Students and community hold vigil for Gaza victims

About 15 students and community members attended a candlelight vigil for victims of the Gaza conflict at the Mission Plaza on Thursday night. The event, organized by Students for Justice and Peace in the Middle East, billed itself as non-political. Attendants said they came to mourn both Israeli and Palestinian victims of the conflict. Jacob Kory, electrical engineering senior and president of Cal Poly's Israel Alliance, was also in attendance.

Students come from China to master dairy science

Ashley Giulio

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences will host the first two students from Shanghai Jiao Tong University this fall in a new joint dual master's degree program.

The students already have a Master of Science in food science and technology from Shanghai Jiao Tong University and will attend Cal Poly for the second half of a two-and-a-half year master's degree program. They will research dairy science for 12 to 14 months to obtain a Masters of Science in agriculture with a specialization in dairy products technology. Faculty from both schools will collaborate in the research project. The goal of the program is to host new students every year.

Phillip Tong, dairy science professor and director of Cal Poly's Dairy Products Technology Center, visited China 15 years ago as part of a team from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that gave educational seminars on dairy science. About 10 years ago, the Dairy Products Technology Center began hosting foreign scholars.

China's economy has grown rapidly in the past 20 years and the food industry is demanding higher quality nutrients in food. China's dairy industry, however, is underdeveloped and relies heavily on milk powder and dairy products from other countries. Students from Shanghai Jiao Tong University will attend Cal Poly to learn, understand and ensure the quality of dairy products.

"We hope to provide training and science-based information to help advance the China industry to be self-sustaining," Tong said. "We are trying to train the next generation of leaders for the Chinese dairy industry."

Former dean of CAFES Joe Jen was in charge of research, education and economic issues as the under secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He eventually returned to Cal Poly where he was appointed a senior advisor to President Warren Baker and California State University Chancellor Charles Reed in 2006 with the goal to help Cal Poly expand internationally.

Jen said the high quality of practical research attracted Shanghai Jiao Tong University to work with Cal Poly. "We provide a uniqueness that intrigued them to do something at a master degree level," he said.

Jen and Baker traveled to China in April 2007 to explore joint program ideas with Shanghai Jiao Tong University, one of the oldest and highly regarded universities in China, once known as the "Eastern MIT." Out of the 38,000 students enrolled, 18,000 are graduate students.

Mark Shelton, associate dean of the CAFES, traveled to China in June to develop a long-term plan.

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Obama signs order to close Guantanamo

Tom Raum and Philip Elliott

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama moved quickly Thursday to reshape U.S. national-security policy, ordering the Guantanamo Bay prison camp closed within a year, forbidding the harshest treatment of terror suspects and naming new envoys to the Middle East and Afghanistan-Pakistan.

"We have no time to lose," he said at the State Department as he welcomed newly confirmed Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to help him forge what he called "a new era of American leadership" in the world.

He said his administration is committed to lead. "We can no longer afford drift, and we can no longer afford delay, nor can we cede ground to those who seek destruction," he said.

On his second full day in office, Obama moved to reverse some of the most contentious policies of his predecessor, George W. Bush.

By ordering shut the prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, closing any remaining CIA secret prisons overseas and banning harsh interrogation practices, Obama said he was signaling that the U.S. would confront global violence without sacrificing "our values and our ideals."

"First, I can say without exception or equivocation that the United States will not torture," he said. "Second, we will close the Guantanamo Bay detention camp and deter...
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A memorandum of agreement was signed to establish a joint master of science degree program in dairy food science between the CAFES at Cal Poly and the school of agriculture and biotechnology at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Shelton said that Cal Poly can provide a practical application of dairy science to students who can then use the knowledge to improve China’s industries.

“I think this program is a great way to internationalize for world peace, positive international relations and exposure to different cultures.”

The more we stay connected to China, the better,” he said. Bruce Golden, professor and department head of the dairy science department, said the new students will be working with other students in labs and classrooms. Cal Poly students, he said, will be exposed to Chinese culture and build networks.

