Poly produces teacher majority

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

By Randi Block

MUSTANG 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 2001-02 than three years earlier.

By Amy Kocot

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Feb. 25

• A female fell down a flight of stairs in the Ortegal business building. She was conscious and alert when police arrived.

Feb. 26

• A boom box was taken from an unlocked closet in the agricultural sciences 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 been resolved and the other party had left.

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. 27

• A laptop, valued at $1,438, and a sign were taken from the Associated Student's Inc. Craft Center downstairs in the Sierra Madre Residence Hall, tower 3.

Feb. 28

• A 15-year-old male non-Cal Poly student was arrested on suspicion of false alarm.

Poly promo clip to air regionally

By Amy Kocot

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Saturday's televised basketball game will convey more than just the Mustangs' exploits to 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 shot 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, agricultural and English, through these are just a handful of what the university has to offer.

"It is common to have a university

see COMMERCIAL, page 2
Bus praises Central Valley business

BAKERSFIELD (AP) — On a campaign swing through California's Central Valley, President Bush stepped out of his motorcade for a fan run venture whose executives have contributed thousands of dollars to Republicans and the Bush re-election campaign.

The 70-year-old company specializes in the "eighth" — the irrigation equipment to water in countries like "The Eight." The company has sold pipes to Zambia and to growing vegetables in China; it even built 1,000 giant umbrellas for a project for the contemporary artist Christo in 1991. The company employs 731 people at 50 locations.

"I want to thank you for being an example of a close-knit family and banding the entrepreneurial spirit," Bush told John Lake, Rain for Rent's president, at a gathering of several hundred invited guests on the company lawn.

"I want to thank you for your hard work on behalf of the nation," Lake said to Bush.

Bush was looking for a company to tour that had been helped by some of the tax cuts targeted at small businesses, close friend Ram for Ram on the recommendation of the National Association of Manufacturers. And another thing, the company has benefited from a tax cut, retroactive to September 11, 2001, that accelerated depreciation on equipment.

Bush, who has come under fire from Democrats for the large number of jobs lost throughout the country during his term, praised Lake for his plans to buy millions of dollars worth of new equipment and hire 46 workers in the next year.

Bush praised Central Valley business
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555 Ramona Drive, San Luis Obispo CA 93405
By Hillary Schuler-Jones

A base of barbecue smoke infused with the scent of ripe and ripe strawberries, a street lined with a assortment of booths and tables. People mingle along the sidewalk, laughing, talking and strolling in their surroundings. Each few minutes brings a new set of sensations: New back- ground 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 IQ, receive free condoms and register to vote within the space of five city blocks.

Even more unique is the idea that student booths which lend so much to the atmosphere that Farmers' Market be the same without them. The most prominent of these is McIntocks barbecue pit. The enormous grill in front of the restaurant not only produce the most delicious three-trip sandwiches this side of Santa Maria but also add the smoky aroma that signifies the arrival of Farmers' Market.

Adding to the dining experience are the spirit ed cheers and jokes of the employee as they interact with each other and the long line of customers, calling out orders and occasionally breaking into song.

Enjoying Farmers' Market is much easier on a full stomach than by having your face painted.
A bronze glow despite the cold


Great gift finds in the nick of time

By Brian Koser

Nothing says start your winter

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 Coral Bookstore to see what less than $50 could buy. After stepping in, two words that catch my bargain-shopper's eye appear on red placards above the bookshelves: "Clearance sale."

The true stories behind politics, biographies or novels, all types of equipment for the outdoors, almost anything imaginable with Cal Poly or the simple "CP" can be found.

"Our busy times are the weekends when parents come to campus," said emblem assistant Noelie Wilson. "When we have our three-day sidewalk sales, we get busy because we have a lot of deals."

Flap shirts, T-shirts, some sweatshirts, and virtually anything with Cal Poly's logo run less than $25. For fans of Cal Poly alumni or students, there are a few more options.

For the more adventurous, Poly Escapes in the University Union rents all types of equipment for the outdoors for a 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 have to give them back.

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**Crossword**

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**ACROSS**

1. Old trail terminus
2. Public hanging
3. Pushes
4. Race place
5. Teal-of-time passer
6. Ends, e.g.
7. "The Piano" co-star
8. Supporter of a drop-fed
9. Keep someone awake, maybe
10. Order in the court
11. Element Of Latin granted
12. Free
13. About to explode
14. Nonconformists
15. Fast, agile runner

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**DOWN**

1. Draws (on)
2. "I Wanna Be..."
3. "Something's not right here"
4. Sea leader
5. Like an inscribed pillar
6. Taylor Stewart
7. It's rarely found at the hospital
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10. It's the foot in a movie
11. The Foot singer
12. "It's the Foot"

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Kucinich — a Democratic canary

T his many, Dennis Kucinich's campaign is a joke, even more so than Ralph Nader's. He knows he won't win, and more importantly, most voters know he won't win. Yet, the speech he gave Wednesday night at the University of South Florida's special events center was an event that, along with his campaign, will have a positive effect on the democratic process in this country.

The more than 400 audience members present, many donning Kucinich T-shirts and buttons, seemed to connect with him. "Finally," one man was quoted as saying, "a guy that speaks what's been on our mind for years." The upbeat crowd agreed with his "demiKracy," and that he was working on making "the Democratic Party a viable second party." While he is aware that "the process of change is glacial" and "fear creates paralysis," he blamed the Bush administration for "the last few yards" and winning the election.

