Grads can't find high-tech jobs

By Steve Giegerich
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NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Eager to ride the high-tech ride, Andrew Zhou double-minored in computer science and finance when he arrived at Rutgers University in 2000.

As graduation approaches, Zhou is PINning his hopes on finance and dropping the idea he once had that computer knowledge guaranteed him a job.

"Four years ago, it seemed like an awesome major," Zhou said. He wanted to be offered a position as a communications management manager at Rutgers' annual career day.

"Now, nobody wants to get in because all the money is going to India."

While there are hopeful signs outside the technology sector, outsourcing of computer programming and customer service jobs to China, India and other countries with cheaper labor costs have dimmed prospects for seniors like Zhou, said Richard White, director of career services at Rutgers.

A recent report from Forrester Research projected that as many as 3.1 million American white collar tech jobs will go to overseas workers by 2015.

"Jobs that used to be available for U.S. citizens are being diverted overseas where the quality is equal or better at a fraction of the cost," White said.

The fallout from outsourcing and stagnant U.S. technology market means that seniors at San Jose State University — in the heart of Silicon Valley — face yet another "very tight" job market, said career center director Cheryl Allmen-Vincente.

"The entry level positions just aren't out there now," agreed Halbert Wilson.

A January graduate with a degree in information technology from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Wilson is counting on contacts made during an internship with a pharmaceutical company to help him get a job.

Experts say the best sectors for seniors to find employment are in finance, health care, advertising and government. And a jump in the number of campus recruiters visiting some campuses is giving students reason for hope.

At the University of Mississippi, students speak on campus issues, see JOBS, page 2

Word on the Street

How likely do you think it will be to get a job when you graduate?

"Very likely because I'll start networking now."

— Sally Larson, industrial engineering senior

"Poor at best."

— Jordan Koniske, industrial technology senior

"<h1>Wilderness training on campus<br /></h1>

By Ashley Wolf
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students and community members can learn life-saving skills through a hands-on wilderness first aid training course at Cal Poly.

Poly Escapes, a program of Associated Students Inc., is hosting two instructors from the Wilderness Medical Institute in Wyoming to present a wilderness first aid training course.

The course has 10 spots remaining out of 30 and is expected to close when full by Friday.

"This is a great opportunity for outdoor enthusiasts," said Darren Connor, assistant director for ASI programs.

Poly Escapes trip leaders have to take it as a requirement. Sierra Club leaders, people from the community, professional outdoor educators and people coming out of the area that need this level of certification are participating. But, the doors are open to everyone.

The course covers more than CPR and first aid training because wilderness training requires a higher level of medical training. When miles outside of civilization, there are not the same supplies and resources as there are in town.

"The instructors start with treating basic cuts, scrapes and bruises," Connor said. "They show how to assess the condition and then how to treat the patient. It perfectly matches Cal Poly's 'learn by doing' motto."

Since the 1998-99 school year, the course has been offered once a year, usually in the fall. Attendance is almost always full, hence the reason Poly Escapes decided to have the course offered twice this year. It was offered in November of fall quarter and will be held Feb. 7 and Feb. 8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is $110 for Cal Poly students and $145 for the general public.

"Basic first aid does not properly prepare you to treat people in a wilderness setting."

— Sally Larson, industrial engineering senior

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Arch dept ranked third in nation

By Meghan Reerslev
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly architecture department was recently ranked No. 3 in the nation among Bachelor of Architecture degree programs and the best bachelor's program west of the Mississippi by the architecture and engineering journal DesignIntelligence.

The program placed second for the best value in architecture education in the nation.

"We make sure to teach the student that small programs are best," College of Architecture and Environmental Dean Thomas Jones said in a recent press release. "Cal Poly's architecture program is among the nation's largest, and at the same time we have a proven record of high-quality learning with extraordinarily low fees."

National rankings give the department prominence but do not always make a major impact. The architecture department director William Benedict said one of the few differences is freshman enrollment.

"The show rate was higher this year than in the past," Benedict said. "We usually take in 120 new students, and we had 145 students show up."

Show rates are the number of accepted students who actually enroll at Cal Poly. Departments determine a percentage of students who will enroll based on past figures. Benedict said if the show rate continues to increase, the department will accept fewer students.

Ranks influence enrollment by prompting students and parents to visit Cal Poly. Benedict said he has met parents and students who would not have visited campus if the architecture department had not ranked high.

