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Poly to celebrate Earth Day at organic farm

By Samantha Weeks
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly’s largely student-run experimental farm is hosting tours and a potluck dinner to celebrate Earth Day. The farm is part of a hands-on crop science class. Students are responsible for propagation, irrigation, harvesting and marketing of products from the farm.

“I’m looking forward to taking part in something positive during a time when so many horrible things are happening overseas,” said Deborah Ting, volunteer for the student experimental farm. Ting works in the organic farm and is located behind the dairy unit.

By Luke Darling
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As thousands of U.S. troops remain in Iraq, the Cal Poly College Republicans and other students came to Dexter Lawn Thursday to show their support for those men and women.

Sponsored by the CPRC, the “Support the Troops Rally” on Thursday attracted many students passing between classes with the words of keynote speaker Floyd Brown.

Brown is the current executive director of the Reagan Ranch and a conservative political activist and lecturer. His views have garnered the attention of the San Francisco Chronicle, the NBC Today Show, ABC’s Politically Incorrect and a recently published book entitled “Say the Right Thing.”

Brown was able to share with Cal Poly Thursday the same views he’s spread with people across the country concerning the support of the troops, POWs and the Iraq conflict.

“Our POWs are coming back home very quickly, and that warms my heart, but if it had not gone so smoothly in Iraq it would have been much more important to show support for our troops,” Brown said.

CPRC members said they were pleased with the turnout that gathered on Dexter Lawn and that they expected this outcome.

Activists work to raise awareness

By Susan Malanche
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly students continue to make a presence with fellow local peace activists in downtown San Luis Obispo by protesting the war in Iraq and uniting in the name of peace.

In spite of current political actions, opposing views and threatening rain clouds, local peace activist group Passion for Peace is gathering the community to mourn the deaths in Iraq and express disagreement with the U.S. government stance.

Last Saturday’s crowd wasn’t as big as in previous marches, but college students joined with somber faces, black clothing and signs of dissent.

Clayton Whitt, a social science junior and co-director of Cal Poly’s Progressive Student Alliance, is a student taking action.

“As peace protesters, we’re called upon morally to express our dissent,” he said. Whitt has participated in about 25 protests, ranging from 100,000-person protests in San Francisco to ones with 30 fellow students on campus.

Art and design junior and PSA co-director Sabrina Basnet has been an activist since high school when she learned about social injustice and oppression around the world.

“I find that protesting and demonstrating in the streets is a powerful way to get people aware,” she said. “It takes a lot of courage to hold up a sign and to have a visible presence for what you believe in.”

Peace marches have provided an outlet for many activists, including those who support the war in Iraq. Many peace activists have been labeled as “anti-American,” a term many protesters find offensive.

“I feel more patriotic than anyone when I am demanding the government to uphold the ideals
**SLO Earth Day expands with new parade**

By Josh Petray  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

San Luis Obispo’s annual Earth Day celebration is coming to downtown Mission Plaza Saturday with the first-ever Earth Day parade and a new festival-like atmosphere.

The day will include events ranging from Polynesian belly dancers and a drum circle to a “View health and well-being” patio and speakers.

The Cirque de Earth Day parade kicks off at 10 a.m. on the corner of Mooro and Higuera streets downtown and will end at Mission Plaza, launching the celebration from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be a wide range of music performances, informational booths for all ages, special guest speakers, a raffle, dancers and poetry readings. Massage therapists and chiropractors will offer physical therapy and spinal screening.

“Everyone is invited to San Luis Obispo’s Earth Day parade,” said Sunde Marshall, director of Earth Day Alliance and an organizer of the event. “Anywhere from children to big bicycle groups to a group of Cal Poly students dressed up as environmental avengers will participate.”

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Resources on Sexuality (EROS) committee this month. The Cal Poly Health Center has been placed on campus to help students about the symptoms and important information for dealing with common STIs students may contract. These posters contain everything from the different diseases and symptoms to taking responsibility when in a sexually active relationship.

“We are trying to prevent and sexual responsibility through the posters we hang up,” said Alisa Edwson, coordinator of the EROS team.

The group has its attention on getting more information out about chlamydia, gonorrhea and genital warts because many of the symptoms related to these infections are unnoticeable, and therefore go untreated in many cases. These three infections are also the most common among college-aged adults.

“As we really want to people to know about these diseases,” Edwson said. “They just need to be aware.”

Perez noted that these educational efforts are making a difference.

“Sexually active individuals are more conscious of their actions and of ramifications,” Perez said. They are trying to get more information out about chlamydia, gonorrhea and genital warts.

