Rodeo team rides to nationals

Cal Poly rodeo team member and agricultural systems management senior Levi Rosser wrestles a steer at the Poly Royal Rodeo.

By Jenni Mintz

After a successful playoff roster last weekend, 10 rodeo team members are preparing for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association finals in Cooper, Wyo., in June.

The team had multiple individual victories that led to quality to compete in finals.

Earth science senior Jesse Segura, national student president of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, won the men's all-around title and the saddle bronco and steer wrestling competitions on May 9 and 10.

"Jose has been instrumental in helping to run the association," Cal Poly rodeo coach Bret Black said. "He has taken on roles that no other president has taken on, and has been extremely involved."

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Administrator to pursue career at Georgia Southern U.

By Chris Welke

With aspirations of one day becoming a university president, Cal Poly's interim associate vice provost Amy Monrobel-Sosa will move to Georgia where she will be the new dean of science and technology at Georgia Southern University.

As an administrator, Monrobel-Sosa began work at GSU July 1. She has already found a new home and will make the move shortly after Cal Poly's academic year comes to a close.

"It's a challenging opportunity," Monrobel-Sosa said. "The fact that I'm getting a promotion is not necessarily the one thing that I'm focused on, but obviously it's important. So it was just the right opportunity at the right time."

Being the new dean of the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology is a huge job. Unlike Cal Poly, which holds engineering in a separate college from science and math, GSU integrates these into one.

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New class offers hands-on experience for aggies

By Ryan McAdams

There are classes that prepare students for life after school. Then there are those that struggle with the idea.

Ag-business professor Ron de Yong and associate dean of the College of Agriculture Mark Shelton have worked together to get a class off the ground that is making strides toward supplying students with confidence when they enter the workforce. The two teach the winter class together and de Yong teaches it in the spring by himself.

"I had students telling me that they didn't have a real feel for what they'd be doing in the real world," de Yong said of his former students.

Students do not need to worry anymore.

The class, Agriculture Policy Issues, creates a hands-on environment that allows students to come up with agricultural policies as a group and present them to the powers that be.

"The main thing it does is show the students how challenging the policy developing world is and they have to deal with issues that have economical and environmental impacts," Shelton said.

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PolyFIT helps students get lean

By Amanda Hippe

Students, faculty and alumni who have been feeling guilty for the way they haven't been taking care of their body, should listen because there is a low-cost program on campus dedicated to helping clients achieve their fitness goals.

PolyFIT, which was started as a senior project in 2000, is a comprehensive series of fitness testing and exercise prescription designed to get the client to his or her personal fitness goal. The program is operated by trained kinesiology students and directed by Dave Pomfret, who came onto the project as co-director in fall 2001 and a year later became sole director.

"The primary goal of the program remains as a means to train students how to administer fitness tests and provide those services to the campus of Cal Poly," Pomfret said.

In the past two years, the program has taken many steps forward. The kinesiology department continues to obtain new equipment from the student-based fee increase and with each improvement, they continue to incorporate the latest tools for fitness training.

"Currently we have tests for each of the four areas of health related fitness: Body composition, cardiorespiratory, muscular strength and endurance and flexibility," Pomfret said.

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Capps recognizes OCOb study

By Valerie Angelo

"What was rewarding for me was the students' success. They did a great job and it was extremely well-organized. This was a big production and it created a new institution at Cal Poly."

William Pendergast

business professor

The Orlaíaca College of Business recently conducted a study on entrepreneurs, which led to special recognition from Rep. Lois Capps, D-Santa Barbara.

Business professor William Pendergast instructed a senior project course entitled "Profiles in Entrepreneurial Leadership." The course exposed students to entrepreneurial profiles within the San Luis Obispo community. Students organized an event based on the research of successful business owners who were either Cal Poly alumni or active patrons of the community.

"I gained an awareness of what it takes to be an entrepreneur and the different ways to become one," said Emily Waldron. "I learned a lot about managing a group and the effectiveness of team building and ownership."

The students then nominated several entrepreneurs to receive an award given by the OCOb. Candidates for the entrepreneurial awards were chosen after weeks of study and preparation. Sixty-five nominations were agreed upon and placed into 10 categories for review. In order to reach a decision, a panel of judges from the community established the criteria for recognition. Students prepared for five-minute presentations on each entrepreneur and delivered an overall synopsis of the individual's achievements, as well as conveying the basis for recognition as a business entrepreneur.