DesignIntelligence's best bachelor's program ranking was released in its November 2003 issue and was determined by a survey mailed to more than 1,000 United States architecture firms. Employers determined the excellence of schools by the work quality of employees who graduated from architecture schools. Cal Poly was outstanding by the University of Cincinnati and Cornell University.
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Basile, Blake and Tawresey all referred to Goodwin as extremely happy and always having a smile on his face.  
"He was a super happy guy," Basile said. "He was kind of like a glowing star that was never sad. He always had a smile on his face and was always positive. He had something that most people don't have — a real secure self. He really wanted to succeed and live it to the fullest.  
"He told me once that if he died tomorrow, it would be fine because he did everything he wanted — he never had any regrets," Basile said.  
"We had an amazing output," Tawresey said. "A lot of people came over to the house yesterday — it's amazing how many lives he was involved with, how many lives he touched."  
Goodwin's roommates have taken certain steps to cope with the loss of their friend.  
"The first night we found out he was gone, we all slept in it — I'm not sure why, it was just something we felt we should do," Basile said. "It was actually nice — he had the nicest room for sure."  
A former roommate of Goodwin was alighted to the accident as well.  
"(Evan's) roommates called my roommate and I, and we went over there," Brandon Roberts, an econmics major, said. "We were all shocked — it was surreal to us. It still is."  
Goodwin's father, Hughes Goodwin, is spending some time in Los Osos with his son's roommates.  
"(Hughes) told me that he talked to Evan the day before he died, and Evan told him that I was his best friend," Basile said. "When he told me that, it was a powerful thing."  
Services for Goodwin will be held on Saturday in Santa Rosa.

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The best value was based on its survey rankings and five other criteria including tuitions. Cooper Union scored one point higher than Cal Poly, partially because it does not charge tuition. Cal Poly received the highest scores given for survey ranking, selectivity, resources, and quality of its dean, faculty and students.  
Architecture department director Allan Cooper said the rankings will not make a great impact on Cal Poly because DesignIntelligence is a trade journal that the mass public does not read, but it could make a difference for graduate seeking work.  
"(The rankings) validate what has already been known on the West Coast, which is the fact that our graduates are employable," Cooper said. "It will obviously help our graduates, if they needed the help in the first place."  
Benedict echoed this sentiment, adding: "It obviously makes our graduates feel better and add pride to the program that they came from."  
Benedict said the rankings do not greatly influence future employment because most firms weigh portfolio material more heavily than the program from which the employee graduated.  
Other programs in the CAED feel the ripple of effects from various rankings of the architecture department. Architectural engineering department head Abe Lynn said the major influence felt in the department is enrollment.  
"It draws more students to architecture, and we teach support courses that a lot of architecture students take," Lynn said. "This not only increases enrollment but also the quality of architecture students in our classes."  

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wilderness setting," Conner said.  
"This course could possible give people skills to save a life. When you are out there (the wilderness), you are it. This level of training gives someone the chance of surviving."  
The emphasis of the course is on decision making and principles of treatment, not on memorization of facts and vocabulary. The course focuses on wound management and infection, reorientation of fractures and dislocations, and improvised splinting techniques.  
"They even teach you how to secure a femur," said Jeff Moore, a civil engineering sophomore and Poly Escapes volunteer trip leader. "They put you in real world situations."  

Three weeks after Moore took the course last spring he had to use the skills he acquired while leading a rock-climbing trip in Santa Barbara.  
"A girl fell and broke her ankle while climbing," Moore said. "She had an open fracture, and we had to secure her leg and pick her out on our backs."  
Moore said one is considered to be in the "backcountry" if you take more than one hour to get back to civilization.  
"You never know what's going to happen when you're in the backcountry," Moore said. "I'd suggest this course to anyone who goes out where it would take an ambulance more than an hour to reach you. If you're in the backcountry, it's a must have."  

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recruiting coordinator Gina Stamos said career center interview rooms are booked solid by corporate representatives during February.  
After two consecutive years of little or no growth, the National Association of Colleges and Employers is forecasting a 12.7 percent jump in hiring this year.  
NACE spokeswoman Camille Lueckenbaugh warned that while 51 percent of the employers surveyed by the group said they would increase recruitment of college graduates this year, another 28 percent indicated they would curtail hiring on campuses.  
A leading Internet source for college students seeking entry-level jobs said listings in the accounting and retail fields have both jumped by more than 50 percent compared with last year.  
Job opportunities in the financial, health care and advertising sectors also have increased, said Michelle Foraker, vice president of MonsterTRAK, a subsidiary of the online job service Monster.com.  
And the Partnership for Public Service is predicting that the federal government will fill 73,000 jobs in the next six months.  
Internal Revenue Service recruiter Doug Fuller was besieged at Rutgers' career day.  
"The economy has perhaps changed the mind set of this generation," he said. "They think more about jobs with greater stability than you could encounter in the private sector."  

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National Roundup

WASHINGTON — The government will order airlines to provide background information on passengers for a new security system that aims to keep dangerous people off planes, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Monday.

The Computer-Assisted Passenger Prescreening System, or CAPPS II, will screen all passengers by checking that information against commercial and government databases. Each passenger would be given one of three color-coded ratings.

