Marketing students find a new way to ‘Get Bucked’

By Janelle Fossett and Audrey Amara
MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

The mechanical bull’s massive metal frame sits on a cushioned air mattress just waiting for someone to get bucked from its jarring backward and forward movements. But thanks to 13 Cal Poly marketing students, riding the bull is no longer something only watched on television.

On March 2, Rancho Grande Motors in San Luis Obispo will hold “Get Bucked,” a Wild West-themed event coordinated by students involved in the General Motors Marketing Internship (GMMI). At the event, which benefits Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), there will be a barbecue, raffles, contests, and of course, riding the bull.

Every year, General Motors sponsors an event at Rancho Grande Motors, so Cal Poly marketing students can apply the marketing skills they are learning at Cal Poly to an actual event. This year, GM has contributed $2,500 to the GMMI team.

Rob Haupp, sales manager at Rancho Grande Motors, said this is the fourth year the company has worked with Cal Poly students and that it is always very willing to do this. “It’s always fun to work with the local college,” he said. “They do a great job of bringing a sense of awareness about our business to the community and bringing people to our facility.”

He said the event is a “win-win” situation, because Rancho Grande Motors gets exposure and people come test-drive cars, and the students get the real world experience of doing the marketing for a business.

Each year, the members of the GMMI team get to choose the charity to which they want to donate the earnings. “We chose MADD because it goes with the whole car theme, and because MADD is trying to get back into the SLO area,” said Jamie Bartley, business senior and member of GMMI.

The goal of team GMMI is to raise $500, which is a probable aspiration. Haupp agreed, stating that the Cal Poly students have usually had no problem reaching their goals. “Every year, they seem to outsell themselves,” he said.

While proceeds from the event go to see BUCKED, page 7

Career Services site helps students find internships, jobs

By Audrey Amara
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Using a commercial search engine to try to find a job, internship or co-op can be a tedious experience. While Google, Yahoo or other popular Web sites may offer career-hunting services, there may be an easier way for Cal Poly students get into the “real world.”

Everything from teas to tell someone who is right for them to seminars that help students write a good resume, can be found in one place on campus: the Career Services Web site.

“Everything you need is contained in the kind of job a student has after attending Cal Poly,” Patton said.

“It helps give an understanding of the kinds of salaries, what jobs are out there, and who hires,” said Melinda Patton, administrative assistant of Student Employment.

Only about 50 percent of the survey results are returned, which is good, Patton said.

Results from the survey are usually about one year behind, and the results are different every year.

“Next year the results will be a lot different with the economy and diet," Patton said.

Some companies have recently canceled plans to come to Cal Poly to recruit students, because the companies do not know where their businesses are heading, because of an uncertain economy.

“Hewlett Packard is one of the most popular businesses for students, and they are not recruiting this year, but will be at the career exploration,” said Joan Ganous, office manager for student employment.

Job fairs and career explorations are great resources in helping students find the right company. Businesses have to pay to set up a table at these high-demand events.

“The fairs usually fill up and there’s a waiting list, Patton said.

Local and part-time jobs can also be found with the help of Career Services.

By simply flashing an I.D. card with a yellow sticker on it to the attendant at the front desk in the Student Services building, Cal Poly students and alumni gain an advantage over the rest of San Luis Obispo in finding jobs. The sticker is free and helps relax the people who use the student employment center.

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Grad-aches: Students face weak economy, bad job market

By Sarah Bahari
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN
(U-WIRE) MANHATTAN, Kan. — Two years ago, Elise Kershner expected to hire 19.7 percent fewer graduates this year than last, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers. Jason Bradenberg, interim coordinator for Career and Employment Services, said finding a job has become more challenging.

"Two years ago if you had an MIS degree and good qualifications, you could pretty much write your own ticket," he said. "That's not true anymore."

Fewer students have come to CES for help this year, Bradenhurg said. "Sometimes they're afraid to get out there," Paulsen said.

"It allows individuals to pursue something they thoroughly enjoy, and they can delve into as much detail as possible. It will allow people to qualify for certain positions."

