Poly poultry recognized as top grower

By Katriona Corey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly has the competition in the bag, at least when it comes to raising chickens.

Once again, Cal Poly was recognized as the number one grower for Foster Farms, the largest poultry company in the Western United States.

This is the eighth time Cal Poly has been distinguished in the three- and a half years since they became free-for-service contractors for Foster Farms said Robert Spiller.

Cal Poly animal science professor John Hewitt was recognized because it was able to raise a flock of 7,000 chickens for 2.16 cents less per pound than the average grower, he said.

Spiller said that Cal Poly is the only non-professional grower on a permanent contract with Foster Farms.

"The challenge is that we start each flock of chickens with four students who have never raised a chick in their life, compared to other growers who do this for a living," Spiller said.

He said Cal Poly has a very small facility, which can accommodate up to 7,000 chickens compared to other growers with an average of 400,000.

Foster Farms gives Cal Poly a flock of hatchlings where three to four students, through an enterprise project, raise them to full-grown chickens, Spiller said.

He said the flock stays in the facility for about 46 days.

Joe Gardner, an animal science sophomore, was one of the students working on the fall quarter project.

The panel will be moderated by Ann Gardner, an animal science sophomore, and Jon Chapman, animal science senior, display some of the chicks grown for Foster Farms at the poultry unit.

Forum scheduled to discuss television and media issues

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Some of the television industry’s leading journalists will come to Cal Poly tonight for a media forum look­ ing at the glamorous and not so glamorous sides of the news medium.

“The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly,” a forum sponsored by Cal Poly, will begin tonight at 7:30 p.m in the Cal Poly Theatre. The free forum will allow candid comments from some of the biggest names in television.

Topping the forum will be Don Hewitt, creator and executive producer of “60 Minutes.” Added to this list are Dee Dee Myers, former White House press secretary under President Bill Clinton and current adviser for NBC’s "The West Wing; Howard Rosenberg, Pulitzer-Price winning television critic for the Los Angeles Times; Meryl Marshall-Daniels, chief executive officer of the Academy of Television Arts and Science; the organization that awards the Emmy; Todd Parmain, writer for The New York Times; and, Terry Amur, journalism professor at the University of Southern California and former television news anchor.

The panel will be moderated by Margaret Warner, chief interviewer for PBS’s Lehrer News Hour.

Teachers wanted

Left, Sean Ready, a Cal Poly graduate student working on his multiple subject credentials, is interviewed by Holland Locker, administrative assistant to the division of Human Resources for the Fresno Unified School District at the teacher recruit­ ing symposium in Chumash Auditorium Monday.

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Dean of Ag to be named to D.C. post

By Jennifer Hansen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Although it is not yet official, one of Cal Poly’s own might be on his way to work for the president.

President George W. Bush will nominate College of Agriculture Dean Joseph Jen to be the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Undersecretary for Research, Education and Economics, according to a university news release.

JOSEPH JEN: Agriculture dean.

The White House and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman made the announcement Thursday, according to the news release. Although the nomination has yet to be confirmed by Public Affairs or the College of Agriculture, a Washington Post article from Friday stated that President Bush had indeed chosen Jen for the position.

Jeff Blus, director of the university’s Public Affairs, said that Jen had not yet been officially nominated.

“The announcement was made that they intend to nominate Jen,” he said.

Blus added that the Public Affairs office did not have further information on when the nomination would become official.

Lisa Hensh, public affairs assistant for the College of Agriculture, said that Jen’s official position on the impending nomination is to not com­ ment on the matter until it is official­ ly confirmed. White House officials have asked the College of Agriculture...
Auditors question Postal Service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Auditors are looking into whether U.S. Postal Service managers misinformed their governing board by claiming that a contract with Federal Express will save the debt-ridden agency more than $1 billion.

A spokesman for the Postal Service office of inspector general, which reports to the presidentially appointed Board of Governors, said Monday it is reviewing the $6.3 billion, no-bid contract with FedEx.

Air cargo carrier Emery Worldwide complained to the Postal Service governor last month that they were "materially misinformed" before approving the deal in January.

The FedEx contract will "cost USPS much more, both now and in the future, and will lead to reduced service levels" for the American public, said the two-page letter from Emery.

The Postal Service recently notified Emery and another carrier that their postal contracts will be terminated with the letters being replaced in both Emery challenged the FedEx contract in U.S. Claims Court last month.

The Justice Department said Monday it is continuing to look at possible antitrust implications of the FedEx contract.

Postal Service spokesman Arie Dienstbier said "it's unfortunate" that the companies are debating the deal.