Suspected terrorists and violent criminals would be designated "red" and forbidden to fly. Passengers who raise questions would be classified "yellow" and would receive extra security screening. The vast majority would be "green" and simply go through routine screening.

The program has been criticized by privacy advocates who say it intrudes on civil liberties and that people may be wrongly labeled as terrorists.

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. — The owner of a resort between Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks told a federal judge Monday that he plans to lose nearly $2.7 million by the end of the decade if snowmobiles are banned from the parks.

U.S. District Judge Susan salad in Washington, D.C., last month that the park should not be closed to the public, but visitors would have to pay added fees for those who want to use snowmobiles.

The ruling is one of the many contested over the future of Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks.

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Twenty cows at an Oregon dairy farm have been killed after authorities traced one of them to the same Canadian herd as the mad-cow afflicted animal found on a Malton, Wash., farm.

The remains of all 20 will now be tested for the disease, said Ron DeLave, chief veterinary officer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

DeLave said U.S. officials began their inquiry into the case Monday that authorities could not rule out that the other cow killed also came from the Canadian herd.

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SALT LAKE CITY — A member of Utah’s polygamous Kingston clan was sentenced Monday to a year in jail and three years of probation for inculpating himself with his then-15-year-old cousin, who is also his aunt — and his fourth wife.

Jeremy Ortell Kingston was 24 when he took LuAnn Kingston as his fourth wife in 1995. Family members say he has at least 17 children. His legal wife and four of his children attended the hearing but did not speak to reporters.

— Associated Press

World Roundup

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents fired a rocket at the headquarters of the U.S-led coalition Monday night after gunmen killed seven Iraqi policemen in a pair of attacks west of Baghdad. A senior Iraqi official named Al Quds for many of the suicide bombings around the country in recent weeks.

In the north, military doctors searched the muddy waters of the Tigris River for three missing U.S. soldiers, including two pilots of an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter that crashed Sunday in Mosul during rescue operations after a patrol boat capsized.

It was the third U.S. helicopter lost in Iraq this month.

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KABUL, Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai signed Afghanistan’s new constitution into law Monday, putting into force a charter meant to reunite his war-shattered nation and help defeat a virulent Taliban insurgency.

Kazai signed a decree formally declaring the 126-article document ratified earlier this month as the country’s supreme law, driving airplane from dignitaries including former King M. nassirul Zhahir Shah, Cabinet ministers and foreign diplomats.

The step was just the latest under a U.S.-brokered peace drive designed to rebuild the Afghan state since a U.S.-led invasion drove out the Taliban two years ago.

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MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin and visiting Secretary of State Colin Powell saluted the strength of the U.S.-

Russian relationship Monday while acknowledging differences that have cast a shadow over what both sides have called a partnership.

Receiving Powell in the Green Room of the Kremlin, where he often meets with foreign dignitaries, Putin congratulated the United States on its achievements in the Mars program and said the two countries could cooperate in the sphere.

He said Russia and the United States agree that the United Nations should become more involved in Iraq, and said Washington and Moscow have a "solid and strong" relationship in spite of what he called tactical differences.

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TRIPOLI, Libya — A Republican congressman led a delegation of Americans into uncharted territory Monday: a meeting with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi and a tour of a Libyan nuclear reactor.

The extraordinary meeting is a hallmark of improving relations between the United States and Libya after decades of animosity.

— Associated Press

College Roundup

TUCSON, Ariz. — Even without a state financial aid program, students at the three Arizona public universities last year received $125 million more in financial aid than students received five years ago, according to the Arizona Board of Regents student financial aid report.

The universities received $680 million in financial aid during the 2002-2003 school year, said Dan Anderson, the board’s senior executive director for institutional analysis. The board had forecast giving at Arizona State University.

This increase reflects state’s policy changes that mandated the universities use even more money for financial aid.

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LA JOLLA, Calif. — The Stuart College of the University of California, San Diego, responsible for sculptors on campus such as THE Sun God and the Snake Path, is preparing for a giant granite bear sculpture as its latest addition.

The largest boulder commissioned for the sculpture, weighing 90 tons, was transported to UCSD’s Camp Elliott campus Wednesday and joined seven other smaller boulders with which artist Tim Hawkins will create the piece.

The sculpture will be a granite bear in a seated position, weighing about 200 tons and measuring 22 feet in height. The bear will be built in the middle of a quad at the Jacobs School of Engineering.

— University Wire

Campus Dining, a Winner in Recycling

By Tonya Strickland

"Running a company of any size is a demanding job and reducing waste in the work place requires an additional commitment to excellence that really pays off for the environment," said Linda Mouloen-Patterson, board chair of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, who announced Campus Dining as a WRAP award winner. This award recognizes their ongoing efforts to cut waste and conserve resources.

