Horses raised at Poly prized by ranchers

Students work with the horses for years before they are sold at an annual auction.

Megan Alpers
MUSTANG DAILY

This is the second part of a two-part series following active enterprises on the Cal Poly campus.

Every spring, hundreds of ranchers from as far away as San Diego and Red Bluff flock to San Luis Obispo to buy horses bred and trained by Cal Poly students.

Mike Leland of the animal science department said the 11th Annual Cal Poly Performance and Ranch Horse Sale was the most successful event yet.

“Our ranch horse sale went very well,” Leland said. “We had the highest average price for our horses that we’ve ever had.”

The sale is the result of years of work by Cal Poly students. Most of the horses in the sale were born on campus and from that moment on were cared for, raised and trained by students.

Students raise ranch horses, thoroughbreds for racing and quarter horses for show careers at Cal Poly.

In the breeding enterprise, students oversee caring for foals until they are old enough to begin training.

The first step for the young horses is halter fitting, in which they learn basic such as walking on a lead and having horseshoes put on.

Students take to the sea for mother nature

This spring, a group of students are traveling throughout the world to help record data that will give insight into the environment.

Caitlin Donnell
MUSTANG DAILY

For one group of Cal Poly students, the learn-by-doing motto has taken to new heights as they sail the South Pacific with Cal Poly at Sea and participate in a project known as Argo for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administrations.

Argo is a joint Cal Maritime and Cal Poly project in which very expensive and sophisticated floats from Japan, 2,000 meters, then float for 10 days and resurface to transmit their location and other data such as temperature, salinity and other characteristics of the upper layers of the ocean via satellite to NOMA, Pacific Programs Director Richard LeRoy said.

This spring Cal Poly students are joining Cal Maritime cadets in visiting Fiji, Fiji, New Caledonia, Sydney and Brisbane, Australia and will return to Honolulu as a study abroad program called Cal Poly at Sea.

“I am definitely glad that I am a part of the Argo float program. It is a little terrifying knowing that we are pretty much solely responsible for the deployment of these expensive floats,” earth sciences junior Bridget McClure wrote in an email from onboard their ship, The Golden Bear.

“T enjoy knowing that something that I am working on will be down to the depths of the ocean, surfacing, transmitting data and repeating this cycle for several years, adding to our knowledge of the oceans and I feel proud that my efforts, however small, will help scientists,” she said.

Biology senior Janet Yost said the fusion of Argo and Cal Poly at Sea is perfect because it gives students the rare opportunity to be involved in an international program aimed at future forecasting of the global environment.

The Argo project is one aspect of the unique study abroad experience for the Cal Poly students who are fellow cadets with the Maritime students aboard a 500-foot, ex-Navy oceanographic vessel in which students live, work and take classes between traveling in port.

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Bellanca Cribs: plane malfunctioned. The experienced pilot attempted to land in the sports complex field. Colvin says he didn’t remember what happened but eventually the plane was stopped when the driver-side wing collided with a light pole.

Cal Poly gets noticed

Cal Poly was ranked the best public, largely undergraduate university in the West for the 12th consecutive year by the U.S. News and World Report’s America’s Best Colleges Guidebook.

San Diego Chargers owner Alex Spanos, along with Cal Poly alum, donated $4 million towards the renovation of Mustang Stadium. The gift is the largest the athletic department has received.

Two Cal Poly professors were recognized for their research in dairy technology and awarded a grant of more than half a million dollars. Professors Rafael Jimenez-Floroz and Philip Tong received acclaim for their work involving laser tweezers and received funding for a three-year project to research ways to improve the quality of dairy products.

Students get noticed

On Aug. 20, business senior Stephanie Brown competed in the Olympics in Athens. Brown, who competed in the discus, placed 22nd during the preliminaries and wasn’t able to make it to the finals.

The biggest challenge is learning how to teach a young horse,” he said. Students involved in enterprises, show careers, and their horse made.

Along with horses bred on campus, four broodmares were sold along with horses donated by outside breeders.

During the sale, a mare named Josef’s Win brought in the highest price at $5,000.

Also known as “Sassy,” the two-year-old horse was donated to the sale by Monny and Pat Roberts of Flag Is Up Farms and was ridden by agricultural science senior Kat Whitby.

Students get noticed

Twenty-year-old business senior and member of Alpha Phi sorority Jessica Leigh Nogic died on July 17 from injuries she received in a car accident. Nogic was home for the summer serving as an intern for Merrill Lynch and would have graduated this June.


Political science junior Matt Mackey made history by joining the immortal race. Mackey’s campaign focused on educating young voters and getting the city to work with students. In the end, Dave Romero held onto his mayoral win with re-election by a substantial margin. Mackey managed to gain 20 percent of the votes.

Those we have lost

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“We work cows with them and we have roped off of them,” said Hossman, an animal science senior. “We ride them up and down the hills and we even took them to a horse show in Paso Robles.”

Besides the Ranch Horse enterprise, students can become involved with preparing thoroughbreds for racing careers and quarter horses for show careers. The quarter horse enterprise students work with their horses for two and a half quarters before selling them at the National Reining Cow Horse Stallion Be in Future in Reno. The Future showcases top horses from across the country.

Lund, the adviser for the Ranch Horse Enterprise, described what students learn from the experience. “The biggest challenge is learning how to teach a young horse,” he said. “Every horse has a different personality, just like people have personalities, and you may have to approach things in a little differently with each horse.”

Students involved in enterprises, time management is also an issue. Besides taking normal class loads, they spend countless hours at the barn working with their horses.

“Being able to have time for everything is a challenge,” animal science senior Meghan Greenbaum said. “I have labs on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so I have to find someone to ride my horse for me sometimes.”

The 2005 Ranch Horse Sale included wine tasting and a silent auction. Profits went back into the equine studies program, and students received a small portion of the money their horse made.

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They chafed over what they perceived as an excessive regulatory zeal during Donaldson's tenure. WASHINGTON — The Internet's primary oversight body approved a plan Wednesday to create a virtual red-light district, setting the stage for pornographic Web sites to use new addresses ending in ".xxx." The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers said it would begin negotiations with ICANN Registry Inc., run by British businessman Stuart Lawley, to iron out technical issues and prices for the new Web addresses. SAN FRANCISCO — Thousands of millions doing federal business in the West won a chance to challenge their sentences under a federal appeals court covering nine Western states, mirrors and conflicts with other federal circuits across the country. In the end, the Supreme Court might settle the ongoing dispute over federal sentencing guidelines adopted in 1984. The case decided Wednesday concerned the rollback of a Supreme Court ruling in January, when the justices struck down part of the federal sentencing system. About 60,000 federal defendants are sentenced each year. IN OTHER NEWS CINCINNATI — Apollo moon mission astronaut Neil Armstrong has threatened to sue a barbershop owner who collected Armstrong's hair after a trim and sold it for $3,000. Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, used to go to Marx's Barber Shop in Lebanon about once a month for a cut. That stopped when he learned that owner Marc Siremone had collected his hair clippings from the floor and sold them in May 2004 to a collector.

"I didn't deny it or anything," Siremone said. "I told him I did it." Siremone said Armstrong asked him to try to retrieve the hair, but the buyer did not want to give it back.

"I called Neil back and told him that," Siremone said. "Then I got this letter from his lawyer." The letter states that the sale violates an Ohio law designed to protect the rights of famous people. It threatens legal action if Siremone does not return the hair or contribute his profits to charity and asks Siremone to pay Armstrong's legal expenses.

Siremone, who said he already spent most of the $3,000 on bills, told the lawyer that he will not pay. Siremone said he sold the hair to an agent for John Reznikoff, a Westport, Conn., collector listed by Guinness World Records as having the largest collection of hair from historical celebrities.

Associated Press
Laguna Beach landslide sends 18 homes crashing down hill

Ben Fox
Staff Writer

LAGUNA BEACH — A landslide sent about 18 multimillion-dollar homes crashing down a hill early Wednesday to this coastal Orange County community, leaving dozens in danger and forcing the evacuation of 1,000 people from 500 others, city officials said.

At least five people suffered minor injuries, officials said. Crews were apparently able to evacuate most of the residents before the earth gave way.

“People were running down the hill like a bomb had gone off. I mean literally, they had their bed clothes on,” said Robert Pompeo, 56, a retiree whose home is about 75 yards from the ridge where the most homes were lost.

The hill was threatened in 60s when the shifting started.

“The piles started making funny noises and the tiller sounded like it was about to explode,” Carrie Joyce, a fire department office manager who lives in the neighborhood, said. “I could see one house, huge, we call it the manseus, 5,000 square feet or more. It had buckled, the retaining wall in the front of it was cracked. It just looked like the whole house was going,” she said.

Early estimates were that 15 to 18 homes were so badly damaged that they were considered a “total loss,” police Capt. Dandell Adams said. “Approximately 20 more are very tenable,” she said.

Mayor Elizabeth Pearson-Schneider said about 1,000 people in 300 other homes had been evacuated.

Sheriff’s deputies were going door-to-door to check for victims, authorities said. Search and rescue crews were standing by if needed.

“There is still movement so I think that we are still in a danger zone,” she said at a news conference. Adams said the Fire Department began getting calls about the slide just before 7 a.m.

