USDA head to speak at graduation

By Jennifer Hansen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The class of 2001 can forget about tossing around the proverbial beach ball during spring commencement ceremony – two speakers instrumental in the livelihood of Cal Poly will grace graduates with expertise and knowledge of their respective fields.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Ann Veneman will speak at the morning commencement ceremony on June 16, said Rob Anderson, Cal Poly Public Affairs officer.

USDA Secretary Ann Veneman will speak at 9 a.m.

History professor Daniel Krieger will speak at 2 p.m.

Veneman is an emeritus member of Cal Poly's President's Cabinet and a supporter of the College of Agriculture, said Kimberly Irwin, administrative assistant for President Warren Baker. In a fax, Barclay added that Veneman possesses "a great knowledge of agricultural policies and issues."

Krieger was chosen in conjunction with his historical contributions to the Centennial Celebration.

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Alcohol issue before council again

By Katriona Corey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The alcohol ordinance that was passed by the San Luis Obispo City Council two weeks ago is on the consent agenda for today's City Council meeting at 4 p.m.

After the ordinance was approved at the May 15 meeting, the wording was published in The Tribune for the public to see, and the issue is now being brought back to the agenda for a final vote, said Diane Reynolds, administrative assistant in the city clerk's office.

She said the items on the consent agenda are voted on all at once. There is a public comment period before the council votes. At that time, anyone who wishes may speak on items from the consent agenda, which includes the ordinance.

The ordinance states that parties hosts may be cited if they are holding a party where five or more minors are present and three or more are consuming alcohol.

Angie Hacker, Associated Students Inc. president-elect, said she encourages students to come to the meeting.

"Our chances of getting the council to change their vote is slim..."

Angie Hacker
ASI president-elect

The award combined two previous awards. Younse's was equivalent to a year's tuition.

Family recognizes seven students' leadership, dedication

By Raul Vasquez
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Serving dinner at an area homeless shelter during his freshman year made Paulo Younse realize that all homeless people need is someone to hold out a hand and show them they care.

The mechanical engineering senior went on to be the director of Beyond Shelter, a Cal Poly student group that works with the homeless in San Luis Obispo. Younse was the founder of "Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week," which is now an annual event.

The award combined two previous university awards: the Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Land Outstanding University and Community Service Award, established in 1986 by alumnus Jeff Land and his wife, Carla, and the Quest for the Best Award, initiated last year by the office of Cal Poly's vice president for Student Affairs.

Other winners included: Kamina Rosenstiel, an agricultural business senior, for the College of Agriculture; Craig Chinon, architecture senior, for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design; Melissa Varvak, business administration

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From left, Jeff, Carla, Jennifer and Jessica Land (foreground), and students winners Kamina Rosenstiel, Ryan Trammell, Paulo Younse, Bubba Murarka, Lewis Smith and Melissa Varvak. Not pictured is Craig Chinon.
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Senior, for the College of Business; Ryan Trammell, social sciences senior, for the College of Liberal Arts; Lewis Smith, microbiology senior, for the College of Science and Mathematics; and Neel "Buhha" Murarka, computer science graduate student, for the Associated Students Inc. Award.

Students were nominated by faculty and staff as well as campus leaders. A five-member committee was organized to review the candidates and select the winner. Candidates were required to submit an essay describing their community involvement and go through an interview.

"The awards are an effort on behalf of Student Life and Leadership and the donors to recognize the excellent work they do while at Cal Poly," said Patricia Harris, assistant coordinator of leadership, education and development.

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"In addition to being an outstanding faculty member, he has a tremendous knowledge of Cal Poly and the Central Coast," he said.

Krieger, who is celebrating his 50th year at Cal Poly, said he was "overawed" to be chosen as a commencement speaker at graduation. He said his speech will be about the "uniqueness of Cal Poly in view of its history." As an interpreter of history, he said students and their families should take away from the commencement Cal Poly's vision of the future in addition to understanding its past.

