Brokaw kicks off fund-raising event

By Laura Vega
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The great technological advancements of the past century mean little if the spirit of humankind is lost," Tom Brokaw said in his keynote address at the Centennial Campaign dinner on Saturday.

Approximately 450 people attended the event by invitation only in a test of problem on the Mustang Stadium field. The dinner kicked off the public phase of Cal Poly's first university-wide fund-raising campaign and celebrated the university's 100-year anniversary.

At the event, President Warren Baker announced the campaign's goal of $225 million over the next four years.

The dollar goal is unprecedented in the 23-campus California State University system, according to a press release. Baker said $114 million of the total goal has already been raised.

Brokaw, anchor and managing editor of "NBC Nightly News," said the campaign fund-raiser was testimony to the university's commitment to public education. He referred to public education as "the common ground of America."

"But now I worry that in too many parts of that common ground there are fault lines," Brokaw said. "We are in danger of allowing it to be fractional. We have become a culture, too often, of cheap confrontation rather than productive mediator."  

Brokaw, a 1962 graduate of the University of South Dakota, joined NBC News in 1966.

While he admits he has not learned everything about today's technology, Brokaw said he has learned of the possibilities and failings of mankind during his 39-year career in broadcast journalism.

"Technology is not enough... It is not enough to wire the world if you short-circuit the soul," Brokaw said. "It short-circuit the soul," Brokaw said. "It

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Remember' activities aim to teach

By Jennifer Thomson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A week of action and awareness is planned to focus on personal safety and individual responsibilities.

This year's Remember Week will include an information booth, self-defense sign-ups, a candlelight walk and a barbecue fund-raiser.

Program coordinator Susanne Kelley said that the program's goal is to create better awareness on safety issues and give student more tools to avoid unsafe situations.

"We hope to bring the community together, both on and off campus," Kelley said. "It takes both sides to end violence."

An information booth will be set up in the University Union Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today through Thursday. It will have information about the week itself and information about sexual assault and ending violence against women.

Women will also be able to sign up for rape aggression defense systems (RADS) self-defense classes.

"Take Back the Night," at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Chumash Auditorium, will feature the first guest speaker to speak at a Remember Week since its inception in spring 1999. Tracy Hutchison, Cal Poly alumna, will talk about her experience in surviving violence and sexual assault.

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Open House a smashing success

By Dena Horton
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Friday's rain showers didn't stop this year's Open House from having the biggest turnout ever.

Open House Presents Poly Royal ended Sunday with an alumni golf tournament after two days of activities throughout the campus. Friday's. Admitted Students Day attracted over 8,000 students, parents and alumni. On Saturday, an estimated 30,000 people attended the open activities on campus.

"Admitted students got to see that Cal Poly is a real school," said Brian Neubeck, Open House public relations director. "There was such a warm feeling, that is what makes Cal Poly great."

The rain began Friday in the early afternoon once students were already into their departmental activities.

"Talking to the faculty was nice," said Max Foorman, an admitted student from Piedmont, Calif. "I like to have talked more with future classmates, though."

Cal Poly alumni John Hiddel said the small-class meetings provided direct access to faculty.

"It was very well run and very informational," he said.

The 61st annual rodeo began Friday night and continued Saturday. Cal Poly's rodeos is the largest regular season college rodeo in the country. Saturday's rodeo events included the championship.

Friday ended with the fourth annual Casino Night, which offered drinks, snacks and prizes including two trips to Las Vegas.

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position.
"It tends to be a problem that (stu­
dents) don't have a choice on the hol­
lot, but this year they do," she said.
There are three candidates running for
president this year: Angela Hacker, a psy­
chology senior; Cory Reith, a business
senior; and Brent Vann, a biological sci­
cence senior. Lewis said the three can­
didates approach the position in a unique
way.
"They each come at it with a very dif­
ferent focus," she said. "I'll be interested
to see where they stand."
The president's duties include acting
as the voice of the student body to the
university administration, the City of
San Luis Obispo and the California
State University university presidents
siding over numerous campus commit­
tees.
The chair of the board is involved in
the day-to-day operations of ASI and
presides over the weekly Board of
Directors meetings. Chris Madsen, an
unbiological junior, is currently the only
candidate for the position of chair of
the board.
The Board of Directors is composed of
students representing the campus on
campus. The number of students in the
campus. The number of students that
each college holds on the board. There are 32 candidates running for
24 seats on the board.
Lewis said the candidates will be
attending many functions this week to
gain support.
One area of interest to these can­
didates is this year's new rules, which clar­i­fy policy concerning active campaign
time and campaign violations. Lewis said
the new campaigning rules were needed
because the Board of Directors felt it
did not have a clear standard for
discipline.
"There has been a history of inconsis­
tency in how to handle early cam­
paigning or minor violations," she said.
Presidential candidate Hacker is a
College of Liberal Arts representative to
the ASI Board of Directors. She was an
extremely candidate member when the
board determined it needed to clarify
campaign rules.
She said the clarifications were es­pe­
cially needed after last year's confusion
over how to penalize a presidential can­
didate who campaigned early.
Political science senior Aron
Defourny had stated his candidacy on
his personal Web site and in the Greek
Column before active campaigning began. He was allowed to campaign as a
write-in candidate, yet his campaign
time was limited. The issue caused the
board to address the need to clarify cam­
paign violation policy, Hacker said.
The board's final policy clarification
involves the definition of active cam­
paigning. According to the new rule in
the election packet given to can­
didates, "Active campaigning is defined as
public display or distribution of specific
information about an ASI candidate in
non-verbal form."
This means students cannot public­
stress their candidacy on a Web site or a
flyer, and they cannot hold an event prior
to the designated 15-day period of cam­
paigning, Lewis said.
The second change involves the addi­
tion of a disciplinary action to campaign
tables. The rules outline the penalties
that accompany a partic­
ular number of violations.
For one campaign violation, a candidate
is limited to only half of the designated
campaign time. For two violations, a
candidate's name is removed from the
ballot. For three violations, a candidate
is disqualified from the election.
Lewis said she looks forward to the
next steps.
"I am interested to see how they
stand the test of time," she said.