Television helicopter footage showed the smashed homes on heavily built-up Flamingo Road in this city 30 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

Carrie Lange, 44, a business consultant, who lives in Blue Bird Canyon, said she heard “a popping sound” and stepped outside to see the power lines wobbling and started to fall downhill along with houses starting to shift on their foundations.

“Her home looked ‘like it had not been damaged.’”

She returned a short time later and retrieved some more belongings before being forced to evacuate her home of 10 years. When she left, her home had not been damaged.

Multistory homes came to rest at odd angles, some nearly intact, others broken apart and trailing debris.

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Laguna Beach resident

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Cal Poly arts 2004-05 year in review

It was another bright year for arts on campus, from plays and poetry to dance performances, here's a look back at few of the highlights.

Thao Tran

Festivals, symphonies, plays, dance performances and annual kickoffs, another artistic year passed at Cal Poly.

The 2004-05 year included performances that prompted gossip such as the "Vagina Monologues." The moratorium represented the plight of women and liberal sexuality with a powerful message about radical feminism.

Not to mention, student filmmakers explored love and life among today's Asian Americans by making the film, "Leaves it to Chance." The romantic comedy, set in a small California town, follows two college students who realized they felt "happier up to chance."

Some photography exhibits displayed life from a different angle—computer science junior Brett Bojody's photographs from Japan and "Crooked Streets," photographs from Mike Krauters trip to Northern India.

All hosted the BMX Blossom, which showcased a free sports and music festival on campus. The show included live BMX stunts and activities. The festival featured concession stands with a variety of foods and beverages, an inflatable obstacle course and giant slide, an interactive educational exposition about world issues and complimentary professional music-massages. The bands Homegrown and Sugarcult headlined the show.

Dance productions dazzled the stage with performances that ranged from the light-hearted tales of star-crossed lovers, to exquisitely performed "Coppelia," the full-length comic ballet performed by Miami City Ballet to "Echoes and Accents," from the light-hearted tales of star-crossed lovers, to exquisitely performed "Coppelia," the full-length comic ballet performed by Miami City Ballet to "Echoes and Accents,"

The Cal Poly theatre and dance department presented three plays beginning with the original play, "Living Stones." This powerful comedy used characters from Greek mythology and featured paintings, unique visuals, styled movement, masks, narrative and interactive dialogues.

The theatre and dance department also staged William Shakespeare's best-known tragedy, "Macbeth" in the winter as well as the comedy "American Dream" and ended the season with Beth Henley's 1983 Pulitzer-Prize winning play, "Crimes of the Heart." The play was about three sisters that cope with their troubling history.

The Cal Poly Symphony's Fall Concert presented works from the far corners of Europe. The concert opened with Jean Sibelius' "Finlandia" and concluded with the passionate lyricism of Zoltan Kodaly's "Variations on a Hungarian Folksong."

The Cal Poly music department also offered "Courtly Lovers, Cabaret and a Side of Barbec" that starred faculty member Katherine Arthur, soprano and pianist William Terrence Spiller, chair of the music department.

The traditional Lantern Festival celebrated in the Chinese and Vietnamese cultures honoring the beauty of the moon and Dia De Los Muertos, a Hispanic holiday to celebrate the dead.

Even though the year is coming to a close, there is more this weekend with the theatre department's One Act Festival June 2 through 6. The festival includes "Stars," which revolves around the perceptions of reality and morality.

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Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code" has been on the New York Times' best-seller list for more than two years and only recently dropped to the No. 4 position. The fiction novel popular that it has been translated into 40 languages around the world and has a sequel and movie in the making.

Time Magazine recently named Brown, a former English professor, one of the 100 most influential people. His writing spurred heated debates about "facts" in "The Da Vinci Code."

In the first pages of the book Brown wrote, "All descriptions of artwork, architecture, documents, and secret rituals in this novel are accurate." But some disagree.

Professor Judy Saltzman, a professor emeritus of philosophy read "The Da Vinci Code" and said the way Brown described the Priory of Sion, a Gnostic group possessing the truth to Da Vinci's code, was inaccurate.

Saltzman explained Gnosticism as a belief that the world of matter is an evil and seductive place and the goal is to transcend the world of suffering. Gnostic followers believe in reincarnation but is direct heresy according to Judeo-Christian teachings.

Saltzman said that while the book contains some historical facts, Brown embellished facts in the description of the Priory's secret meetings. "That ritual described in the end with the girl's grandfather, I don't think is a characteristic of most Gnostics," Saltzman said. "Most Gnostics were celibate groups. They gave up wine. They gave up rich foods. They gave up sexuality."

Opus Dei, a Catholic institution described in "The Da Vinci Code," also claims misrepresentation.

"We want to point out that "The Da Vinci Code's" depiction of Opus Dei is inaccu-
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The organization, which claims to have more than 85,000 members, has been the target of claims of brainwashing and clandestine actions such as those described in the book, surfaced. In 1997, six years before “The Da Vinci Code” was published, Maria Del Carmen Tapia wrote a book titled “Beyond the Threshold: A Life in Opus Dei.” Tapia described her 18 years as a member and explained Opus Dei as cult-like.

Opus Dei denied the allegations both by Tapia and Brown, stating:”Opus Dei proposes to people to give their lives to God. One’s life can only be given freely, through a decision coming from the heart, not from external pressure: pressure is both wrong and ineffective.”

“The Da Vinci Code” spawned a new wave of books attempting to answer questions raised by readers. “I knew going into it that it was a work of fiction, but I never had a formal Christian education,” material engineering sophomore Tiaga said. “My mom went to Catholic school, so I would go to her and ask if it had any validity to it. Dan Brown makes assumptions that readers who don’t know much about Christian history will take as truth.”

Brown claims he spent countless hours researching all of the organizations and history mentioned in the book, but there are conflicting sources of information on many topics, especially the Priory of Aon. “I wouldn’t say it’s entirely an untrue book,” Saltzman said. “I think it is somewhat distorted for the sake of making a heck of a good yarn. It emphasizes certain things that may have some truth in them, but are not necessarily possible because a lot of them have been held secret. But like all great fiction, I think there is some truth in it.”

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Bil of sciences freshman Jake Hare

When I leave my Cerro Vista apartment every morning, I hear them laughing at me and my beloved Cal Poly.

No, I'm not talking about the voices in my head, the ones that can be cured with pills.

Instead, the laughter comes from hundreds of swallow birds that swarm around my apartment. They fly around in massive swarms and catch bugs for breakfast. They laugh as I heaviy sigh over the fact that, after two months, they're still free-loading off of my housing.

Oh and I almost forgot—they put some nasty mud crap all over the under-hangings of the apartments to build their nests by the thousands. And if you don't anything about it, they'll lay their eggs there within 48 hours and because of federal law, it's illegal to remove them.

When Cerro Vista opened last year, the school had no idea that 1,000 birds were about to call the complex their home. By the time the school realized the gorgeous new apartments were the setting for Alfred Hitchcock's film titled "The Birds," it was too late to do anything but watch them dive-bomb and crap on us when they weren't busy building their nests.

Now, because thousands of birds each laid about four eggs last year, the school expected about 4,000 to return to their cozy spot on the Central Coast this spring.

So to think myself, "Emily, you go to a fabulous engineering school that must have some clever way to deter these birds from putting nasty mud crap all over our fabulous apartments and pooping on your new "sandwich roof," right?"

Enter the high-pressure mess. Yep, our brilliant school has been wasting hundreds, if not thousands, of gallons of water a day to spray the nasty mud crap before the birds can lay their eggs.

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Before the school started, custodial services looked into many different ways to get the birds to move out and decided that the most cost-effective and guaranteed option was to spray their nasty mud crap away. This means paying about three employees $2.85 an hour to spray this stuff off for eight hours, seven days a week with inch-thick, 200 psi hoses. Not only has the spraying caused water to leak into about eight apartments, but it has also stirred up tons of structural damage as well.

There are many different ways of getting these birds to move, other than spraying water, to deter swallows from nesting outside my window, especially in a city that has been afflicted with water shortages for years.

For example, one way is to install an electric wire along the under-hangings, which would deter the birds from nesting there without harming them. Another idea is to bring in a couple hawks and let them become "ole' natural selection take its course."

My solution comes from bird-busters.com, which offers a "bird net." The bird net consists of nearly invisible cables of high density polyethylene that are twisted and knotted to form a strong and impenetrable barrier to swallows.

Once put into the netting will last about 10 years and will provide 100 percent exclusion of all bird species, including our friendly neighborhood swallows.

So before bringing out the fre­men-in-training to wash off the nasty mud crap next year, let's look into a more effective and long-term solution.

Yes, it might be hard to swallow, but damnit I don't want thousands of birds free-loading here again, taking they can put nasty mud crap wherever they please as if the own place.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

"If your reading this Fisher Science girl, look me up at the quest for love and if you are reading that carries responsibility about what they see."

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So what if the R's a dispensation against number of sports for women and men, a long as interest is being men, what is the problem? Participation in intramural sports, which is entirely voluntary based, is 78 percent male.

Proportionality by population just doesn't make sense. Proportionality has to refer to interest. In this case, men are the underrepresented sex.

The clarification will allow schools to not have to cut men's programs to over accommodate women. I'm glad that women's sports are doing so well, but it doesn't have to come at the expense of thousands of male athletes like myself. Don't be blinded by your logic.

The DOE is making common sense reforms to a law that has been abused for about 30 years. Get the facts at www.collegesports council.org.