At the morning commencement, Veneman will be presented with an honorary doctoral degree for her agricultural service in California, Anderson said. The California State University Board of Trustees approved the request to bestow Veneman with the Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degree, Uyttewaal said in the fax. Anderson said Veneman will receive the honorary degree as a token of gratitude for her commitment to Cal Poly.

Veneman was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in January and sworn in as the 27th Secretary of the USDA, according to the USDA's Web site. Raised in Modesto, she earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California at Davis, a master's degree in public policy from the University of California at Berkeley and a juris doctorate degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law, according to the Web site.

Commencement activities will begin at 9 a.m. for the colleges of Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design, and Engineering. Afternoon ceremonies start at 2 p.m. for the colleges of Business, Liberal Arts, Science and Mathematics, and Master of Arts in Education.

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Playlist-sharing site acknowledges KCPR

By Byron Samayoa

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

With the advent of electronic music and mp3s, the scene for technical tunes grows every day, as does the ability for people to share them. Cal Poly's radio station, KCPR 91.3 FM, recently received an award for its contributions to this medium.

The group that honored KCPR was Uplister, a relatively new online playlist sharing community. This type of site allows people to go online and make lists of their favorite songs to show to other users. The radio station-affiliated users utilize these lists to find out what radio stations around the country are playing.

"Think of it as a giant mix tape online," said Dan McGarry, marketing associate with Uplister.

The site, which was founded in September of last year, currently counts about 100,000 daily visitors and about 150,000 downloads.

"There is a strong community aspect to it," McGarry said. "Our site is made up of people who are very passionate about music and put a lot of time and energy into the playlists that they are creating.

In recognition of the fact that KCPR brought the second-highest number of signups to the site, Uplister decided to feature KCPR as a station of the month. KCPR will be one of two stations featured in June. The station is the first to receive this distinction on the West Coast.

The lists are what make this Web site stand out from other music sites, which might feature reviews and critiques. Uplister is entirely user-run. Once the lists are posted in the site, anyone on the Web can see and download them.

"You can use it to find a new favorite band," said Thomas Galvin, a mechanical engineering sophomore. "I can find other artists in a genre that I already like."

College radio disc jockeys are among the most active people using the site, McGarry said.

"Recently, there have been more DJs using the site," said Tara Crabb, a biology graduate student and one of the music directors for KCPR.

Crabb and other disc jockeys at KCPR use the site to make lists for personal and informational purposes.

"Personally, I only use it for my show," Crabb said. "I can share the show on (Uplister) and highlight my favorite artists."

With Uplister and Crabb's posted lists, those interested in gurl punk pop can just look up the lists and find our recent releases and popular artists in the genre.

Soon there will be more than just lists from individuals. Visitors to the site will expect some changes in the upcoming months.

"We want to entirely move it to Web-based," said Lisa Rodriguez, vice president of communications for Uplister. "Rodriguez hopes that in the future, users will be able to download music straight from playlists, rather than getting it from another site.

Currently, the site offers 30-second song previews and promotional mp3s. Uplister wants to add major labels to the site and offer subscriptions to their services eventually. With the recent fight over digital copyrights and Internet downloads, it will be interesting to see if this site succeeds in that realm. Considering the Napster ordeal, Rodriguez is optimistic.

"We have had good conversations with major and independent labels and other music providers," she said.

Students can visit Uplister at www.uplister.com.

Mechanical engineering junior Alex Woolery works in KCPR with the Uplister Web site.
Ugly war deserves pretty memorial

With partisan bickering at a high level with the recent detection of Sen. James Jeffords from the Republican Party, President George W. Bush has a tough road ahead of him. However, some issues, believe it or not, aren't partisan.

Bush announced last Monday the signing of a law allowing for the construction of a World War II Memorial in Washington D.C., I found myself nodding in agreement. Although the decision's timing was questionable, that didn't make it a bad one.

There has been much controversy over the years over the building of a memorial on the famous National Mall in Washington, centering on spatial issues. The National Coalition to Save Our Mall has concerns that the monument will ruin the "open green space" between the Lincoln Monument and the Washington Memorial on the Mall. The monument would take up a 14-acre portion of the Mall - nearly half of the total space.