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Europe, 86 percent to 13.2 percent.

“Finding quarters for laundry” beat "backing up to a financial aid officer" 65.6 percent to 34.4 percent.

The survey was released last week by FastWeb, a popular online scholarship search service.

FastWeb members in college were offered a chance to win a trip to the Bahamas or $500 for participating in the survey, said Bard Johnson, vice president of FastWeb.

In the first round, 44,326 members voted, but the number dwindled to 31,057 by the final round, Johnson said. Graphical communications senior Amy Long said the medium may have biased the results.

“I’m not doing a FastWeb survey, they would all check ‘finding scholarships,’ she said.

It is just more careful. It is suggested that both men and women be treated annually for STIs, even if they are in a monogamous relationship.

The Health Center offers pap tests, which includes a source of infections that also includes a check for STIs.

However, it is recommended that females have the annual check-ups. The best advice is to limit exposure and have a minimum number of intimate partners.

When in an intimate relationship, it is always important to have protection.

There are many different kinds of protection a couple can choose from. One of the most common, the condom, is 85 to 95 percent effective in preventing STIs. Spermicides also increase the protection percentage of condoms when used properly. Birth control pills, probably the most common methods among women, are 98 to 99 percent effective but do not protect from STIs at all.

On a national level, the American Social Health Association in a message to the country in honor of the month, has shown promising developments in the fight against STIs.

“We can also point with pride to the fact that a great deal of progress is being made in the effort to stop STIs and their harmful consequences,” said ASHA’s new president, James R. Allen.
National Briefs

Stolen Iraqi antiquities, docs part of FBI's postwar focus

WASHINGTON — The FBI is on the hunt for stolen antiquities looted from Iraq's museums and poring over seized documents to identify potential terrorist lorem. FBI Director Robert Mueller said Thursday.

Mueller and Attorney General John Ashcroft also said the FBI had completed the questioning of nearly 10,000 Iraqis living in the United States who are suspected of being among some Muslims and Arabs, but Ashcroft said they proved useful to US investigators.

"Cooperation of the Iraqi-American people was essential to secure and safeguard our nation during this critical time," Ashcroft said at a news conference.

FBI agents in Iraq are assisting in criminal investigations and in finding items stolen when the Baghdad museums were looted. The FBI is also putting alerts on the international police network about the stolen pieces and scanning the Internet to see if any are advertised for sale.

Occurrence of salmonella in poultry, meat products worse

By Donna Bryson

Associated Press Writer

Saddam Hussein's half brother enlisted in war, wealth and violence all the things that came naturally to many of the Iraqi leader's relatives.

Barzan Ibrahim Hussein, captured by US forces, "might have been more diplomatic, more financially astute," than many of the Iraqi leader's relatives.

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Learning manners locally and dealing with chopsticks

Dear Miss Mind Over Manners,

Each mother and grandfather attended charm school and always tell me how much they enjoyed it. Due to their past experiences, I too am interested in improving my manners. Do you know anyone in the area who teaches etiquette? Sincerely, Less than Charming

Dear Less than Charming,

Enthusiast Rosalyn Collins from A Charming Experience in Santa Barbara is the closest in the area. You can either choose to visit her for instruction or she will travel to you. Collins' love for proper manners began when she was young. She went through modeling school, cotillion school and was a child actress. Having been in the field for so long, Collins said she wanted to give hack to the community.

"I am finally going on a date with a woman I have liked for a long time. The only problem is she wants to eat at a Japanese restaurant and my chopstick skills are downright embarrassing. Do you have any tips?"

Sincerely, A Sticky Situation

Dear Sticky,

Please repeat after me: Sticks and stones may break my bones but eating utensils will never scare me.

All right, I admit it, being left without the comfort of a fork and knife can be pretty traumatizing, especially when it seems like everyone is watching. So while you might be preparing for the worst, remember it is a far greater sin to request a fork and give chopsticks a try.

To begin with, chopsticks are for eating. Period. They are not for balancing on your finger, fore- or head or nose, or for inserting with your Chop Boy Scouts skills by trying to make a fire at the dinner table. Actions like that will quickly extinguish any sparks of passion between you and your date.

The correct way to hold chopsticks is to place the first between the crook of your thumb and your pointer finger. Then push it up a little higher so it isn't able to move (chopsticks should be held toward the end of the sticks). The other chopstick will be held against the side of your forefinger by your thumb, under your pointer finger. This is the one that will move.