Dana Desorios
Electrical engineering

Free speech is a right, a duty that carries responsibility. It's been a drag, to say the least, for free speech hour for free speech hour; I've been doing it all quarter. Every time it is open mic we hear a guy expressing his opinion that we clearly don't know what he's talking about, and it's so frustrating because we feel it is we who are, but this has fractured our unity so sharply society as all but lost the dream of the "World of Tomorrow" that was so clear 30 years ago. As a species, we need to return to that idealism about the future. That deep-seeded hope we care enough to be a part of the path of unity where the current barriers of race, religion, and nationality won't be blocking us from going forward together.

The world of tomorrow in the eyes of Arthur C. Clarke

What happened to the "World of Tomorrow"—that world of jet packs, flying cars and interplanetary space missions? That world in which there would be no war, famine or pestilence. Where is the world foretold by Arthur C. Clarke, Gene Roddenberry and so many other visionaries? Where did we go wrong?

If I were to hypothesize about where we went wrong, I would say it was when we stopped focusing on the right, and started focusing on ourselves — our wars, our beliefs, our lives. We are drowning in information and starving for knowledge in these post modern times, and people are so desperate to find moral stability they either latch on to religion to ground themselves, or they egotistically embrace themselves and venture down the path of Nietzsche's psychopathic self-interest. All of these actions take us further to give us identity, and then we define our identity because we feel it is we who are, but this has fractured our unity so sharply society as all but lost the dream of the "World of Tomorrow" that was so clear 30 years ago. As a species, we need to return to that idealism about the future.

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"We can't really compare him to Natalie Portman."
Big Tobacco studied ways to hook females

Tobacco companies’ tactics in marketing to women include exploiting their brand’s tar and nicotine levels, the report states. "Perception is more important than reality, and in this case the perception is of reduced tobacco consumption."

A Philip Morris spokesmen declined to comment on the report, saying the company hadn’t had a chance to fully review it.

The Harvard researchers spend more than a year sifting through an online database of internal documents made public following the 1996 settlement between tobacco companies and 46 states.

Researchers at Harvard University’s School of Public Health said they examined more than 7 million documents — some dating back to 1969, others as recent as 2000 — for new details about the industry’s efforts to lure more women smokers.

"They did so much research in such a sophisticated way," she said. "Women should know how far the tobacco industry went to exploit them."

The report, published in the June 24 issue of the journal Addiction, says tobacco companies looked for comment. "We’re not going to turn great surgeons into acupuncturists or herbalists; that’s not the idea," said Robert Duggan, co-founder of Tai Sophia Institute, an alternative medicine school in Maryland.

Doctors at Penn are working with Tai Sophia Institute, an alternative medicine school in Pennsylvania, on a program to teach medical students about herbal therapies, meditation and other approaches that are increasingly popular with the public but largely exist outside the realm of mainstream medicine. It will start in August.

"We’re not going to turn great surgeons into acupuncturists or herbalists; that’s not the idea," said Robert Duggan, co-founder of Tai Sophia. "The goal is that Penn medical school graduates will be highly able to speak with patients about how to guide these things into their overall care."

More than a third of American adults have tried alternative therapies — including yoga, meditation, herbs and the Atkins diet — according to a 2002 government survey of 33,000 people, the largest study of its kind in the United States.

Universities nationwide, in response to the burgeoning numbers, are increasingly focusing on complementary medicine (used instead of conventional treatment). Some are creating their own programs and others are working with alternative medicine practitioners, said Aviad Hiramani, a professor at Georgetown University’s medical school.

"More and more there’s a willingness of conventional schools to recognize the CAM (complementary and alternative medicine) schools as having this expertise," Hiramani said.

"And there’s a recognition by the CAM disciplines that linking with conventional academic centers to foster research is a good thing."
Bored teen’s message in a bottle found at sea

LAGUNA NIGUEL (AP) — Bored while on a cruise with her family, a 12-year-old girl stuck a note inside her parents’ empty cabernet wine bottle and tossed it overboard.

Christina Leyerly never thought anyone would find it.

But five months later, a kayaker from Texas saw the barrel-shaped bottle floating and snagged it while paddling near San Jose Island, about 1,700 miles off the coast of Texas.

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He then dried the note and scanned it onto his computer. It read: “Dear person, My name is Christina Leyerly. I threw this bottle off a ship/cruise on December 29, 2004. I was on this ship for 12 days. I was on board because it was a child.”

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It was a fluke that the bottle was found, said Jackson, 47, a paramedic from San Marcos, Texas. “I kind of could tell by the handwriting that it was a little girl.”

The Texas man made good on writing Christina, who found out last month that someone had found her message in a bottle. Jackson even mailed back her note, which was partly damaged from the voyage.

Christina, who began her letter writing with a note to President Bush in 2001, has penned around the world — in Korea, Sweden, London and Canada. Now, she hopes to add Texas to the list.

Most bottled messages don’t survive, said Joseph Reid, professor emeritus at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego.

“For the thousands of bottles people throw over, only a small number are recovered because most sink,” Reid said.
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The track and field team posted 12 victories at its own Cal Poly Five-Way. Nine Cal Poly athletes and three morning relay teams won events at events.

Ben Bruce won the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase, highlighting Cal Poly's Performance in the Big West Regional Track and Field championships. The women's indoor track and field team's Sharon Day placed third while junior Kaylene Wagner was eighth in the women's high jump at the championships.

**Wrestling**

Senior 125-pounder Vic Moreno led the wrestling team to the NCAA Division I Championship but both straight losses in the final day of competition bumped them to sixth place.

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In a week of goodbyes, one was long planned, the other somewhat unexpected. Indeed, the Cal Poly baseball team’s season ended unceremoniously Monday and now comes the final Golden Graham. I’m ready to move on, excited to be graduating; the Mustangs, on the other hand, probably wish they had five minutes alone with the playoff selection committee.

The Mustangs went 36-20, were ranked 29th and finished tied for second in the Big West conference but were not among the 64 teams invited to NCAA Regionals. For the first time since 2000, the selectors extended bids to only two Big West teams, not three, with Fullerton and Long Beach State getting nods.

Cal Poly was said to have had a shot at the playoffs, but ultimately the committee did the equivalent of locking the Mustangs out of the party at 9:30 and hiding the key. Mustang assistant coach Jerry Weinstein said the playoff snub for Cal Poly was decided long ago.

“There’s a regional bias, it’s very subjective,” Weinstein said, explaining that because the committee has a lot of others from eastern schools, the West Coast teams get proper respect.

Cal Poly was also hurt by its weakness at home, a problem for all Mustang sports. This is the third time this year, between football and softball, that Cal Poly has narrowly missed the playoffs. I believe Weinstein when he said changes are needed in the way the university utility schedules games.

“We would have been served more by losing to better teams than beating poor teams,” Weinstein said.

Big changes loom ahead. Thirteen players from the 2005 Mustangs have completed their eligibility, including Kyle Blumenthal, who hit .410 this year. Also, star junior pitcher Garrett Olson, like Brett Bengland and Brandon Robbins, told The Tribune he’ll leave Cal Poly early if chosen in the first 10 rounds of next week’s baseball draft.

There may be a future major league or two among the bunch, but nonetheless, it’s too late for this year’s Cal Poly team.

The end for this column was more planned. True, there were briefly draft plans for me too since, as a senior, I did consider applying for the upcoming NBA Draft; though I thankfully missed the deadline. But really, for six quarters and 66-plus columns, I stuck around here almost as long as I could.

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Tonya Strickland
MUSTANG EMERY

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Athletes of all ages and skill levels will race in teams of two on the 20-mile Central Coast Adventure Challenge course, hosted by ESPN Radio, at Santa Margarita Lake Sunday.

An adventure race is unique in that it is not a specific regime of events that participants can mentally and physically train for. It’s all a surprise until race day, Long said. Land and water will be utilized by five to six miles of trail running and biking, six to 12 miles of mountain biking, one to three miles of kayaking and up to five special challenges.

Ken Kus, supervising park ranger of San Luis Obispo County Parks, Salinas District, said Santa Margarita Lake is one of the most attractive places around and is excited for the event because it will promote the mountain biking and kayaking opportunities the area provides.

“In springtime beauty is unsurpassed in the county,” Kus said. As San Luis Obispo County’s first adventure race, Ylises Horowitz, recreation administration senior and assistant race director, said the competition is a great opportunity for people in the county because it involves teamwork.

“That’s one of the best aspects of it,” Horowitz said. “It’s cool because it challenges racers to work together as well as with the environment.”

Long said the secret special challenges could come in a variety of forms. In some larger, more extreme adventure races hand gliding was among the events. Each will test the participant’s mental and physical capacity along with teamwork skills.

“in a past race, I remember teams had filled up an empty bobber with water and they could only do it with pails with five holes in the bottom,” Long said. “It’s fun like that because the challenges can be weird but still cool.”

The course will be disclosed and the secret challenges will be explained in the race manual to be handed out at 8 a.m.

“The surprise is the one of the best parts,” Long said.

There are five divisions: co-ed, male, female, collegiate and masters.

McLaughlin keeps a loud hobby, quiet voice

Robby McLaughlin is just your average Cal Poly student. He manages to balance work, school and friends. McLaughlin also manages to fit racing driving into his busy schedule. McLaughlin will participate in this year’s NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series Late Model Division.