Concerns are valid; these people are not against the recognition of World War II veterans. It's a matter of priorities. The National Coalition to Save Our Mall wants to make sure the memorial will not "ruin" the National Mall, as if the debate was over converting the Mall into a huge nuclear power plant and not a grand monument. Even if the memorial would hurt the Mall's image, it is a ludicrous claim that the landscape of the Mall is more important than the World War II veterans themselves. We're talking about 16 million people who served for the United States, not to mention the more than 400,000 who died. The memorial will contain prairie pillars, bronze wreaths and gold stars, all surrounding a pool, a design which some have described as "grandiose" or even ugly, although it sounds nice to me.

But even if the monument is not as aesthetically pleasing as the open atmosphere - which is unlikely considering the $160 million budget for the project - it is also true that the war itself wasn't pretty, either. This is why the monument needs to be made for the first time. Honoring those who served our country in this special way is more important than honoring the perceived beauty of the National Mall.

The memorial definitely wouldn't be unwelcome, either. The National Mall already has memorials of former presidents Thomas Jefferson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as well as memorials for Korean War and Vietnam War veterans. Why World War II veterans would be seen as less important is beyond me.

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Actually, I don't mind whether or not I get presents, so long as I don't have to work for them. I would rather celebrate the fact that I have diligently and diligently received a degree and will shower me with expensive gifts and envelopes full of sweet cash.

I am a graduating senior, I believe that there is no sweeter gift than the satisfaction that comes from the fact that I have diligently and diligently completed my education at such a prestigious university. The sweetest part of this sweet gift is knowing that my friends and family members will see to it that I have diligently and diligently received a degree and will shower me with expensive gifts and envelopes full of sweet cash.

Possibly, you were not impressed with the way in which my grad ceremony was conducted, and you were disappointed at the time that it took for me to get out of the arena. I will appreciate your criticism, and I will do my best to improve on it in the future.

Ryan Miller
editorial writer
Video game takes realistic violence to new levels

By Kat DeBakker

Tues., June 5, 2001

Between 40,000 and 60,000 people took part in the protest-turned-riot against the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle on Nov. 30, 1999. Hundreds of people were injured.

Countless people were arrested and damage to local businesses was extensive. To most people, this was a violent, unnecessary tragedy. To Rockstar Games, it is the stuff video games are made of.

Rockstar Games plans to release “State of Emergency” for PlayStation 2, which Excite reported to be based on the WTO riot, in the fall. The game has not yet been rated, but the official preview at www.rockstargames.com stated that “State of Emergency” is an urban riot game set in the near future, where the oppressive American Trade Organization (ATO) has declared a State of Emergency. It is up to you to smash up everything and everyone in order to destabilize the ATO.

Use any item available to begin fighting, including pipes, bricks and benches — even dismembered body parts... State of Emergency is a game for those who have always wondered what it’s like to be armed and dangerous in a city gone out of control. I am guessing that most of the people in this game’s impressionable target audience have never been in a city “gone out of control,” seeing as how they are probably still in junior high or high school. Playing a virtual video game will never show them the pain and suffering that such situations produce. Paul Hawken, a journalist, happened to be caught in the middle of the WTO riot, and has written about his experiences in several magazines. This is an excerpt from Yes magazine:

“When I was able to open my eyes, I saw lying next to me a young man, 19, maybe 20 at the oldest. He was shocked, twitching and shivering uncontrollably from being teargassed and pepper-sprayed at close range. His burned eyes were tightly closed, and he was panting irregularly. Then he passed out. He went from exorcising pain to unconsciousness on a sidewalk wet from the water that a medic had poured over him to flash his eyes.”

This was certainly not an isolated incident. Many people suffered injuries that day, including business owners and innocent bystanders, or as the game calls them, “helpless citizens.” “Helpless citizens driven by a sophisticated virtual sensing system react realistically to violence with crying, running away, or calling for help.”

