Rain fails to dampen Open House

By Robin Nichols
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Now that the posters have come down, the 30,000 visitors are gone, and Cal Poly is somewhat back to normal, it's time to look back and evaluate the success of this year's Open House, "Discover the Power of Poly.

All signs point to one of the best years ever for Open House, which next year will be called Open House Presents.

Poly Royal. "We had the highest number of admit­ted students, and it was the only year that it rained on Admitted Students Day," said Brian Nebozuk, construction manager, Open House director of finance. "More than 600 students attended Casino Night, and Saturday was a great day even though the weather wasn't gorgeous. All the clubs did really well and most sold out all of their staff." The rain was not a deterrent for visi­tors partly because many people worked hard to get hotel reservations. San Luis Obispo's Holiday Inn Express was booked for six months at­ter.

Students wait $68 million in financial aid

By Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

More than $38 million has been offered to students who applied for financial aid for the next academic year.

Notification letters are being sent to students who applied by the March 2 priority deadline. Students will soon find out how their financial aid packages are shaping up.

Letters will reach about 9,300 students, half of whom are expected to attend Cal Poly in the fall, said John Anderson, director of financial aid.

Anderson's office received a total of about 20,000 applications, but only those students who were admitted and accepted continuing are processed for finan­cial aid, said Meredith Kelley, assistant director of financial aid. Operations.

This round of offers includes financial aid programs only, not scholarships.

Financial aid programs include grants, loans and Federal Work Study (FWS).

At $9 million, grant offers did not increase significantly from last year, Anderson said. The Federal Pell Grant, however, did increase in value from $3,125 to $3,500, due to the rising costs of books, supplies, and room and board.

Grants are need-based funds that do not need to be paid back.

Student loans offer $25 million, the largest portion of financial aid. Loans may be offered to students with or without need. This type of aid does, however, require repayment.

According to Kelley, there are two types of loans. Students with need get subsidized loans where the govern­ment pays the interest while they are in school and for six months after.

Students without need are offered loans in which they are responsible for all of the interest.

Anderson said FWS offers increased by approximately $1 million over last year to a total of about $34 mil­lion.

"We are providing more to ensure we are meeting close to the full need of students who apply," he said.

FWS is an amount a student is eligible to earn, but unless the student works for a FWS employer, his or her allocation goes unused.

A student's need is based on the Free Application for Financial Aid.
Slippery devils

Locals and visitors compete in an oyster-eating contest Saturday at the Cayucos Seafood Festival. Hundreds of San Luis Obispo County residents attended the annual event. This year, the festival featured many seafood booths, including Creole and clam booths.

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"Take Back the Night is a night promoting violence against women," Owen said. "The guest speaker has had an interesting life. She will talk about her healing process and what she has done to get her life back."

Take Back the Night also features booths from Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention, EOC and the women's shelter. An open microphone session during the event will provide an opportunity to voice concerns about sexual assault and violence.

"The open mic session is extremely powerful," Owen said. Following another open microphone session at 7 p.m. on Thursday is a silent candlelight walk downtown during Farmers Market.

"The march is a memorial dedicated to Kristen, Aundria and Rachel," Owen said. "All the RAEAnchor events are such a great cause. I encourage everyone to attend. The more people who attend, the better."

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Federal Student Aid (FASFA). The federal processor determines the amount the student's family is expected to contribute. This is figured using a formula that takes into account total family income, savings, investments, property and other financial holdings.

Kelley said that campus expenses above that expectation are considered need.

Whether financial aid is based on the student's need, scholarships take into consideration merit factors such as involvement, work experience, GPA and writing skills.

Scholarship applications were also due March 2 and are reviewed, scored and ranked by the University Scholarship Committee.

Colleges are then provided this information and award scholarships to students in their departments. Non-major specific scholarships are awarded by the University Scholarship Committee, said Laura Dmmitt, assistant director of scholarships and special programs of financial aid.

Students in the College of Agriculture may be receiving scholarship offers now, but the remaining students will be notified late May.

"There were about 2,500 applications for scholarships," said Anderson. Dmmitt said scholarship offers will amount to about $800,000.

Students who applied after the March 2 deadline, or will apply for aid during the course of the academic year, may be offered aid. This depends on what types of aid the student qualifies for and what is still available.

Anderson said, "In total, we will award about $55 to 60 million."

"Our aid is designed to provide the highest amount of aid to those with need," he said. "Students can check their current financial aid offer or see what additional information is needed at the MustangInfo Web site, mustanginfo.calpoly.edu.