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Graduate student Sara Schellenberg performs a body fat test on kinesiology junior April Strang.

Pomfret is in charge of getting volunteers, which isn't too difficult considering the appeal the program has on resumes for jobs and grad school. Kinesiology majors, like senior Josh Hoopes and junior Brstin Kreutzer, can apply their time at the program toward direct-ed fieldwork credit that can help toward their concentration units.

"This is definitely a fun and good way to earn units," Hoopes said.

Hoopes said he is confident that his time at PolyFIT will benefit him in the future.

"The one-on-one experience I am getting will benefit me for my upcoming career in physical therapy," he said. He is currently participating in PolyFIT, page 2
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In other words, geologists, physicists, chemists, programmers and pre-med students attend the same college. The program also includes construction management, industrial technology, and military science.

Her move is another step in a fast-moving career. After finishing her doctorate in chemistry at the University of Southern California in 1985, Morrobel-Sosa became a professor of chemistry at the University of Alabama. She moved to San Luis Obispo in 1990 to become part of the materials engineering program at Cal Poly.

"The program was just beginning to be created," Morrobel-Sosa said. "It used to be just materials and welding."

In 1994 and 1995, Morrobel-Sosa was a faculty fellow with Pacssetter Inc., a company that builds pacemaker cases. She did research there in exchange for one of her researchers who came and taught at Cal Poly.

After returning to her duties at Cal Poly, she became chair of the American Academy for the 1997-98 year.

Dave Pomfret
director of PolyFIT

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In 1998, Morrobel-Sosa became one of the 35 people the American Council on Education selects annually for administrative training. She was sent to the University of Delaware.

"It was sort of like an intern position," Morrobel-Sosa said. "The president acts as your mentor. You work with him or her for an entire year, almost shadowing them. You gain insight into the decisions that a president makes, which in most cases are difficult or controversial."

Upon returning to Cal Poly in 1999, Morrobel-Sosa began her work as a full-time administrator in the provost's office.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Zingg recalled working with her:

"Anny is one of the brightest folks with whom I’ve ever had the pleasure of working with,” Zingg said. "She is incredibly dedicated to her work and very knowledgeable. She has provided invaluable assistance to the university in a variety of areas, but particularly in assessment, accountability, campus climate and diversity issues. She’s an extraordinary colleague. The university will lose a terrific person in Anny."

**What's Going On**

**Coming up this week**

**AWOL Drive-In Movie and Burger Night**

There will be free admission to the Sunset Drive-In tonight 7 to 11 p.m. for graduating seniors.

**Physics Colloquium—Physics professor Elizabeth Demsetz lectures on "A Closer Look at Conceptual Change" Thursday at 11 a.m. in building 52, room C36.**

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ness originator. After eight hours of evaluation, 12 entrepreneurs were selected to receive an award.

"Since this was the first time we organized the awards, a lot of research and planning was needed to establish a framework that can be replicated again and again," said business junior Chris Miller. "Of course there were a number of little things that could be changed, but this is part of the learning process, and overall the event was perfectly planned."

On May 9, more than 150 individuals attended the awards banquet at the Dairy Creek golf course. Each entrepreneur was recognized for their high level of excellence within the community. An alumni representative, and representatives from State Senator Bruce McPherson’s office and assembly member Abel Maldonado gave out certificates of recognition.

"The course created bridges between Cal Poly and the entrepreneurial community, as well as give them contacts with the entrepreneurs themselves," Pendragon said.

The event’s success did not only create a new era of tradition but compelled Rep. Lois Capps to present Pendragon with a certificate of special congressional recognition.

"What was rewarding for me was the students’ success," Pendragon said. "They did a great job and it was extremely well organized. This was a big production and it created a new institution at Cal Poly."

Pendragon presented the OCOB with the special certificate and left the success to reside in the home of creation.

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Dave Pomfret
director of PolyFIT

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patting for his third quarter.

Kreuter, in her second quarter of volunteering, said the most rewarding part of the whole experience is seeing results in her clients.