According to japan-guide.com, there are certain rules to follow when eating with chopsticks. Some are based on etiquette, while others are superstition. Either way, they should all be taken into consideration when eating Japanese cuisine. Some more obvious rules are: Chopsticks should never be used to stab food, to point at other people or things or to move plates or bowls. Don't know what to do with your chopsticks if you aren't using them or you've finished eating? Whatever you do, don't stick them in the rice, because it is bad luck. It is a tradition only preformed at funerals. Instead place them in front of you with the tips pointing to the left. Passing food from chopstick to chopstick is also considered bad luck.

Food like sushi should be eaten in one bite. But if you start resembling a chipmunk because too much food is in your mouth, trying eating smaller pieces. With a little practice, you can separate the much in your mouth, try eating smaller pieces. With a little practice, you can separate the

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U.S. opened floodgates by ignoring United Nations

Editor,

Defense Minister George Fernandes reassures Indian warnings that Pakistan was a prime case for pre-emptive strikes. "There are enough reasons to launch such strikes against Pakistan, but I cannot make public statements on whatever action that may be taken," Fernandes told a meeting of ex-of­diers in this northern Indian city Friday. At the moment that the United States unilaterally decided to ignore the United Nations, international opinion is closing in," he said.

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Tylers down, however. The actress and, sniffles or not, a real stunner. To grace the popular NBC comedy "Roseanne," the right actress, "Tylers said.

"The role wasn't written particularly for African-American. I think they were just trying to cast the right actress," Tyler said. She nearly didnt accept hearing the good news from her manager, delivered by cell phone while Tyler was driving to Los Angeles. "I screeched over and practically killed three people. And I started bawling on my car. It was new and I was thinking I probably shouldn't be on my car," she said. "It was the biggest thing in the whole world.

Bigger even than her job as the host of E! Entertainment's "Talk Soup." In 2001, she became its first female host (following Greg Kinnear, John Henson and Hal Sparks, respectively). The 11-year-old comedy show ended last fall but made her a media darling. "Esquire" magazine named her one of the "Women We Love" and Maxim lists her among its "Hot 100." Tyler, 32, hasn't abandoned her work ethic. Besides "Friends," there are two movies (including "The Santa Clause 2" and the upcoming "Never Die Alone with David Arquette and" and a couple "post- feminist anti-"The Rules" book she's writing which she intends as an answer to the best selling magazine. The next step? She admires "Aniston's career so but her eye on another Hollywood role model. "I'm looking forward to do work like Eddie Murphy did early in his career action-comedy films."

Tyler said. "I'd like to do that because no woman's done it yet. I'd be cool to do something no one's done before." For Tyler, being a groundbreaker is second nature.

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extreme presence of energetic and original guitar music of much the album. The well-known song, "Date You to Move," is reworked and acts as a very soothing presence on the album with soft guitar and thought-provoking lyrics. The crescendo at the end of the song, with harder guitar riffs and vocal octave increases, brings to a climax the message is subtle and gentle, and something that nearly anyone can thoroughly enjoy.

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monastery where a monk (Chow) continues his training to become protector of the scroll, taking on his mentor's supernatural powers that will keep him young, able and battleproof for the next 60 years. He also gives up his name, a needless twist that leaves the "monk with no name." But since comrades and villains subsequently refer to him as "Monk," that label has become his surrogate name.

Moments after the monk graduates from his mentor's school, he is attacked by Nazis, led by SS commander Strucker, who has somehow learned that the monk controls the scroll and will gain limitless power. The monk miraculously escapes and makes a trip up to 50 years later in urban America, where he encounters Karl (Scott), a resourceful but aimless pickpocket who has taught himself martial arts by mimicking films at a kung fu moviehouse where he's the projectionist. Odd little portents reveal to the monk that he is an essential caretaker as successor of the scroll. The two, soon joined by martial-arts baby Karl (Jones), are tossed into a slapdash succession of battles and chases with bad guys led by the now-geriatric Strucker, who needs the scroll to maintain his youth and lateness-like again.

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"(Don't be hasty) quickly grow tiresome.

Kennedy developed the character from a sketch he does on his WB comedy series "KJ2. The Kennedy Experiment." And like The Ladies Man, Pat Mary Katherine Gallagher and mythical frogs "Saturday Night Live" characters, who've gotten their movies, and Kennedy has been off better on-steering to telec- visioning.

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What's a guy to do there? To the Token Black Guy in "Not Another Teen Comedy" is looking better by the minute "that This is work!"

Malibu's Most Wanted," Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated PG-13, for violence, sexual humor, language and vul-
PSA hosts sweatshop protest today

By Laura Newman
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The United States may be fighting a war in Iraq, but the Progressive Student Alliance won't let the current global climate overshadow other weighty social issues.