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The truth is that about six years ago after the passage of Proposition 209, Cal Poly immediately cut back funding for outreach programs as they simultaneously dropped “race” as an admissions factor. I have been told that the reason we lack in our outreach programs is because the school “lacks the funding and faculty.” Prop 209 was instead framed as a cheap and efficient admissions process that predominately uses grade point average and SAT scores to make admissions decisions. It’s an easy system that most obviously exemplifies this lack of commitment. So as you read headlines boasting Cal Poly’s “diversity,” just know that what you’re actually getting is lip service from a school that really has no intent to make “diversity” a priority.

Tahia Moseley is a political science senior.

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Letter to the editor

Diversity is just an image at Cal Poly

Anyone who has been watching university admissions in California in the last six years would notice that the schools are definitely becoming whiter. With this fact in mind, I find the title of the May 30 article, “Poly receives distinctions nationally for diversity,” completely absurd. Cal Poly should receive nothing but a distinction for diversity. Not only is the title of the article misrepresentative of Cal Poly’s student population, but it doesn’t even represent the content of the article itself.

Basically, the article describes how “Cal Poly ranked 17 on a list that ranks colleges and universities awarding the most bachelor’s degrees to Hispanics.” It describes how several other CSU campuses also received ranking such as San Diego, Chico, Los Angeles, Fresno and San Francisco. Although the CSU system as a whole did achieve high ranking, the claim in the article that Cal Poly has received a “distinction for diversity,” simply misrepresents the obvious fact that Cal Poly lacks commitment to diversity.

All anyone has to do is look around at the faces at Cal Poly to doubt this claim of diversity. The facts are that Cal Poly’s undergraduate student population, according to the Institutional Planning and Analysis office in Admissions, is 59.6 percent white, 7.6 percent Asian, 7.6 percent Mexican descent, 3.2 percent other Hispanic, 2.3 percent Filipino, 5 percent Pacific Islander, 1.1 percent Native American, 1.1 percent international and less than 1 percent African American, with 13.3 percent not specifying their ethnicity (These figures have been rounded so they may not add up to 100). The population of African American students has dropped in half from six years ago along with substantial drops in Mexican and Hispanic groups. Asians at Cal Poly are the only minority group that has actually increased with whites comprising about two-thirds of the student population over the last decade.

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The truth is that about six years ago after the passage of Proposition 209, Cal Poly immediately cut back funding for outreach programs as they simultaneously dropped “race” as an admissions factor. I have been told that the reason we lack in our outreach programs is because the school “lacks the funding and faculty.” But does Cal Poly really lack the funding or do they lack the commitment?

The one commitment that is evident is to the continued false marketing in our catalogs and brochures suggesting that Cal Poly is a diverse campus. Pictures of minority groups have dominated the covers of pamphlets, brochures and catalogs. The university works harder at creating an image of diversity than actually working to create diversity itself.

The facts are that Cal Poly runs a cheap and efficient admissions process that predominately uses grade point average and SAT scores to make admissions decisions. It’s an easy system that most obviously exemplifies this lack of commitment. So as you read headlines boasting Cal Poly’s “diversity,” just know that what you’re actually getting is lip service from a school that really has no intent to make “diversity” a priority.

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scenario questions about children who are not cooperative.

"I've had kids who have ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder), but I've never had problems with them," Lawrence said. "You just have to have patience and enjoy working with them."

Lawrence said the kids are out there for fun and he tries to have exciting drills for them so they don't get bored.

"Parents have been great, and 25 percent of them stay and watch their kids," Lawrence said. "It's always good to have involved parents."

The instructors need to have a good personality in order to work with children because it makes it a lot easier for them.

"We make the lessons that are competitive because we want the children to enjoy their summer," Lawrence said.

"All the students play when we have scrimmages and I'm sure it makes the children happy as well as the parents."

"I have to continue (yoga) this summer," Estivalle said. "It stretches me, and I know it is going to be much cooler than doing an outdoor sport."

"Since yoga is a popular alternative exercise, many places in San Luis Obispo offer classes, including the downtown Yoga Center."

While some students want to keep cool this summer, there's still those few who want to get dirty and sweaty. Mountain biking provides just this experience.