Grad school not answer to economic slump

By Jacob Dallek
DAILY LION
(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — The economic slump has persuaded some graduating students to extend their college careers, but some experts say pursuing a graduate degree, although appealing, might not be the best option in the long run.

"When the economy is down and there are few jobs available, students are opting to go to graduate school," said Barry Barrera, associate dean of the Graduate College at University of Illinois. "They take advantage of that time to get ready for a better job."

Barrera said more applications have increased competition for admissions, but requirements remain the same. Graduate school applications are department-based, unlike undergraduate admissions that are generated through one main application. Applicants are assessed based on Graduate Record Exam scores and are accepted by graduate schools nationally.

Pursuing further education after an undergraduate career can help students gain a deeper knowledge in their career fields. For instance, undergraduate courses include an array of general studies while "graduate education is supposed to develop critical-thinking skills and the ability to analyze data," Barrera said. "It allows individuals to pursue something they thoroughly enjoy, and they can delve into as much detail as possible. It will allow people to qualify for certain positions."
**Savory space food not just for astronauts**

*By Renee Shadforth, Mustang Daily*

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Food

The food has improved so much that non-astronauts take it backpacking and put it in their earthquake kits.

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**By Barbara Eisenhaure, TUFTS DAILY**

(U-WIRE) MEDFORD, Mass. — You were up half the night studying for your midterms. You feel like you can't see straight, much less think straight. Is there anything you can do to help you wake up, get focused, and stay focused during a long day of exams? Something that's safe and legal? You bet there is...

For starters, make sure you feed those little gray cells. In other words, eat breakfast. After a night without food, your brainpower is low and needs to be recharged with food. Hit the cafeteria, even if it's only to grab something to eat on your way to class. Don't just grab a soda. All that sugar without any food can cause your blood sugar to spike and then fall, making you feel tired right in the middle of the exam. You need food with staying power that will keep your energy up throughout the morning. Try cereal with fruit and milk, an egg on toast, a sandwich, or a breakfast bar. A mixture of foods will give you a steady supply of nutrients.

Thermostabilized foods are basically the same as what is sold in cans in grocery stores. The food is sealed in a silver laminated pouch and sterilized at 250 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. Individual wrapped meals, such as chicken and ham, have a shelf life of five years. The newest food-treatment method, used exclusively by NASA nutritionists, is irradiation.

"We have special permission from the FDA and USDA to make irradiated foods," Kloss said. "So, this isn't something you're going to find in the grocery store. In irradiation, most products are cooked, packaged in foil-laminated pouches, and sterilized by exposure to ionizing radiation so they are stable at ambient temperatures, according to NASA's Web site."

"We're the only place in the entire country that sells this quantity of astronaut food," she said. "We sell it," Justiz said. "But astronauts never ate dehydrated ice cream in space!"

Skipping breakfast, taking supplements makes students more dull than energy-full

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Basic cheesecake

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springsform pan

Filling:
2 pounds cream cheese, at room temperature
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon lemon juice
4 eggs

For the crust, stir together crust ingredients and press onto bottom and one-inch up side of a buttered 24-centimeter springform pan. Fill immediately or chill up to two hours.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. For the filling, use the mixer at lowest speed. Using a paddle attachment (if the mixer has one), beat the cream cheese until smooth, no more than 30 seconds. Stop the mixer and scrape the bowl and beater. Add the sugar in a slow stream, mixing for no more than 30 seconds. Stop and scrape the bowl again. Add the vanilla, lemon juice, and one egg at a time; mix only until absorbed, no more than 30 seconds each. Add remaining eggs one at a time. Stop and scrape bowl after each addition.

Wrap aluminum foil around the bottom of the springform pan so it comes at least one-inch up the sides. Pour the filling into the pan over the crust. Place the pan in a roasting pan and pour warm water into the pan to a depth of 1/2 inch.

Bake cheesecake for about 60 minutes, or until lightly colored and firm except for the very center. Remove from the pan of hot water. Remove the foil and cool completely on a rack. Wrap the cheesecake in plastic or foil and chill overnight before unmolding.

