Peace Corps targets Cal Poly students

By Ashley Wolf
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Peace Corps has a high demand for agriculture volunteers and is actively trying to recruit students from Cal Poly.

Jill Andrews, Los Angeles regional office director, is visiting Cal Poly Tuesday and Wednesday to speak about Peace Corps opportunities. She will be speaking to classes mainly in older Agricultures and Orfalea College of Business.

"There is a need of volunteers in the agriculture areas. The Peace Corps is practiced in third world countries," agribusiness professor Anthony Leary said.

"Also, he manning an information table is actively trying to recruit students in certain majors, Radovich said all Cal Poly students are well-trained and have the skills to do internation development," Radovich said.

The Peace Corps is actively recruiting students who are interested in agriculture. The application process is rigorous, Radovich said.

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Although Andrews is focusing on certain majors, Radovich said all Cal Poly students are encouraged to get more information if interested.

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Not only are volunteers given a living wage while serving, but also they are paid a readjustment allowance of approximately $6,200 when they return to the United States.

The Peace Corps application process is rigorous, Radovich said. One in three applicants makes it to the end of the process.

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Olsen said that his work experience while earning his master's degree allowed him to practice various theoretical approaches that he was learning in class. Most recently, Olsen helped Ohio State University to earn a doctorate in business administration, which he expects to complete this year. Earning his doctorate allowed him to continue teaching people ways to be more efficient, he said.

At Cal Poly, Olsen will teach both graduate and undergraduate courses in industrial strategy and technology management, applying 20 years of related experience.

BothExplore and Olsen said that they recommend students gain work experience before pursuing post-graduate curricula.

"If you are thinking of getting an MBA, wait and get real life experience first," Leary said, "and travel as much as possible." The OCB expects more faculty additions in future quarters, said Leslie McKinley, the college's director of college and alumni relations.

One reason for the new hires, besides being responsive to the student committees' recommendation, "is a necessary reaction to the college's aging population," McKinley said.

In order to maintain certain accreditation standards, the college must maintain a ratio of full-time tenured faculty relative to the number of enrolled students.

Though overall enrollment at Cal Poly has decreased recently, colleges must continue to train their planning, McKinley said.

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"We'll do better, (the fee's) not really a big deal," he said. Fellow biochemistry major Danielle Redmond, a junior, felt more prepared by her teachers but thought the class would help her improve her score.

"I did better on my SAT after I took a prep course, so I figured the same thing for my MCAT," she said.

The MCAT is an important factor in the medical school admissions process, according to several other students who are currently preparing for the test.

"I don't like the fact that money is a filter to med school," Demsetz said during the first class.

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Opinion

McFiring Kobe is a smart idea

Ald Mickey D's to the list of endorsements that have canned Kobe Bryant.

This has happened to NBA superstars before. Michael Jordan lost endorsements after allegations of adultery and a gambling scandal, and Magic Johnson lost many endorsements when the went public with being diagnosed with HIV. NBA superstars are not invincible.

The future doesn't look good for Bryant. Just a few days after Sprite officials said they would want to make a decision on him, they signed LeBron James, the future NBA Rookie-of-the-Year who recently celebrated his 19th birthday, and Bryant now share three endorsements, including Nike and Upper Deck. Sprite officials say they will pay Bryant for the remaining year on his contract, but Kobe Bryant isn't going to go down without a fight. He will sue the company for breach of contract. The legal battle will last well into the future. Kobe will definitely make another ugly sh*t; the last time that happened was in 2006. They may wait to see how his character is perceived before they make another decision.

Nike may choose to hold on to him because the trial could help them make more money than they have been. They have been getting tons of free exposure from this.

But they'll probably drop him, especially if he tries to make another ugly sh*t. The last time that happened, Adidas gave Bryant the boot and signed Orlando Magic guard Tracy McGrady, another star who decided to skip college and head straight for the pros. Kobe Bryant has done the right thing for his business at this time. They are doing what they can to restore their image as a major player in the fast-fix market, including freeing up money. They may make a little more money now since Bryant has to pay for his_Jackie_Simpson trial, and they can to ride out the storm generated by the trial, and maybe release him after his contracts expire.

Kobe has already lost a deal with Ferroc (the makers of Nutella chocolate spread). They didn't have to pay him a penny.

