The Alumni Association has renamed its old Alumni Relations Web page and created a new, interactive site called the Alumni Network.

The main attraction of the site is the free alumni e-mail address. Ben Beasley, director of Alumni Relations, said any Poly graduate (dating back to its foundation) is eligible to receive an address. However, there are a few requirements.

The address forwards mail to an already existing account, so another established e-mail account must be held. The alumni address will remain the same, and the person holding the account will not have to contact friends to inform them of an e-mail address change. The alumni address will simply forward mail to the new account.

Since the debut of the alumni e-mail address last September, 2,100 Cal Poly graduates have taken advantage of the program.

This program is more on a personal basis, Beasley said. People can keep their business e-mail address but keep in touch with friends and alumni with the Cal Poly address. Also, giving out the Cal Poly address shows an individual's association with Cal Poly.

However, it is important to note that a Cal Poly OpenMail account will not be automatically switched over upon graduation. Graduates have to visit the Alumni Association's Web site at www.alumni.calpoly.edu to register for the alumni address. The Cal Poly e-mail alias will look like john.doe@alumni.calpoly.edu.

In addition to the e-mail offer, the new interactive Web site includes a directory of graduates, including their major, graduation date and e-mail address. The list is not complete as of yet, and people on the directory must sign up to be included.

"This is great for reunions or for people just looking for an old classmate," Beasley said.

While already extensive, the Alumni Network Web page is still growing. Future plans include incorporating alumni that room and business and job-openings links.
News

Ag business goes abroad

By Monica McHugh

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Agricultural business classes will be offered for the first time this spring on a cruise ship instead of in a classroom.

"I get hands-on experience with agriculture in different countries, which is an opportunity I will probably never in my life get again," said agricultural senior Andrea Bear.

Cal Poly's biology and physical science departments have been participating in the Spring Training Cruise aboard the Golden Bear, a 500-foot, 16,000-ton, ex-Navy oceanographic survey ship for the last four years. Currently, Cal Poly is the only campus in the CSU system to take advantage of the CSU Maritime Academy's invitation to participate in the program.

Professor Kerry Cochran is the only faculty member in the agribusiness department going on the trip.

Tentative cruise plans call for port stops in Mexico, Peru, Chile, the Panama Canal and the Caribbean. The ship will be at sea for eight weeks departing from Vallejo on April 22 and returning on June 22.

"The training cruise program offers students a better understanding of port facilities and their role in trade," Cochran said. "Agricultural goods are extremely dependent on ocean freight for transport."

Currently 19 students from the College of Agriculture are signed up to participate, and 65 total Cal Poly students will be going on the trip. All students aboard the ship are considered crew cadets and are uniformed.

Students must pass a 40-hour lifesaving and survival-at-sea course prior to departing. During the underway part of the cruise, an introductory course in ship familiarization, navigation, seamanship and engineering is required. The agricultural business classes being offered are global agricultural marketing and trade, seminar in US/World agricultural trade, field studies in agribusiness and a special problems course.

Shipboard living arrangements are tight. Either three cadets share a cabin called a state room or nine to 15 cadets share a bunk room. Three full meals are provided a day, and a computer lab and gym are on board.

Participating in the program gives students an opportunity to both study and travel at a reasonable cost. The ship is normally scheduled to be in port for three days. Some shore tourist-type excursions are pre-arranged and usually require an additional fee.

Participants pay normal Cal Poly fees as well as room and board. Cochran said it is comparable to living in San Luis Obispo. While on the training cruise, an opportunity is available for cadets to work for pay in the food service department.

"The program is quite a bargain," Cochran said.

For more information about the program, contact coordinator Tom Richards at 775-2945.

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"My high school counselor told me I couldn't be a lawyer, that I should instead be a secretary."

Sheila McCann

Owner of House of Breads

Bell said some of her success can be attributed to her confidence and long-standing belief that gender doesn't matter in the business world.

Approximately 20 people attended the panel discussion held in the University Union.

"I really never thought I was different from a man," Bell said. "I never looked at a boy and said he can do more than me."

"The most impressive aspect of the event was the air of confidence all of them had," said Carrie McKallister, a nutritional sciences freshman who attended the event. "In society, you don't have so much of that, and it was refreshing to see women who know what they want and how to get it!"

McAllister said the stories of how each of them overcame obstacles will be good motivation when creating her own business.

"The speeches gave me confidence to pursue my business ideas knowing that there are no typical women who succeeded."