The famed racecar driver prefers adventure racing. He believes “adventure racing is kind of like the new triathlon,” said BREACO LONG, MBA and recreation administration graduate student and Central Coast Adventure Challenge race director. "It’s definitely an up-and-coming sport.”

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Tonya Strickland
MUSTANG EMERY

For those who want to mix up the traditional swim, bike, run structure of a triathlon course by adding disciplines such as kayaking and secret challenges, adventure racing may be just the thing.

“Adventure racing is kind of like the new triathlon,” said BREACO LONG, MBA and recreation administration graduate student and Central Coast Adventure Challenge race director. "It’s definitely an up-and-coming sport.”

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THEN and NOW

a Mustang Daily goodbye
“I have ears in places you wouldn’t expect.”

“It’s girthy today.”

“There’s no ‘T’ in Mustang... but there is a ‘U’.”

“I think I have SARS ... and a hangover.”

“Hey, I’ve been cooling the beast for awhile.”

“Sass ‘n stealing: That’s my style.”

“I would date more but I like my boyfriend now.”

“It’s my nap in a can.”

“I was feeling funky fresh today.”

“Hey, you think I’d be good at this by now.

Two years ago I started to write my first goodbye letter to the Mustang Daily staff. I never finished. I knew I had another year to go and another shot at writing one of these sappy-high-school-yearbook-sort-of-goodbyes.

Last year, I parted with girdle day it was due. Again, I faced another year ahead of me and figured I’d put more time into the real thing next year. But this is the real thing. And I have no greater clar­ity or words to express in such a bittersweet moment of reflection. If you have ever stepped into this dregs, grot­ty classrooms that now newsmoms and could find the love, respect, angst and dedication that I have found, then you would know that this small space on this every­day newsprint page does not do anyone who has been touched by this place justice. The remarkable indi­viduals that I have had the pleasure to work with throughout the years have changed my life forever.

I came into this job, well, ICD. That’s about the only­word that can describe my misconception, wrong­me and naivete. And it was none other than those who have surrounded me the past 10 months that helped me change and grow.

With Micah, it started out as a battle. I held him to unreasonable expectations because somehow, I envi­sioned him picking up right where I left off as an editor the year before. But he helped me realize that I’m not always right and the way I do things can even be: “wrong”. He was the only one who could keep me on my­toes and accountable to the position I chose to embrace.

But when it came down to it, the job I held up so­lightly in my head was all too practical. Devin showed me that getting the job done can also be fun. Whether it was playing obscene music, making clearance and accountable to the position I chose to embrace.

For the future of Mustang Daily rests confidently in Dan’s loving care. He will embrace this transition and grow. He was the only one who could keep me on my toes and relish a new vision of what our newsroom could be.

Ashlee was food for my soul. She truly is the mirror of Mustang Daily — the precious gem among a sea of chaos. Between the BoBo moments in the recycle bin, I came to admire the genuine diameter she possess. Her drive to constantly improve and her dedication to the paper among a sea of chaos. Between the BoBo moments in the recycle bin, I came to admire the Emily Viong.

But basically, Mustang Daily rocks my world. Not so much the endless phone calls, e­mails or fluorescent lighting, but I couldn’t ask for better co-workers. As a team, you shared individual strengths and somehow we managed to make it through all the technology problems, limited reporters and deadlines. I’m so grateful for the opportunity to work with you all because in your own ways, you made a difference in my life. This letter could never do justice to my appreciation for all of you.

Now that I’ve waxed emotional and started sobbing — brum ... awkward.

Dan — You are so ready for this. I couldn’t imagine anyone else for the job. Hold on to your bag o’ chick­en and get ready for a day-to-be-great situation.

Micah — The front­page couldn’t handle your worldly, intelligent perspective. I definitely always valued your effort, input and honesty.

Arts Boy/Princess — I think it’s fair enough to say that you are trouble and you need be shot. It’s chill, it’s chill! But I honestly can’t imagine what this year would be like without you. Thanks for sharing my love for the hottest political science professor at Cal Poly.

You are so much better than everyone else except me.

BoBo — You are my hero. Your have incredible, unparalleled trouble­shooting skills, and you are a true friend. Martin Collins is so lucky to have you in his life, and Michael Jackson would be proud to know that you are rooting for him. Thanks for always being so caring and supportive.

Kim — We couldn’t do it without your eagerness and drive to always better your skills, of which there are many. I really admire the pride you put into your job.

Weecher — Thanks for being 1C and additional moral support. The orange soda was defi­nitely the best idea this year, and it brought so much joy to the newsroom. I know I’ll see you later — on AIM.

Sheila — Our Sunday afternoon surprises were always so wonderful. You are going to do a great job next year. Try to keep Ms. Watson in line.

Katie — You brought the paper to life with your creativity and mad liger skills. Thanks for your sincerity and sharing your passion with us.

Rachel — You are going to take Hollywood by storm. I’m sorry things didn’t work out as well as we had all planned, but I’m really glad you decided to stick with it.

Graham — You are definitely in the top third of cool guys I know, and no, she doesn’t want a piggyback ride. Your passion will take you really far in this business.

Battivato — Thanks for your male perspective during late­night dilemma sessions. I appre­ciated the humor and cupcake jokes you brought with you.

High­Freilla — You are the best thing that ever happened to the newsroom, and remem­ber not to take drunken idiots (who definitely don’t know what they are talking about) seri­ously. Your copy­editing skills are flourishing and you are one of the most quality people I know.

JA — Without you, I’d just be dynamic, and maybe I wouldn’t even be that. You truly are an amazing woman, and I have so much respect for you. Being able to grow with you this year was a blessing to say the least. Your adventure is just beginning, and you have so much to look forward to. Never settle for anything less than glory. Thanks for chasing me when­ever I ran away, for random boldage and, most importantly, for all the chippage.

I’m not sure how any of you all will be able to manage­edit situations on your own from now on, but I’m still taking a vote of confidence. I love you all more than you’ll ever know.

Peace up, A­town down.

Emily Wong

Allison Terry
“You’re not tragic — You’re Allison.”
“Is this how you make friends, Graham?”
“... and I don’t even own a lot of pants.”
“I’m a journalist — not a rhetorician”
“That’s a luscious story.”

“Shes one of those two-centers.”
“They’re not going to have good trail mix in Houston.”
“Random boldage. Love it.”
“It’s like doing an extra credit project and failing.”

Friday, June 3, 2005

Micah Paulson

What do you get when you mix insomnia, a dash of alcohol, a few bags of popcorn, several pathetically meager salaries and a handful of pecuhrus Apple computers? The answer: more than 130 issues of journalistic perfection.

If I was to impart a few kernels of wisdom to the future editorial staff of the Mustang Daily it would be this: The key to this job is endurance and consistency. For the most part it is not a difficult job; it is only when illness, mid-terms, finals and other personal matters take up valuable brain space that things seem overwhelming. Get through the rough spots and the rest is gravy.

This past year has been an absolute whirlwind, though I can’t help looking back with a sense of pride and gratitude. Without the humor and hard work of my coworkers, I would have lost my mind. So before I go, I would like to send out a few goodbyes to the best coworkers and friends a person could ask for.

Allison — I am going to miss your always identifiable laughter, your big hugs and even bigger heart. Good luck in the Peace Corps, I know you’re going to save the world.

Emily — To one of the best journalists that has ever graced a keyboard at Cal Poly, you did a fine job as the big chief this year. Have fun out East, but don’t forget you’re a West Coast lady.

Devin — Ohhhh Princess! What to say to my left-hand man. Your constant humor and weekend antics kept me sane, from feminine hygiene gifts to endless hours of English radio. Keep in touch.

Dan — It’s good to know that someone so capable is taking over the Daily next year. You’re a seasoned vet, so don’t take crap off anyone. I am going to keep in touch so I can hear about the 2005-06 staff exploits.

Queen Wechter and King Sheila — The sovereign duo of Mustang Daily photo editing, thank you for your wise advice. Without which, my pages would have suffered greatly.

Ashlee — Despite having to battle with you for the best AP stories, I cherished being in the office with you. I hope your dreams of sloping to England for some hot British action will some day be realized.

Womack — It was great to have the golden boy present in the office. Your unique humor kept me entertained for hours on end. You’re a great journalist, and I know your determination will take you far.

Kim and Justin — Oh, how I loath your evil penmanship! But, I have to admit, you guys did a wonderful job copy editing this year. I really enjoyed having you guys around.

Rachel — Though you were not as much of a constant in the newsroom as most, when you were there I enjoyed your beautiful smile and razor-sharp wit. Good luck at E!

Katie — My graphics goddess! Thank you for all the hard work that made my pages beautiful. I envy your creativity and artistic eye. Good luck in the future.

George — Thank you for your hands on approach and wise advice, I feel lucky to have had such a great journalist as a mentor.

Have a great summer everyone, best of luck in life. Micah.
“She gives silent sass.”
“Are we going to breed Mustang Daily babies?”
“You must be voting for Kerry if you drive a Jetta.”
“I bite.”
“They have more leg room and better nuts.”

Devin Kingdon
ALL PROCESS

My desk seems so tiny cluttered with press releases, crumpled photo sizes and headlines, I know that I will miss it.

And while I look forward to a summer without pics, photo captions and seniors throughout the week, I admit having multiple fonts is an evil habit. Good luck with the wedding man.

Eric — You may not read this because you’re eating cupcakes, but it’s great playing softball and joking about you know who’s obsession with kiddie porn. Good luck with the wedding man.