Recycling cardboard began Campus Dining’s waste reduction program several years ago and has since then carried it into a program that has nearly every corner marked with a blue recycling bin.

Campus Dining purchases many recycled goods that may go unrecognized by the average person. Such items include: paper for computer print-out, stationery, business cards and most promotional literature. They collect and recycle glass, metal cans and plastic water bottles. Produce scraps go to the student sustainable farm for composting and leftover or outdated products are donated to county food banks.

Campus Dining would like to thank everyone who contributes to their recycling program for assisting their efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

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Judge rules against Patriot Act

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A federal judge has ruled that a portion of the USA Patriot Act which bars giving expert advice or assistance to groups designated as foreign terrorist organizations is unconstitutional and the government may not enforce it.

David Cole, an attorney and Georgetown University law professor who argued the case on behalf of the Humanitarian Law Project, said the ruling marks the first court decision to declare a part of the Patriot Act unconstitutional.

In a 35-page ruling handed down late Friday and made available Monday, U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins said the ban on providing "expert advice or assistance" is impermissibly vague in violation of the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution.

The U.S. Justice Department was revisioning the judge's ruling, spokesman Mark Cridol said in a statement from Washington, D.C.

Cridol called the Patriot Act "an essential tool in the war on terror" and asserted that the portion in issue in the ruling was only a modest amendment to a pre-existing anti-terrorism law.

By targeting those who provide material support by providing "expert advice or assistance," the law makes clear that Americans are threatened as much by the person who teaches a terrorist to build a bomb as the one who pushes the button," he said.

A civil rights attorney applauded the decision.

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**The Graduate offers tour of comedians' stage and a mic in San Luis Obispo**

By JoAnn Sanders

Tired of listening to your friend's lame jokes about flu and a cold? The Graduate offers an alternative venue to listen to some real professional comedians jokes about real things, not just flu and a cold.

Adding to its Country Night on Thursday and the infamous Wednesday College Jump Mump Night, The Grad now hosts Comedy Night on Tuesdays. Is there anything in the world more exciting than a comedy hour right here in quaint Old San Luis Obispo?

Possibly.

Imagine The Grad without 200 bonging college dorm students and without dirty old men grabbing girls' butts on the 4th and 7th-floor homes. Suddenly, the atmosphere is very different. Chris Strait, the headliner comedian last Saturday night touched on topics such as Internet dating, acupuncture, marriage and relationships, teaching sex education in middle schools and even the possibility of an Olsen twins sex tape.

"Hey, call me uncle Jesse," said headliner comedian Chris Strait.

This joke was mildly disturbing but nonetheless received a rise from the crowd.

The intimate atmosphere of 30 to 40 middle-aged patrons and college students welcomed audience participation.

Strait and Adam Grompan, the two guest comedians for the night, handled hecklers with their own brand of finesse and style. Grompan called them goats. Strait needed a woman in the crowd to defend her right to have breast implants to save her from her unfortunate looking face.

Audience participation is grand.

There are other alternatives for Cal Poly students and San Luis Obispo residents to enjoy jokes filled nights. On at least five Saturday nights this quarter, Cal Poly improve group Smile and Nod perform for just $5. In addition, Backstage Pizza has hosted musicians and comedians in the past to be enjoyed at no cost.

Unfortunately, Comedy Night at The Grad changes patrons $8 a head, the same price it would cost to see an evening movie.

We all know that San Luis Obispo is not the most exciting place in the world, but would spending Tuesday nights at The Grad laughing it up for $8 make it any better?

Business senior Christy McDonald doesn't think so.

"It's too expensive," McDonald said after watching the show. "But it would be cool, I guess, if it cost $5 and you were going with a group of people."

However, as long as comedians keep auditioning for the show and people keep paying $8, Comedy Night at The Grad, which is almost a year old, looks like its going to stay.

"Pretty successful," said Rick Simonen, one of The Grad's managers. "There's just comedians coming in every week. They've all been on TV."

A self-identified "fixer-upper," comedian Adam Grompan has performed in San Luis Obispo four times.

"It's definitely better than some places I've performed in like Oregon," Grompan said. "Oregon is a scary place compared to San Luis Obispo."

Overall, there may be other, cheaper alternatives to turn a Tuesday night into a funny night, but The Grad is doing a service to San Luis Obispo by offering good comedic entertainment for the older part of the family. The comedians are not as good as some of the people in Comedy Central Stand Ups, but for the price of $8, they are definitely better than listening to your buddies tell stinky fart jokes on your couch in your living room.

In REVIEW

**Rommantic comedy 'a Tad predictable'**

By Laura Howard

AUSTIN, Texas — "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton," possibly the least offensive movie of all time. Not that many people go to the movies to be offended, but usually there's a bad guy who is malicious and out to get some innocent or honorable person. That's offensive, right? In this film, the only "bad guy" is predictability.