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dams, nutrients found in plants that help the body stay healthy.

Then there are the herbal and dietary supplements used to promote alertness. Don't be fooled into thinking that herbs are safer than laboratory-made chemicals. Many herbs and supplements are as potent as their chemical cousins, only they're not regulated, so you don't really know what you're getting.

Take ephedrine for example. As an herb, it's found in Ma Huang, Mormon Tea, and Sida Cordifolia, and used to promote alertness. As a supplement, it's found in diet pills, such as ECA Stack (for Ephedrine+Caffeine+Aspirin), and used to speed up metabolism and promote weight loss. As a drug, it's in those little red Sudafed decongestant pills.

And, on the street, it's the precursor to methamphetamine ("meth" or "speed").

These products all contain ephedrine (or a similar chemical), a powerful stimulant that is made even more powerful by caffeine. Ephedrine has been associated with many serious side effects, ranging from high blood pressure to death. One of ephedrine's cousins, phenylpropanolamine, was taken off the market when consumers inadvertently started overdosing on this stimulant by taking decongestants and diet pills simultaneously. The decongestant, a drug, had to be pulled, but the diet pill, a supplement, remained.

Another popular herb advertised to improve memory is ginkgo biloba. This herb may improve mental function in Alzheimer's patients, but it has not been shown to help the rest of us. Still, it is one of several herbs whose consumption is not accompanied by too many undesirable side effects.
College: four years, nothing useful

(LEWIE) LOS ANGELES — Why did the world go college? At some point in their college careers, all students take some time out to ponder the central question, “Why am I here?” Why, in the name of rotten noodles, did I decide to spend thousands of dollars a year to study something useless or worse?

Eventually, this line of thought will boil down to more important questions.

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MAAD, Rancho Grande Motors also contributes money to the charity. Bartley said the business will give MAAD $10 for every car test-driven and $350 for every car sold. Even if no cars are test-driven or sold, MAAD will receive a baseline amount of $1,200. However, Haupp doesn’t think this will happen.

“We’ve never had to only give the baseline amount,” he said. “The students have always exceeded their expectations.”

While MAAD will benefit from the event, so will people who participate in the raffle. Bartley said that numerous businesses have donated items and services, totaling more than $2,400. Raffle items include two lift tickets to Dodge Ridge, gift certificates to some of Atascadero and San Luis Obispo Springs, a mineral membership to Cory Eversen gym and numerous gift certificates for restaurants.

“But Get Bucked” involves more than just riding a bull and winning prizes in the raffle. The Shack will be the background at the event, and there will be a pie-eating contest.

“Ski breakfast, because there will be blue-ribbon breakfast to devour massive amounts of pie,” said Brandy Adams, coordinator of the GMMI team.

That wasn’t enough, Bartley said the Dancing Cloggers, a local dance group, will entertain, and there will be a petting zoo. SLY 96.1 will broadcast from Rancho Grande Motors.

Bartley said representatives from MAAD will be there as well. The representatives will have people try “Fatal Vision” goggles that simulate being drunk, so people can see how difficult it is to function while intoxicated, she said.

Various Cal Poly clubs will have booths set up at the event. The logging and rodeo teams will have demonstrations and contests.

“It will be a nice day to get out, and the western theme can apply to anyone, even if they are not in the agricultural department,” Adams said. Haupp said the Wild West theme was a good choice, because Rancho Grande Motors already has somewhat of a western theme at its location.

“We have a big metal painted on the wall, which is a good start,” he said. “They did a good job in looking at our facility and tying in the theme.”

The GMMI team only recently started campaigning for this day of western fun. They settled on a more subtle approach with regard to the advertising side of their project.

“We don’t want to be as ‘in your face’ as you would have thought,” Adams said. Members of GMMI team have been busy hanging up signs, passing out flyers, and setting up sandwich boards at Farmers Market, in order to advertise the event.

As indicated by many people, the most highly anticipated part of the event seems to be the mechanical bull. “I’m looking forward to getting bucked,” said Chuck Nurney, an electrical engineering senior. “I just hope I don’t get bucked too hard.”