“Asian markets are very important to the dairy industry. We are teaching and improving the ability to process dairy ingredients into sellable products. A successful program will expand professional relationships between China and the U.S. and build a mutual relationship as members of the international community,” Golden said.

Sheng Yi, a director’s assistant at Jiao Tong’s SJTU-Bor Luh Food Safety Center and visiting scholar at Cal Poly, thinks students will benefit from the master’s program.

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President Obama is ushering in a new era of smart, strong and principled national security policies, and Congress stands ready to work with him each step of the way,” said Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, outgoing chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

And, citing a “deteriorating situation” in both Afghanistan and Pakistan, Obama said that region is now “the central front” in the battle against terrorism and extremism.

“There, as in the Middle East, we must understand that we cannot deal with our problems in isolation,” he said.

Earlier, in signing a series of executive orders in the Oval Office that included closing Guantanamo, Obama said his administration would not “continue with a false choice between our safety and our ideals,” a slap at policies pursued by Bush.

The much-maligned U.S. prison camp would be shut down within a year, in keeping with a frequent Obama campaign promise. The administration already has suspended trials for terrorist suspects at Guantanamo for 120 days pending a review of the military tribunals.

Congressional Democrats welcomed the moves.

“President Obama is ushering in a new era of smart, strong and principled national security policies, and Congress stands ready to work with him each step of the way,” said Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, outgoing chairman of the Intelligence Committee.

But there was skeptical questioning from Republicans. House Majority Leader John Boehner was among a group of House Republicans who quickly filed a bill seeking to bar federal courts from ordering Guantanamo detainees to be released into the United States.

Boehner, R-Ohio, said it would be “irresponsible to close this terrorist detention facility” before “important questions” are resolved. Boehner said these include where all the detainees go when Guantanamo is closed and how will they be secured?

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said such issues would be determined in the coming days.

“Obviously, what started today was a process,” Gibbs said.

The president set up a task force that would have 30 days to recommend policies on handling terror suspects who are detained in the future and where Guantanamo detainees should be housed once it has closed.

Obama also signed an order requiring all U.S. personnel to follow the U.S. Army Field Manual while interrogating detainees and told the Justice Department to review the case of Qatar native Ali al-Marri, who is the only enemy combatant currently being held in the U.S.

Separately, retired Adm. Dennis Blair, Obama’s pick to oversee the nation’s intelligence agencies, told a Senate confirmation hearing that the manual would no longer be called the Army Field Manual but would be renamed “the manual for government interrogations.”

Blair told the Senate Intelligence Committee the manual also will be reviewed for possible changes. It now outlines 19 legal techniques and forbids nine.

Blair said he hoped to rebuild trust in the nation’s intelligence agencies. These agencies “must respect the privacy and civil liberties of the American people, and they must adhere to the rule of law,” he said. As director of national intelligence, Blair will oversee the CIA, National Security Agency and other assorted intelligence units.

U.S. foreign policy in the new administration will be overseen by four former senators — Obama and Clinton and Vice President Joe Biden, who served together until after this year’s election, and Mitchell, who served much earlier as Senate majority leader.

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Obama's personal win: keeping the BlackBerry

President Barack Obama, seen here last June checks his BlackBerry in Charlotte, N.C. President-elect Barack Obama used to collect comic books with his Blackberry, and once flashed Leonard "Mr. Spock" Nimoy the Vulcan "Live Long and Prosper" sign, evidence to some that he'll be the first American president to show distinct signs of geekiness.

Lisa Tolkin
ASSOCIATE PRESS

The first family settled into their new lives in the White House on Thursday as President Barack Obama won an important personal victory: He got to keep his BlackBerry.

Obama will be the first sitting president to use e-mail, and he has been reluctant to part with his ever-present handheld device. Its use will be limited to keeping in touch with senior staff and personal friends, said White House spokesman Robert Gibbs.

"We won the fight, but I don't think it's up and running," Obama said as he walked through the White House briefing room Thursday evening to meet reporters.