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"They (seniors in high school) felt pretty overwhelmed, but they had good attitudes. I had a high school junior on one of my tours — it might be a sign of the times. Students are thinking (about college) earlier than usual," said biological sciences sophomore and Poly Club Relations committee member Jeannett Rocha.

"It went really smooth despite the weather," Rocha said. "Better than most years past, according to the people who have been here a few years. We had some kinks, but we worked them out."

Open House also seemed to go smoothly after the sun went down on the days' activities.

Looking at the weekend night logs, University Police Dispatcher Casey Mills said, "We did have one arrest for a drunk in public, but that happens on weekends even not during Open House. There were a couple of fender-benders, but nothing out of the ordinary. It was pretty quiet."

"We're fortunate here at Cal Poly," added Mills, who has worked the last four Open Houses. "We have such a high-caliber student body. It was a very positive event. I've worked here since 1993."

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Save Earth now
San Luis Obispo to fete Earth Day April 22

By Monica McHugh
CAG Daily Staff Writer

"Save Energy Now" is the theme of San Luis Obispo's Earth Day 2000 Celebration. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Earth Day in the United States and the 10th in San Luis Obispo.

"This is a crucial time as far as our environment, and we need to see a turn in awareness," Earth Day Alliance Director Sandra Marshall said. "Earth Day is more than just a celebration, it's a time to learn new ideas and then put them into effect."

The event, which is centered around education, will be held on April 22 at the Mission Plaza from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Earth Day Alliance Inc. is hosting this event. Display booths will provide informational materials and speakers about environmentally friendly products, practices and accomplishments.

Students are invited to the College Corridor section of the celebration, where three local bands will be performing. Students can also check out booths from both Cal Poly and Cuesta.

"I hope this event will teach Cal Poly students and the community in bringing them together with love for Mother Earth," college section coordinator Kristin Olson said.

Local bands Lemos Street Project, Boozie Meringo and Resurrection, along with active supporters of environmental education, donated their time and energy to the Earth Day Alliance.

A recycled art contest to promote awareness of recycling and to reduce the stream of trash going into local landfills gives earth lovers a chance to have some fun and maybe win some money. Recyclable materials, junk and mixed media are the three featured categories. Prices vary from $25 to $200 cash. All entries will be displayed at the San Luis Obispo Art Center until April 23.

"We wanted people to have fun with the idea of recycling," said contest coordinator Teri Diamant.

Another main focus of the event will be educating children about the environment. There will be a Children's Corner where kids can play environmental games, listen to stories and create pottery from recycled materials. The Children's Corner is designed so that parents can check in their children and then visit the rest of the venue. The California Conservation Corp and Americorps will supervise the project.

Earth Day was created in 1970 after a growth in environmental concerns during the 1960s. Former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson feels that Earth Day was his creation.

"It was at the time there was a great deal of turmoil on college campuses over environmental issues, opportunities to share various stories and updates on environmental education, emulating the teach-in concept Earth Day was founded upon."

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SLO slurpees leave much to be desired

My friends and fellow students, our county is plagued with a very serious problem, and it is — the young, the idealistic and the passionate — who can propagate change. Perhaps the situation is unknown to some of you, but the rest of us know it all too well.

The consistency of slurpees at the 7-11’s of this county is far below typical standards. Upon entering a San Luis Obispo 7-11, a slurpee customer will immediately notice through the viewing window in the machine that the mixer thingy is moving at breakneck speed through the creamy, slushy, liquid inside. This should not be so. The fluid should appear thick in viscosity — frothy, icy even — and the mixing bar should struggle to push through the dense material.

Some of you may not know any better, but let me tell you, it can be a whole lot better. Once you experience the icy deliciousness of a well-made slurpee, you’ll never want to go back.

Through some extensive sleuthing, I believe I have come to understand the cause of this catastrophic situation. I have involved myself in slurpee consumption research to this county as well as others, namely, Los Angeles County. I have also consulted with several experts in the field. (OK, my friend Julie, but I tried to get advice from a slurpee guru who has a slurpee site, www.breatheblueberry.com. Unfortunately, he never wrote me back.)

I think I have discovered the key to this conundrum. I have noted that the consistency of slurpees here in SLO County is far inferior to that of slurpees found in areas with warmer climates. Warmer climates equal more people drinking more slurpees.