Petrie (Topher Grace) is in love with Rosalee (Kate Bosworth), a small town woman who falls for a Hollywood star in the romantic comedy "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!"

Rosalee, Toph Grace is best in these moments— his comic timing is excellent. And surprisingly, Josh Hamilton does very well as the straight matt. All Tad has to do is smile at the right moment, and Petrie looks like the fool.

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A lot of shots are taken at Hollywood, America's obsession with the movie, the machine itself and the types of people who populate it. The bulk of the movie, though, involves Tad trying to learn with Rosalee's help, where he can find true meaning— it's not in drugs, sex, money or being gorgerous. It's as if the filmmakers are trying to be subversive and self reflective at the same time.

They didn't need to do this. A romantic comedy stands on the fact that it is sweet, predictable and funny. Ultimately "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!" is all three, in varying amounts. Definitely not inspiring or thought provoking, it is a mediocre film with lots of smiles and a few laughs.

** Locating Laughs**

Upcoming comedy events in the San Luis Obispo area

Friday, Jan. 30

Myk Powell @ JJ's at the Beach, Pismo Beach; 9 p.m.

Steve Altman and Taylor Morgan @ SpyGlass Restaurant, Shell Beach, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Central Coast Players (stand up troupe) @ Grange Hall, San Luis Obispo; 8 p.m.

Steve Altman and Taylor Morgan @ SpyGlass Restaurant, Shell Beach, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 6

George Lopez @ The Rec Center

**A different kind of groove**

By Amy Kocot

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The energy of European dance will be transplanted to San Luis Obispo this weekend. By the time KCPR Jean Soundbite hosts a new monthly dance event at SLO Brewing Co. Wednesday night, the audience will have worked up a sweat, danced away the winter months and found a new way to express themselves.

Soul Invasion begins at 10 p.m. and offers a dance environment for funk, souls and electronic music lovers.

KCPR's Velanche Stewart is heading the event and said she pulled inspiration from a big funk soul night she recently attended in Austria.

"There were 20-somethings dancing to music I used to listen to," Stewart said. "It started at 9 p.m. and they were still going when we left at 5:30 a.m."

The music played on these nights will include a mix of Top 40, house, techno, funk and soul for an alternative dance event in San Luis Obispo.

Also assisting is KCPR's Jennifer Flores, who said the goal of Soul Invasion is to introduce different types of music that no one really hears anywhere else.

"It should be an all-ages good party," Stewart said. "You get people featuring folk and soul music that it not really heard on the radio."

The disc jockeys on deck include Velanche, Malik Miko from Foco Records and KCPR's and WJUNKY's DJ Calyx, who will be spinning a variety of world music.

"We're trying to get a feel for people's interest in this," Stewart said. "This type of music seems to stand the test of time and has a more funky feel than, say, James Brown."

Depending on the success of this new crowd, Stewart said plans for the event include expand to more nights, getting the 18-and-over crowd to attend and bringing in more of a variety of DJs and genres.

The members of the group putting on Soul Invasion look forward to its growing interest in people and its future success among different crowds.

Stewart said he wanted to give people a chance to hear music that is not well represented.

"People have a natural curiosity for the old school soul samples," Stewart said. "I think it's great that people are interested in the music that I grew up listening to."

Stewart said KCPR is working on putting up a Web site for events such as this so people can find out more information.

As for now, Flores said the team is focusing on the success of the night in hopes of further expanding and promoting the event.

Soul Invasion goes down Friday at SLO Brewing Co., 1119 Garden St.

Admission is free before 11 p.m. and $3 to $5 after. 21+.
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Leaving behind everything that is comfortable and familiar, we launch ourselves, into the middle of Europe. Emotions and expectations have been building through our minds in the final hour, press closer and closer until that moment in which we hear the hydraulics extend the wing flaps. The landing gear finally compresses the magnitude of living a year in Germany into our exhausted minds. We land with our feet running, scrambling across the countryside by train and bus, hoping the year to come is massive and on our shoulders. Our sense of sight, sound, light and smell - searching for recognizable patterns, something to make sense of what we are stepping into. These first few weeks are intense.

I am just seven mechanical engineering students at Cal Poly, partner schools, the Fachhochschule München (Munich University Applied Sciences), through the Engineering exchange program without a doubt the greatest thing I have ever done. None of us speak the language when we arrive, but a few of us who stayed for a year could speak another language. After four months, we no longer write in German. By six months, it was rewriting my brain, by 11 the realization of what I had accomplished gave me a whole new sense of myself and the abilities I truly felt I was born in Munich. The difference between that first and the 11th month was mind-boggling, and even more mind-boggling are the amount of people I met and the experiences I had.

Statue-Thorsten Obermaier and Matt Carney admire the massive fountain Neptunbrunnen located in Berlin.