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I returned from the weekend Sunday to a voice mail criticizing Mustang Daily for the stories in the Open House edition that did not show Cal Poly in a positive light.

The caller stated that he knew many individuals that tried to throw the papers away, hoping to keep incoming student from reading about our murdered and missing students or the lack of diversity on campus.

It is disappointing to me and other editors that the caller saw it as our responsibility to promote our university.

Ask Adam. E-mail him at admar@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu.

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End of the world may not happen like you expect

Many Christians are becoming increasingly obsessed with the end of the world, or the "End Times." They believe that the earth will go through a great tribulation when God will pour His wrath upon the land, causing great distress and panic. The Antichrist will reign with terror and fraud, God will remain silent, and Satan will establish a Final Judgment, sending the sinners to everlasting fire and giving the righteous everlasting life. But before the Tribulation, God will send His angels to gather the faithful chosen who will meet Him in the air while the others are left to suffer. This is known as the Rapture.

Some of you reading this may be rolling your eyes, but this Rapture has become so popular, people are making millions of dollars off of it. The most notorious are Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, authors of the national best-selling "Left Behind" series. They have greatly contributed to the Rapture craze that has taken many Christians, maybe even some of your friends, by storm.

But is there really going to be a Rapture? Not likely. The Rapture has no biblical or historical support, so it is really just a religious fiction. Actually, the Rapture was invented in 19th-century America when Protestant Christians were conforming to creeds created by men only decades before, creating a fresh relationship with Jesus, minus the High Church or creed. A small group of Christians established the first biblical fundamentalism.

Fundamentalism is "the Bible, and Jesus Christ. Christianity is a Jewish religion with Jewish history and literary styles, as well as the teaching of the apostles, the fundamentalists took EVERYTHING in the Bible, reinterpreting it to fit their own religious and true interpretation. This attitude was foreign to the way Christianity was established by Christ and has unacceptably become nearly the norm for modern-day biblical exegesis. It also created the Rapture idea.

When rightly looked at against the backdrop of the Old Testament, passages used to support the Rapture speak nothing of such an event. Mark and Matthew charge the Jewish apocalyptic to refer to the judgment on Israel and ultimately, the entire world. This refers to the Second Coming, not a so-called "Rapture." John's verse similarly refers to Christ's return. The passage in 1 Thessalonians is perhaps the most exploited in defense of the Rapture, even though it presents no evidence or endorsement. The trumpet blast is reminiscent of Joel 2:1 and Zechariah 9:4. It signifies Christ's return to judge those His angels collect. Not once is a "Rapture" discussed or implied. Without a Jewish understanding of the New Testament, fundamentalism can invent these beliefs that have no theological backing.

Why such a fixation on the Rapture and obsession with the End Times? As a Christian, I don't know why my brothers and sisters worry, although I do see one large problem. If our faith becomes too centered on watching for signs in the sky for the return of the Lord, we'll forget what we are called to by virtue of our baptism to love in action and truth. This should be the focus alone. After all, Christ told us to be ready for His return by living the gospel message. Let's not become distracted by tall tales.

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Remember to prevent more holocausts

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Brokaw said the idea of personal, political, and national freedom was the most powerful idea to emerge at the end of the 20th century, largely due to the World War II generation.

Brock said he wonders if Americans have lost focus of what that generation fought for.

"No piece of software, no search engine, will offer the irreplaceable rewards of a loving personal relationship or the strength and comfort of a real community of shared values and common dreams," he said. "Not will this new technology make us more racially tolerant or courageous enough to take a stand for what we know is right."

"This new technology is merely a tool in our hands, and our hands are an extension not only of our minds, but also of our hearts and souls," Brokaw continued. "Takentogether, they are a powerful combination. If we have a greater opportunity than, too, we have a greater obligation."

