Poly produces teacher majority

- Diverse specialties assist the program at the University Center for Teacher Education

By Randi Block

Polytechnic Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly’s University Center for Teacher Education is contributing to the California State University system’s ranking as the producer of the majority of certified teachers in the state.

The CSU system produced more than a quarter more teachers from 2001-02 than three years earlier. Also, the system ranks at the top of recruiting diverse students to their programs, as well as ones that are competent in multicultural classrooms.

Cal Poly’s program is the smallest college level academic unit, with 125 students graduating multiple subject and 100 at the secondary level. Since it is a center and not a college, the center pulls on efforts of teachers with different specialties to assist with the program.

“I’m really happy with what the center symbolizes,” Associate Dean Carl Brown said. Being that it is most commonly a fifth year program within the CSU campuses, Brown said this brings many extra advantages to the students. One such advantage is that the students have a stronger background in their subject matter having a bachelor’s degree. At other schools in the state, students begin during their first year at college, so they have not mastered their specialty.

“This gives the students a lot of time to gain confidence in what they are doing,” Brown said. Another component of the student's success is their amount of paid fieldwork. Miss Chute teaches first grade at Bishop Elementary School in San Luis Obispo. She is preparing to become a teacher at the University Center for Education at Cal Poly.

Feb. 25
- A female fell down a flight of stairs in the Orfalea business building. She was conscious and alert when police arrived.
- The third floor equipment closet door was vandalized in Sierra Madre Residence Hall, tower 3.

Feb. 26
- A boom box was taken from an unlocked closet in the agricultural science building.
- Police responded to a report of a verbal dispute over a parking space in the H-2 parking lot. The responding officer made contact with one of the parties, but the dispute had resolved and the other party had left.

Crime Roundup

Events from the week of Feb. 25

Feb. 27
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- An ambulance was taken to the emergency room at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center.

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Poly promo clip to air regionally

By Amy Kocot

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Saturday’s televised basketball game will convey more than just the Mustangs trying to pummel the UC Irvine team, when interrupted by a commercialized promotional clip of Cal Poly’s learn-by-doing techniques.

The 30-second clip shows scenes of classroom shots for a variety of majors offered at Cal Poly, describing how its students often learn through hands-on activities.

“It should highlight what is going to interest the students,” assistant athletic director Chris Baker said. “It focuses on strong points of the university.”

Although the clip does not mention Cal Poly’s athletic aspects, it will be aired during the game as an emphasis on the university’s unique and effective teaching techniques.

The areas mentioned include the coastal location of the university and strong teaching methods.

The main focus of the commercial underlines the innovative careers that Cal Poly graduates flourish in, including architecture, construction management, engineering, agriculture, and English, though these are just a handful of what the university has to offer.

“It is common to have a university see COMMERCIAL, page 2

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Two-thousand pounds of clay plus 30 throwing wheels plus hundreds of people eagerly waiting for their chance to sit and throw their own pottery creations equals 24 hours of annual Craft Center madness: Throwfest.

Throwfest starts today at noon in the Associated Student Inc. Craft Center downstairs in the University Union.

Officially, Throwfest is a fundraiser, the biggest one the Craft Center puts on all year. All proceeds from the event go toward a scholarship fund for the Cal Poly Art Department.

Besides that, it’s a lot of fun, said coordinator Chris Thiele, industrial engineering graduate student.

Thiele became interested in pottery during a class at the Craft Center his freshman year. After that, pottery became a permanent part of his life.

“I started teaching classes about a year later,” Thiele said. “I didn’t even do pottery before.”

Still, the only one to discover pottery through Throwfest. Last year business sophomore Adam Serfin attended Throwfest and was hooked.

“I’d never done pottery before,” Serfin said. “Everyone there was really helpful, and it was a great time.”

Business senior Iris Chan also attended Throwfest last year.

“I had a really good time,” she said. “It wasn’t anything like I expected, especially the crowds there. If I go this year I’m going to go early, put my name on the waiting list, then go get some chow while I wait.”

Serfin said he plans on returning again this year and also enjoyed that the event was free.

“It’s a good way to get people who have never been here to come in,” Thiele said.

Although the event is a fundraiser, you only have to pay if you want to keep the items you make.

The $3 cost pays for a clay pot. Typically, clay pieces in the Craft Center go for $15 and up, depending on size.

Although the event lasts 24 hours and sometimes gets so crowded, participants must wait to get an open wheel for throwing, relatively few people stay the whole time.

Thiele said generally only about six people are at Throwfest the entire time, half of which work in the Craft Center or hang out there on a regular basis. The other half are people who get so into it they stay for the entire fundraiser.

After 2 a.m. the event can get a little rowdy.

