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MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITIR

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Brockovich’s expansion of the Morro Bay plant would take approx­imately 475 million gallons of water a day out of the Morro Bay National Estuary and threaten the fish living there, which could have an effect on the food chain, McAirdy said. Brockovich was also invited to speak, but was unable to attend because of conflicts with her own speaking tour. "I thought Erin Brockovich was going to be here, but it was very inter­ esting anyway," said Lindsey Hughes, an agriculture business senior. "I’m taking an environmental law class, so it was interesting anyway," said Eindseyy Huskins, a systematic biology junior.

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National conference visits campus

By Kristy Charles
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly welcomed 550 students from 47 schools to the seventh annual Agriculture Ambassadors Conference this weekend.

Students who attended came from Florida, Michigan and Kentucky, plus others from other states, and had a swap meet where they exchanged items from their colleges or universities. It took three student chairpersons, two advisors and 45 committee members to put together the three-day event.

"It’s amazing, just really incredible to be in charge of something this big," said Herbert Cooley, a conference chairperson. He added that the schools gain much experience and insight from coming to the conference.

"It’s a big conference, sharing ideas and making life contacts," Cooley said.

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there should have been more back­ground on the Islamic religion for such a diverse crowd.

"The Shariah is not just something political government instilled in our daily lives," said Shabned Khan, an architect senior. "They are laws of living from the Koran."

The Shariah was not explained to the audience.

He said the Islamic religion is not a subject to be entered into lightly. Other non-Muslim audience members felt that it was good to have open communication during a time of war.

"I really appreciate any sort of discussion on about the Muslim faith," said Erin Hanley, a psychology major. "And to see it so well attended is a positive thing."

Some people enjoyed listening to interpretations about the Koran.

"I came away with a clearer understand­ing of some of the differences between my Christian beliefs and the Islamic religion," said Arla Stevens, a Cambria resident. "It’s kind of makes me understand why they put up with what they do."

Stevens said that she and her hus­band heard about the talk in The Tribune and were interested in coming.

Jody Smarz-Snower, a philosophy professor, said the talk was the first in a series called "Philosophy at Poly," a series sponsored by the philosophy department.

The Agriculture Ambassadors pro­gram was started 13 years ago by Cal Poly students who helped recruit for the College of Agriculture. Now, Cal Poly has the biggest chapter in the United States. Its purpose is to pro­mote agriculture and education.

"Our mission statement is to stay in school, stay in agriculture, and lastly take a look at Cal Poly," said Joe Sabel, an advisor to the program.

Students involved in the program make recruiting trips to elementary and high schools, where they give speeches and do activities. They often tell personal stories about their experiences with agriculture and give tours of Cal Poly for guests and schools.

Although there is not a class for Agriculture Ambassadors at Cal Poly, and students who participate do not get paid, the work is rewarding enough on its own, Sabel said.

RAPE isn’t just committed by prowling psychopaths. Rapists can be a date, boyfriend or casual friend. While you shouldn’t live in fear, you should be aware of ways to protect yourself from a dangerous situation.

THEY'RE NOT ALWAYS STRANGERS

• Check out a first date or blind date with friends. Insist on going to a public place like a movie, coffeehouse or restaurant. Drive your own car to the date, or bring a cellular phone to call a taxi.

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• Trust your instincts. If your date or place makes you uneasy, GET OUT.
National Briefs

Kmart files for chapter 11 bankruptcy

CHICAGO — Kmart Corp., the country's second-largest discount retailer, filed for bankruptcy protection Tuesday. It is the largest retailer ever to do so. Kmart plans to keep its 2,114 stores open for now, but will review their future by the end of April. Wall Street analysts have said Kmart needs to close 300 to 400 under-performing stores.

Kmart has said that it has secured $2 billion in debtor-in-possession financing from Credit Suisse First Boston, Fleet Retail Finance Inc., General Electric Capital Corp., and JPMorgan Chase Bank. The financing will be used during a reorganization process from which it hopes to emerge in 2003.

In just over two weeks following Jan. 2, the company's stock fell almost 70 percent after a Wall Street analyst said that Kmart is disintegrating.

Several vendors have stopped shipments to Kmart's stores after it filed for bankruptcy.

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Kmart has become a five-and-dime store in Michigan in 1907.

Conditions of prisoners questioned, helicopter crashes

WASHINGTON — The International Committee of the Red Cross is demanding that the terror suspects the United States is detaining from the Afghan war be given prisoner-of-war status, which is subject to the Geneva Conventions.

