CSU wins national service award

By April Pack

The California State University system is one of seven institutions to win the Higher Education Award for Leadership in National Service, giving it more money from Gov. Gray Davis to implement new classes that promote community service.

"The Corporation for National Service is a highly respected national organization, and it chose seven institutions across the nation that are doing great things in community service, and the CSU system was one of those," said Ken Swisher, CSU media relations manager.

The main reason that CSU received this award is because it was cited for responding to Gov. Davis' call to make community service a requirement for all students enrolled in California public institutions," Swisher said. He explained that more than 115,000 CSU students have performed a total of about 33.6 million hours of community service annually.

Because of the work that has been done by CSU students, the system has received over $1 million in grants from outside institutions to support community service activities. The money received from the governor will "help pay for a new staff person to develop agency placement and try to identify community needs to send students out there," said Stephen Lamb, director of assessment and testing at Cal Poly. Lamb is helping in the implementation of this program, along with other faculty.

The money is also to be used so that every student within the CSU system has the opportunity to take a class connected with service learning, a program that allows students to do community service through the classroom. In the past five years, only eight classes at Cal Poly have been offered with service learning.

"We now have the opportunity to add 10 new courses each year for the next four years," Lamb said. "We should end up with 50 classes offering service learning." 

This service is done through a program on the campuses called Community Service-Learning Strategic Plan. This is a planning document that expands what is being done in community service. Swisher explained, however, that service learning is different from community service.

"Community service can be anything," but student learning is what students are learning in the classroom directly into community experience," he said.

One of the courses that is offered at Cal Poly with the option of service learning is Economics 103, Economics of Poverty. In this class the students visit the Paso Robles' Shelter and work with serving the homeless.

In another course, Multicultural Health, students study health issues of ethnically diverse communities. Faculty place students with agencies such as Housing Authority.

Some of the courses offered require that service is done, but a majority of the professors make it optional.

The CSU system has just submitted for another grant of $600,000. It will be known on Feb. 1 if the system will receive the grant.

Software gives advantages to crop science students

By Brian Milne

The Cal Poly crop science department announced Monday that students will get hands-on experience with the latest crop protection software thanks to an alliance formed by Crop Data Management Systems, Helena Chemical Company and the College of Agriculture.

The software system — provided by Crop Data Management Systems and Helena Chemical Company — contains up-to-the-minute product-label information for more than 1,500 crop protection and specialty products.

The information will allow the department to manage increased production acreage and meet industry demand for experienced graduates in the field of integrated pest management.

"It gets students used to the software before they go out into the real world," said crop science professor Scott Steinmaus. "Our students will have a distinct advantage in the Pest Control Advisors marketplace because the majority of the industry uses the software."

The software is also essential to crop science students because of the area's diverse crops and strict guidelines regarding pesticides and herbicides.

"The system is special because California has some strict regulations regarding pesticides," Steinmaus said. "You can't apply pesticides unless you get the recommendation to do so."

The software allows the department to write recommendations that are current and legal, while giving students a distinct advantage in the industry.

The alliance will also provide summer internships for Cal Poly students at Crop Data Management Systems, located in Fresno, and the Helena Chemical Company, based in Marshall. Interns will have the opportunity to return to campus as teaching assistants, or as trainers in the Integrated Pest Management Laboratory.

"The internship is a great opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career in the field," said David Headrick, head of the crop science department. "The software will also be included in the classes, so they will have a head start with the software that a majority of the industry already uses."

Hands on experience

Marissa Anne Mejia, an architecture major, works on her treehouse project for Architecture 252, a second year design class. Three separate sections of the class are completing the same project, which involves designing a model for a treehouse from a single tree branch. Students design their houses for hypothetical "clients," and Mejia's "client" is a sailor. Many architecture students can be seen around campus looking for branches.
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we are using more than we have to play with," he said. "The 35 megabytes of capacity is for all teaching and learning activities, and the residence halls seem to be eating it up."

Hanley further offered an analogy of the problem.

Imagine the Cal Poly network system like an island. When going on or off the island one must deal with a bridge, and sometimes too many people want to get on at once. This is when severe traffic congestion appears.

An ITS analysis to determine the source of the problem concluded that it was a "reliable estimate" that 22 percent of the output from the dorm system stemmed from Napster usage. Rather than increasing the total bandwidth of the entire Cal Poly network, ITS will deal with the congestion by allocating a limited amount of network capacity to the dorms. It is an experiment aimed to alleviate traffic, Hanley said.