“We try to limit the number of clay fights,” Thiele said. “It’s really just good fun.”
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experience with diverse classrooms. Students must complete at least one quarter of student teaching at a school with a multicultural population. This means at least 13 percent of the population is a minority. They are also encouraged to spend time at English language learners and special education students as well.

Brown said that in this area stu-
dent teachers will travel to Paso Robles and Santa Maria to comple-
te this requirement. A recent study also determined that 96 percent of the graduates of the CSU teaching programs from 1999-2000 taught for at least one full school year. Thirty percent of those taught in urban or inner-city schools, 24 percent such in small towns and cities and 22 percent in upper class areas.

It is the mystery of teaching that students receive from the CSU campuses that allow them to be suc-
cessful in any environment.

“Our students are able to com-
tbine a strong subject matter back-
ground, teaching strategy, the ability to work with students from minorities and the desire to help young people succeed and meet their potential,” Brown said.

“That’s why they are successful.”

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Bush praises Central Valley business

BAKERSFIELD (AP) — On a campaign swing through California’s Central Valley, President Bush stopped at a fruit, nut and vegetable wholesaler whose executives have contributed thousands of dollars to Republicans and the Bush re-election campaign.

The 70-year-old company specializes in vegetables and fruits — from irrigation equipment to water work in rivers like the “River of the Flood.” The compa-
y has sold pipes to Zambia and to vegetable growers in China; it even

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was reported stolen from the Engineer West building. The theft occurred in August September of 2003.

• University Police received a call reporting the smell of marijuana in Trinity Hall. The reporting party went back to check the smell and couldn’t locate it. Police did not respond.

• Unknown persons were chang-
ing letters put on the Poly “P” by Cal Poly College Republicans the previous day. An officer was con-
tacted saying that members of Movimiento Estudiantil Azteca (MEChA) were signed up to make the “P” say “RAZA.” UPD believes the “P” was double-hooked accidentally.

Feb. 28

• A song was found in the area behind Yosemite Hall.

Feb. 29

• Two males, who were possibly intoxicated, were heard yelling near Sierra Madre Hall. Officers responded but were unable to locate the offend-

Mar. 2

• Damage was reported to stairs and a handrail in the University Union sometime during the previous night. Someone took the rail down, tossed it and was sliding it down on a skateboard.

• A fire alarm went off on west 2 in Sierra Madre, tower 5, when someone put a metal cup in the microwave.

• The face of a CD-player and CDs Wednesday morning at North Park Square, a privately owned park that is open to the pub- lic. Lt. Jeff Love said.

No arrests had been made.

“Whatever did it, it probably wasn’t the same people who did it before,” police said Thursday.

Ten brightly colored plastic eggs, each filled with jelly beans and 10 aspirin tablets, were found by nan-

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Farmers’ Market

booths

By Hillary Schuler-Jones

A breeze of barbecue smoke mixed with the scent of ripe and nibble-friendly fruits, all with an assortment of booths and tables. People mingle along the three-quarter-mile wall, talking, laughing and soaking in their surroundings. Each event brings a new set of sensations: New backdrops and music, new food and new ideas.

This setting, also identified as Farmers’ Market, is one of the few places in existence where college students can buy a caramel apple, rent their Bible, receive free condoms and register to vote all in the space of five city blocks.

Even more unique is the idea that students and locals enjoy such activities while being serenaded by the street fair kind of carnival atmosphere that draws people of all walks of life,“Farmers has the street fair kind of carnival atmosphere that draws people of all walks of life,” said Maryann Stansfield, promotions coordinator for the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association, which organizes the weekly event. “It’s really unique because we have the businesses, we have the entertainment and we have the farmers.”

“Downtown Brown,” the friendly mascot that greets visitors at the association’s information booth, was unavailable for comment. However, he would most likely agree that Farmers’ Market has something for everyone, and since the produce selection and vendors change almost weekly, there is always something new to discover.

In addition to the rotating lineup, there are certain booths which lend so much to the atmosphere that Farmers’ wouldn’t be the same without them. The most prominent of these is McLintocks barbecue pit. The enormous grills in front of the restaurant not only produce the most delicious tri-tip sandwiches this side of Santa Maria but also add the smoky aroma that signifies the arrival of Farmers’.

Adding to the dining experience are the spirit-cheerers who give orders and occasionally break into song. Enjoying Farmers’ is much easier on a full stomach since it eliminates the distraction of the many obstacles. Once stomachs are full, entertainment can begin.

The caricature booth is a sure source of laughs and, for those who want to splurge, a way to take a part of Farmers’ home. For $10 a piece, friends and rommates can be immortalized in charcoal, complete with enhanced features.

“It’s a great bonding experience for roommates,” said nutrition senior Alison Payne, who had a portrait done with her roommate in July. “This, he gave all of us bigger chins.”

Whoever spent their last $10 on dinner will still get pleasure watching the artist exaggerate any number of characteristics on his victims.