The American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh, 20, began his trip to the United States on Tuesday to face charges that he conspired with Islamic radicals to kill fellow countrymen. The conspiracy charge can carry a life sentence. Lindh will be handed over to the Justice Department and the federal court district in northern Virginia.

Frenchman Zacarias Moussaoui is awaiting trial for alleged complicity in the Sept. 11 attacks as well. Lindh is being sent to the United States and not Guantanamo Bay because he is an American citizen. He was being held on the Navy assault ship USS Batan in the northern Arabian Sea.

Tuesday, the Pentagon said that an unmanned Predator spy plane has crashed — the second to be lost in the war — while returning to its base in Pakistan. There is no indication that the crash was from hostile fire.

International Briefs

Asia

NEW DELHI — Four gunmen on two motorcycles killed five police officers and injured another 21 Tuesday morning, by firing indiscriminately into a crowd with automatic weapons outside the American Center in Calcutta. No Americans were killed or injured.

There was no warning of the attack and no one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

At the time there were only four private Indian guards at the center, which is part of a diplomatic mission to prevent a war between Pakistan and India. The center, and other American outposts in India, including embassies have been under increased security.

India has half a million troops along its border with Pakistan and has refused to pull them back until Pakistan has stopped the infiltration of militants from Pakistan into India-held Kashmir and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The United States has not decided if the United States will remove its troops from Pakistan.

Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, has banned five organizations and arrested more than 2,000 people in efforts to avoid conflict with India.

— The New York Times

Europe

PARIS — Britain has been declared foot-and-mouth disease-free and without the need of vaccinations by the world animal health organization Tuesday, which clears the way for costly international trade sanctions to be lifted.

British meat and dairy exports will be able to resume to non-EU countries after a year-long campaign against the livestock illness.

Britain declared itself free of the disease last week. The epidemic led to the slaughter of more than 4 million animals, forced farmers out of business and cost the government billions of pounds.

— Reuters

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.
Serving 120 brothers nightly is routine for student chef

By Andra Coberly
Mustang Daily

Two technological developments have greatly impacted the way college students live. First, the invention of the microwave has resulted in a wide array of frozen entrees that range from barely edible to almost scrumptious. The other invention is that of telephone speed dial, which has spawned the commuter chef this past fall. As a chef, he must not only cook the food, but plan the meals and shop for the food as well. Though the job is time consuming, it doesn't bother him. "I like to cook, and it's fun for me," he said. "Plus, it helps that I don't have to pay for meals."

Not only does the job help Strauss financially, it is beneficial for Delta Sigma Phi, said Brandon Miller, one of Strauss' brothers. "It saves us a lot of time having someone who lives in the house cook for us," he said. "It saves us a lot of money, too."

From pork chops to rice bowls, Strauss has the ability to choose whatever he and the rest of his brothers have each day. "It's nice because I can cook whatever I felt like eating that night," said Strauss, who learned to cook by working at a barbecue and from watching other people.

Although he has cooking experience, sometimes the meals don't always turn out as good as Strauss would like. "If a meal does not go as planned, I hear about it," he said. "I live with these people, and if you make something they don't like, you can't really escape them."

While most meals turn out good, Miller agrees that when they're not satisfied with a meal, the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi will let Strauss know. "We usually just tell him if we don't like something, and he agrees not to cook it again," Miller said. "We can be really straight-up with him." On average, he is given about $80 to spend on each meal. Though he usually serves between 25 to 30 people, he occasionally must prepare food for up to 120 people.

While other fraternities either hire outside help as a cook or simply lack kitchen staff, Miller said that Delta Sigma Phi values the fact that they have Strauss. "It's nice because we can help him with his job," he said. "I guess it helps us come together more."

As Strauss talks about why he likes what he does, in the background someone yells, "He is a damn good chef." He laughs and continues. "I guess my favorite part is that I feel appreciated," he said. "It makes it more fun when they like what I fix."

So while many Cal Poly students will go home each night and choose between utilizing the microwave, calling Dominos or actually taking out mom's old pots and pans, the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi can sit back and let Strauss do his work.

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Brett Strauss, Delta Sigma Phi chef

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Recipe of the Week

Baked shrimp in chipotle sauce

- 1/2 stick (1/4 cup) unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 pounds medium shrimp (not shelled)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Melt butter in a saucepan and stir in wine, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, and salt. Add shrimp, cover, and bake in middle of oven until shrimp are just cooked through, 10 to 12 minutes.
Opinion

Enjoy a big juicy burger
Editor,

Articles such as the one written by Miss Rogers ("Food and Politics," Jan. 16) bashing the beef industry are written to alarm and scare the beef industry. A lack of understanding coupled with biased propaganda leads to articles full of inaccuracies.