This means that dorm residents will not be able to access the Internet through the Cal Poly network once a specific capacity is reached. Allowing network activity outside the residence halls to run a little smoother.

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Extended Education's one-month program in Valladolid, Spain, offers intensive language study and GE credit. The program is in its third year and is open to only 30 jxioplc. Approx. cost: $2500 plus airfare.

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California avocados offer a cuisine all their own

When one thinks of California cuisine, avocados usually come to mind. Native to the tropics, avocados are known for their rich texture and mild, slightly nutty flavor. Even though avocados are high in fat, they add interest and flavor to a meal. Monounsaturated fat is the type of fat avocados contain, which is not implicated as a cause of chronic disease. However, the fruit’s high fat content does mean that people who are overweight or who tend to gain weight should eat avocados in small quantities.

Nutritionally, hemp seed mayonnaise and butter compare to an avocado: 1 tablespoon of mayonnaise has 11 grams of fat, 2 grams of saturated fat, 107 calories and virtually no nutrient value. One tablespoon of butter contributes 12 grams of fat, 7.5 grams of saturated fat, 107 calories and also lacks nutrient value. A quarter of a medium avocado contains 7.5 grams of fat, 4.5 grams of saturated fat, 26.5 calories and vitamins A and C, fiber, thiamin and riboflavin.

Avocados are also known as a source of vitamin E: Vitamin E is a fat-soluble antioxidant and one of the body’s primary defenders against oxidation, protecting the lipids and other vulnerable components of the cells from destruction. Vitamin E participates in the body’s immune defenses, speculated to be due to its protection of cell lipids. Fat-soluble vitamin E is found predominantly in vegetable oils and nuts.

A good way to enjoy avocados is to slice them as substitutes for fats such as mayonnaise and butter. Here are a couple of delicious ideas: Avocados complement vegetable soups or salads by adding a rich flavor and a bit of fat to help fill up. Try slicing a quarter of an avocado and spreading the slices on bread in place of mayonnaise. By doing so, saturated fat intake will be lowered and there will be a few more nutrients than what mayonnaise has to offer.

Shelby Wilson is a nutritional science senior and a Peer Health Educator.

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Campus Dining Exceeds Health Requirements

Food industry regulations stipulate that every food service organization needs at least one employee that is sanitation certified. Campus Dining has exceeded this standard by having nearly all of its employees certified. Two thirds of the Campus Dining staff had received SERVSAFE® training in the past few years and the longer-than-usual holiday break provided the opportunity to give almost everyone attending this important course.

SERVSAFE® is the American National Standard Food Code for Food Services, a model food code that is recognized by regulatory agencies, and applied standards that are enforced by the United States Department of Agriculture. A sixteen hour course, taught by Campus Dining Associate Director, Alan B. Cushman, FMP, covers the principles of food microbiology, important foodborne diseases, standards that are enforced by federal agencies, and applied measures for the prevention of foodborne diseases and other microbiological problems.

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Acceptance, not tolerance, is necessary

Senator Republican Leader Trent Lott has said homosexuals should be "tolerated." Vice President Dick Cheney agreed in last year's debate. Sounds reasonable and fair-minded? Tolerance is a good thing, right? Maybe we could even go so far as to say that this statement contains a dose of "compassionate conservatism."

Unfortunately, this is not the case.

Let's put Sen. Lott's words in context. His complete sentence was, "Homosexuals should be tolerated, in the same way our society tolerates alcoholics." No new "homosexuals" to "African-Americans." Still sound reasonable? Still far from true? I'd even venture to say that Lott is doing a little too much congruence of his compassion, and Cheney probably never had any to begin with.

They simply don't understand that gay and lesbian Americans don't want tolerance. Not once have we committed resources, time or interest to a cause that would promote the tolerance of gay and lesbian people in the United States. The cause we have committed ourselves to is that of acceptance. Not tolerance, but acceptance.

What's the difference? Tolerance simply means that gays and lesbians are no longer systematically persecuted in our country. It would mean that gay Americans in the military would not have to keep themselves hidden in order to avoid discharge. And it would mean that University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard would not have been beaten to death in 1998 for being gay.