"I just feel really good when I see someone’s hard work pay off for them," Kreuter said.

The PolyFIT program is located on the second floor of building 43 in the James L. Webb Human Performance Laboratory. All tests are performed on location, or if need be, other locations on campus. The test committee for the testing depends on the tests that a client requests to be performed and the information session before and after.

"Depending on what a client wants, they could be here for 50 minutes or two and a half hours," Kreuter said.

After the test results and fitness and nutrition assessments are made, the client can then go to the Cal Poly Rec Center and design a workout routine with any of the trainers on site.

"We get the client on their way by educating them about their body," Hoopes said. "They can then use the gym to maintain the progress. However, it takes responsibility of the client to see success and results."

PolyFIT operates on Tuesdays from noon until 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. Call 756-5369 to make an appointment.

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Rabin Shaoulion was not returned Tuesday.

Ex-reporter Blair couldn't stop laughing at one exception

NEW YORK — Former New York Times reporter David Blair said he couldn't stop laughing when the newspaper corrected his fraudulent stories and retracted an article of an American soldier's home in West Virginia, according to excerpts of an interview with the New York Times.

"That's my favorite, just because the correction was so far off the mark.
And you'd think it had been a minor thing. And you'd think it was a minor thing to the people." Blair said in an interview scheduled for publication Wednesday. The newspaper made excerpts available to the Associated Press on Tuesday.

In one of his few interviews since resigning from the Times on May 1, Blair told the Observer that he "looked like an idiot" in the most-fraudulent stories.

In a brazen act of deceit, Blair wrote under a dateline from Palestine, and signed with literary agent David Vigliano to market his story for possible book or movie deals. The magazine, citing friends of the author, also reported that Blair had sought treatment for substance abuse.

According to excerpts from the Observer, Blair said his deceptions stemmed from personal problems.

"I was either going to kill myself or I was going to go to kill the journalist people" Blair said, "I couldn't stop laughing." Blair said in an interview scheduled for publication Wednesday. The newspaper made excerpts available to the Associated Press on Tuesday.

Light earthquake rattles The Geysers area

The 4.2 magnitude quake hit at 9:50 a.m. and was centered near Geysers, about 14 miles north of Healdsburg, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Law enforcement and fire officials said there were no reports of damage or injuries, and said no one felt the quakes.

Several smaller quakes, one with a magnitude of 2.6, struck the area hours before and after the larger quake.

International Briefs

Mead cow disease in Canada brings export ban, economic fallout

NEW YORK — The United States banned all beef imports from Canada after a lone case of mad cow disease was discovered in the heart of Canada's cattle country on Tuesday.

The discovery raised concern because Canada and the United States had put in place feeding practices authorities thought would prevent the spread of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) to North America. Still, officials stressed it was an isolated case.

"This case is not about Arabs, this case is not about Muslims. This case is about terrorism," said Keith Corbett, assistant U.S. attorney.

Al-Haitham also faces two fraud-related charges that carry up to 25 years in prison.

Al-Haitham is from Algeria and the other two are from Morocco. All are legal residents of the United States and all are Muslim. The government has suggested they are Islamic extremists who wanted to commit terrorist attacks in the United States and abroad in a plot hatched before the men arrived here in the late 1990s.

Among the evidence presented were false documents found during a paid of a Detroit funeral home in the US and the South Dakota port for the remains of a plot that ran from the U.S.

Al-Haitham faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

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L.A. man ordered to pay more than $500,000 in stock manipu- lation case

LOS ANGELES — A former University of California, Los Angeles student accused of sending false mes- sages about stocks over the Internet in an effort to profit from buying or selling them that followed was ordered to pay the government more than $500,000, federal authorities said. The Securities and Exchange Commission contends that Rafael Shaoulion, 26, manipulated the price of five stocks while a student at UCLA. Shaoulion created fake online identities on university computers and then posted hundreds of false messages about the stocks on Internet bulletin boards and chat rooms, the SEC said.

Shaoulion pocketed more than $410,000 from the stock sales, money he spread among 21 bank and broker- age accounts he controlled along with his father, Samuel Shaoulion, and brother, Rahim Shaoulion, the SEC said.