Adams pointed out the mechanical bull is very safe. A conductor operates the bull so every ride is guaranteed to be different. Throughout the use of controls, he can easily change the speed or capability to give the rider more or a challenge-type ride.

“It lasts for as long as you can stay on,” said Adams, who plans to have her ride the bull at the event.

People who really want a bull-riding challenge can try outside a celebrity bull-riding championship. Brent Leffes, the owner of the Nepomo Bull Riding School, has been in the movie “Eight Seconds,” and will be in another movie.

The person who ousts Leffes wins and a ticket to the professional riding competition in Bakersfield that night.

“They basically will pack up and go. We have GM with Cal Poly for four years. Other events have included a walk-a-thon, chili cook-off and last year’s volleyball tournament.”

Students and faculty are encouraged to bring friends and family to this country western day. The event will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 4150 Auto Park West, off the Monterey-Paso Robles Road. “We’ve been here for 21 years,” Haupp said. “We really like being able to give back to the community any way we can.”

“Don’t be afraid to go and work for a smaller company,” he said. “Usually the student is more proactive and go look for these people. They don’t come to K-State.”

Leffes said fewer employers have recruited at the university this year, but it seems to be picking up.

For now, she’s keeping her head up and looking for a job with potential employers.

“I’m hopeful because I think it’s going to start coming back up,” she said. “I just need to get a job, and not knowing what you’re going to do when you graduate is kind of hard.”

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Men’s volleyball cruising toward postseason

By Whitney Kabrin

With the Cal Poly men’s volleyball team in the midst of possibly its strongest season yet, confidence continues to grow with aspirations of a strong finish nationally.

Coach John Park said the Mustangs are currently ranked 17th in the country, with a record of 18-5. The team is undefeated in league play, and recently completed its best finish at the Far Western tournament, placing second and falling only to Arizona.

“Everybody has improved, and everybody has something to work on,” Park said.

If there is an area to work on, Park said, it’s communication on the court. Without communication, things don’t get done, he said.

The coach also mentioned how each player’s improvement brings more confidence to games, and makes the teams better in tough matches. Park said this year the team has size and talent, with an average height of 6’4” and incredible ball control. The majority of the team is made up of returning players, whose speed has increased in both offense and defense.

“Volleyball has always been described as a slow game without finesse,” Park said. “We want to change that.”

Cal Poly is currently seated in a three-way tie for the league championship, with a potential for a top spot in the postseason.

“Our only steps have been to improve ranking and seating,” Park said.

One of the team members making improvements is Mike Geenen, a four-year member of the team.

“Mike has gotten better every year, and he’s going to be a smarter player and more of a leader,” Park said.

Geenen said he would like to see a top-10 finish in the league, and a top-10 finish at the season-ending national tournament. He also mentioned how the team’s depth will be the Mustangs’ strength.

"Anybody could step in and get the job done,” he said. “That helps with confidence.”

Geenen said the team faces long-term rival UC Davis one more time this season, and the outcome of that game will have an impact on the team’s place. In the last game against Davis, results were disappointing, but Geenen said the Cal Poly team is in better condition now.

Christopher Beil, a fourth-year opposite, said it’s really exciting to be on a team that is making such huge jumps in progress. He said this year at Nationals should be a completely different situation from last year, as the team is more competitive and focused, as well as having the element of surprise.

“We have the advantage of being underestimated,” Beil said. “We should still be able to surprise some of the teams at Nationals.”

Club President Patrick Sanders is also very pleased with the team’s success.

“The team is showing all-around strength, in one of Cal Poly’s strongest seasons in a while,” he said.

Sanders stated that communication about understanding each team member’s role could be key to further improvement.

Park mentioned Brady Halverson as an example of one freshman who shows experience, and is one of the most physical players on the team. He jumps high, has hard, and has good ball control, Park said.

Halverson said he has been playing volleyball since junior high school, and has had experience in many different areas.

“This team has an awesome intensity that drives us to perform mentalistically,” Halverson said.