PSA is hosting their second Anti-Sweatshop Demonstration today in the University Union plaza.

The event is comprised of three parts, said event coordinator and biology junior Leah Bauer.

"We are first inviting students to donate their clothing from Nike, Gap Inc. and the mega-company that owns Structure, Express, The Limited and Victoria's Secret," Bauer said. "They are the main players in the sweatshop game. They aren't the only companies that use sweatshops, but they are big and have lots of power."

The clothing collected will be donated to sweatshop workers in Central America.

"The clothes that are manufactured by the workers are going back to them," Bauer said. "I think that's really powerful."

The second part of the demonstration encourages students to clip the tags from their brand-name clothing and sign an anti-sweatshop petition.

"We are collecting tags from people who don't want to get rid of their clothes, which is reasonable," said PSA co-director and social sciences junior Clayton White. "The tags are going to be sent to various companies as a direct message from the consumer."

The final component of the event is an information booth with literature about various sweatshop issues.

"We just want people to stop by the table and talk to us," said PSA co-director and art and design junior Sabha Basrai. "This isn't going to be a large picketing demonstration or anything. It's an information table."

Bauer said the war in Iraq would not keep PSA from raising awareness of issues of social justice.

"They are the main players in the anti-war movement by raising this issue, but all of this needs to be recognized if we are to have positive social change for the future of this world," Bauer added.

"It is now even more important than ever to look at how the U.S. contributes to the abuse and oppression of people in other countries," Bauer said.

"What said students might be surprised to see PSA members active in something other than anti-war demonstrations."

"Hopefully, the exposure from PSA activism will make people more aware of this and other PSA causes," White said. "I am hoping this can be one of the initial steps in initiating an anti-sweatshop campaign that continues on campus."

PSA members will be collecting clothing and tags and handing out anti-sweatshop information from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Union.

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"I attended the march and I'm a student," Whitt said. "I heard someone yell out 'Why should I care?' Whitt said. "It just seems so fundamental for a human to care when our fellow human beings are being killed."

Despite the current events taking place in the world, student protesters continue to voice their opinions on and off campus.

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I’ve been a sea of prospective students on campus this week, with high school spring breaks in full effect.

Nevertheless, amidst my desires to make conversation with pretty young ladies (and their parents!) and give the phony tour to all end phony tours, it hits me that there have been a few students who might not have gotten everything out of their trip to Cal Poly: Athletes.

“NCAA Dead Week” ended yesterday, culminating a four-day period in which prospective athletes and coaches could not visit one another. The effect.

The stretch, from April 14 to 17, gave a 48-hour buffer to the kickoff of the late period for signing letters of intent, which began Wednesday at 8 am.

December and April, to go with the signing periods for football and soccer and the early signing period for all other sports.

It’s a noble idea to attempt to give high school seniors some peace of mind, as they sift through letters of acceptance to different colleges. Still, it’s flawed.

Granted, I’ve heard of some horsey stories over the years, from athletes getting hundreds of letters from a school in a single day to middle school kids getting scouted. Sports Illustrated reported that back in the 1970’s one university even created a fake black fraternity in hopes of enticing hoops phenom Harold “Tree” Rollins.

At the same time, I don’t see Dead Week preventing more than it helps them.

For one thing, the week only limits visits.

“It just means that we can’t be off campus or visiting a player on campus,” said Bob Lowe, assistant coach for the men’s basketball team. The team’s coaches hope to sign a point guard some time before this signing period ends in May.

Dead Week doesn’t limit much besides visits to athletes. Coaches and athletes can still call and write each other. High school and college coaches can even meet with one another.

It’s not like Dead Week doesn’t have an effect, though.

“For some high school students, it could be a bummer for them, as it’s spring break for a lot of them and their time to see campuses,” women’s volleyball coach Steve Schick said.

It’s the undesignated athletes and potential walk-ons who get popped this week. Most blue-chip recruits sign during the early period. Now is the time that many athletes who have but a chance to play college ball are out there, doing all that they can to make it. They need all the exposure they can get.

Admittedly, most teams, college or not, try to work around the dead period. Most high school track teams have invitational meets that wrap up in late March.

Still, I feel for the athletes who may have come to campus this week in hopes of having an unscheduled meeting with a coach, only to be turned away.

I’ll be more than happy to greet any would-be Mustang for the next Dead Week rolls around in November.

Graham Wowack is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer, and he’s predicting a Giants-White Sox World Series. Email him with your questions at TripleThreat@yourum.com. Seriously.

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