This would certainly be progress for a country that still criminalizes loving, same-sex relationships in 35 states. However, tolerance is a step in the wrong direction, with purpose and meaning - that goal is acceptance.

Acceptance would mean that we recognize our common humanity, and love one another unconditionally. It would mean that we welcome people of all races, religions and sexual orientations into our schools, churches and community centers. It would mean that the gay American family, for we would realize that our strength lies not in our tolerance of diversity, but our acceptance of it.

Gay and lesbian Americans deserve equal and unconditional acceptance in society - the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics all agree. Their research indicates that sexual orientation is an immutable trait, one that is determined involuntarily and cannot be changed. And if we don't trust organizations to tell us about sexuality, then we shouldn't trust Tom Bowsk with our news or Sony with our children.

Some of you may feel compelled to respond to my call for acceptance with quotes from scripture or unfounded charges of immorality. I urge you not to waste your time - we've heard them all. I'd simply remind you that the Bible has been used to justify everything from the enslavement of African Americans to the notion of keeping women in the kitchen. That's who we live under the Constitution, and not any particular religious denomination's current interpretation of the Bible.

Do you trust Tom Bowsk's, Trent Lott, and tell him so. Disagree? Write Mustang Daily and give us a compelling argument that is rationally supported by scientific evidence.

Mike Sullivan is a computer engineering junior.

With his days in office numbered, Bill Clinton tried to do what all departing presidents want to do: leave a legacy. Among the many things Clinton wants to be remembered for, like the last eight years of economic prosperity and lows in unemployment, it appears that he would like to add humanitarian efforts to the list.

Tuesday, Jan. 16, the results of a two-year study on Holocaust reparations were presented to Clinton. The essence of the study was that jewelry, art and other property taken from Holocaust victims by the Nazis were never returned. The panel that performed the study was quick to point out how unfair it is that returning the items was not America's top priority following World War II.

Apparently the panel found that restoring a democracy to Germany, rebuilding shattered European economies and waging a Cold War with the Soviet Union had taken a back seat to making sure every single item Holocaust victims had taken away from them was returned to its rightful owners.

Clinton released a statement during his final week in office that said: "The work of the commission is part of a worldwide effort to confront the darkest period of our recent shared past." OK. So we need to confront the stigma left over from the Holocaust. All we have to do is give everyone back their paintings and family heirlooms and dust off our hands and everything is fixed. Is that how it works, Mr. Clinton?

In an opinion he wrote for the Washington Post, Stuart E. Eizenstat enlightened the citizens of America that it is our government's responsibility to make sure full restitution is made to Holocaust victims. Eizenstat believes it should be a top priority for the U.S. government to make an effort "to achieve dignified justice for survivors of the Holocaust and others who suffered the brutality and theft of the Nazi era."

Dignified justice? Is this getting back to the idea that survivors of the Holocaust and others who suffered the brutality and theft of the Nazi era are still short-changed? Clinton's words in context would certainly be progress for a country that still short-changes the victims of the Holocaust. The problem is that the property was returned to the country it belonged in, but never made it to the individual citizens. One member of the president's advisory panel said that although the United States did a "remarkably good job" trying to return property Nazis had stolen that ended up in America, the victims were still short-changed. Shortchanged? Of course they got shortchanged. Their lives were torn apart, they were forced to work in labor camps and they watched family and friends get slaughtered by the millions. If that's not shortchanged, I don't know what is.

Yes, they should get their art and bank accounts and whatever else they lost back. But there is no restitution for what happened. No one should be able to honestly say that returning the stolen property will take away from the stigma Holocaust survivors feel. Clinton shouldn't pretend he's doing this to try and make reparations. "Fess up, Bill. It's all about leaving a legacy.

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Reparations are just for legacy

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"It wasn't me!"

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"Sometimes we find him following his archives."
Opinion

What do you hate most about computers?

Paul Straus
landscape architecture
freshman

"Sometimes, every once in a blue
moon, my computer will go to a
blue screen and say, "beginning
dump of physical memory."

Lynn Azali
architecture
sophomore

"Everything with electricity
running in it just doesn't like me.

Tim Troutman
materials engineering
senior

"They're oversized paper-
weights.

Matthew Parry
business administration
sophomore

"Breaking them - I keep
breaking my computers.

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able via the "Clergy Act." There is
also a daily log of activity available
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Friday. After doing your homework
on this subject, I think you will feel
safe here, as I do.