U.S. District Court Judge Gerald Marshall ordered the Shaoulions to pay the government $554,405.72, including $114,297.87 in interest and $10,205 civil penalty against Rafael Shaoulion.

Marshall rejected the request for the judgment amount to be reduced by the amount of income taxes he paid on his stock sales and by the decline in value their assets suffered while frozen.

No number was listed for Refael Shaoulion. A phone number for a Samuel Shaoulion of Los Angeles was unlisted. A message left at the home of Rabin Shaoulion was not returned Tuesday.

By David Runk

ASSOCIATED PRESS Writer

DETROIT — The government wrapped up its case Tuesday against four Arab Americans charged with running a terrorist "sleeper" cell that plotted to stage a surprise attack in the first U.S. trial of its kind since Sept. 11 attacks.

It took more than two hours for U.S. District Court Judge Gerald Rosen to finish jury instructions. "Plaintiffs," the judge told the jury, referring to defense lawyers suggested prejudice is behind the charges. "This case is about terrorism."

Ahmad Hannan, 34, Karim Koubriti, 24, Abdel-Halil Elmaroudi, 25, and Farook Ali- Haimoud, 22, are charged with conspiring to provide support to terrorist and another conspiracy count.

They face up to 20 years in prison if convicted. Hannan, Koubriti and Elmaroudi face up to 120 years.

The defense also alleged the government had built its case largely on the lies of a self-described con artist: Yousef al-Himmaa, the former roommate of one of the men.

Himmaa testified that Elmaroudi, the cell's alleged ring­ leader, told him about the possibilities of massive attacks on the United States one month before the jetliner hijackings of Sept. 11. Himmaa also said the men wanted him to fake airport and FBI identification and that Koubriti wanted a license to load hazardous materials.

Himmaa described the men as extremists who wanted to support strikes, ship Middle East, and smuggle "brothers" into the country. But he offered few details and warned the jury not to place the claims react solely on his word.

Defense attorneys suggested the government had used technical allegations in a bid to win evidence. Himmaa, a Morrocan in the United States, Gospel to serranting week- ing after pleading guilty to fraud- related charges in three states. He has admitted using aliases,违章 in document fraud and leaking a credit card scheme that netted more than $100,000.

"He thinks that if he talks the same lie day after day it must be the truth," defense attorney William Stuei said of Himmaa. "This is a guy who every day of his life has per­ verted by lying."

It costs the CHP about $500,000 a week for the extra overtime. Davis said. He estimated the state lost $100 million a day to 30 percent of its homeland security costs so far. Even the more than $500 million bill to be paid eventually amounts to 15 percent for the state's costs, Davis said.

National Guard troops remain posted at each end of the Golden Gate Bridge, but will take on no additional role despite the increased alert level, Davis said. Mary Currie, a spokeswoman for the Golden Gate Bridge District, said an access road that runs under the south side of the landmark and a trail that runs underneath the north side were closed Tuesday afternoon so officers have a smaller area to safeguard.

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U.S. Attorney
Soccer may not appeal to U.S. crowd, but 'Beckham' will

By Devin Kingston

Continuing a trend of cultural comedies, British import "Bend It Like Beckham" doesn't disappoint. The film focuses on a young Indian girl who dreams of playing soccer professionally like her idol, Manchester United soccer star David Beckham.

But can a film based on a sport most Americans don’t follow find an audience here in the states?

"Beckham" revolves around Jess (Paminder Nagra), whose strict, traditional Indian parents do not want her playing soccer anytime. Her mother is constantly pressuring her to find a husband and learn to cook customary Indian dishes. Her sister Pinky is her exact opposite; she’s obsessed with being the next Victoria Beckham.

Jess over their coach also plays a central role in the film, "There is a reason Sporty Spice is the only one without a fellas," said one of the actresses. A love triangle that develops between Jules and Jess over their coach also plays a central role in the film, "It’s a hard role to play but it’s a good one," said one of the actresses.

The filming often seems like it is better suited for back to back episodes of a television show, but there are some good camera crosscuts between the women’s league? How about the women’s league?

Home professional soccer team? How about the women’s league?

Despite of Americans to drop $9 on "Beckham." Overall, the cast, the comedy and the music make "Beckham" an enjoyable flick.