When the week has been filled with too much work, homework and drama, the easiest remedy is to recapture childhood.

What better way to accomplish this than by having your face painted?

Teresa Schmidt has been painting faces at Farmers’ Market since 1985, and although most of her customers “are under 3 feet,” she said she has had her share of older patrons.

“What’s fun for the teens and older crowd is that I guarantee them they’ll get lots of attention,” she said. “It’s like putting a mask on — you have a different identity.”

For those who prefer to remain recognizable, Schmidt also does body painting.

She said the option is especially popular in the summer; guys most often have their arms painted and women want Schmidt to decorate their belly buttons.

Once the escape to innocence is completed, visitors can turn right back around and stop at a booth sponsored by The Center, a non-profit organization.

The booth offers information on safe sex and STDs while creating an atmosphere conducive to investigation. A word of caution: This one is not for the first dates, except those who are hoping to get the tricky yet inevitable question answered up front.

Finally, before heading home to prepare for weekend boredom, be sure to cruise through one last time and catch sounds from the birds that play on each of the five intersections along the route.

The selection varies from folk to hip to swing, and anything in between. The performers are different each week, but local favorites often perform several times per month.

And if the mood is enticing enough, dancing in the street is strongly encouraged.

Farmers’ Market is fun for all ages, and as the weather begins to warm, attending will become a social obligation.

And don’t forget to say hi to “Downtown Brown.”

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Whether it’s for food or for fun, Farmers’ Market is definitely a San Luis Obispo hot spot. Some popular booths include the caricature artist and McLintocks barbecue.
Great gift finds in the nick of time

By Brian Koser
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Twenty-five dollars can buy more than one might expect at Cal Poly. Someone can get the perfect present, or a total piece of garbage. Like beauty, taste is all in the eye of the beholder.

On a campus-wide search for gifts, I headed to El Corral Bookstore to see what less than $25 could buy. After stepping into two words that catch any bargain-shopper’s eye appear on red placards above the bookshelves, “Clearance sale.”

The two stores behind present biographies of books and best sell­ers are arranged in single-rows on the wooden shelves. Depending on the gift recipient, a book about someone’s interests, for someone who enjoys reading, might be the tacker. Computer speakers, stuffed animals, pottery and art supplies run less than $20. To the computer user, almost anything imaginable with Cal Poly or the simple “CPF” can be found.

“Our busy times are the weekends when parents come to campus,” said employee Nestle Wilson. “When we have three-day sidewalk sales, we get busy because we have a lot of deals.”

Flip-flops, T-shirts, some sweat­shirts, and virtual Golf Balls run less than $25. For fans of Cal Poly, alumni or family, various school-related knick knacks could be a good option in the clutch.

For the more adventurous, Poly Escapes in the University Union rents all types of equipment for the day or for as long as a week. Backpacks, tents, stoves, kayaks and snow equipment cost between $6 and $19 for the day, or $4 to $24 for weekend use. Just remember, these would be temporary gifts, and eventually, you will have to get them back.

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By Tarrah Graves
MAYBE DAILY STAFF WRITER

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Prevent HIV where possible

Violence begets violence

Editor,

Whether naïve nature or ignorance of idiosyncrasy, so many prominent individuals don't seem to realize that
no matter how much force you throw at it, people who are out of control by choice cannot be convinced to act otherwise. Violence only begets violence,
according to this year’s actions and arrests. If authorities really want to change the face of Marcel Gras,
they should change what the holiday stands for. But good luck with that, because we want to
“cherish” a night of society going to the crapper, they’re probably too lame to think of anything better.
They’re just going to have their out with it, dump it all out with the trash and let everyone else pay for the con-
sequences later.

Justin LeBlanc is a computer engi-
neering junior.

Reasons for flip-flops

Editor,

The simple answer to the question “Why do some people wear flip-flops everywhere?” is this: Because we want to! But somehow, I don’t think you find this explanation satisfactory in
nature so I’ll go into more detail.

Instead of trying to explain why everyone who wears flip-flops likes to do so, I’ll just throw in my 2 cents worth on the subject. When I first started walking up in Hawaii, wearing flip-flops, or sliders as we call them, is as nat-
ural as wearing a shoe. At one point, we spent a lot of time at the beach, it seemed that I was wearing flip-flops more
often than shoes anyway, so it’s no surprise that by the time high school rolled around, I was still walking around campus with a cheap pair of flip-flops on my feet. To be complete-
ly honest, it isn’t for the classes that required students to wear covered shoes and special occasions
like physical education and graduation, I probably would have gone my entire high school career without dis-
tinguishing between flip-flops and shoes.

They say that some habits die hard.

I wear flip-flops to class whenever I
can because it’s part of who I am. I’m as lazy as the next person and
anything that can save me time in the morning is definitely a good thing.
Call me rebellious, call me crazy, but it’s all me.