Katie — It’s great how we came from hiking up to the P on Thursday nights freshman year to working here at the Daily. Thanks for some amazing arms covers and great times out of the office, too.

My time here at the Mustang Daily has come to an end and without doubt that we better than everyone (and every other Mustang Daily staff). I’ll miss you all.

Sheen Presents

“Just bobble back.”
“I think I’m going to die of chippage.”
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"Dan’s the new Mustang Daily play thing."  
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"That was major bobbleage."  
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 "I love the arctic tundra Bear."  
 "You’re number 1B."  
 "What am I? A reporter?"

"I’ve been a man for 21 years — I know how it works."  
 "The bitch can kern — it’s ridiculous."  
 "I love the arctic tundra Bear."  
 "You can change my middle name to Ernest and call me Gewey."  
 "Tonight is the Whitney Houston sing along."

Dan Watson  
AKA THE I HIHE

It’s never an easy thing to say goodbye, and rarely is it ever truly just that. Goodbye is watching Johnny Carson sign off one final time, Lou Gehrig swinging one last crack of the bat or kissing your grandpa’s forehead for the final time. Goodbye is the end. This is not goodbye, it’s just the beginning. Neither is it easy, because it sure seems like it.

Everyone’s moving on, except me. Maybe it takes writing a letter like this to realize how truly special this year was. Dirty Terry, there can’t be a name more contrary to who you really are. I’m going to miss those weird little quasi-flip flops you wear, the infectious laugh that makes the office home and your disturbingly natural, liberal obsession for Pearl Jam, Johnny Cash and tofu.

And UoBo, that’s the name of an abused circus animal, or a disgruntled clown — Ashlee is more than BoBo, Ashlee “the Bodie” Bodenhamer, or troubleshooter; she’s a beautiful soul.

I’m not sure of much in this life, but I am sure the sun will rise tomorrow. Devin will still be hammered and Bodie’ll have something good in the other news. I’ve never known anyone with greater passions — you hear Michael Jackson, Tony Bennet and Virgin Radio more than Devin adores a good Whiskey and Coke.

Graham, some­  
day, when you pas­  
away, I hope the  
coroner puts a  
notepad in one  
hand and a tape  
recorder in the other, because you’re a reporter at heart with a keen eye  
and a critical voice. You have mas­  
tered the incredible art of being known. I can’t even go to a Los Angeles Times workshop without some stranger bringing up “that quir­ky fellow from Cal Poly that can’t stop talking about sports.” You made our section great, and I’m proud to say I worked with you. And Kim, “PIZZA!” You’re probably in my top third of all people I know ... I’ll miss sitting at my com­  
puter and hearing that familiar laugh to the road ahead.

Dan Watson

GOODBYE  
Friday, June 3, 2005

"I’m not sure of much in life, but I am sure the sun will rise tomorrow. Devin will still be hammered and Bodie’ll have something good in the other news. I’ve never known anyone with greater passions — you hear Michael Jackson, Tony Bennet and Virgin Radio more than Devin adores a good Whiskey and Coke."
"It's not that hard type in Bush and get what you want."

"If I died, I wouldn't be on AP, but I'd still be dead."

"... and because he's the duchess of the world."

"Do the DEW?"

"That's when everyone gets their bone on."

"I wish I had a street team."

"Are you Babbo?"

"I need to sit cross-legged for this."

"I've got the maturity of a woman of 12."

"We need more wagon tongues."

"Her two weeks are almost over. There's a deadline, bitch."

Ashlee Bodenhamer
ALL THE WAY

You are all such charming, lovely people and I would be over the moon if I could work with you guys forever. You all have taught me what it is to have a strong work ethic, and it is the hardest thing to realize I won't get to see your beautiful faces every day.

Emily — Your commitment and drive blow me away, as does your ability to function so highly on so little sleep. You've taken this paper through some major changes, but I love the fact that you also care so much about the little details—like making Parents' Day happen, and bringing us personalized treasures like black licorice and canned peaches.

Allison — Your warmth, compassionate spirit, your laugh and your manage-editing skills will be sorely missed. I will miss fighting over the fake Chanel sunglasses with you and taking your phone away from you during trips to downtown. PS. Buckle up — click it or ticket!

Dan — I will miss our talks about Johnny and the boys, Texas tamales, "Carousel" and Tony Bennett. I will miss playing Quincy Jones and Rod Temperton with you. Thanks for always taking the time to help me, no matter how busy you were. You've got a lot of moxie, and I look forward to the day you become the next Matt Damon.

Graham — You are one of the most friendly, outgoing people I know. And your jokes — even if they didn't always work out perfectly — were always appreciated and entertaining. You are a dedicated writer and a true enterprising, investigative reporter.

Devin — You've introduced me to many inappropriate (yet funny and clever) words and phrases. Thanks for sharing your iPod tunes — complete with LaToya Jackson, Spice Girl solo efforts and Hulk Hogan. I will miss obsessing over Martin Collins and Ben Jones with you. Whenever I enjoy a Diet Cherry Vanilla Dr. Pepper, or ride a trolley or hear a British accent or Ciara, I will think of you.

Micah — We shared the AP wire, a love for black licorice and the T.O. connection. You were always the mature one of the group. Thanks for letting Virgin Radio dominate the office — I know it took awhile to grow on you, but now you love it.

Weecher — You are a Renaissance man. I don't know how you do it all. Your jokes and drama and sarcasm will be missed.

Sheila — Your desktop photo illustrations had us intrigued and stumped awhile. You are always willing to do whatever needs to be done, and you make fabulous brownies and Muddy Buddies.

Kim — Your passion for good grammar and clean copy will huge­ly impress some editor sometime soon.

Justin — You have been such a positive, upbeat addition to the newsroom this quarter. Thanks for being so generous with the extreme butter popcorn.

Eric — Thanks for bringing Sinatra and Elvis into the office.

Rachel — Good luck in LA, I'll see you there.

Katie — Your art covers were amazing — definitely the highlight of every Daily reader's week.

Paul — Thanks for taking care of my numerous computer problems, for taking us to dinner in San Francisco and insisting we all order drinks, and for being our 21st cen­tury-college-version of Mr. Belting.

Graham Womack
ALL THE WAY

Man, this isn't my style at all.

I don't usually publish blogs about songs. I hope everyone I've worked with on the core of the editorial staff already knows how I feel about them, but I also know that the majority of those people would pummel me if I didn't say at least a word to them here.

So, without further adieu:

Emily: Most past staffs seemed to burn out and start hating each other. Not this one. I have to give credit where it's due: You deserve a lot of credit for keep­ing us mostly sane.

Allison: Well, things were a bit tense in the fall with you being a feminist and me being, well, me. Thereafter, though, you became someone I looked forward to seeing in the newsroom. Thanks for tolerating my jokes and the patented Womack Charm.

Other women have fled in terror.

Ashlee: While browsing the Internet, I came across a movie from 1967 called "The BoBo." IMDb.com had this description: "The BoBo is that running matador who flees from the bulls so that he may chase the chicks!"

P.J. Watson: Man, it's been awhile, almost three years now since we first sat beside each other cover­ing a women's volleyball game for different papers. It's been good times since then. I'm glad we could work together this year. I owe you more thanks than space allows. We'll have to event­ually team up at the Sacramento Bee. Until then, good luck!

Micah: Well, things didn't look good. Already, we men were few among an army of female edi­tors. Watson was conservative and Weecher leaned right. Devin and I hung left but were also gentle flowers. However, you, Micah Paulson, strove to keep the news­room liberal and macho. For that, you deserve a reward in this and many lifetimes.
“Maybe Rod-Dawg does facebook.”
“Do I need an epermit for that?”
“I love the flavor-saver.”
“If you cut out the balls it’ll look better.”
“I don’t feel comfortable wearing underwear.”
“The scary thing is I might actually look like that in 15 years.”

Matt Wechter
GET THE GROUNDS

I sit here on the last day of the Mustang Daily. I know that I have reached the end of the line. In all my preparation for graduation nothing has really made me sad about the whole “moving on” of life. I thought it was because it was just another step in the progression of my scholastic career and that it wasn’t really that big of a deal. But as I sit here writing this letter to you all, it hit me like a brick wall — nothing has been such a pervasive part of my life than the Mustang Daily.

Now, don’t get me wrong, we’ve all had our rough times. But for every stressful day, there were many more fun ones that I will remember for the rest of my life. Brian Kern, the old photo editor said in a best one day, “this job is the best job a college student can have,” and he was right. You basically set your own hours, you get to check out all the events on campus, you get to work with all the cool equipment and you get paid! We calculated the pay once, and it came out to about 50 cents an hour … but I tell you right now, if it were a choice between another paying job and this one, over the last two years, I would rather have this job.