I hypothesize that the consistency of SLO County slurpees is poor not by virtue of the machines; those who fill the machines, or the product itself, but because the machine is designed to function under heavy use. For example, if you have partaken of a slurpee, you might have noticed that once you turn the handle and begin releaseing slurpee into your cup, the machine kicks into high gear and the product thickens. Perhaps if the slurpee machines were used more frequently, the slurpees would be thicker with more consistency.

This is where you and I come in. I am committed to consuming as many slurpees as I can, and I hope that you will join my crusade to improve slurpee quality throughout the county. I humbly implore you, for the sake of the integrity of the slurpee, to go out and buy one.

It’s not just a summer treat my friends; it’s an all-season treat, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I hope I have given you a greater understanding of the slurpee and the problem it faces here in the Central Coast environment. I also hope that I may have encouraged you to be a part of taking back the slurpee in our community, becoming a slurpee advocate and improving slurpee conditions.

Shauna Weber is an animal science junior.
Letters to the editor

Greeks are about more than good press

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Ripken lined a clean single to center field off Twins reliever Hector Camarco for his 3,000. He was greeted at first base by teammate Eddie Murray, who also got his 3,000th hit at the Metrodome while playing for Cleveland in 1995. "To meet Eddie at first base, that was a special moment," Ripken said. "He said, 'Where to go, welcome to the club.'"

The 39-year-old Ripken shook hands with Twins first baseman Kent Hrbek while the seventh ball was retrieved by Twins bat boy Jeff Scott and flipped it underhand to his wife, Kelly, wearing a bright orange blazer and flanked by their two children.

Ripken returned to first base, took one step up to acknowledge a standing ovation and then tapped his heart once as he mouthed the words "Thank you" to the crowd of 18,745.

As part of the celebration, the Orioles spelt out of the dugout to the mound with ripkens, a game of the team.

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94ers shoot for the moon, get two stars

SANTA CLARA (AP) — Terry Donahue cringed. Things were going so well in the San Francisco 49ers' first pick of the draft, for San Saturn, why not shoot for the moon?

After thinking it over with the 10th pick of the 1st round of the NFL Draft by binding landing inside linebacker Julian Peterson of Michigan State, the 49ers though they had shot a shot at Chad Pennington with the 24th selection, especially since quarterback-backuparcy, Pittsburgh, opted for Peterson's teammate, wide receiver Plaxico Burress, with the eighth choice.

Sure, San Francisco needed additional defensive help, too. But the more coach Steve Mariucci watched film of the Marshall star, the more excited he became about grooming him to replace Steve Young. Then, the optimism vanished when the New York Jets took Pennington with the 18th selection.

"All our maneuvering went down the tube," said general manager Bill Walsh, flanked by Donahue, Mariucci, director of football operations,暨 vice president and team president John York.

The composed Donahue, director of personnel, quickly urged the brain trust to move forward.

"Can't get them all," he said. "We know that. But...".

With that, the staff of XYP, which included assistant coaches, scouts, training, doctors and public relations officials, crammed into the large conference room springing back into action. On television, the draft is surprisingly slow, each team allotted 15 minutes between picks in Round 1. Not so in the war room.

"It's really a good job of coordinating," York said. "We've got a little more data. Terry's very smooth, and I think he's listening, but...".

York offers no advice.

"Bill tells me after five years my opinion will be worth two cents," he said. "I'm not up that high, yet.

"Every few minutes one of our coaches, on the desk rings and Walsh answers most calls. Some supply advance warnings on upcoming picks, others on contract talks. Walsh thought about moving up for a shot at Pennington but backed against it for two reasons: (1) It was too expensive; (2) Pressing needs on defense.

"We've got extra picks (11 in all) and it's still not enough," Walsh said. "We still can't fill out the roster.

"San Francisco hoped local corner back Delo O'Neal of Cal might slip through the cracks, but Denver nabbed him with the 15th pick. After being discarded for many yearlings as the NFL's last, the 49ers are desperate for secondary help, and Plummer is a good fit. He's smart, tough, mature and graduated on time. But will he be?

"We could be wiped out, guys," Mariucci said.

Donahue and Company breath easier when Detroit takes offensive tackle Curtis Calloway. The 49ers now have six picks from 20 and Kansas City opts for wide receiver Sylvester Morris of Jackson State at No. 21, assuring the 49ers the one of the players they want.

"Hubb!" yells Walsh after the selection. "I'd like to pluck Plummer. That gives us one more bullet."

"You?" Mariucci said. "We're in great shape. We're going to get one of these guys. The board is working, guys."

Mariucci summons Dr. Harry Edwards, a special consultant and Cal sociology professor. He describes the personalities of the four players and outlines their strengths and weaknesses.