Tom Majich is a city and regional
planning freshman.

Less TV means less
violence
Editor,

Regarding April Pack's com-
mentary on the study entitled
"Effects of Reducing Children's
Television and Video Game Use
on Aggressive Behavior,"("TV-era
ence link is pretty weak," Jan.
22), the point was not the clearly
established fact that watching vio-
lence on television provokes vio-
ence in children, but rather that
reducing exposure to television
makes children less violent, a sub-
tle but important difference. The
"Context" section of the paper
elaborating the experiment says,
"The relationship between expos-
ure to aggression in the media
and children's aggressive behavior
is well documented. However, few
potential solutions have been eval-
uated."

See for yourself at http://arch-
poli.amassn.org/issues/current/tv/
violence/0191.html. The point is
not the cause of violence, but how
to fix it.

I agree with Pack that parents
have a key role in limiting chil-
dren's exposure to television and
curbing their violent behavior, but
a lot more can be done to reduce
violence in our society. Clearly a
person's social and physical envi-
ronment affects their behavior. So
many random events - getting cut
off on the freeway, or having to
wait behind someone in line at the
cashier while they take 15 minutes
to find their checkbook - can
incite one to rage, but so rarely is
one's love for humanity accident-
ally increased.

It people took seriously the role
of the environment in their
behavior, they would practice
every day to be more virtuous and
compassionate and less violent, to
counteract all those negative influ-
ences as well as their natural urges.
Violence is just so much easier.

Dinosaurs with their pea brains
were violent. It took us thousands
of years to learn to be civilized,
and still, look at how violent the
20th century was. We all live in
this society, so we all have a stake
in it, and each of us ought to
encourage the others to be less
violent as well as practicing peace
on our own.

Dean Wilber is an electrical engi-
neering senior.

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Future uncertain for Bromley, men’s basketball

By Ryan Ballard

The age of 6, he signed up for wrestling at his local elementary school, as many boys in Hixson commonly do. Since then he has fought through the crowd and has become a leader.

In the many years since junior Steve Strange started wrestling, he has found a great deal of success. His resume is long and impressive; Strange has won two California State championships in high school at various seasons. However, despite his high school career, Strange has had his share of ups and downs.

During his high school career, Strange also finished fourth at the National High School Championships, capturing All-American status and setting the high school national record for wins in a career with finishing with 251 wins and only 15 losses. He finished his senior season with a perfect 66-0 record.

A burning desire to succeed and a love of wrestling has driven Strange for much of his life.

"I really enjoy the sport and training," he said. "I just like to win. I enjoy winning. I like the team camaraderie."

Since coming to Cal Poly, Strange has continued to find success. Last year Strange led the team with 27 wins. He finished fifth place at the Pac-10 Tournament, qualifying for the NCAA Tournament where he went 1-2. Before his college career came to an end, Strange appears to be a two-time All-American (finishing in the top eight at the NCAA Championship). He is currently second on the team with a 14-6 record. He is ranked No. 2 in the Pac-10 and No. 20 nationally at 174 pounds.

Coach Dennis Cowell has much praise for his talented team leader.

"Steve's a winner," he said. "His training habits, his conditioning and his desire to win are what make him successful. He's an over-achiever and works very hard to excel."

With the youth of Cal Poly's team, the last couple of years, Strange has taken up the role of leadership the team desperately needs.

Senior Jaime Garza has seen Strange evolve from someone who has always led by example to becoming a vocal leader.

"Steve talks to the team before every match," he said. "For the younger guys, it really helps them out because they haven't competed at this level. He helps bring the team together and gives them motivation."

Junior Richards, a sophomore forward, has seen the impact Strange's vocal leadership has had.

"He's always trying to get people to work harder and at the same time he goes hard himself," he said.

Strange knows that the road to the national championships must be taken one match at a time. His dedication to training is well respected among his teammates. At the Division I level, every match must be taken seriously.

"I make sure I prepare myself throughout the week and the year, so I feel like I'm 100 percent ready to wrestle," he said. "If I feel good physically, I'll be mentally prepared."

The tough schedule Cal Poly has wrestled this season has allowed Strange the opportunity to face top-notch competition early in the season. Strange relishes the chance to face highly ranked opponents.

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Jamaal Scott

Freshman guard

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