Tonight's Women's History event is the keynote speaker, Bertice Berry, an award-winning comedian and television talk show host. Berry will speak in Chumash auditorium at 6 p.m. about gender and race relations in the United States.

Bring technology to the edge

Raytheon
**County starts new ballot system**

*By Danielle Samaniego*  
*MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER*

San Luis Obispo County is turning to a new system for voting, similar to a Scantron method.

Accu-Vote is a new voting system being used by the County Clerk-Recorder's office. It is a type of scan system that uses paper ballots marked with pens or pencils to tally votes. It stores the vote until the 8 p.m. deadline, and then results are electronically sent to the election office.

The old polling method consisted of hole-punching each category of every ballot. When the polls closed, ballots were physically transported to the county government center to be processed and counted. The new system will reduce the costs of polling to about $36 cents per ballot, trim the former method.

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**Robot invades Teaching Factory**

The College of Engineering has received a $30,000 gift from Adept Technology of San Jose.

A robot, computers and software are among the equipment that the country's largest maker of industrial robots has donated. Adept Technology will also add the department in repairing the machinery and help students use the equipment.

The gifts will be used by students in "The Teaching Factory," a real-life simulation of a manufacturing environment.

"I think it offers our voters a lot of advantages and it offers our staff a lot of advantages," said Greg Ippolito, an agricultural business sophomore. "If you were punching holes, you could make a mistake and vote for the wrong person."

Alex Woolery, a mechanical engineering sophomore, said the new voting system would be all too familiar to him.

"I think it would be perfectly natural to me (to vote through Accu-Vote)," he said. "Being a student and all, I'm pretty used to filling out Scantrons."

Both absentee and polling ballots will be calculated in the same fashion.

For more information, contact the county clerk-recorder at 781-5228.

**Get intimate with the Internet**

The Internet may be the perfect place for the romantically-impaired this Valentine's Day.

To find information about your lovescopes, the romantic version of horoscopes, you can take a trip to www.women.com/promotions/valentines/index.html. At this site you can vote for your favorite of the most eligible men of Silicon Valley, read about gifts to give and get and learn about love, sex and pampers yourself. For a little bit of Valentine's fun, visit www.boccox.net/-mbuchans/realempire/valentine/index.html. This site has Valentine jokes and tongue twisters like, "Wile Velder's vanished, valentine vanished." Here you can also learn the history and superstitions about Valentine's Day. For example, in some countries a young woman may receive a gift of clothing from a young man. If she keeps the gift, it means she will marry him. If you're more inclined to decorate your computer with a love-inspired motif, you can find Valentine screen savers and wallpapers at www.womencorporate.com/promotions/valentine/valentine/varnish.html. There is also a flower and birthstone guide on this site as well as links to other Valentine resources on the Net.

If you and your sweetheart are really serious about celebrating the lover's holiday, try www.ebsny.com/html/happyvalentine_s Darwin.html. This is where couples can find a list of top ten Valentine's Gifts including Godiva chocolates and a dozen long-stem roses. Here you can also find information about the Empire State Building Wedding Club. As a member, you and your sweetheart can tie the knot on the 80th floor of the Empire State Building. Fifteen couples are already planning to join the club on February 14.

To satisfy your creative craving, find some ideas for one-of-a-kind valentines at www.ok.he.ca/TEH/valentine/valentine.html. Ever wondered how to make a heart brooch or a frame out of items you have around your house? Need some ideas for a meal filled with love? This site has your answers. Here you can also learn some little-known Valentine facts. According to the site, teachers, children, mothers, wives and sweethearts receive the most cards. Three percent of pet owners will give Valentine Day gifts to their pets. However, the site warns not to give your dog chocolate. It can be toxic to canines.

Because not everyone recognizes February 14 as a holiday due to their single statuses, hatred toward red or an unfortunate mishap with cherubs or the Net has an outlet for the Scrooges of Valentine's Day. At www.homearts.com/depts/relax/02valentine.htm, people who hate Valentine's can vent under the section, "Sour Grapes."

Nanette Pietroforte is a features editor who loves the color red all year long, but especially around Valentine's Day.
There's more to campus controversies

My friends, I feel it my duty to stand up for each other. I see a terrible precedent being set here, and I feel it must be stopped. "Shocking politics and hateful venom is being dispensed. I can already see the disinherited Cal Poly student thrusting their hands in the air and professing their hate of the political process.