There are some people I want to recognize for being great editors, and great friends. First, Katie. You are a great graphics person — it may take time to do so, but you can always be counted on to do it well. Golden Boy. You have always been an amusing part of my Daily evenings — as much as I love you a hard time, I appreciated your humor … most of the time. Kim, the twenty-one of the group. Even though you moved to the OTHER side of the table for a while, you still are a balanced person; you can think about that one for a while. Devon and Micah — Arts Boy and Bulgyle — layout was always fun, especially when I got to do your pages according to what I wanted for pictures … Thanks guys, Ashlee, I wish you could’ve had more “in the news” photos of thongs, and I wish you the best of luck in doing Tom’s Bennett voiceovers. Hey Dan — in all you next year. Good Luck, working with Sheila. Oh, and Sheila — You will do great next year and if I have one piece of advice for you, don’t lose that part of you that wants to make this paper even better — that’s what will keep you going. Nick, Kiel, and Tom — you are the photo triumvirate, thank you for all your hard work and I hope you continue to make this paper even better visually after I’m gone. Dany Terry, even though I am the true TB, you are what a managing editor should be — even though you are from Nevada. And finally Emily, I just can’t seem to say no to you. From calling me every day when I was a photographer with “Wowaaaammitee, pleaseeeee take this photo for meeecceee…” to finding the perfect photo five minutes to deadline for a special layout. I will truly miss our late night Applebee’s whining and complaining sessions to each other about life. From my heart, thank you. And thank you to all of you for being my family. I’ve seen 3 groups of editors come and go. Now I am one of those that have come and am about to go. “This is the end of the line. Times like these will never come in again.” And I wish all of you the best in what you do. I hope you look back upon our times with as much fondness and affection as I do.

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GOOBYE

8 Friday, June 3, 2005
Kim Thomson

I was tempted to write a sappy goodbye story, but after winning a literary award, but then I settled on a heartfelt goodbye to my coworkers and friends. I want to take a moment to appreciate how each member contributed to our team. (I apologize if it reads like a Grammy acceptance speech. After four years of journalism, I still can't write.)

Devon was our humor; he made everyone laugh and his Osbourne jokes were always welcome.

Daniele's dependable and we could always count on him to put out an amazing sports section. He's a friendly little guy and will make a stellar editor in chief next year.

Graham has a passion for reporting that will take him far. He consistently produced in depth sports columns with an intimate knowledge on each subject. Ashley is "Bodley beautiful" and is nice to just about everyone, even the top third of the Daily staff. But watch out, if she drinks, she holds flowers cures against her ears.

Allison, now there's a girl who can manage edit with style. I think everyone will agree she deserves our "vote of confidence." Justin was our new addition this quarter. He puts in such an honest effort and in no time at all will be a far better copy editor than I ever was.

We owe our visual excellence to Matt, Sheila, Katte and all the photographers. I never had the pleasure of meeting. They attend almost every event so our readers could see what was happening.

I admire Micah for volunteering for a difficult section of the Daily. The front page is very demanding but he stuck with it. You know you're going to miss us. Emily was the glue that held us together. She gave great journalistic advice and was a good friend as well. She went above and beyond the call of duty.

I have enjoyed working for the Mustang Daily more that I can say. It began as just a paycheck and something to slap on my resume so I could say I was involved in this thing called print journalism. It ended with a passion for editing and a family built around a newsroom. I will miss you all so much and wish everyone the very best in your endeavors.

Justin Fivella

Through relatively new to the Mustang Daily, in seeing this quarter and my first year at Cal Poly come to a close, I can't help but feel sad as many of the familiar faces at the Daily leave San Luis Obispo to embark on their journeys through life.

How interesting it is (could he the cliched wisdom of Forest Gump: "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what your going to get."

That's right, happening upon the Mustang Daily only weeks ago; I hadn't a clue as to what type of chocolate I was getting myself into. Nervous and leery ot my "colleague's" great journalistic abilities, I couldn't help but feel intimidated. My intimidation almost led to my demise as I was on the verge of "throwing in the proverbial towel."

Instead of the good looking, but beating orange crime filled cards, the Daily has become the unexpected and highly sought-after caramel candy hidden in that box of chocolates known as life.

On the outside it appears to offer little more than a smile, yet given the chance it becomes an experience of a lifetime.

It is the Mustang Daily staff that fills this "box" with the chocolate, sweetness of life, for I firmly believe one of the keys to life is the ability to learn something from everyone you meet.

To the staff of the 2005 Mustang Daily, I thank you for graciously accepting me into your home and giving me the chance to learn more than any class would have taught me. Below are things I have learned and fond memories I have developed from knowing each one of you.

Kimberdene, we have shared some good times at the copy editing desk shoveling popcorn and talking about everything. Kimbo, sick from all the fun we've had, your copy editing ability and your knack for catching the smallest detail has inspired me to be a better editor, this I thank you for.

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Emily, your shear journalistic abilities and your ever smiling presence has marked my memories at the Daily. I respect your journalistic knowledge, yet marvel at your humbleness. You're a definite recipient of a "High-Five".

Matt and Sheila, I admire your photographic abilities, photography is an art I truly respect.

D-Women and Graham, you both have shown me that sports can be more than numbers, true talent shines even in a field saturated with figures. Both of you are "Hall-o-famers" in my book, even though Dan...your not extreemly yet.

Micah, your silent perfectionism and your earnest perfectionism to the paper's layout has shown me there is more to a newspaper than print.

Devon, your image of "Bulldyke" and "Douche" have given me far more methods to use than these two commonly underappreciated words. Bobo, I have enjoyed your innocent smile and easy going nature, surrounded by daily stress, a simple smile goes further than most know.

To the 2005 Mustang Daily Crew; I thank you and offer you a really "High-Five."
Katie Zealear
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I’m hot outside. Hell, it’s hot right here in my room. The ceiling fan turns slowly, barely able to cut the stale afternoon air. It seems the whole world is bathed in some red-orange light and I feel my sanity slipping away into the abyss. My computer whines away. Photoshop, Quark, Illustrator. CMYK. It’s been two weeks since I’ve turned out an Arts and Culture cover; three since I’ve done a special issue and already I’m getting “the itch.”

It all seems like yesterday. It’s been weeks since I left that now empty office — those walls covered with posters, those jungles of filing cabinets and Ethernet cables. And in my mind, it’s all still happening —

“No, Emily! It can’t be time! It takes time to produce beautiful and thought-provoking artwork for the Daily. How can I turn my back on papers, finals and projects? How do I turn my back on life?”

Maybe it all got to me worse than it got to the others. Well, except Womack, that poor naïve kid — shell-shocked like I’ve never seen. But I was just a nice country girl; I’d never seen a newsroom before. Hell, I’d never even done a bar graph — let alone any of those stupid college State University budget expenditures.

There were times when I would just start babbling at my computer, uncontrollable. Yeah always knew how to stop me out of it. “Shut up, Katie.” But in the end I always came back. Was it time? Hours? Was it the prestigious award I received for the Napoleon Dynamite feature artwork?

No, it was something else; something deep inside of me wouldn’t let me leave until the job was done, so there I stayed. And it may sound ridiculous, but those fine men and women who I served with ... well, they’re the best damn humans at Cal Poly Hands down.

Will I ever see them again? Who knows. All that matters is that we were there, we did our job and we didn’t leave anyone behind ... except Devin ... because they wouldn’t let him into Mother’s with us ... because he had a few too many drinks at Martis ... again.

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“Show me your hands.”

Katie Zealear
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"Sharing: I missed that day in kindergarten."

"Ready, Set, Beautiful." "... when I got cut off at the knees that one time."

"Everyone is papercutting my face today."

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"You poisoned our Chia Pet."
“Let’s take a vote of no confidence.”

“I haven’t been eating enough cheese lately.”

“It’s like my swan song.”

“They are the new La Fawnda and Kip.”

“He’s like a roadblock in the hallway.”

“Gumby is the bane of my existence.”

“One foot on the banana peel ... one foot in the coffin.”

“The Jag is a huge man purse.”

“Burge ... Girth ... Leakage.”

“Get on it, and make it long.”

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“That’s wood from a tree.”
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Caitlin Donnell
MUSTANG DAILY

Graduation is a stressful time, with putting together resumes, going on job interviews and finding that first job.

Not to worry, because with the help of career services on campus and companies that offer great tips, students can not assure that finding a job does not have to be stressful if you have a professional resume and are well prepared for the interview process.

One of the first steps for finding a job is to have a resume put together. Jane Johnson, a career counselor for the college of business, suggests that resumes be one page in length and organized, clear, concise and easy to read.

In a recent survey, conducted by an independent research firm and developed by the staffing service Accountemps, the most common mistake job seekers make on their resume is typos and grammatical errors. Johnson added that resumes should avoid filling their resumes with information not relevant to the job they are looking for.

"It is important to point out some of your specific qualifications for a specific job," Johnson said. "Making sure that you pay attention to who is going to read your resume and that you put down the most relevant information for that reader. That is very important!"

Resumes are really about getting to the next step in the process, getting an interview to get the job. Johnson said.

Brandi Britton, Cal Poly alumna and regional vice president of the recruiting firm Robert Half International Corporation, suggested students go on as many interviews as possible to practice interviewing skills and to feel comfortable in more important interviews.

"Dress professionally, have a firm handshake and be prepared," Britton said. "Bring multiple resumes and know about the position you are interested in and the company itself to make yourself stand out." You should always be "on" from the moment you enter the building and treat the interviewer as if it is for the job of a lifetime, Britton said. She suggested that conducting an informational interview with someone from that company to learn more about the job and the company will give you a lot of material to work with during an interview.

"The biggest mistake in interviews is not giving specific examples and not focusing on linking your skills directly to the job and the company where you are applying," Johnson said.

There is a plethora of information to help students build resumes and interview skills, but the counselors and recruiters said students need to be active in looking for what they want.