Although soccer is not America’s sport of choice, audiences will enjoy "Bend It Like Beckham," a film more about family and culture than competition.

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Students have only themselves to blame

A Supreme decision on privacy

Is there a line or are we such a no-holds-barred, reality television society that we demand documentation of death?

May 3 CNN.com article reported the Supreme Court will want to fall until making a decision on the release of four more pictures of a dead body found in a park 10 years ago. This is the age of shedding privacy - the age of filling out a survey and getting put on a number of junk e-mail lists within a week. But that deals with people's data. What about their death? Do they have any privacy? Their pictures? Their records? How about their families?

One California lawyer doesn't think so. When Vincent Foster, Bill Clinton's kindergarten friend and Hillary Rodham-Clinton's former law partner, died in the first year of Clinton's presidency, there were a number of conspiracy theories about his death. Some say he shot himself in the head because of depression. Others say it was an inside job by the White House that was covered up. Five investigations later, it was suicide.

California lawyer Allan Favish doesn't think so. He wasn't close to Foster of dead body - the bullet hole and his face. He has already seen more than 100 pictures relating to Foster - including his car and the park his body was found in - and even posted some of them on the Internet. But he wants more. Favish has been through small courts and they all say the same thing: Appeals Court wants to release four more pictures. A court in Washington doesn't, saying there is no proof of government misconduct.

Justice needs to prevail, yet have a conscience. If that constitutes release of classified documentation, so be it, but there needs to be a cleaner way to go about it. The question is privacy. In a case like Foster's, open up or not, there is no telling now. It's over.

The attorneys for Foster's family has said the release of more photos would be damaging to the relatives. One would think so. Whether Favish wants to prove the investigations wrong or not, he needs to think of Foster's loved ones - switch shoes with those people and experience more questioning about a deceased family member 10 years later.

This is what the release of those photos would result in, emotional distress for the family. So on May 3, when the Supreme Court gave Favish the temporary satisfaction by telling him, "we'll think about it and get back to you in the fall," it opened some needed discussion. Where is the line drawn? Is there a line or are we such a no-holds-barred, reality television society that we demand documentation of death?

According to the article, this proposed public records law does "allow officials to withhold information that could cause 'an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.'"

Good thing. Personal privacy is all citizens of this country have left and evolving laws and acceptances are diminishing that. This case will be very important come fall, because it will set a precedent. Will the Supreme Court allow the release of these pictures to a man who has already posted them for millions to see or will it stop a this right now and leave it up to the government to make that decision in the future? Time will tell.

Ryan McAdams is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
Spam offenders don’t deserve imprisonment

They clutter your inbox with 20 or more messages per day. They promise you a fortune, but then never mention how you will have to send them more, sometimes thousands of messages, to make any money. They may even try to use opt-out instructions. Although half the states have enacted such laws, Virginia is taking the penalty for spamming a step further. Spammers now risk having their assets seized and can spend up to five years in prison, according to the CNN Web site. This includes e-mails sent from outside the United States, or received in outside states from senders in Virginia.

Has Virginia taken the penalty for spamming a step too far, or is it appropriate? Opinions vary, mostly based on spam experience.

The way that I look at it, these e-mails are just like the little flyers that you find underneath the little flyers that you find underneath your windshield after you have already started your car and are ready to go. Yes, they’re annoying, but they shouldn’t be illegal.

Letters to the editor

Clinton really more to blame for North Korea

Editor,

I’m progressive and I don’t have faith — especially in the government; but I have to object to Clinton’s faith in the anti-nuclear propaganda expressed in his letter “Ramifications of corporate interests, not America” (May 9). The 1994 agreement brokered by former President Carter between the United States and North Korea did include building two light water reactors in order to provide safe nuclear power (light water reactors are very poor producers of fissile material used to make bombs) to make up for the power short­age caused by North Korea shutting down its Soviet-bred reac­tors. The reactors would have been monitored by the IAEA (like all reactors around the world except ours) had they ever been built. But because of Clinton’s foot dragging, the reactors weren’t built and we didn’t give full diplomatic recognition to North Korea (also part of the deal). In other words we didn’t uphold our end of the agreement in order to provide safe nuclear power. We’re not the only ones who are filling themselves with this nasty trans fat, which can be found in a slew of everyday food products containing partially hydrogenated fat.