Let's look at the reality of the beef industry and the misconceptions that might be creating a misconception that might be leading to an actual impact on the industry that you should be honored to support.

Miss Rogers claimed that it took 2,500 gallons of water to produce a pound of beef. Let's try dividing that by six. According to a SCIENCE-TIFIC study published in 1993 in a Research Peer Review Journal, the more accurate figure is 441 gallons to produce a pound of boneless beef. This water is put to good use as 98 percent would not be part of the human water source in the first place.

Miss Rogers goes on to claim that beef is unhealthy. Quite the contrary. It shows me away that a nutritional diet could overlook the health benefits of consuming red meat. Beef is known to provide nutrients for its excellent source of zinc, iron, protein. It also contains all eight of the essential amino acids.

The author was right on one thing — cattle do graze on our beautiful western rangelands. Cattle provide the perfect balance for our natural environment. They feed on the brush and debris that could otherwise clutter forest fires providing fuel for a forest fire. Cattle actually provide biodiversity by grazing on forages that only minimally can eat. Not only do cattle fertilize the soil for plant growth, they also provide for other kinds of wildlife such as deer, turkeys and various birds. Managing the land is the highest priority to the rancher. My family has been ranching on the same land for six generations — 140 years — yet the landscape has not diminished. Ranchers are stewards of the land, it is something that we cherish. It has been passed down over the years and is something that we will continue to use in generations to come. So why would we destroy our assets? In fact, ranchers are constantly evaluating the land to ensure that the best management practices are being implemented.

As to the other comments made by Miss Rogers: First, the government does not pay for cattle ranching. I have no idea where you got this notion. Second, predators are not free target practice, and predators such as mountain lions are capable of killing calves. However, the rancher must cite evidence and obtain a permit before any action can be taken to remove the animal killing the herd.

Ranchers should be commended for taking the land that is too rocky and rough for urbanization, and the forages that are inedible to humans, and producing a protein that is nutritious and delicious to humans. So embrace the unbiased data of reality, shake hands with a rancher, and enjoy a big juicy burger! Rest assured that you are supporting an industry that cares.

Meghan Bowen is an agriculture science sophomore.

Clarifying resolution’s intent
Editor,

ASU’s resolution, "ASU Promotes Respect for All Call Poly College of Liberal Arts ("A CA case study in getting disqualified." Jan. 18) sounds like the utterance of a 16-year-old who isn’t allowed to borrow the car for the football game. He contends that, though he has a sub-par GPA, he should be effectively granted a free pass to attend College of Liberal Arts classes. Doing this would be slap in the face of all his fellow students and for ever tarnish any degree awarded by not only Cal Poly but also by other universities as well. It, too, work part time and take a full load of classes while attending the College of Environmental Science.

I have been able to keep up with the work that is well above the established minimum GPA. Mr. McCormack needs to grow up and realize that he can’t have everything he wants in life. He is not just a freshman, it is not just for it to be handed to you. I would like to conclude by offering Mr. McCormack a wonderful question. What if Mr. McCormack was in your shoes? Would you have the same determination to attend this university? Would he find it necessary to work? With a quarterly tuition of $750 and books around $250, that leaves $300 a quarter to live on. I’m sorry, but that is quite a different experience here in SLO.

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There are those who shay away from challenges.
And then there are those who travel 9,000 miles looking for them.

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interactivity press wrote a book about it. The debate is unique in that it is not just the Christian outreaches on cam-
pus that are promoting the event, but there is a large amount following that is pushing the debate as well. The debate will be held on campus at the Nazarene Church at 3966 Johnson Ave. Veritas will also explore the religious experience of students through art. From 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. today, the UU will be set up similar to MTV's campus invasion, with two big tents displaying student artwork. Music is a major aspect of Veritas. On Thursday, during UU hour, the band Sisera Fell will perform, and on Saturday the Christian punk band Depressed will put on a concert at the Church of the Nazarene. In addition to the art displays, students will be per-
forming songs of personal meaning. "I enjoy showing the school that

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haven't put someone out there (as a decoy) because you get maybe one or two chances to do it."

The University Police has increased patrols in the car, on bike and on foot, Kennedy said. The last

"stranger" assault at Cal Poly was almost 10 years ago, he said; however

the vast majority of assaults occur with someone you know. "Safety here is the key," Watts

said. "Give us a call if you suspect something suspicious or information you have that could help."

The University Police's phone number is 756-2222 and the number for the Women's Center is 756-2600.
**Mustangs fall as Gauchos romp again**

By Katrina Telfer

The Mustangs off to the Gauchos' 74-67 victory with a career high second in the 74-67 game against Santa Barbara.