Revisit Cal Poly's admission policy

Editor,

Cal Poly admission policies need to be revised. Despite the fact that Cal Poly is a state school and may be required to give preference to their local students, Cal Poly is by no means an ordinary university. It has a reputation that exceeds all other California State Universities, and its admission policy needs to be amended to reflect this. Diversity enhances the learning environment by allowing students to see some of the many different perspectives in the world today. State lawmakers need to allow the schools to make a decision on the merits of each application, not based on lottery. Cal Poly could do more in this regard by simply offering admission to those who have had to overcome formidable obstacles.

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Letter to the editor

Steve Hill

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Kutcher spreads his wings in psychological role

- That '70s Show' star, supporting cast save 'Butterfly Effect' from clumsy plot

By Katie Schiller

Starring Ashton Kutcher in the role of... God! While close-minded critics consider "The Butterfly Effect" a sacrilegiously miscast failure, college students can appreciate Kutcher's well-acted, believable performance in this new film.

Kutcher plays Evan Treborn, a psychology major with a fetish for meticulously cast events that have way to her pathetic life. Evan's main motivation for revisiting the past is changing events that gave way to her pathetic life. Amy Smart plays Evan's childhood friend, Kayleigh, who has grown up to be a bad waitress in a café. Evan's main motivation for revisiting the past is changing events that gave way to her pathetic life.

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Shocking scenes with children definitely garner this movie's R rating. Unfortunately, it's difficult to stifle the giggles in some of the serious parts because they seem so absurd.

People who tend to laugh at the wrong time won't be alone, especially by Evan's offer to "initiate" himself into a prison gang.

Directed by Eric Bress and J. Mackye Graham, who co-wrote the exceptional script for "Final Destination 2," this film trips over itself. The idea of a plot that runs like an overanalyzed nightmare. "The Butterfly Effect" is not for little brothers, animal rights activists or overly critical film buffs. While a different lead could have created a more serious movie, it would not have appealed to teens and college students. Kutcher draws in the younger audiences, and Smart adds to that appeal. Without these two, the director could have created a great independent psychological thriller with solid success as a general release.

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So can the flapping of Kutcher's dramatic wings really cause a rippling around the world? Not right now. But he could blossom into something greater — if we just give him the chance.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER
Piano teacher must return to Russia

OAKLAND (AP) — An immigration judge has ordered the deportation of a Russian piano teacher, despite pleas by her American husband that she be allowed to stay here with him and their 25-month-old son.

Yana Slohodova, 30, has been in an Oakland jail since meeting with immigration officials earlier this month, and was ordered back to Russia when the judge on Thursday denied her request for permanent residency.

Slohodova admits she misrepresented herself when she entered the United States in 1996, but her husband, a U.S. citizen, says she was swindled by unscrupulous immigration consultants and has been trying to cooperate with authorities.

"I couldn't imagine that something like this could possibly happen to my wife," said Slohodova's husband, Alexander Makarchuk. "She is the sweetest person I've ever known."

An attorney for Slohodova filed a request Friday that would give her 30 days to go to her home in San Francisco to say farewell to her family, including her parents, who successfully gained permanent residence.

In 1996, Slohodova paid $10,000, at the suggestion of a former boyfriend, to men in New York and Russia who said they could help her gain permanent residency based on her musical talents.

Slohodova was detained by immigration officials in New York, but was allowed to stay in the country while she sought to gain asylum as a Russian Jew, Makarchuk said.

Painting of nude woman removed for students

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — In response to complaints, an Elko museum has removed a painting depicting a nude female silhouette.

The Northeastern Nevada Museum last week removed the painting that was part of the Wild Women Blazing Trails exhibit in the Barrick Art Galleries.

Museum officials cited a letter from the Elko County School District asking the painting be removed when students visit.

The letter was sent after an education coordinator reported the exhibit was deemed offensive by some visitors.

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School honor roll under fire

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The school honor roll, a time-honored system for rewarding A-students, has become an apparent source of embarrassment for some under-achievers.

As a result, all Nashville schools have stopped posting honor rolls, and some are considering a ban on handing good work — all at the advice of school lawyers.

After a few parents complained their children might be ridiculed for not making the list, Nashville school system lawyers warned that state privacy laws forbid releasing any academic information, good or bad, without permission.

Some schools have since put a stop to academic pep rallies. Often, think they may have to cancel spelling bees. And now schools across the state may follow Nashville's lead.