This suite could be seen as a bad publicity stunt, but it is also demeaning to the American justice system’s requirement to prove a motive for doing it in the first place. Nobody would be allowed to openly solicit many of the products appearing in spam ads on the street — that’s what those adult bookstores and stores that they should be able to send it through e-mail? Not only do some people just not want to deal with it, but also other people may find it offensive. Parents may also get a little concerned when their 10-year-old is receiving such solicitations. People would like to purchase such products on their own, nobody is stopping them. I’m sure that they don’t need a million e-mails to find what they are looking for.

Carol Bigelow is a civil engineering senior. Christianity offers a permanent remedy

Editor,

I would like to respond to Juan Fraga’s letter, “Write presented nothing new” (May 9). I want you to thank for your honesty in how Mr. Candie’s letter made you feel. However, your claim that Christianity is sacramentistic is off base. If a soldier who has just had his arm blown off tells you his arm is bleeding, he is being truthful. To seek clarification or pain is not sacramentistic, but rather the first step toward making a remedy is necessary. Ironic, to ignore the second limb or sin nature to accept the problem as tolerable or even enjoyable. The amazing thing is that Jesus offers himself as a permanent remedy free of charge. Who is being sacramentistic here?

I’m not in a win to argument but rather encourage you to see that the Christian way of looking at problems may be the answer to your dilemma. If someone is living in the God that Jesus saw them as perfect through the death and resurrection of Jesus. It seems apparent through your sarcasm toward Christianity that somewhere down the line you have had at least one bad experience with Christians. While I can’t change that, I want to leave you with an old adage, “by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8,9). I hope that you will stop boasting in your one-armed attempts and see what happens when Jesus makes you whole.

Scott Nystrom is a business senior.

More respect needed in classrooms

Do certain classes at Cal Poly attract more than their fair share of rude people?

Based on my experiences this quarter I am inclined to think so — my BIO 153 class has the highest concentration of rude people I have ever encountered.

During my class, between five cell phones rang. I know nothing about the rest of you, but when I hear a cell phone go off in class I immediately check to make sure my cell phone is off — and spare everyone the annoyance.

I realize that there are beneficent reasons that one might leave class early — a doctor’s appointment or maybe the feeling that you are leaving class early — a doctor’s appointment or maybe the feeling that you are the problem. I have had bad experiences with Christiait that somewhere down the line you have had at least one bad experience with Christians. While I can’t change that, I want to leave you with an old adage, “by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8,9). I hope that you will stop boasting in your one-armed attempts and see what happens when Jesus makes you whole.

Cheryl Ayers is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Oreo cookie suit a complete joke

Thousands of product safety lawsuits breathe through the American justice system every day, but this latest one might just be the most absurd case to become a national news story.

British-born attorney Stephen Joseph has filed an unsuccess­ful California lawsuit against Kraft Foods Inc. to ban the extremely popular chocolate sandwich cookie. The Oreo expected from outside the United States, or received in outside states from senders in Virginia. Has Virginia taken the penalty for spam­ming a step too far, or is it appropriate? Opinions vary, mostly based on spam experi­ence.
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said. The class was created with funds from a two-year grant from the "Best California" program, which received federal specialty crop money, de Yong said.

The winter quarter class was the first and dealt with California agricultural policy within the state, focusing on Governor Gray Davis' budget related to agriculture.

The spring quarter version had changed greatly and has discussed foreign policy and written a national program.

Each class has had experts come in, which Shelton has mostly been in charge of, and speak with the students and help develop policy and help the class become conceptually an aspect of the classes de Yong said has gone really well.

Experts from Washington D.C. - University of Tennessee and an international expert from Stanford have all come to Cal Poly and have provided input on the class's program. A California Farm Bureau member also came in this quarter to see how the national program would do in California.

"Since we brought in a variety of experts, each had their own opinions and the class had different opinions," de Yong said. "It takes a lot to come up with a consensus. But that's what you have to do with policy to be a real player. At first, students come in pretty strong-minded about what they believe, but they have to listen to others' views. Students really evolve during the course of the quarter."

Not only are students excelling and becoming more knowledgeable, but the class itself is also evolving for different reasons.