Baker said Brokaw's speech was consistent with Cal Poly's goal of supporting an environment that helps professors teach and students learn.

"We can't lose sight of the polytechnic university and what it means to contribute to the advancement of the human condition," Baker said.

Congresswoman Lois Capps said the keynote address captured the values and compassion held by the World War II generation.

"It's an important lesson for us," Capps said. King Harris, KVEC radio news director and adviser to Cal Poly's KCPX, also attended the event.

"Ultimately, what Tom Brokaw cares about is the sacrifice that is made from one person to another to make the world a better place," Harris said.

Jeff Bliss, director of public affairs, described the keynote speech as stunning.

"(Brokaw) really tied everything together - Cal Poly, our history, his work with the 'greatest generation' books," Bliss said. "The speech was just amazing."

Bliss said the speech will be available this week on the Cal Poly Web site, www.calpoly.edu.

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Blankenhecler said. "That was huge. It was a perfect play."

"Terra pitched an excellent game. It was extremely exciting. The intensity today was a key factor in the way we played," Gemma Dalena Cal Poly center fielder said.

Blankenhecler surrendered only two hits and one walk in the game, and finished the game with five strikeouts. The win gave the starter her sixth shutout of the season.
The Mustang pitcher gave credit to the defensive play by other members of the squad.
"We had some great defense that helped shut them down," Blankenhecler said.

Gemma Dalena had two of the Mustang five hits, including a three down the right field line in the fourth inning. Dalena was called out at home after trying to stretch the triple into a inside-the-park home run.
"Terra pitched an excellent game," Dalena said. "It was extremely exciting. The intensity today was a key factor in the way we played."

Head Coach Lisa Peters said she was proud of the win over the Aggies.
"The players know that they really needed to step up and get the job done," Peters said. "Terra did a great job for us on the mound and Nicole's throw in the fifth inning was key for us. We put us in a position to secure full place in the standings."

The victory helped Cal Poly improve its Big West Conference record to 5-10 and 21-26 overall. The Bears dropped to 1-12 in Big West play and 7-35 overall.

The teams split a doubleheader Saturday, with Cal Poly taking the first game 2-4. The Aggies came back in the nightcap with five unearned runs for a 3-0 win.

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Club sports smorgasbord

Above, economics freshman Lyndsay Wilcox (left) battles a Claremont College's Tara Wallace Saturday at the Sports Complex. The Mustangs lost the game 17-2.

Right, animal science senior Jennie Oestreicher and civil engineering senior Earl Chow face off at the Open House fencing club display.

Blankenbecler essentially perfect against Utah State

By Laura Vega

For four innings, Cal Poly pitcher Terra Blankenbecler was perfect. For the next three, she was almost perfect, giving up only two hits in a 2-0 Cal Poly victory Sunday over Utah State at Bob Jansen Field.

While Blankenbecler (12-10) retired twelve batters in a row to begin the game, Cal Poly went seven batters to the plate in the first inning, but only mustered one run off Aggie starter Kristin Hommel (1-17).

Mustang Left fielder Nicole Dansby scored the first run following two walks and a fielder's choice.

Hommel struggled again in the second inning, and was pulled from the game following a leadoff walk to Michelle Unthoven. Lisa Spencer then took over for Hommel on the mound.

Spencer gave up another run to the Mustangs in the third inning. Christie Wells lined a 1-2 pitch to left for a single and scored when Aggie shortstop Heather Curtis couldn't come up with a grounded off the bat of Roni Sparr. Utah State committed three errors in the game.

The Aggies threatened in the fifth with a leadoff double by catcher Breanne Nickle. A hit batter and single followed, loading the bases with no outs. Designated player Amanda Carlson then hit a fly ball to leftfielder Dansby who caught the ball and threw Nickle out at home for a double play. The Aggies left two runners on base to end the inning.

"Nickle's catch was awesome," see SOFTBALL, page 7

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Track and field fares well at two meets

Cal Poly track and field competed in two meets this weekend, and came away with a cavalcade of good results. At the Mt. Sac Relays at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, freshman Maggie Vessey took first in her 400 meter heat at 54.39. Junior Paula Carvalho finished 26th in the second heat of the men's 5,000 meter race. Senior Jasmine Hall took ninth in the women's 800 meters.

The Mustangs also competed at the Long Beach State Invitational. Freshman Justin Naught finished first in the men's 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 9:31.82, which was also a personal best. Junior David Jackson finished fourth in the race as well.

Senior Akani Hine led the Cal Poly women at Long Beach, taking home second in the first heat of the women's 200 meter race. She also finished sixth in the second heat of the 100 meters. Senior Jen Spahr bested her personal record in the women's 3,000 meter steeplechase with a second place finish with a time of 12:15.76.

Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:
Joseph Figone was the name of the former Giants groundskeeper who fished Barry Bonds' 500th home run out of McCovey Cove.

Congratulations Joe Demers!

Today's Question:
Who drafted Pat Riley in the 11th round in the 1987 NFL Draft?

Briefs

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