"Students should attend as many networking events and job fairs as possible. And don't forget to utilize your internal networks." —BRANDI BRITTON

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The report identified several positive trends. While California is likely to add the greatest number of people in the next two decades, the rate of growth will continue to slow. And the economic shift from manufacturing to service industries will prove less taxing on infrastructure and natural resources.

The report noted that even with a slower growth rate, California's roadways and other infrastructure have not caught up with the population boom of the 1980s and 1990s. And the fastest growth is taking place in the Central Valley, where the state and Inland Empire east of Los Angeles — areas not equipped to handle more traffic, educate more kids and house more people.

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Students suggest reasons for lower minority graduation rates

Laura Van Wert
SYRACUSE, N.Y. — As the semester comes to an end, some students find themselves lacking the credits needed to complete their degree, often leading to extra semesters.

In a recent survey conducted by the Department of Education, a gap has been found in the college graduation rate of Latino and black students compared to white students.

Syracuse University students said many factors contribute to the department's statistics. The Department of Education found that 39 percent of black students and 42 percent of Latinos graduate from degree-granting institutions within six years. This is lower compared to the 58 percent of white students who graduate and the 55 percent of overall college students.

Additionally, 19 percent of blacks and Latinos graduate in four years. This is 17 percent lower than that of white students.

However, minority students find many factors such as finances, cultural isolation, self-motivation and a lack of university support contribute to the low graduation rate.

"Most minorities feel that they have more pressures put on them," Christy Pankey, a freshman chemistry major, said. "Some people who want to fit in find that in order to do that, they have to spend money."

Pankey said the student population of a private institution such as SU tends to be of the higher and middle classes, while most of the minorities are from New York City and the surrounding boroughs and do not have the financial resources that the majority has available to them.

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Even though some students are away from home does not mean they do not have family and financial responsibilities as well. Some students must work, go to school and attend to the needs of their families, whether it is emotional or financial, Pankey said.

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"Being away from home for the first time, partying and going out with friends all contribute to poor grades and an extended college year that (college) determines your life."

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Unfortunately, I’m graduating

Kristen Martin
chief barometer.

I went for a midnight walk with a good buddy last week. He mentioned that he had picked up his graduation audit.

"And?" I prompted.

"Unfortunately, I’m graduating," he said. I couldn’t have put it better myself.

But then I look around, and it seems my friend and I are in the minority. Most seniors are excited to get on with their lives.

I just don’t understand. Why would ever want to do that? I’ve seen what happens to older friends, these people we call “graduates.” They fall off the face of the earth. Promises to call and e-mail friends, these people we call “graduates.” Would you ever want to do that? The minute an older friend announced their graduation, my friends and I thought of the Dungans.

Rewind.

So I was lying out at the pool in Phoenix over Spring Break when my girlfriend and I got a phone call. Did we want to watch a baseball game? Would there be beer and boys? We threw on our cutest outfits (skirt and heels, of course), and we were off to Scottsdale Stadium, where the San Francisco Giants were holding spring training. I think we were playing... someone.

That part’s not important. Our hookup had provided us with cute blue wristbands that let everyone else who understands what it means to hate the Ducks. We knew how to console me, so they matched ours. Same place, just a different time.

As we exchanged tales from Corvallis, I noticed their stories matched ours. The man introduced himself as Michael Dungan, a 1965 Oregon State graduate. His wife Diane is a member of the Class of 1981. They were Oregon State grads! We were so excited! As we exchanged tales from Corvallis, I noticed their stories matched ours. Same place, just a different time.

The Daily Barometer. Among all those baseball fans, I had found two people — in Arizona, no less — who spoke my language.

There’s a certain connection that OSU alum status lends, and it isn’t that our dues combine to finance the damn Raising Reser project. I had finally made the alum connection. I replayed our conversation with the Dungans in my mind as I crossed Van Buren.

Mike and Diane were the epitome of fabulous alums, reminiscing about Oregon State like it was yesterday. And then, at hit me, the final epiphany of my college career. Oregon State is so much bigger than me.

There are Oregon State graduates doing amazing things all over the world, but what’s cool is that each and every one could describe the putrid stink of cow that graces campus every so often.

College is four (or five or six) years of living the good life. As far as I’m concerned, staying up all night googling around hasn’t yet lost its appeal, and never again will all of my best friends live within a mile of me. Hell, something as stupid as hanging an empty keg from the tree in the front yard is still funny.

But I’m moving to Prague at the end of June, which means I really am done with college.

I don’t know anybody in Prague, so I checked online to see if there is — at the very least — a satellite Clod’s location so I can relive the glory days in Czech. There isn’t.

So in two weeks, I will wake up, put on my fabulous graduation dress, don the same cap and gown I wore for my high school graduation, and grandly make my way to Reser. And then I’ll join ranks with my parents, and the Dungans, and everyone else who understands what it means to hate the Ducks.

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Online job sites make job hunting simple

Brittani Bixler
Daily Forty-Niner

With the help of Internet job sites, such as Monster and Craig's List, millions of job seekers are able to submit resumes and apply for positions without ever leaving their home.

The U.S. job search market has turned to the information super-highway to further advance its progress. The number of job search sites has grown by 15 percent in the past year.

These particular sites are helpful in finding a job opening, or for company managers, a qualified applicant. Posting jobs online shortens or completely eliminates the lengthy hiring process because potential employees are able to fill out and submit their applications online instead of in person. This puts an end to waiting for applications to arrive via snail mail and then having to enter the applicants information manually.

Many online job networks help applicants find exactly what they are looking for. These options include sifting through job openings by using narrow searches, which include salaries and hourly positions, location and job type. Online career assessments, interview coaching and even tips for negotiating salaries can also be found on these sites.

Company heads realize the benefits of job search Web sites and utilize their presence to encounter potential applicants. Michael Riley, vice president of STDR Architects in Costa Mesa said posting a job opening on a Web site provides “exposure to job candidates outside of the area normally served by newspapers.”

Monster.com possesses the largest resume database in the industry. On average, they receive 47,000 resumes a day, which can prove overwhelming for some hiring managers.

The foremost concern in the minds of online job seekers is usually not personal security. Investigations have proved that thieves posing as employers often respond to resumes, which are submitted on the Internet. Thieves then contact the applicant on the grounds that they are offering a position, which matches the applicant's preferences. Under the false pretense that a "pre-employment background check" is required for hiring, unsuspecting applicants will submit personal information like their Social Security number or even their bank account numbers.
Consolidating loans and debt can help university students save big bucks

Christian Danielsen
THE CAMPUS BLOG

Students with federal loans can take advantage of a government loophole that could save them thousands of dollars, but only if they hurry.

The U.S. Department of Education announced May 16 that students can take advantage of language in the 1965 Higher Education Act that allows them to consolidate their variable interest federal loans into one loan with a fixed rate, even if they are still in school. A combination of rock-bottom rates and the new interpretation of the law has made consolidation an attractive option.

"It’s a rare time that students should take advantage of," said Marianne Hunter, an exit loan counselor with Student Accounting.

The window of opportunity will close on July 1, when interest rates on federal student loans are widely expected to rise by approximately 2 percent.

"After you make that request [to consolidate], in your next breath you can say, 'Oh, by the way, I’m also in school,'" said Martha Holler, spokesperson for Sallie Mae. "That means you’re entitled to defer those payments until graduation.”

Consolidating with private lenders also means waiving the right to a grace period. But that too can be mitigated by requesting further deferments for unemployment or economic hardship.

A consolidation loan’s interest is calculated based on the average of a student’s outstanding loans, rounded up to the nearest eighth of a percent. Long-term savings, however, should far outweigh the slight bump in interest. Interest rates can be lowered even further for students who make payments on time or allow lenders to take payments directly out of their checking accounts.

Although they are not legally required to, several large private lenders, including Sallie Mae and Bank of America, have already announced they will offer consolidation to students in school before the July 1 deadline. Sallie Mae has set up a special form on its website to assist students in doing so.

In dealing with private lenders, Hunter advised students to research their options carefully and to make sure that their contracts specify the consolidation rate cannot change if the lender sells the loan.

The Department of Education has announced that as of July 1, 2006, interest rates on consolidated loans will be variable instead of fixed. Hunter speculated that the government is moving to close a loophole that was costing it money.

"I guess it was just too much of a good thing," she said.

For more information on loan consolidation, visit loanconsolidation.ed.gov.

GRADUATION
Friday, June 10, 2005
Credit card debt increasing among university students

The amount of debt attached to college students continues to raise as credit card companies target that market. Millions of them across the nation are drowning in thousands of dollars in credit card debt. The average college senior, according to 2001 statistics, graduates with around $3,300 in credit card debt. That amount is more than three and a half times the 1990 figure, when the average college senior graduated with about $900 in credit card debt.

If a student has $3,000 in credit card debt with an 18 percent interest rate — the average — and makes the minimum payment, it will take him or her at least 22 years to pay off, Thorne said.

Ninety-six percent of college students have a credit card account by their senior year, Thorne said, and seniors carry an average of six credit cards.

Thorne said most college students get into debt trouble when credit card companies visit campuses with promises of free food or clothing in exchange for signing up for a credit card. Many students will sign up for a card just to get the free gift, not realizing the implications of owning the credit card.

"That will be the most expensive slice of pizza or pita sandwich that you will ever have," she said.

Many students who sign up think they can just cut the card up when it arrives, which is not true.

"Cutting up a card does not close the account, which means the open account will appear on your credit report," Thorne said.