"This summer I am planning to get scoped up," said Santiago Estivalle, an electrical engineer senior. "I really am looking forward to a summer of mountain biking."

Mountain biking, as well as street soccer, are alternative activities that combine the outdoors with exercise. Students who bike to school on a regular basis will have an easier time with this sport. It's possible to take bikes on longer trips during the summer to ride on unexplored terrain.

"I am going to travel through California and maybe go to Spain," Estivalle said. "There have to be trails and roads that are going to be awesome."

Many students' summer plans don't include sweat and will instead use their vacation to relax. But even while relaxing, playing indoor sports doesn't mean too much physical activity.

"I know that I am going to be very mellow and just shoot darts in my room," said business senior Wes West. "I like it, it gets me to be very quiet and concentrated."

From slow games like darts to outdoor biking, the choice lies on what the student is up for.

"If I put down to what the student wants to do," said Catherine Catok, assistant director of Rec Sports, "we've got something to store."
**Sports**

**Choices abound for summer recreation**

By Byron Samayoa

Baseball, football and soccer are all sports that are popular in the summer, but for students that are tired of these options, there are many alternatives.

Martial arts are lesser-known sports that offer athletic variety.

"I usually swim every summer and it get kind of boring," said Yadira Sandoval, microbiology senior. "I decided to do something different: Jeet Kun Do."

Jeet Kun Do is a martial art that was created by Bruce Lee and has a popular following among martial arts enthusiasts.

"After doing it I have the same feeling I got when I swam a few hours," Sandoval said. "But now I also get some cool fighting techniques."

For students staying in San Luis Obispo, the Rec Center will offer a Jeet Kun Do class, along with Capoeira and kickboxing. Capoeira is another popular alternative martial art with roots in Brazil.

"Capoeira is a complex martial art," said Alex Wokern, mechanical engineering junior. "There is always something new to learn."

Taking a class in an unconventional martial art can be a refreshing change for students that are tired with aerobic

**Players turn tables and teach children**

By Adarena Benjamin

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For most Cal Poly water polo players, getting in the pool brings instant thoughts of battling opponents while hearing instructions shouted by a head coach.

But this summer, the players are trading their competitiveness for teaching as they lead children to understand basic water safety.

Beginning June 25, members of the Cal Poly water polo team will teach swimming classes for children at the Rec Center.

"We have these lessons for "a few years," said Greg Avakian, coordinator of aquatics and facilities at the Rec Center. "But for the past two years we've had water polo lessons as well."

"The instruction, who are mostly students, are paid to teach the children rescue techniques and fitness swimming. There is also another class that teaches fundamental water polo skills."

"We teach them water safety, such as rescue breathing and rescue skills," Avakian said. "It's better that the children learn the basics and then go on to the fundamentals."

Avakian said the summer swim lessons give the Cal Poly students a chance to work with children and organize classes. "I've run the program for the past two years," said Brett Lawrence, captain of the water polo team.

"And I love working with the kids — they're awesome."

Lawrence said he likes having Avakian assist him when he teaches, because his guidance helps him to become a better instructor.

"I really enjoy coaching, and would like to coach high school water polo," Lawrence said. "Avakian said the instructors had been depending upon what type of job, they have. Currently, interviews are going on to fill teaching positions."

"We have an interview process for the instructors and lifeguards," Lawrence said. "They have to have knowledge of the sport and how to manage children."

Avakian said that during the interview process, he gives the instructors a free one hour water polo practice with his team.

**Too many similarities between war and sports**

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It isn't just football, either, that I find myself scratching my head in confusion about. I do not discriminate when it comes to my all-encompassing confusion over sports.

In fact, the more popular the sport, the less I seem to understand it. Tennis, golf, hockey, soccer, basketball, baseball — I can't bring myself to watch any of them. At the risk of sounding sexist, I might say that my inability to understand sports stems from my being female, and being female, the only thing I find more uninterseting than sports are wars. Further reflection on this matter led me to wonder if two of my most vehement dislikes might indeed be related.

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