Some people say that wearing flip-
flops in the rain is weird or just plain
terrible. The fact is, my wardrobe is terrible important to me so I don’t care how dirty it gets. Besides,
my pair of rubber flip-flops dries a lot faster than my shoes do
when I have to navigate through flooded walkways when traveling to
and from class.

Oh yeah, for your information, some flip-flops are black on top; it’s a good look. As those we don’t clean
them. In fact, wearing your flip-flops in the rain is the best way to clean
them.

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Coach Kevin Broomley has preached it and so has Big West Commissioner Dennis McRoberts. Television is a must-have for the growth of not only Cal Poly basketball but the conference as a whole.

This Saturday, Cal Poly plays its second game of the year on Fox Sports West 2 when it faces UC Irvine in the last regular season game of the year at 7:30 p.m. Broomley joked at a press conference Tuesday, "Before the season I thought it would be nice to play for a conference championship on TV, now we're playing for a chance to make the tournament on TV."

If not for the outside chance tournament berth for both teams, the UC Irvine versus Cal Poly game would have no television merit besides the handful of rabid fans who have struggled through conference play. So how does Cal Poly and the Big West get TV games? It's a question that's answered well before the season and decided by not only the networks, such as ESPN and this year, KVMITV (a Southern California station), but also by Big West staff and the participating schools.

"Obviously we feel television is important to the conference both from an exposure value but also a recruiting standpoint, it has always been," said McRoberts who serves as the conference's television coordinator.

What it all comes down to, naturally, is money.

Currently, the Big West has a contract with Fox for a package of eight games. As the Big West has grown, so too has the coverage.

"It has been shown on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.," said Fox Sports West 2 program director Doug Bollman. "But Dennis (Farnell) went to the Southern California stations and got some more viewership."

Cal Poly's game with UC Irvine on Saturday was chosen to be one of the eight. UC Irvine had a little something to do with that.

"The conference finances the package and in the partnership with Fox we give them the schedule," Bollman said. "What they want is at least one team in their footprint in Southern California. We've got five teams in that region so the basic market requirement is to have one of the five in each game. From there we try to spread it out among the other members." UC Irvine is one of the five that includes UC Riverside, Long Beach State, Cal State Fullerton and Cal State Northridge.

As far as ESPN, the Big West has an annual contract that calls for one regular season game and the tournament championship game. This year that game was UC Irvine versus Utah State.

"Back in the summertime, ESPN chose the game with our help," McRoberts said. "They like to know a little about the conference, who's expected to be strong, who was strong last year, what the crowd will be like, the atmosphere and appeal to viewer-ship."

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Mott Gym will be featured on Fox Sports West 2 on Saturday night as men's basketball takes on UCI at 7:30 p.m.

Webber a perfect fit in return

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Although it was only one game, the consensus on Chris Webber was that he looked far better than anyone could have imagined.

In his first game of the season Tuesday night against the Los Angeles Clippers, Webber played like he had been with the Sacramento Kings all season.

It was the perennial all-star forward leading the way, scoring 28 points and 12 rebounds in a mere 30 minutes, helping the Kings defeat the Clippers 113-108 on the Kings' home court.

"That's Chris Webber, he came out, he did his thing," Clipper forward Corey Maggette said. "He hasn't played in 12 months, but he's still an all-star. He just did a great job for his first game back."

It was certainly a relief for Webber, who had not played for 12 months after suffering a knee injury in the second round of the playoffs in Dallas.

Prior to the game, Webber talked about fitting in. He appeared the perfect fit, scoring in a variety of ways, including several dunks where he demonstrated good elevation, clearly not favoring the knee.

"I wanted to be aggressive," said Webber, who made 12 of 18 shots and had four assists. "I didn't want to go home and second-guess myself."

Webber's easy acclamation on a team that had completed the NBA's best record without him was pleasing to Kings coach Rick Adelman.

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More Bench Time

At age 36, Vlade Divac figures he had not played for 10 months and decided by not only the networks, but also by Big West staff and the participating schools.

"EveryKxly kind of just played like he's been forever," Adelman said. "We've had four assists in a recent victory. As the Big West has grown, so too has the coverage."

"It has been shown on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.," said Fox Sports West 2 program director Doug Bollman. "But Dennis (Farnell) went to the Southern California stations and got some more viewership."

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"Webber back in the starting lineup and Brad Miller now coming off the bench, reduced minutes will arrive for Divac. Divac had another strong effort Tuesday against the Clippers, getting 12 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists in 12 minutes. Webber's return.

"Everyone is excited about Chris coming back," he said. "Personally, it's great to get him back to play last minutes."

Mott Gym will be featured on Fox Sports West 2 on Saturday night as men's basketball takes on UCI at 7:30 p.m.