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said that most students are not aware of some of the other ramifications of signing up for a credit card as part of a giveaway.

"That students need to be careful because your information can get sold to a lot of different places," Hoag said. "It's not worth a free T-shirt."

Thorne said that some college students get into credit trouble when they exploit a card they had no initial intention of using.

"Many students get one and don't read the fine print," Thorne said, which means students using cards may not have any knowledge of the interest rates, fees or restrictions they may be charged.

Credit card companies create fees and special charges, such as a 20 percent interest on cash advances from ATMs, to charge cardholders as much as possible, Thorne said.

Senior Matthew Falk, who is about to graduate, said that unlike many of his peers, he understands the fine print that comes with a credit card.

"My mom is a banker," he said. "So she taught me to read that stuff. I know a lot of people don't, though. I don't think most people pay attention to it."

Thorne said that credit cards can be an excellent way for students to establish credit, provided they are financially ready to take on the responsibility.

"Unless you can pay that credit card off at the end of every month, you have no business using it," she said.

Senior Andrea Schraw said that she opened her first credit card last year, one that she shared with her roommate.

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Number of parents who want their kids to go to college is high—despite actual college attendance figures

Adrian Florido
DAILY TROJAN

LOS ANGELES — An overwhelming majority of Californians feel that the quality of public K-12 education in the state is at least somewhat of a problem, with 52 percent seeing it as a big problem, according to a recent survey conducted by the Public Policy Institute of California. The results of the survey, which were released April 28, found that while most parents of students in California's public schools feel that the quality of education is less than outstanding, they still have high educational expectations for their children, with 90 percent saying they expect their children to obtain a college degree, and 41 percent hoping that they will receive a graduate degree.

The number of Californians who aspire for their children's graduation from college is high, but it does not coincide with actual rates of college attendance, especially in minority groups and in low-income communities. This is a result of a lack of exposure to college early on, said Edward Kobillard, principal of Manual Arts High School. The high school is a member of the University of Southern California Family of Schools which, in conjunction with USC, incorporates programs to encourage college attendance among students in the schools and communities around USC.

The intent of the survey which is the first in a three-year survey series, according to a release from the PPIC, is to inform policy makers and to encourage discussion about a variety of issues, including education.

The survey, which questioned 2,502 Californians, focused on the public opinion of the state's public education system. The survey's findings suggest that in general, California residents are concerned with the education that their children are receiving, but not pessimistic about their future.

Because parents are either unable to expose their children to the benefits of college attendance, or simply feel that it is financially unviable, many students never see college as an option after high school, said Kobillard. This attitude results from a very low number of parents in minority and low-income communities having attended college themselves. Often, they haven't graduated from high school.
Survey: Half of MBA graduates receive jobs

Justin Pope

Half of students finishing master's of business administration degrees this year had job offers by mid-March, according to the survey of 5,829 students at 129 business schools conducted by the Graduate Management Admission Council, an organization of business schools.

That compares to 42 percent who had job offers at the same point in 2004, and is the highest figure since 64 percent of students had offers in the 2001 survey.

Salary expectations also rose, with the average respondent expecting to earn $84,318 after graduation, compared to $76,147 a year ago.

GMAC President Dave Wilson said employers have been reluctant to hire aggressively in recent years, even as the economy recovered — relying instead on consultants and other contractors.

But this year, he said, "The market is back, the earnings are strong, there's solid growth. It's time to get back to building your own intellectual capital in-house as opposed to outsourcing it."

The survey, to be released Friday, also found 32 percent of respondents said they considered the value of their MBA degree "outstanding," up from 23 percent in last year's survey.

A number of recent scholarly articles have criticized MBA programs for failing to teach useful skills, and GMAC trumpeted the results as showing that customers are satisfied.

Students "think about an MBA as an investment, and it's a substantial one — $100,000," Wilson said. "They're going to look at it in terms of what kind of return are they getting."

"Now that we're starting to see salaries move back up, and the number of offers students get increase, you're seeing the economics of the degree change substantially," he said.

According to the survey, 45 percent of MBA grad plan to enter a different field from the one in which they worked before business school. The fields with the greatest net loss of business school students were nonprofit/government, followed by high technology and manufacturing.

The biggest gainers were consulting and finance/accounting and health care/pharmaceuticals.
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U. Florida contributes
Peace Corps support

Erin Chalfant
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALUMNA

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The University of Florida has played a
significant role in the regional recruitment of Peace Corps volun­
teers, as the organization has seen its overall membership increase.

"The University of Florida and University of Georgia are the
biggest recruiting spots in the Southeast," said Michael Jenkins, a
regional recruiter at the Peace Corps headquarters in Atlanta.

"They're neck-and-neck in applicants, but UF is usually No. 1," he
said.

Heather Brown, a UF Peace Corps recruiter, said 28 students
applied for the Peace Corps this school year. She had no record of
previous years' numbers.

The Peace Corps, a federal gov­
ernment agency started by President
John F. Kennedy in the 1960s to
promote peace and understanding
cross-culturally, has been enjoying
substantial increases in volunteer
support over the past few years.

This year, an estimated 8,704
Peace Corps volunteers are serving
in more than 70 countries around
the world. Although 82 percent of Peace
Corps volunteers are in their 20s,
Jenkins said the surge in volunteer
numbers is not only seen in younger people; it’s across the
bound.

While applicants must be at least 18 years old and U.S. citizens, there
is no upper age limit. One of the most recent brochures proudly
admits the Peace Corps has accepted volunteers as old as 85, when in
good health.

The budget documented increased volunteer support as part of
a Peace Corps campaign to dou­
bles the current number of volun­
tees in the field by 2008.

The budget stated that the Peace Corps asked Congress for a $62 mil­
on overall increase in funding last year and a $91 million increase this
year. Inquiries also are up 9 percent since budget increases in 2003,
according to the budget justification report.

The agency requires a low-paid,
27-month commitment from its volunteers. They are sent to the most
underdeveloped countries in the
world to try to make a difference
through education, community
development, healthcare and envi­
nmental services.

Jenkins, who volunteered in
South Africa from 1999 to 2001, said
he repeatedly asked himself, "Am I
going to be able to do this?"

Although it was challenging,
Jenkins said it turned out to be one
of the best experiences of his life.
Scott Bihorel, a UF linguistics
senior considering the Peace Corps
after graduation, said, "It’s a way to
go to other countries, experience
other cultures, to feel like I'm doing
something that matters and helping
people.

Tip #39: Give this Mustang Daily to a friend

Alison B. Borovac

Congratulations, Alison!

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished at Cal Poly!!!

Lots of Love,
Mom, Andrew & Hannah
New college grads can expect increased opportunities, wages

Kantele Franko

ATHENS, Ohio — Students graduating in Ohio University’s Class of 2005 will enter the best job market in four years, and many can expect to earn increasing average salaries, according to reports published by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Employers plan a 13 percent increase in the hiring of college graduates this year, according to the association’s Job Outlook 2005 survey. The NACE report also reported in its Spring 2005 Salary Survey that average salaries offered to new graduates are climbing.

Business disciplines top the list with increases in salary as large as 9 percent from last year, while other majors, such as information sciences and systems, posted minimal decreases.

Shawn Ortenzer, chairman of the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, said, although many information sciences majors already have jobs lined up, computer science graduates who do not yet have jobs likely are focusing on class work and plan to find jobs during the summer or are planning to attend graduate school. He also said many graduates prefer to find a job close to home.

Business students, on the other hand, often travel to more urban areas to find jobs. OU senior Joshua Hemmert, a business administration student at the Honors Tutorial College, said he hopes to benefit from the increased average salary, which is $39,448 for graduates in his major, according to the Salary Survey. Following an internship in 2004, Hemmert accepted a job offer to be an analyst at J.P. Morgan & Co., the investment management division of J.P.Morgan Chase & Co. in New York City. Because the need for business majors can be forecasted more easily, especially as the demand increases because of corporate finance issues, some business students have an easier time arranging jobs in advance, Hemmert said.

Kelly Curtin, a senior finance major who accepted a job offer from the National City Bank in November, said motivated students who begin their searches early often are most successful because the best programs have long in advance.

Hemmert agreed but also said internship experiences, which demonstrate a student’s talents and initiative, are invaluable in pursuing jobs after graduation.

Robert Moffat, associate director of Career Services, said certain skills and presentation techniques increase a student’s chance of being hired. “The majority of employers out there want someone who has a bachelor’s degree because that is what you have to show you have these skills,” he said.

Employers seek graduates with strong communication skills

Cassady O’Grogan

SALT LAKE CITY — While the job market for college graduates have improved, professional standards for employment have risen and become more stringent, placing higher expectations on potential employees.

According to a University of Utah Career Services, employers are now looking more at a person’s ability to present himself or herself with clear communication skills. What are employers looking for? While opportunities are flourishing, employers are looking for the best of those entering the market to justify the higher-paying salaries.

Although seeking the best can be a difficult challenge for employers, many of the most outstanding job candidates end up with multiple offers.

This is where “preparation must meet opportunity,” said Stan Inman, director of Career Services at the university.

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TO A GREAT YEAR

The Mustang Daily would like to congratulate its graduating staff for making it through the late nights and long stories to finally reach that light at the end of the tunnel — graduation. Without their hard work and dedication, the Daily would not have evolved into the captivating publication it is today.

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