The freshman seemed pleased with the Mustangs’ chemistry.

“We have chemistry, we work well together, and we can take over the game in crunch time,” he said.

Giambi’s pinstripe debut more gimpy than great

By Ken Davidson

(WIRE) TAMPA — Jason Giambi spent his first week in pinstripes showing off his explosive power and dynamic personality, qualities that make him so hirable to the New York Yankees.

Monday, the first baseman remained the Yankees who they had some concerns about investing $120 million in him. The American League champions held their first intrasquad game at Legends Field, and Giambi didn’t play due to tightness in his left hamstring.

“The most important thing is to be ready for O’s Opening Day,” Giambi said. “Better safe than sorry.”

He will probably rest until the week after that. But keep in mind that the Yankees are concerned about how they treat health issues and how they detail those issues to the public.

According to Joe Torre, Yankees trainer Gene Monahan said Giambi “was OK to play, but I decided not to play him. I don’t think it’s anything more than just your normal spring training stuff.”

Yet “normal spring training stuff” can drug under the Yankees’ watch.

Last year, Derek Jeter missed the first intrasquad contest with a sore right shoulder, a problem that both Jeter and Torre insisted would not impede Jeter’s preparation for the season.

Jeter wound up missing the first 12 days of the Grapefruit League schedule, then injured his right quadriceps and began the regular season on the 15-day disabled list. The two ailments plagued the shortstop for much of the first half of the season.

Furthermore, Giambi has a history of problems with his legs. They have not prevented him from becoming one of baseball’s best hitters, but they certainly gave some Yankees executives pause last year as the club contemplated a pursuit of the 31-year-old free agent.

Giambi said Monday that he felt tightness after running on Sunday, and he reported that to Monahan, who relayed the information to Torre. During morning drills yesterday, Giambi took hitting practice, but he didn’t appear to do much defensively, allowing non-roster invitee Ron Coomer to take the bulk of the ground balls at first base. He skipped his daily running.

While Coomer started at first base for Ron Guidry’s “Gitar” team, which featured the Yankees’ regulars, Giambi received treatment and massage.

“It’s just right,” he said. “It’s not hurt or anything. I’d rather not go there and change it.”

“I think he’s fine,” Torre said. “It’s just a matter of playing games, and I’ll just as soon save him for the games than intrasquad games.”

Torre said that Giambi definitely wouldn’t play in the Yankees’ exhibition opener Thursday against the Reds in Sarasota. He said that Friday’s road game against the Blue Jays was a possibility, but he noted that the team sends only a handful of regular players to away games.

Saturday afternoon marks the Legends Field opener against Toronto.

Giambi has suffered from leg problems virtually every season he has been in the major leagues. Last year, the same left hamstring bothered him early, and he played through the pain for the entire season. He played in 134 games, 130 at first base.

A strained left hamstring bothered him in 1999, injuries to his right hamstring and right quadriceps plagued him in 1997, and his hamstrings troubled him as well in 1996.

He takes pride in the fact that he has never been on the disabled list in the big leagues.

“I don’t want to start off the year, in a place I’ve never been on, in the IL,” Giambi said.

Giambi’s pinstripe debut more gimpy than great

By Steve Wyche

(WIRE) WASHINGTON

Michael Jordan will have exploratory arthroscopic surgery on his right knee this week and there is a possibility his season is over.

Jordan, who has played an average of 37 minutes a game for the Wizards, has had the knee drained of fluid three times, but this would be the first time he has had any type of surgery on either knee in his career.

Coach Doug Collins said Jordan became very concerned about his knee after it inflated and swelled on the plane ride home from Sunday’s 12-point loss to the Miami Heat. The knee has bothered Jordan since last summer, but the problem was believed to be tendinitis.

He sat out a game last week against Detroit with what was believed to be a bone bruise in the right knee.

Team officials have not said if the procedure is complete will they know how long Jordan will be out. It is possible he could be out for the season.

He was placed on the injured list today for only the second time in his career.

The surgery will be done Wednesdays or Thursday in Washington.