With the No. 22 pick, Seattle takes Michigan State defensive tackle Chris McIntosh, who can throw, with the other two defensive ends Erik Flowers of Arizona State and linebacker Keith Bullock of Syracuse. Mariucci picks.

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Mustangs win series in Santa Barbara

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

After dropping the first game of a three-game series with Santa Barbara, the Cal Poly baseball team rallied to win the series with back-to-back wins Saturday and Sunday. For the second consecutive weekend, the Mustangs were able to overcome deficits to snatch a series win.

Cal Poly overcame a 6-4 Gaucho lead with a five-run seventh inning, highlighted by Jason Barringer's three-run homer. Barringer was 3-for-4 in the game, scoring two runs as well.

The Gauchos rallied to within one run, 9-8, by the ninth, when Tanner Trosper came in to close out the game. Trosper loaded the bases and faced a full count on Gaucho second baseman Chad Peblek. But Trosper struck out Peblek on a very close pitch, which Peblek took for the called strike three.

The win put the Mustangs (18-17 over .500 for the first time all season. It also helped Cal Poly leapfrog the Gauchos for fourth place in the Big West.

Earlier in the series, the Mustangs came from behind to win game two of the three-game series with Santa Barbara. Barringer went 3-for-4 in Sunday's game.

Softball breaks losing streak, takes one of three

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After dropping its first 13 Big West Conference games, the Cal Poly softball team came up with a win Saturday night, defeating Utah State 3-2.

The Mustangs came from behind for the win, scoring single runs in the third, fifth and seventh innings, after allowing two runs in the first inning. Pitchers Terra Blankenbecher and Kirsten Murray threw four scoreless innings in relief after Jamie Gelbart gave up the Aggies' two runs.

Blankenbecher earned the win, while Aggie pitcher Kelly Wirner took the loss.

Third baseman Jackie Wayland drove in two Mustang runs with three hits, and left fielder Nicole Dansby added two singles as Cal Poly out-hit Utah State 13-7.

Mr. Milestone hits another

Ripken reaches 3,000-hit plateau

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Cal Ripken can add another big number — 3,020 — to his Hall of Fame resume.

The Baltimore star, already renowned for playing a record 2,632 consecutive games, got his No. 3,000 with his third single Saturday night in a 6-4 victory against Minnesota.

Ripken became the 24th player to reach the milestone, doing it a year after Tony Gwynn and Wade Boggs joined the club.

"I was relieved, I felt a weight was lifted from my shoulders," Ripken said. "I thought about how lucky you are and how you started."

"It was a phenomenal experience, one I'm really glad is over," he said.

When the game ended, Ripken signed autographs for about 15 minutes for some of the fans who had given him a two-minute standing ovation. The gesture was reminiscent of the victory lap he took at Camden Yards after breaking Lou Gehrig's "iron man" streak.

"I tried to give back as much as I can, and I thought it was right and appropriate to celebrate with the fans.

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SATURDAY'S BOX SCORE

MUSTANGS 3, AGGIES 2

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Cal Poly 9-2-3 0 7-3-2

Utah State 2-0-0 0 2-2-2

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Scores

BASEBALL

Cal Poly 8

UCSB 11

Cali Poly 12

UCSB 11

Cali Poly 9

UCSB 8

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Cal Poly 7

CSU Fullerton 2

Pacifc 6

Call Poly 1

ROLLER HOCKEY

Call Poly 0

Purdue 4

Miami 1

Scores

BASEBALL

Cal Poly 8

UCSB 11

Cali Poly 12

UCSB 11

Cali Poly 9

UCSB 8

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Cal Poly 7

CSU Fullerton 2

Pacifc 6

Call Poly 1

ROLLER HOCKEY

Call Poly 0

Purdue 4

Miami 1

Schedule

WEDNESDAY

• Men's tennis vs. Arizona State
  • at Arizona State
  • 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Men's tennis vs. Arizona
  • at Arizona
  • noon

• Baseball vs. CSU Fullerton
  • in SLO Stadium
  • 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

• Track and Field at Nat'l Collegiate Invitational
  • at Austin, Texas

*Freshman Holly Ballard went 0-for-4 but Cal Poly still won its first Big West game Saturday at Utah State.

Yesterdays Answer:

Patrick Roy was the rookie goalie voted 1986 Stanley Cup playoffs' Most Valuable Player.

Congrats Greg Jenkins!

Today's Question:

A bottle of milk is given to the winner of what major event?

Please submit sports trivia answer to sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.