FedEx spokesman Jess Bunn said Monday the company is cooperating with the USPS audit and continues to believe the $6.3 billion, no-bid contract is beneficial.

"Any company is ... going to recoup them," Vogel said. "If you put up front then it's a cost that's done with.""Any company is ... going to recoup them," Vogel said. "If you put up front then it's a cost that's done with.

Emery is appealing an unsuccessful court challenge to the contract, under which FedEx will carry the postal service's two-day Priority and overnight Express mail.

In her decision upholding the FedEx contract, federal claims court Judge Christine Miller was nonetheless critical, saying the quasi-governmental agency's "objective" from the start of negotiations was "a sole-source award" to FedEx.

The postal service hired a consultant simply to justify the objective, Miller said, noting that in an internal plan drawn up last August, the postal service said the consultant should "assist the Postal Service in developing the business case for a contractual relationship with FedEx."

But eliminating Emery from consideration so early in the evaluation process was not "unlawful" or "irrational," the judge concluded.

FedEx spokesman Jess Bunn said Monday the company is confident the contract will be upheld on appeal.

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Technical fields pay graduates higher salaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — College graduates with engineering and computer science diplomas get the best-paying jobs, while an education degree yields the lowest monthly income, the Census Bureau concluded.

Full-time workers age 18 and older who graduated from college with engineering diplomas made an average $4,680 a month in 1996, while those with degrees related to computer work averaged $4,416, the bureau said in a report released Tuesday.

Education majors made the least money, averaging $2,802 a month in 1996. The figures were the latest available, and were based on a survey separate from the 2000 Census.

"Majoring in a technical field does pay off even if you don't finish a four-year degree," bureau analyst Kurt Brown said.

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By Jenifer Hansen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Two Cal Poly students have created a way to minimize the headache that goes along with the daunting task of securing a place to live.

Architecture sophomore Nick Ladd and computer engineering junior Andrew Hunt are co-founders of a Web site called SLOrent.com.

In an attempt to streamline the process of scouring the classifieds and stalking property management offices, Ladd and Hunt established a student-friendly site that not only offers rental listings but also textbook exchange, upcoming local concerts and events and instant e-mail notification of available housing.

SLOrent.com is a hub of sorts that caters to the various needs of college students, Hunt said. The main purpose of the site is to digitally replace the University Union posting boards.

"We're just trying to encapsulate everything 'Cal Poly' and put it on this Web site," he said.

Ladd and Hunt worked as a team to design SLOrent.com last December.

The site is an offspring of Teknokratz, a Web site developing company that was formed in 1999 by Hunt, his older brother Rinaldo Hunt, a graduate of Long Beach State, and Tony Tomarchio, a computer science junior.

As head Web designer for Teknokratz, Ladd used his experience to create the graphics, page layout, site architecture and database design of SLOrent.com. Hunt orchestrated different types of marketing including flyers with the "Got shelter?" slogan and e-mail notification in addition to financing the site. The majority of the content on the site, however, comes from the people viewing the site by posting listings.

"It's a constant revolution," Hunt said. "It just builds and builds."

SLOrent.com is not associated with a class at Cal Poly or a senior project, he said. Hunt said he enjoys being involved with the creation of "techno-businesses" to help fellow students make their lives easier.

Now that SLOrent.com is a fully operational site, he said he and Ladd are committed to keeping it up.

Hunt said he encourages students to check out the site and take advantage of all it has to offer by becoming a registered member. Signing up with SLOrent.com will give members exclusive online viewing of rental listings put out by property management companies the same day they are released, if not earlier, he said.

Hunt said he felt that everything about the Internet had become too global. By establishing a membership community, SLOrent.com is trying to localize the search for housing, textbooks and entertainment through one easy-to-use Web site, he said.

In addition, SLOrent.com provides unbiased and objective information. Ladd said in an e-mail interview. "The majority of rental sites right now only provide information about their rentals," he said in the e-mail.

While the site has only been up and running for approximately six or seven weeks, close to 300 people have registered as members and are already using the site regularly to either look for housing or post listings, Hunt said.

Ladd said that members of the site can expect more than just rental listings in the future. Upcoming features include a coupon section, romance classifieds and job opening postings.

"We are constantly working to improve the site and add new features," Ladd said in the e-mail.

Hunt said he is aware that other housing search sites on the Web might make competition tough when students begin the scramble to find a place to live next year. The main difference between SLOrent.com and other sites is the diversity it has to offer students.

"We're just altruists," Hunt said. "We want people to find good housing and try to weed out the bad housing."
Don't silence other opinions or arguments.