"The change has upset many parents who want their children recognized. They can't do anything normally reserved just for the students who have been doing something wrong," said Sandy Johnson, chief instructional officer for the Nashville schools, and some are also considering a ban on schools doing that," said department spokesman Jim Bradshaw.

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Schools

OC school on edge about local sex offender

LAGUNA HILLS (AP) — An elementary school is locking classroom doors and asking parents to pick up students from campus after learning that a registered sex offender lives nearby.

Lomasanta Elementary School is taking safety precautions after sheriff's officials distributed them Thursday noticing residents that registered sex offender Joel Estes lives in the neighborhood.

"We will be doing this as long as it takes for the school community and the community to feel safe, and for things to go back to normal inside the school," Principal Ed MacNeve said. "Inside the school we're just going to continue to do what we've always done."

The 51-year-old Estes was convicted of molesting a 14-year-old girl who he offered food and money to in exchange for sexual favors. He is on probation and must keep at least 100 yards from schools, arcades or video stores.

Estes said he is "upset for the community that they are scared," but he is not a danger to the community and that he "turned to the Lord" when he was in jail. "God has forgiven me for my sins, and I am trying to make a better life for myself."

Estes told authorities he planned to live at the residence only temporarily, sheriff's spokesman Jim Bradshaw.

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times, but the Mustangs took higher percentage shots. Cal Poly shot 54.3 percent from the floor to the Matadors 48.7 percent. Despite their stellar play at home, the Mustangs are still looking for their first road win. They go on the road for their next two games, facing Cal State Fullerton and UC Riverside to close out January.

“We know that Riverside likes to play that game, so we need to be confident in shooting the ball,” Uphoff said. “The mental preparation is crucial as well.”

Cal Poly plays Fullerton on Jan. 29 and Riverside on Jan. 31.

RUGBY

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them last year, but they kept us from first the year before,” Koller said. “They’re tough. Although we played (UCLA this weekend), we have been preparing for San Diego all season.”

This weekend, San Diego lost to UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly’s other fierce rival. After next week’s game, the team will travel to Arizona State University and University of Arizona.

While still early in the season, the rugby team anticipates the championships.

“If any year, this is the year for us,” Koller said. “For the last three years, we have been building to this season.”

Jon Koller team captain

BASEBALL

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Weinstein summed up the solution to his pitching staff’s peril over the weekend when he said, “We just need to throw strikes.”

Leading off the first inning, Torero Tom Caple doubled and later scored when Olson hit Randy Curtis with the bases loaded. Olson would next issue a walk to Joe Ortega to force in another Torero run.

In the second inning, Caple again punished the Mustangs by tipping a run-scoring triple to deep right-center field. Joey Prst’s sacrifice fly scored the Toreros last run.

By the end of the third inning, Caple was already one home run in scoring position, raising his season total to three.

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Poly drops series to USD

By Dan Watson
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The opening weekend played out like a Clint Eastwood movie for Cal Poly baseball — the good, the bad and the ugly.

An opening-day 3-0 victory over the University of San Diego in the three-game series became an afterthought to a 10-0 loss Saturday and a good start in game one as the Mustangs combined for eight hits in the final two games.

“It was not a good weekend,” said coach Larry Lee.

The Mustangs got off to a good start in game one as Jimmy Shull and Nolan Moser combined for a three-hit shutout and the Mustang offense scored single runs in the fourth, fifth and seventh innings.

Shull, a junior transfer from Citrus College, allowed two hits in 3 1/3 innings and Moser, a senior right-hander, earned the save in 3 2/3 innings of one-hit relief.

Unfortunately, the Mustang offense took a dive over the last 18 innings.

Larry Lee baseball head coach

“Not a good weekend,” Lee said. “Offense is contagious. It’s mental.”

While the offense struggled to produce, the Mustangs’ pitching had its own problems, plunking 10 Toreros total over the series.

The Mustangs were held to just three hits in the second game giving up a six-run third inning. San Diego left fielder Josh Hansen’s two-out grand slam put the Toreros in front, 7-0.

The Toreros committed four errors in the first game loss, but the Mustangs followed the example in the second game with four errors of their own.

Nevertheless, second baseman Adam Leavitt, an All-America honorable mention, expects the early season jitters to be worked away.

“There are a few first-year players,” Leavitt said. “We just need confidence in our players.”

In game three, starting sophomore Garrett Olson was knocked out early after struggling to locate his pitches. Olson gave up four runs in 1 2/3 innings and walked four batters.

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Mustang magic continues in Mott

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