Park with friends - Three engineering students from the Fachhochschule hanging out at Monopterus, a favorite meeting spot in the famous Englischer Garten.

Sheep - Two thousand meters up along the German and Austrian border, Carney hangs out with some sheep.

Photos and text by Matt Carney
Mechanical Engineering senior
Designed by Brooke Finan
Boiled Sausage: Weisswurst is a Bavarian breakfast sausage that is traditionally eaten before noon with sweet mustard, a soft-pretzel (actually spelled Bretzn) and of course a Weissbier. My first attempt at cooking the white sausage resulted in this explosion. Despite the appearance this is actually a perfect breakfast after a night of drinking.

Munich University: John Tameler, John Olson, Shane Forster and Carney sit on top of a stairwell at their school in Munich. The Munich University of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschule Muenchen) offers engineering classes in English and German along with the amazing opportunity to study abroad.

Berlin Wall: Jeff Hillyard and his girlfriend Roxanne walk along a remaining portion of the Berlin Wall. In the distance, the Fernsehturm, which is located at Alexanderplatz, is visible. (Photo by John Olsen)

Anti-war banner- For months surrounding the U.S. occupation of Iraq there were daily demonstrations throughout Europe. This banner is below the Glockenspiel in Marienplatz, Munich and says: "War is no remedy for Terror."

Munich Landscape with Alps: The Alps make a pretty backdrop for Munich. This picture was taken from a student's dorm in Olympiapark. The church in the middle is Frauenkirche, the tallest and most famous building in Munich.

Glass on the grass: An empty mass of beer awaits Georg Fey on the sunny fields of Englischer Garten. When the sun comes out, this park located in the middle of Munich, swells with Germans and tourists seeking fun, relaxation and a nice tan.

Eating weisswurst: Eating can become a terrifying experience when you do not understand the language or culture. Bree Marie incorrectly eats a weisswurst. Traditionally the sausage is removed from the water, sliced lengthwise and removed from the skin.

Winter Palace: Schloss Nymphenburg sits in the cold of winter, just a few minutes from the city center of Munich. It acted as one of the houses of the King of Bavaria until World War I. Behind the palace is a giant garden that includes streams, statues and several lakes.

Friends at Oktoberfest: Bernd Euteneuer, Matt Carney and Sheena McNeill "prost" beers at Oktoberfest. Euteneuer is a German student who had studied the previous year at Cal Poly. McNeill was studying in London and traveled with several friends to Munich to experience Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest tent: If you were at Oktoberfest, this is what you would see. It is a little like a county fair with carnival rides, booths full of food and candies and about two million people standing on benches drinking liter after liter of beer inside these massive tents.
Every issue deserves a vote

There are few things fouler than having the tongue of a smoker in your mouth. It’s disgusting. The idea of having to share breath, a truck stop bathroom, and the smell of cigarette smoke on campus. Rather, I’m trying to avoid living in a dictatorship where I’m constantly told who and what to do. This is my battle and here is my stand for something I actually hate.

Taking away the rights of smokers is an interesting thing on our campus. The administration has partitioned smokers to designated smoking areas, creating a division between those who smoke and those who don’t. Frankly, I feel if administrators are going to go that far, they may as well have smoking and non-smoking water fountains. Also, the smokers should be physically labeled so that I can be far away from them in case they make-out sessions and have grown to hate cigarettes. They’re somewhat of a sexual enemy of mine.

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Matthew Rayburn is a construction management junior.

Opinion

Letters to the editor

Patriotism isn’t insecurity

Editor,

Craig Stem, the author of “Tough love for America” (Jan. 23), is quite possibly the most ignorant, dogmatic fool I have ever read. He tried telling me that “Patriotism is the first rode of the ideological insane.” What?

Have you lost all sense of history? Were all the soldiers who died at Bunker Hill, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Beach Head and the Halls “ideologically insane”?

I can’t believe that Craig has the balls to tell me that my grandfather served his country and family because he was insane about his patriotism. The only one who is insane is you, pal. If patriotism is to be ideologically insane, what are we, communists? Should I call you Comrade Stem? Or how about Citizen Stem? If you are truly inspired by American visionaries, think back to how many Americans died in the name of freedom, justice and patriotism. They gave their lives so you can complain about President W. Bush and politics.

Before you open your mouth and lament against my patriotism, take a second and think about what you’re saying.

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Colin Grant is a business administration junior.

Roe v. Wade: A 7-2 decision

Editor,

The article written by Ashley Wolf entitled “Roe v. Wade Remembered” (Jan. 23), was incorrect in saying that the Roe v. Wade decision was 5-4. The decision was actually 7-2 with only Justices White and Rehnquist dissenting.