There is serious racism still left over in America from the wording, shorthand of the South, 150 years ago. But America has made great strides since then, and the civil rights fight has become a proud and important part of our history and culture. After considering that history, we now come to the present where certain civil rights issues and activists have steered that fight in the wrong direction. In the battle over slavery reparations, the small portion of the population that supports this idea has been demonizing and trying to silence any opposition. Before I go further, let me recognize that the ones asking for censorship are not representative of the majority of people who write and support those ideas, and those slave reparations for that matter - I’m only concerned with those wishing to silence freedom of speech.

The crowning example of this would be when David Horowitz submitted his article with 10 reasons why slave reparations are a bad idea to a number of college campuses. Of those campuses that published the list (14 out of 50), six have formed protests over the content, some demanding the resignation of the editor and an apology from the newspaper staff for being “racist.” I am not going to debate whether or not slave reparations are a good idea or not, apparently that can get you aromall of the population that supports this idea has rights issues; and activists have steered that fight in the wrong direction. Horowitz submitted his article with 10 reasons why slave reparations are a bad idea to a number of college campuses. Of those campuses that published the list (14 out of 50), six have formed protests over the content, some demanding the resignation of the editor and an apology from the newspaper staff for being “racist.” I am not going to debate whether or not slave reparations are a good idea or not, apparently that can get you a load of howling protesters marching around your lawn, and I don’t want to go through that whole mess again. Slave reparations may be good and fair since this country’s economic status was rocked since the cotton trade which was done in the dark of slaves labor can be a bad idea, but since today’s American slaves are four or five generations since today’s African Americans are four or five generations.

B. Dan Davitt

My last airline experience was an experience to say the least. America West Airlines promised me convenient service to and from Phoenix, Ariz., a comfortably large passenger plane, an expensive rate and an complimentary drink and snack while aboard Flight 617.

When I arrived at San Luis Obispo Airport, which is unmistakably right out of the “Wings” sitcom series, I was greeted by a friendly copilot, who asked me to move my car out of the way for his bull- dozer to come through. After parking at a distance great enough to require a shuttle (and, of course, there being none) I lugged my bag to the front desk.

Nobody likes to wait in line. It makes them feel like they aren’t the most important person about to board the glorious plane awaiting its passengers’ arrival. But after I waited in line, and was told there wouldn’t be enough room underneath the plane for me to check my bag, and that I would have to carry it on, I finally had been checked in. Or so I thought.

Ten minutes later, a call came over the loud speaker asking any of those passengers who had just been checked in to return to the desk to re-check in. Re-checking in was the airline’s way of getting me back into their customer checkout clutches to ask me courteously to give up my ticket and leave the next morning at 5:45 a.m. They would also throw in a $50 voucher I could use to travel with them again sometime in the year 2002. Needless to say, I denied their offer and boarded the plane 35 minutes late because of the time they spent trying to convince cus­ tomers to leave the next day.

According to a recent study conducted annually by two professors at University of Nebraska and Wichita State, customer experience is not an uncommon one. Even though air­ lines pride themselves on customer service, and have spent millions of dollars implementing customer service plans, they just aren’t working.

The study surveyed the airline customer experience according to four criteria on-time arrivals, involuntary denied boarding, mishandled baggage and customer complaints. These are “watched closely by the airline industry, however, no one seems to be making any changes.”

The study said that, among major U.S. air­ lines in 2000, the number of flights arriving late increased to 7.8 percent; of the flights, 7.2 percent; planes might possibly not arrive at their final destination at all. When I returned home from Phoenix, just as I was about to board the plane, the cus­ tomer service desk announced that the plane might land in Santa Barbara instead of San Luis Obispo, but the airline would not know until the plane was in flight. The problem ahead of me asked what would happen if we landed in Santa Barbara. The man taking the boarding passes told them they would have to get a ride home from there. I later found out they were from Paso Robles, and it was nearly a three-hour drive from there to Santa Barbara. I just pressed that the plane would actually land in San Luis Obispo so I could take my midterm the next day while I nervously tried to remember which old friends from high school ended up going to UCSB, and who I could stay with for the night.

Passengers who were involuntarily denied boarding their flights for which they held tickets increased to 1.04 per­ 100,000 in 2000 from 0.88 passengers per 100,000 in 1999. If I bought a ticket to go somewhere, I obviously want to go there. Airlines are no longer doing a service; they are doing a dis- service to their customers and making them want to take alternative forms of transporta­ tion to their destinations.

Consumer complaints overall increased to three per 100,000 passengers for three per 100,000 the previous year. I don’t think these figures accurately reflect the number of people who can be who can be heard grumbling about something that had done to them by the airline of their choice. People just want to go on vacation or go hom e after a long one, not stand in line to file a complaint. And trust me, the line is long.