In the last two weeks we have seen the dirty side of politics. President Baker has taken a $1 million dollars from us and people from the College Republicans have brutally sandered H. id Blakely, a man who has done incredible things for Cal Poly students. There's more

Drake

Letters to the editor

Baker could help situation by being more visible

Editor,

Yes, students (and faculty) are disappointed and angry over President Baker's recent decision to use nearly $31 million in student funds to cover cost overruns on the sports complex. But the clamor really stems from another problem entirely: President Baker's lack of visibility.

Most Cal Poly students will never even see their president until the very day they graduate, and most will never hear him directly address their concerns. Whenever controversy arises, President Baker sees fit to send Juan Comalter out to do his public relations, while ignoring the fact that his own credibility would be much higher in times of discord if only he had a real, tangible presence on campus.

Certainly he is a very busy man, and his accomplishments are many and deserving of recognition. But students would have a great deal more faith in him and his more troublesome actions (i.e. the Pepsi fiasco) if only they could see some greater measure of connection to the man himself. Is it too much to ask for him to hold quarterly public forums by which students, faculty and staff could address their concerns and have him explain his thinking on a number of pressing matters? Certainly the sports complex project raises questions that he would do well to address himself, before a live (and respectful) audience.

As such: Why is it such a priority over such noted problems as the scarcity of affordable student housing, the poor condition of many classrooms, the inadequate lighting of many areas of campus, and the ever-declining state of our library? His relative silence or form-letter explications are terribly disquieting. We all deserve a little more.

I think it is time for our president to step out and make his presence known. I would really hate to think that his conspicuous absence is a calculated effort to engender further student apathy. After all, one of our most important educational missions should be creating well-informed and civil-minded citizens among our students. A good leader should show an absolute willingness to confront public problems publicly, because in doing so he can inspire others to act similarly.

Adam Hill is an English lecturer and director of WriterSpeak.

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More letters to the editor

Leave GBLU posters up
Editor,

I am writing about a disappointing action that took place in Yosemite Hall recently. Early last week, fliers were posted on our bulletin boards advertising the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual club here on campus. The posters depicted two males kissing.

Although a poster like this is indeed a bold statement, it took barely two hours before they were ripped off the walls and thrown away. Now, I understand that people are entitled to their own opinions about sexuality, but it is a clear violation of the right for a person to be heard. These posters were not intended to change the viewpoints of students here, but rather to make the situation a bit more open and to aware students that such a club exists.

Andy Rubin is a city and regional planning freshman.

SLO students deserve priority admission
Editor,

While reading the recent articles dealing with locals’ admission to Cal Poly, I realized that one important point. Local students have a greater respect for the town. Growing up, we had to deal with enough parents who couldn’t sleep because of all the noise. As if that wasn’t enough, we have to worry about our younger siblings getting run over by some leadfoot fool in a Civic. Those of us who have been lucky enough to be in town when everyone leaves know how much nicer this place is.

Evan Sims is a mechanical engineer junior and a local yokel bringing down the academic standard for the rest of you.

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POLY ESCAPES

Kavu Day Film Festival. NEXT TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH don't miss the first annual "KAVU DAY, day of outdoor films" in Chumash Auditorium. Two shows will be aired the first at 7:00 PM and the second at 10:00PM. If you like adrenaline-packed maximum adventure films on the big screen then plan on attending this huge event. Take a study break and join the crowd for these four outrageous films:

- "Higher on the Mountain" - featuring Scott Schmidt on a backcountry ski expedition to Russia
- "Twitch" - extreme kayaking in WA, MT, Canada and Mexico
- "The Realm" - the latest ski film by Teton Gravity Research
- "Shift" - Mountain bike madness on the edge of being insane

This is a premier 2 hour event.

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ASI/HH Programs & Services Committee Meetings are held Thursdays 5:00 p.m. in UU220.
Delta Sigma Pi - Coed Business Fraternity, Meet the Chapter February 15, 7:30 p.m., Bldg. 2, Room 212.
College of Architecture and Environmental Design Council Meetings are held every Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. in Dexter-Fireplace Room.
College of Business Council Meetings are held every other Tuesday, beginning 1/11/00, 8:00 p.m. in Building 3, Room 113.
College of Agriculture Council Meetings are held every Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. in UU220.
College of Engineering Council Meetings are held every Monday, 6:00 p.m. in UU220.
College of Liberal Arts Council Meetings are held every Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. in UU219.
College of Science and Math Council Meetings are held every Monday, 7:00 p.m. in UU219.