"Jim was just a great player," Nihal said. "He's got great hands and we had to do a great job to defend against him.

Head coach Kevin Brown was especially proud of Dennis.

"We've been working with Vanic, and he's even gotten better," he said. "He's only a sophomore. He's matured a bit, but I'm really proud of him tonight."

Midway into the second quarter, the Gauchos went on a 13-point run and put away the Mustangs, who trailed by 12 with the score at 44-31.

Brown felt that the team put out a good effort, but would like to see improvement.

"I feel like I look at the box score and see four or five guys in the double digits," he said. "We haven't reached our potential."

The Mustangs made a comeback in the second half, but it was not enough for a win against rival Santa Barbara.

"I was proud of how they battled in the second half," Brown said. "They changed three or four big shots in the second half and stepped up to make free throws."

Players agreed that there is room for improvement.

"We all just need to shoot and work together more," Cal Poly guard Eric Jackson said. "We couldn't stop them, but we'll be back next week and work hard."

Dennis had mixed feelings on the game.

"Our strong point tonight was scoring inside on them," he said. "Defense tonight was up and down and there were some bad shot selections."

The rivalry between the two teams always draws a large crowd. The game was the first Cal Poly home sell-out in 18 games, with 3,032 attending.

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**Wrestling pulls off dual meet sweep at home**

By Justin Ruttikay

The Cal Poly wrestling team pulled off a double take down on Stanford University and UC Santa Barbara College Sunday in Mott Gym.

After losing three of four dual meets the weekend before, the Mustangs rebounded to win both home matches. The first meet in the dual-meet series was against Stanford, who was coming into the match with a record of 4-4.

Nathaniel Ybarra started the Mustangs off with a win in the 133-pound division, giving the team a solid lead heading into their next matches. Although the Mustangs had to suffer a forfeit in their 141-pound division, that setback didn't stop the team from winning the meet.

Sophomore Reddy Barros took a win over Stanford, allowing a short gain on Santa Barbara's eight-point lead on Cal Poly. It wasn't until Mustangs' senior Steve Strange won 15-5 in his match to take the team to 17-12 lead on Stanford. Senior Chuck Sandlin and sophomore Justin Picciolo both had the clinching wins for Cal Poly. The final score came in the meet against Stanford was Cal Poly 25, Stanford 18.

"It was tough, but we came up on the end," Ybarra said.

Cal Poly entered the second meet with many of the same wrestlers competing in their second time that day. Tired as they might have been from their first matches, the Cal Poly wrestlers faced more competition but brought out as much as in the first meet against Stanford.

Mustang wrestler Robb Maxwell struggled to pin an opponent during Sunday's match. Cal Poly defeated both Stanford and Mendocino College after losing three out of their last four meets.

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**Women's swimming defeats Cal State Bakersfield at Mott**

By Audrey Amara

The Cal Poly women swam to victory against Bakersfield in a non-conference meet last Saturday at the Rec Center.

The Mustangs' 400-medley relay team of Tracy Peterson, Reba Landells, Mary Thomas and Jen Demers started the day off with the women's first victory. Thomas also went on to win both the 200 freestyle in 1:59.21 and the 200 butterfly in 2:13.18. Peterson was also a triple winner with her other victories in the 200 individual medley in 2:14.45 and 200 backstroke in 2:11.25.

"We started off strong, and we held it throughout the meet," said swimmer Amy Douglas, who helped the women's 147-95 victory over the Bakersfield women.

While the men's team lost, one highlight was a victory in the 200 butterfly by Pat Hatton with a time of 1:57.53.

"This kind of racing and competition is what we need to prepare for upcoming, important meets," Pat Hatton said.

Other members on the men's team were just trying to swim as close as possible to Bakersfield.

The DeScenza placed second in the 100 free with a time of 10.08.85, and Chris Michelmore placed second as well, but did so in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:14.10.

The team travels to face Loyola Marymount this Friday for a tournament.

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**RUGBY**

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Sun, Jan 27 7 p.m.

**MEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

Wed, Jan 30 7 p.m.

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**SCHEDULE**

**BASEBALL**

Fri, Jan 25 3 p.m.
**utah**

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Sun, Jan 27 7 p.m.
**long beach st.**

**MEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

Fri, Jan 25 7 p.m.
**uc davis**

**WRESTLING**

Thu, Jan 24 7 p.m.
**oregon state**

**WRESTLING**

Thu, Jan 24 7 p.m.
**arizona state**

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**BRIEFS**

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

Sun, Jan 27 1 p.m.
**ucla**