"It's hard to do in 10 weeks, and we learned that early on," Shelton said. "The 10-week format doesn't lend itself to try to broaden that a little bit. This next quarter will be urban rule interplay. We'll be talking to urban and environmental people and they have the net a little wider for our consensus."

De Yong and Shelton will also make efforts to contact people higher in the state government to improve the class. When it becomes part of the curriculum for agriculture majors in Fall 2004, they hope to have it where they want it.

"The follow-up on (this year) will be to contact a few more legislators and bring it one step closer to the government process," de Yong said.

As for de Yong and his achievement, he gives the credit to the students.

"The reception we've gotten for our class is really good," he said. "It's nice to do something that will really help the students. It takes a lot of work but it's fun."

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In order to compete in the national finals, Cal Poly's rodeo team had to place in the top five, Segura said.

Black said he is confident that the team will walk away from the class. "I have high hopes that each team will bring back a national title, and they are fully capable of that," Black said. "Each one of the individuals is also capable of winning a national title individually."

This year, Cal Poly is sending both a men's and women's team to nationals, Black said.

"To my knowledge, that is the first time this has happened since they restructured the NIRA; for probably about 10 years we haven't had a full team," he said. "Each team member has to qualify individually, rather than that the whole team qualifying in order to go."


Most of the team members who will compete have placed in the regional competitions during the year.

"We'll build on what we've already done and the class had different opinions, but the class itself is also evolving for different reasons."

"I have high hopes that each team will bring back a national title, and they are fully capable of that. Each one of the individuals is also capable of winning a national title individually, also."

Bret Black
couch

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Sports

Cal Poly Track and Field

A disappointing ending

► Talented Mustangs settle for third place at Big West Championships

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

NORTHRIDGE — Senior Stephanie Brown was named Big West Field Athlete of the Year after leading the Mustang women to a third-place finish with 122 points at the Big West Track and Field Championships at Cal State Northridge. The Idaho Lady Vandals claimed the women’s title with 213 points. On the men’s side, Utah State defeated the Matadors by one point to defend its team title. The Cal Poly men’s team came in third with 141 points.

Maggie Vesey defended her Big West title in the heptathlon, winning the event in a season-best time of 2 minutes, 8.01 seconds. Leavitt Martin set a new personal record while finishing first in the 400-meter hurdles in a time of 57.89. In addition to winning the shot put title for the fourth-straight year on Friday (54 feet, 7.25 inches), Stephanie Brown won the discus title with a throw of 183-9.50. Also claiming a title on Friday, freshman Kaylance Wilborn finished first in the high jump (6-4.50).

In addition to the long jump title claimed on Friday (25-5), sophomore Tyron Ward finished first in the 800 meters in 1:59.23 (season-best time) and earned maximum points in those events. He ran the 100 meters in 11.42 for 709 points and the 400 meters in 2:24 for 714 points. Takahashi finished third in the shot put for 625 points with a 40-4.75 throw.

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Cal Poly thrower Stephanie Brown became the first-four-time Big West Champion in the conference’s history last weekend.

Tevens named Women’s Coach of the Year and Idaho’s Angela Whyte named Female Track Athlete of the Year. Utah State’s Gregg Gemel was named Men’s Coach of the Year. Idaho’s Jon Eriel was named Male Track Athlete of the Year and Long Beach State’s Cory Loebl was named Male Field Athlete of the Year.

The Mustang men entered Saturday’s final with a 13-point lead thanks to several strong performances. Tyron Ward repeated as long jump champion with a leap of 25-5. Junior Ben Bruce finished second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a time of 8:56.46. Senior Ryan James came in second in the javelin with a 220-foot, 10-inch throw. Junior Blake Swier finished second in the 10,000-meter run in a time of 31:06.22.

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Leavitt earns All-Big West honor

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Matador junior center fielder Sam Herbert was named to the second team while junior outfielder Pat Breen landed a spot on the honorable mention list.

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The two combined for a 22-3 record (Weaver 12-3, Alvarez 10-0) and finished second and third in conference in ERA (Weaver 2.11, Alvarez 2.48), respectively. Weaver led the Big West in strikeouts (125), wins and innings pitched (110.2), while holding batters to a league-low .183 average.

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Cal Poly Baseball

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