CHUMASH CHALLENGE

"You can get whatever you want in life if you just help enough other people get what they want." - Zig Ziglar

Team Building Facilitator Class scheduled for February 11 - 13, 2000. Come visit us at Chumash Challenge or call 756-5832. Also, check out our website at www.chumashchallenge.org
“Not only is there more publicity of the female sports, but there has also been a growth in the amount of athletic scholarships available for women,” Bray said. She said the Santa Rosa girls are excited to meet the Poly athletes.

“We’re very appreciative of the women for taking their time to visit,” Bray said. “We’re also hoping that in return, our Santa Rosa school families will come down to support the Cal Poly athletes.”

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duly positive legacy that will permanently enrich everyone whose life he touched,” NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said.

Flags were lowered to half staff at Arrowhead Stadium. The Missouri Legislature paused for a moment of silence. Thomas’ death was announced by Bill Kenney, a state senator and former Chiefs quarterback.

“Derrick Thomas was a true hero,” said Kenney, who urged lawmakers to support a bill for spinal cord research in Missouri. Thomas broke his spine and hip in the crash and was flown to Miami, his hometown, for surgery and rehabilitation.

Doctors decompresed his spinal cord and stabilized the spinal column with screws, rods and hooks and implant bone grafts from Thomas’ hip. The hospital is the home of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, the world’s largest spinal cord injury research center, and its surgeons have operated on race car driver Emerson Fittipaldi and other athletes.

Thomas and passenger Michael Tellis, 49, of Kansas City, Kan., were not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the car, police said. Tellis was killed instantly and a third passenger who was wearing his seat belt was treated and released.

“Our entire family has lost our loved one, so we greatly sympathize with Derrick Thomas’s family in their passing,” Tellis’ family said Tuesday.

“Celebrating Women”

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Wednesday, February 9th
Chumash Auditorium
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Co-sponsored by ASI, the Multi-Cultural Center, the Black Student Union.

For more info contact the Women’s Center 756-2600.
Sports complex not affected by rain

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

While rain generally inhibits construction, the sports complex is being built right on schedule, said John McCutcheon, director of Athletics.

"(The sports complex) is on track, and with good weather, it should stay on track."

Darren Cordova
ASI chairman of the Programs and Services committee

Although the rain has caused slight delays, McCutcheon said they were already anticipated and will not affect the completion of the sports complex, expected sometime in August.

The finished sports complex will boast two multipurpose fields and three fields that will essentially be used for soccer games, said Dianne Bray, Santa Rosa, the Associated Students Inc. chairman of the Programs and Services committee.

Cordova said that the baseball and softball fields are currently being worked on. The irrigation systems and the pathways along the fields are in the process of being completed.

It all goes according to plan said Cordova. An opening ceremony for the sports complex in September, possibly during Week of Welcome. The grass for the fields is expected to be planted in April, Cordova said. Rec Sports will hire an employee to guard the fields after the sports complex's completion in order to allow time for the grass to grow. (The sports complex) is on track, and with good weather, it should stay on track," Cordova said.

Mustang women celebrate female athletics

By Kelly Hendricks
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Today is National Girls and Women in Sports Day, and a group of Cal Poly's female athletes will travel to Santa Rosa Elementary School in Atascadero to help celebrate the event.

The group is comprised of members from Cal Poly's women's basketball, volleyball, softball, tennis, soccer and track teams.

This afternoon the women will speak to Santa Rosa's female students about their experiences with athletics before and during their time spent at Cal Poly.

They have a choice of either answering student questions at a question-and-answer session, refereeing student games during recess periods, conducting small sports clinics or talking to the elementary girls about women in sports.

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:
Bob Boone is the former Kansas City Royal who played more NFL seasons than any other offensive lineman?

Today's Question:
Which former Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams has played more NFL seasons than any other offensive lineman?

Please submit sports trivia answers to sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu

Briefs

Ex-Mustang coach headed to Dallas

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Ex-Cal Poly head coach and now former Minnesota offensive line coach Andre Patterson is leaving Minnesota for Dallas, marking the sixth coaching change since the end of the season for the Vikings.

Patterson resigned to accept the defensive line job on coach Dave Capers’ new staff with the Cowboys, and the Vikings replaced him with Fred vonAppen, a former NFL assistant who coached at Hawaii from 1996-98.

The Cowboys were allowed to hire Patterson because they are one of the game’s most feared pass rushers, had been heading to the Kansas City airport with two companions to fly to St. Louis for the NFC title game.

Peterson called the death a “devastating tragedy.”

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