However, all seven justices in the majority have since retired and some of the current justices are much more conservative, which is why many abortion decisions now are very close. I do feel since this article was on the front page and about such an important topic, it should be known that it had incorrect information.

Daniele Yee is a political science senior.

Daily printed factual error

Editor,

The commentary “U.S. beef industry is irresponsible” (Jan. 23) was one of the most flagrant pieces of sensational journalism I have ever read. Rather than spinning eight states, as the author suggested, mad cow disease was discovered in one cow in one state. Canada’s own admission that this cow originated in the United States is proof the cow really was imported from Canada.

The product of feeding protein from animal carcasses to cattle in the United States has been illegal since the mid-1990s, so the beef industry is not in fact forcing cattle to become “cannibalistic.” The livelihoods of those involved in the beef industry depend on the safety of the supply of beef in the United States, so common sense would tell you that cattlemen will do everything possible to keep their cattle fit, sound and disease-free.

The United States boasts the safest food supply in the world thanks to the hard work of our farmers and ranchers.

Christine St. Pierre is an agriculture business sophomore.

Letters to the editor

Mustang Daily is looking for a few good cartoonists and columnists

Cartoonists should bring a proposal and art sample to Laura in 26-226. Columnists can send a proposal and 500-word sample to mustangdaily@hotmail.com. Please include your name, major and phone number with all submissions.

Barry Hayes is a political science senior and Mustang Daily columnist.


Opinion

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

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Prop 55 is a sound investment

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manda young families and the retirement community. San Luis Obispo is a premiere college town. This lends itself to a belief that education is high-

it ranked as the number one in the state, and it is. This is a key indicator for Prop 55.

San Luis Obispo County school presidents and the superintendents of all 18 school districts signed off on Prop 55 — the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004. The measure will give $21 billion to schools for basic renovation and construction — it will receive 55 percent of the vote on the March 2 ballot.

Editorial

If voters do not pass Prop 55, schools will have to wait for another ballot measure to be proposed. With the economy struggling, it is unlikely that voters will ever again look to the state for expansion and renovation funds.

At Cal Poly, Proposition 55 will strengthen each level of study by providing students with the tools necessary to move up the academic ladder. As the largest Central Coast campus, Cal Poly will receive $34 million from Proposition 55. President Warren Baker said the bill money would go toward the construction of a new architecture building, equipment for engineering labs and design for a new science and math facilities.

Being a potty-mouthed, with national ranked engineering and architecture programs, the allocation of funds is critical to the school districts that are considering the impact that these programs will have at the university level following Gurne, Arnold Schnitzer. In the last 15 years, only 1 percent of California State University students apply to community colleges.

Our bachelor's program in architecture is ranked as one of the top three in the nation, and our graduates are in high-demand. Out of one federal architecture a CMA graduate, Cal Poly President Warren Baker said in a press release.

In addition, it is typical that community colleges, such as Cal Poly and Allan Hancock College, will have to accommodate a surge in enrollment following state budget cuts to the University of California and CSU systems.

Can't believe Kerry stands a chance

Forget the Man of the Hour. That actually works for the在哪里 that will be bestowed on San Luis Obispo in the future. The best example of this that made me choke on my coffee last weekend was that John Kerry was at Cal Poly against Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Not that that would be a bad thing, but with conservative pundits shutting down the opposition as already beaten, it is a strange type of race.

But there seems to be at least one chance. According to a Newsweek poll, Kerry would win the presidential election.

Commentary

At the K-12 level in San Luis Obispo County, money will be allocated to North County schools for upgrading and renovating. Smaller, outer campuses are key issues addressed in Proposition 55. Better conditions will improve student achievement and test scores, Californians for Accountability and Reform Schools said in a poll administered for Yes on 55.

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If future bond acts fail, schools will have to look to donations as a means for accomplishing goals that the state should be taking care of. Donation money will not last forever, and sooner or later another measure will become a lifeline for school districts nationwide.

Especially in the Central Coast, where education ranks in a number of other bases, it is important to see Proposition 55 in a sound investment in the future of the state.

Advertising is an affront to U.S. consumers

Advertising in this country is officially out of control.

Because I love Bush and Cheney, I am deeply distracted by them and men, are fun to look at. However, it's finally gone too far.

Now, I'm doing this for the good of everyone, so I'm afraid we may have to give up a few things we love. I know how America loves a good commercial. Their faces are on the front page of every week and it the Panama-wannabe; doesn't find the only reason we would be watching is to see what crazy Bush babies have done with the pizzazz, please let Cedric the Entertainer be involved. But as much as I love Cedric, we have officially lost our minds when it comes to advertising, and I think, despite however much I may not get for this, men may be responsible.

I find it very difficult to believe that women are writing these new commercials for that "once-a-day male enhancement" drug. And those commercials, despite how funny they are, have to get...get past.