"Greens to the party," which may prove instrumental in taking it "to the few last yards," is this: Because we want them, Dennis Kucinich's campaign is a joke, even more so than Ralph Nader's. He knows he won't win, and more importantly, most voters know he won't win. Yet, the speech he gave Wednesday night at the University of South Florida's special events center was an event that, along with his campaign, will have a positive effect on the democratic process in this country.

Prevent HIV where possible

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. While I was sitting up in Hawaii, wearing flip-flops, or slippers as we call them, 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 completely honest, it's not as if I've taken classes that required students to wear covered shoes and special occasions like physical education class. I probably would have gone my entire high school career without donning any kind of shoes.

They say that some habits die hard. The fact is, nothing in my life was more terrifying as a child than being told to take off my shoes at school. And flip-flops don't cut it. But somehow, I don't think you should not be passed on to the innocent, especially prudent to halt the transmission and the country as a whole. AIDS should be prevented from further spreading and the country as a whole.

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Volunteer begins violence

Editor,

Whether naive nature or ignorance of idiocy, 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 begins violence, as seen by this year's actions and arrests. If authorities really want to change the face of Marsy's Law, they should change what the holiday stands for. But good luck with that, because without a significant event 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 someone else pay for the consequences later.

Justin LeBlanc is a computer engineeering 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.

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By Dan Watson
MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Kevin Bromley has preached it and so has Big West Commissioner Doug Lovering. 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 at Big West West 2 when it faces UC Irvine in the last regular season game of the year at 7:30 p.m.

Bromley 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, Fox and this year, KVMYTV (a Southern California station), but also by Big West staff and the participating schools.

Preseason contract negotiations on the Big West staff, besides Farrell, would be Associate Commissioner Jodi McRoberts.

"Obviously we feel television is important to the conference both from an exposure value but also a recruiting standpoint, it always has 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 9:30 on Fox and ESPN," said Fox Sports West 2 program director Doug Bullman. "But Dennis (Farrell) went to the San Diego Padres next weekend to get 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," Bullman 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 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 viewership."

"Obviously we feel television is important to the conference both from an exposure value," McRoberts said. "It is the job of Fox and ESPN to give the Big West the window, which is the date and time that the games can be played.

This year the Big West broadcast 27 games total, 21 of which are played in the regular season and six tournament games.

Ultimately, Fox decides what will be accepted from the Big West as games but because the conference pays for the production of those games it is up to Farrell and the conference as a whole as to how many games will be shown.

McRoberts said that over the years the amount of TV broadcasts have fluctuated pretty evenly, although in the last couple years there has been an increase. The colleges and universities also track where the TV packages are going.

The schools, conference office and stations keep in contact," McRoberts said. "Obviously if we ask to move a game to three o’clock Saturday we have to have the approval of both teams.

The Big West, though not as important as the PAC-10, Los Angeles Kings, Clippers or Lakers to Fox, still represents an important commodity.

"Given a conference that is looking to be an all-California conference, the Big West has a lot of games that are going to be very well attended and important to market," Bullman said. "It’s important to say we’ve got everyone covered in Southern California. And as a Division I conference we’re happy to have that." Questioned on whether the network was hurt by the bad records of the two teams playing Saturday, Bullman said, "The better the teams do, the better we all do, but the conference is vying for a bid and tournament spot. Again being a primarily California conference we look to get as many on the air as we can get.

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, getting 28 points and 12 rebounds in a mere 30 minutes, helping the Kings defeat the Clippers 113-80 on Sat. He had not played for 10 months.

"That’s C-Webb, he came out and did his thing," Clippers forward Corey Maggette said. "He hasn’t played in 10 months, but he’s at all-star. He just did a great job for his first game back."

"It was certainly a relief," Webber, who had not played for 10 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 acclimation on a team that had completed the NBA’s best record without him was pleasing to Kings coach Rick Adelman.

"I just like the way he fit right into our offense," Adelman said. "Everybody kind of just played like he was out there the whole time. He never expected him to play like he did tonight. He’s an amazing athlete.

More Bench Time

At age 36, Vlade Divac figures he has had his 15th NBA season, those thoughts have been put aside long ago.Minus Webber, the Kings turned to Divac for his typical leadership, but also by Big West staff and the participating schools.

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"They don’t really have the inside game to scan, but when they get the half inside, they look to pick up," Phoenix Suns forward Amare Stoudemire said.

"They cut off screens and get open."

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

"Everyone is excited about Chris coming back," he said. "Personally, it’s great for me because I get to play less minutes."

Mott Gym will be featured on Fox Sports West 2 on Saturday night as men’s basketball takes on UCI.

Basketball... Sixth place

The Cal Poly men’s basketball team could technically finish in sixth place in the Big West Conference, but it lost its last two games and UC Riverside, Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine all lose their last three. The women would be guaranteed fourth place in the conference if they win their last two games.

T & F

Knockout round

Owens, now a Raven

By Brian Witte
ASSOCIATE PRESS

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Four-time Pro Bowl receiver Terrell Owens was traded by the San Francisco 49ers to the Baltimore Ravens on Thursday after a paper work error prevented him from becoming a free agent.

Owens, who quarreled with coaches, teammates and opponents during the last few seasons, was given permission by the 49ers to seek a deal after his agent failed to file a document on time voiding the final year of his contract.

"I’m excited," he said. "I’ve got a chance to go to a place where I can be happy."

The Ravens, who have been building an off-season that has almost no off-season, have already made a move to build a better team. The addition of Owens, who had 98 catches for 1,310 yards and 16 touchdowns last season, is expected to improve the team's pass offense.