While Delta Airlines was ranked best in the survey, Alaska Airlines and US Airways followed closely behind. Of my personal air­ line of choice, America West Airlines, came in dead last, and for a good reason. That sup­ posedly glorious large passenger plane was assurred was actually a 30-seat commuter plane with a crankyewardly who spoiled Coke on me and denied me my free snack. Next time you think about surfing the Web for a cheap flight, take a look at amtrak.com or rent a convertible and take a road trip. There’s no better way to go on vacation than on your own time, not the airline’s.

Jennifer Thomson is a journalism sophomore and Mustang Daily staff writer.
Letters to the editor

U.S. apology implies more than regret

Editor,

There is nothing wrong with being the first to apologize in a situation where it is difficult to place blame. An apology gives, regardless of whether or not it is owed, can save personal relationships, or end messy conflicts. People often offer apologies when others simply perceive them as having done something wrong. This shows a willingness to subjugate one's pride for the sake of others, and can be a very noble thing to do in many cases.

Should, then, the United States, consider offering an apology to the People's Republic of China in response to the recent air collision between a U.S. spy plane and Chinese fighter jet? The Chinese seem to think it is. They have committed to holding captive the naval personnel aboard the U.S. plane until the United States can afford to lose face by returning the crewmember.

An apology would also be an admission of guilt on the part of the crew of the Navy E-3 plane. Not only would they then be responsible for the accidental death of the Chinese Airman whose fighter jet crashed into their plane, but an apology would also indicate that their mission was wrong. While the Navy crewmembers are probably very eager to return home, they might find themselves having to admit the nature of their work for the sake of a trip across the Pacific. They are, after all, members of the armed forces, and it seems that a career which would involve being put in harms way for the sake of accomplishing their given mission.

For the time being, their job is to be in confinement. To bring them home at any cost would be a disservice to them, and would discount the mission upon which their lives are held.

Chris Wever is an architecture junior.

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“I’m a fighter,” he said. “I usually try to wear my opponent down and out-rrally them.”

Fallon’s goals this season are to be in the top 100 players in the country and to win the rest of his matches.

Fallon was ranked No. 1 on Cal Poly’s team, but he’s also the captain. He sees both positions as lead roles for his team.

“It’s a big role, since everybody’s watching you,” he said. “You have to be a leader.”

Interim head coach Jeff Spallinger agrees that Fallon is a leader.

“He leads by example,” he said. “He’s always out there working on some part of his game. His experience shows, and he knows how to win matches.”

Spallinger credits Fallon’s mental toughness as playing a large role in his success.

“He’s a self-motivated, hard-working player having a great season,” he said. “He’s intense.”

Both Fallon and Spallinger think the team has a strong season outlook.

Fallon said the team is young this year, but if they keep working hard, they will have a good chance at winning the Big West Conference.

Fallon graduates this fall, but he plans to play club tennis in Europe for a few years after graduation.

“I’m just going to have fun playing tennis and see where it takes me,” he said.

Bryant may return to Lakers tonight
EL SEGUNDO (AP) - Kobe Bryant wants to return to the Los Angeles Lakers lineup against Phoenix Tuesday, but a decision won’t be made until just before the game.

Bryant, the NBA’s third-leading scorer, has missed 10 of the last 11 games recuperating from ankle injuries. He tried to come back April 1, playing 11 scoreless minutes against the New York Knicks before re-injuring an ankle.

Lakers spokesman John Black said Monday that Bryant’s availability against the Suns will be a game-time decision, with coach Phil Jackson deciding whether the All-Star guard will be able to help the team.

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salary as a starting quarterback in the NFL or moving into a broad-

by winning tennis and see where it takes me,” he said.

**Jackson**

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eliminate players from leaving college early and from entering the draft straight out of high school.

News reports indicate that Aikman has toyed with such a restriction ever since Gentry’s decision to enter the draft straight out of high school. It’s now becoming clear that the arrival of inexperienced teenagers in the NBA has hurt the game’s reputation, leading the NBA to develop unfettered players who struggle in their inaugural seasons.

Few teams have complained loudly that the college game has suffered a blow as top players skip their senior or even their junior and sophomore seasons for the financial security of the NBA.

People just don’t understand the position these athletes are in. The perspective seems especially distorted here at Cal Poly, perhaps because students value their education and getting a degree, which is certainly a worthwhile aspiration.

Athletes have very short shelf lives. A blow-out knee or freak accident can bring down a player in a flash, eliminating them from a very lucrative profession.

In addition, few NBA players are able to play in the league by their mid-30s, and arriving on the scene as a teenager offers a player a few more years to make money playing the game they love.