I think that people who buy into the words simply, bright, upright or whatever other obvious, bottom-of-the-bar references to this guy's hootie hoo's about having executive feels like making it look the way I want it to look. But seeing the words, for example the Bush of my future Sports Illustrated is a Nike ad for their new line of golf shoes. I'm sure they will be a hit. And they are.

So the first 9 pages in any given Esquire is of ads for clothing that I will never be able to afford, and these ads make little sense in a humorous pos- sibly.

In one recent Esquire, there was an ad with a match attached to two crossed woods, and the headline of the first paragraph was: "A man stood amidst a croquetallet amongst wickets, in what appears to be a desert with a mountain range in the background. It is the sort of thing that you see and you can't stop wondering what it was originally. A Delphi painting.

Esquire is also guilty of advertising for car companies. The ads don't make sense, they make odd promises that I don't understand why I should find them appealing, but I can live with it.

In January's magazine, about half-turns through, there is an ad for Pontiac's newest baby, the newly revised and re-released GTO. The new GTO is a very old car, designed for cruising in this country is officially out of control.
WASHINGTON (AP) — The government’s budget outlook deteriorated further on Monday as the Congressional Budget Office projected nearly $2.4 trillion in deficits over the next decade, providing new fuel for an election-year battle over soaring federal shortfalls.

Along with the forecast, almost $1 trillion worse than estimated in August, Congress’ bipartisan fiscal watchdog said this year’s deficit would hit $477 billion. That is up from an estimated $413 billion in August, and conservative Republicans, who say he has let the budget spin out of control.

“He’s been completely irresponsible,” presidential hopeful Sen. John Edwards, D-S.C., said in New Hampshire, underscoring Democrats’ hopes that the issue is catching on. “We can’t afford four more years of the right-wing Republican administration,” candidate Howard Dean said. “Republicans don’t balance budgets. Democrats do.”

“Their budget deficits are as far as the eye can see, so we can see the predictable result of a president and Congress spending taxpayer dollars with reckless abandon,” said Brian Riedl, who studies the budget for the conservative Heritage Foundation.

The highest deficit ever was last year’s $373 billion. The highest deficit ever was last year’s $373 billion. The fiscal 2003 deficit was a record $1.4 trillion.

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Vic Moreno scored an escape and then a take down to put his match against Tanner Gardner away.

**Mustangs lose to Stanford for second consecutive conference loss**

*By Randi Block*

Cal Poly's wrestling team fell to 4-6 overall and 2-2 in the Pac-10 after Friday night's 20-12 loss to Stanford at Mott Gym.

The team started by winning four of the first five matches but was unable to hold on to the lead as they lost their final five, due in part to injuries to three of the Mustangs' starters. Darrell Vasquez (133 pounds), Matt Cox (149) and Bucky Banios (165) are all currently sitting out. This was the second consecutive Pac-10 loss for Cal Poly.

Ryan Hailey, ranked first in the Pac-10, had a decisive win to start off the dual meet with a 7-3 victory over Stanford's John Garfinkel in the 184-pound match. A takedown and two-point near fall full helped Hailey cap off the victory, which makes him 7-2 this season.

"I had an all right match," Hailey said. "I could have done better, but I did get a win."

Ralph Garcia continued the winning streak for the Mustangs with a 7-2 win over Stanford's Ian Bork that included two two-point take downs. The two have met before at the Fullerton Open where Garcia also won 6-2.

Stanford's first win came in the 285-pound match from Shawn Ritzenthaler over Dan Howe. 9-8. Ritzenthaler scored a near fall which propelled him to victory.

The Mustangs went on to win the next two matches, with wins from both Vic Moreno, ranked fifth in the Pac-10, and Tony Franco. After scoring a quick escape and takedown in the third period, Moreno easily put the 125-pound match away. Moreno moved to 11-3 overall with the win.

However, this was the end of the winning streak for the Mustangs. Moreno easily put the 125-pound match away. Moreno moved to 11-3 overall with the win.

While he did not walk away with a win, Roberts started close to Stanford's Luis Verdell, losing 7-3 in the match.

Stanford then scored two major wins from Matt Crenny, ranked third in the nation, and Brian Ferry to pull off the victory. These wins put Stanford ahead 17-12 with one match left, which was a deficit the Mustangs could not overcome. After Sam Tenkew's loss in the 174-pound match, Stanford maintained the win which moves them to 5-4 overall and 2-1 in the Pac-10.

"We fought really hard, we just have a lot of mistakes," coach John Araujo said. "Our goal is to get everybody healthy. We have a great team and we'll only getting better."

Regardless of the loss, many fans filled the stands at Mott Gym and encouraged the team.

"The popularity is definitely growing," Araujo said. "We're getting fans to come see the matches and that's all that matters.

The Mustangs' next match-up is an away game against Fresno State on Thursday.

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*MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT*

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