big-time salary cuts," Walsh said. "We'll be going at it right now but we're going to be tough. We could be the Titanic right now, sitting on the bridge and just sailing along."
James named rookie of the year

NEW YORK (AP) — Edgerrin James gave the Indianapolis Colts the edge this season. In doing so, he was a near-unanimous choice as The Associated Press' NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year. James, the fourth overall pick in last April's draft, rewarded the Colts' faith in the college game. He wound up in New Orleans. The running back from the University of Miami known as "The Edge" rushed for 1,553 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also caught 62 passes for 586 yards and four scores.

Only Marshall Faulk, who was drafted by the Rams last spring to make room for James, had more total yardage. Such impressive numbers, plus serving as a catalyst in the Colts' record turnaround from 3-13 to 13-3, earned James 49 of the 50 votes from a nationwide panel of media members in balloting announced Monday.

"What happened to the other one vote?" James said with a laugh. "It should have been 50.

"I said, for myself, I want to make my mark in the NFL," James said. "This is the highest level and this is where it goes down in history. I want to play as long as I can, I want to get to the Super Bowl."

Coincidentally, James got a lift from catching the way Faulk performed. He emulated the veteran so well that they were the All-Pro and leading back this year.

"I love to watch Marshall play," James said. "He is one of the ones that I look up to. He has the game figured out to where it is."

"Look at his pass routes, he is one of the best ever to run them, and I try to pattern myself after the way Marshall does it. I try to kill them both ways. You're not always going to be able to run the ball in the NFL. If they won't let me run it, I'll get past it by catching it."

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"What happened to the other one vote?" James said with a laugh. "It should have been 50."

"I said, for myself, I want to make my mark in the NFL," James said. "This is the highest level and this is where it goes down in history. I want to play as long as I can, I want to get to the Super Bowl."

Coincidentally, James got a lift from catching the way Faulk performed. He emulated the veteran so well that they were the All-Pro and leading back this year.

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Bulldogs next for women's basketball

Fresno State brings its 7-5 record to Mott for Mustangs' final non-conference game

By Kimberly Tahsuda
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The Cal Poly women's basketball team will be trying to get on the winning track in its last game before Big West Conference play begins when the Mustangs play host to Fresno State tonight in Mott Gym.

Cal Poly begins its Big West schedule against Idaho on Friday. "With conference coming up we need to get on a roll," sophomore guard Kimmy Baker said. "Right now we are working on what we need to do to prepare for Fresno."

Despite a 69-62 loss to Fresno last year, the Mustangs are confident that tonight will be a better contest. "We played them last year and we lost," Baker said. "This year we are competitive. We have just as much, if not more talent."

Sophomore guard Odessa Jenkins agrees. "Fresno is a good all-around team, and they are aggressive," Jenkins said. "But they have no all-stars. We are fired up for this game because we beat them last year."

Fresno will be tough entering the game with a 7-5 record. According to head coach Faith Minnaugh, Fresno has one of the top 20 recruiting classes in the country, with players like freshman point guard Lindsey Logan and center Tiffany Lewis.

Logan leads the Bulldogs with 93 assists, and is the third leading scorer with 144 points. Lewis holds the team high for steals at 42 and is the top scorer with 159 points.

"Fresno is a very athletic team," Minnaugh said. "They have a strong inside game and good half-court and full-court pressure. We need to throw different plays at them and force turnovers."

Baker leads the Mustangs in assists with 33, and is the third in scoring with 124 points. Jenkins

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Swimmers fare well in early-season tests

By Monica McHugh
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Cal Poly's men and women swimmers finished a successful trip to Irvine for the UC Irvine Invitational this past weekend.

The invitationals featured 13 to 15 races spread over two days. Junior Philip Yoshida took home second in the 200-yard breaststroke, and sophomore Matt Patane finished third in the 200-yard butterfly. Senior Ashley Frygert placed third in the 100-yard butterfly for the women's team.

"The guys did really well to finish third overall in the first day of the meet," Fermian said. "The team was hit hard with the flu but still managed to do very well, considering they were swimming in a lot of events."

While most of Cal Poly's student body went home after finals, the swimming and diving teams stuck around to train for a week. From Dec. 11 to 17 team members swam 15 workouts to prepare their bodies for the rest of the season.

With some swimmers putting up top times, Cal Poly's swimming and diving team already has the NCAA Championships in mind.

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New Year's resolutions and other gripes

Around this time of year, most people make personal resolutions. Me, I make resolutions for other people. Here's a small attempt to make life run a little smoother in our local sports world.

Love the sports coat. I'm not sure why he wears it to begin with, but it would be interesting to see Jeff Schneider finish a game with it still on. (Although the chances of that happening might increase if Mike Wozniak would play defense occasionally.)

Go to a basketball game. I know ULPU isn't exactly a good team (or even one we've heard of), but could we please sell out a home game? It can't be that hard — Mott Gym's maximum capacity is only 14.

Put the pen back in your shirt pocket. Please, no more letters to the editor crying, "We shouldn't spend money on athletics." I'm sure the daily wedgies were traumatic in high school, but it isn't anything seven or eight years of therapy can't remedy.

End the indoor trackiasco. As long as women's indoor track is around at Poly, it will be nothing more than the athletic department's little reminder that women still aren't treated equally.

Can the police find something to do other than hassle students? The best garden is a great step toward having a college atmosphere at football games. But five cops pestering the garden skating their nightsticks is a little much.

Finish it! The parking structure is delayed "at least" four months. The Sports Complex has been delayed about four years. All I want to hear this year is, "We're on schedule." No more excuses.

If you're a pitcher or a shortstop on the Cal Poly baseball team, go to class. Even though they had the