Many athletes come from impoverished families, and the NBA offers them an opportunity to ease their family’s financial woes. The opportunity of being a star to your own extended family, of having dozens of brothers, sisters, cousins and even younger players looking up to you, is what makes the pros — just so they can put food on the table — is tempting for them.

The NBA, the NCAA and their fans can’t complain when players make the early jump to professional basketball.

If the players weren’t good enough, they wouldn’t be drafted so high. To Terence Crutcher and only Curry surely will. The jump to the NBA provides players with an opportunity to achieve their highest level, and to provide their families as well as themselves with financial security.

Jackson is a journalism freshman. E-mail him at calpolyjacks-

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Gifted high school players belong in NBA

If basketball fans haven't heard of Tyron Chandler and Eddy Curry yet, they will see that rumor swiped away very soon, perhaps on June 27. It is on that day that the NBA draft is held, and for the first time in league history, a high school player may be selected with the first pick.

Chandler was the star of potential powerhouse Compton-Dominguez High in Southern California, a team so loaded that it won the state title even though he set out the final game with an ankle injury. He's a 6-foot-7 center whom scouts have been drooling over since he was in diapers.

Curry, who carries the nickname "Baby Shaq," was one-man wrecking crew in the McDonald's All-American Game in March, scoring 28 points in the annual showcase of the best players high school basketball has to offer. He hails from South Holland, Ill., where he used his 6-foot-11-inch, 280-pound frame to humble opponents.

Some scouts have these two tenacious and talented centers going No. 1 and No. 2 in the NBA draft, a remarkable feat considering that Darius Miles became the highest pick ever out of high school last year when he was taken No. 3. The NBA is desperate for capable centers, and these two big men have far more ability than any 7-foot players at the college level.

Kevin Garnett's decision to return to the NBA in 1995 started the trend, leading a few high schools each year to test the NBA waters. He was followed most notably by Kobe Bryant in 1996 and Tracy McGrady in 1997, and all three players are now among the best in the game. Their success has emboldened other high school players to make the jump, and inspired a general confidence among premier high school players that they can play in the NBA.

But the high draft status of Chandler and Curry, as well as the possibility of a record 10 high school players entering the draft this year, has rekindled the debate about allowing high school players to enter the draft.

Basketball recruiting is major off-season activity

By Dena Horton

Although basketball season is only a few months on a calendar, building a team is a yearlong process. The initial signing date, April 11, is approaching and has men's head coach Kevin Bradley and women's head coach Faith Mimnaugh recruiting new team members.

Cal Poly women's basketball has already signed two players and is looking to fill the one additional scholarship Mimnaugh said. Joining the women's team are Holly Richards, a 6-foot-2 post player from Monte Vista High School in Danville, and Michelle Henke, a point guard from La Cueva High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"We've been actively recruiting junior college and high school players," Mimnaugh said. "We have numerous local products."

The women's team has 15 scholarships to offer, most of which will go to returning players for next year. For the men's team, four players will graduate this year, leaving seven Scholarships to offer. However, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regulates the number of scholarships awarded to no more than eight in any two years or five in any one year.

During the early recruiting period in November, the men's team signed Philip Johnson, a 6-foot-11 center from Arroyo Grande High School. Joining the men's team for next year will also be Jared Patterson and Diaby Kamara, students who transferred to Cal Poly this quarter.

Besides recruited student-athletes, Bradley will also be looking for two junior college and high school players entering the draft this year, has rekindled the debate about allowing younger in the NBA. It might lead to restrictions on draft eligibility to

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MEN'S TENNIS

By Janelle Foskett

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When Brandon Fallon was only 10 years old, he and his father, Jim, took up tennis at the same time. At first his athletic father could beat him effortlessly, but within two years they were engaging in fierce tennis matches. When he was 16, Brandon could defeat his father with ease, and the journey to his success began.

Fallon, an industrial technology senior, is currently ranked No. 1 on the Cal Poly men's tennis team. He has an overall record of 17-10, high in Southern California, a team that led to the state title even though he set out the final game with an ankle injury. He's a 6-foot-7 center whom scouts have been drooling over since he was in diapers.

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If basketball fans haven't heard of Tyron Chandler and Eddy Curry yet, they will see that rumor swiped away very soon, perhaps on June 27. It is on that day that the NBA draft is held, and for the first time in league history, a high school player may be selected with the first pick.

Chandler was the star of potential powerhouse Compton-Dominguez High in Southern California, a team so loaded that it won the state title even though he set out the final game with an ankle injury. He's a 6-foot-7 center whom scouts have been drooling over since he was in diapers.

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