And though Gibbs said Obama had to ask at one point where to go next in his "pretty big house," he also said the president was enjoying living above the store and had time for dinner with the family on Wednesday.

"I think that obviously means a lot to him as a father," Gibbs said. "This is a monumental testament to Michelle." Gibbs joked that the development was "almost as exciting as the presidential dog." He joked at the White House press corps for staring at the news during his briefing. "Let's make sure the pens still work.

"The BlackBerry victory is a big concession," Obama said earlier that he was working with the Secret Service, lawyers and White House staff to keep the device.

Gibbs said the president will limit its use, and security has been enhanced to ensure that Obama can communicate in a way that's protected. Only a small number of senior staff members and personal friends would be given his e-mail address.

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Va. Tech grad student knew suspected killer, police said

Sue Lindsey
ASSOCIATE PRESS

Alone and in a new country, graduate student Xiao Yang reached out to other Chinese students at Virginia Tech when she arrived two weeks ago, trying to establish her life on campus.

She went to social events with international students, got in touch with the campus center that works to help them adjust and planned to be making friends as she settled into her accounting program, those who had met her said.

But one of the friendships may have led to her death: Police say she was decapitated with a kitchen knife while having coffee with a Chinese doctoral student in a campus cafe Wednesday night.

The killing stunned a campus that still has vivid memories of the mass slayings in April 2007, when a student gunman shot 32 people and then took his own life. The stabbing was the first dawning on campus since then.

"An act of violence like this brings back memories of April 16," university President Charles Steger said. "I have no doubt that many of us feel especially distraught.

It appeared Yang had met her accuser attacker, 25-year-old Haiyang Zhu of Ningbo, China, only recently, said Kim Besecker, the director of Cranwell International Center, which works with international students. Zhu, a doctoral student in agricultural and applied economics, had been assisting her in adjusting to life at Tech, something the 500 Chinese students often do for new members in their community, she said.

They both attended functions for international students, she said.

"She was a very sweet young woman," she said. "He was known as a polite young man."

Though they apparently didn't know each other well, school records listed Zhu as one of her emergency contacts. Besecker said that may have been because Yang knew few people on campus.

"As best we know, she had made a fair number of friends, but only in the last week," Besecker said.

What led to the attack is also a mystery: about seven other people who were in the coffee shop told police that the two hadn't been arguing before the attack. Besecker said there hadn't been previous signs of trouble between them.

Police received two 911 calls shortly after 7 p.m. Wednesday, and were on the scene in a little more than a minute to take Zhu into custody. Virginia Tech Police Chief Wendell Flinchum said.

"I have no doubt about it, but based on what I've heard, if she feels she's not capable of being the best senator for New York, then I think she made the right decision."

David Hall, business senior

"No, I think I felt like she really wanted it, she should have gone through with her decision."

Aaron Hardeck, statistics junior

"Do you think Caroline Kennedy made the right decision to withdraw from the New York senate bid?"

"No, I think that if you make a commitment to the U.S. government you should keep it."

-Sean Carroll, biomedical engineering senior

"Yes, I think she should have done it a long time ago. I don't feel like she was qualified. She just played the name card Kennedy."

- John Hall, senior

"I don't know about a lot about it, but based on what I've heard, if she feels she's not capable of being the best senator for New York, then I think she made the right decision."

-Joanna Tujillo, animal science senior

WORD ON THE STREET
International

ISRAEL (AP) — Israel said Thursday it is lifting restrictions on foreign journalists entering the Gaza Strip, a ban that had drawn strong criticism from news media.

The government said journalists would be free to enter and leave the war-ravaged territory starting Friday — two days before the Israeli Supreme Court was scheduled to rule on a request by the Foreign Press Association to declare the restrictions illegal.

But he also said there are exceptions for "strictly personal communications."

Obama has often been seen checking his e-mail on his handheld device, even when it meant getting his hands slapped by Michelle during his daughter's soccer game. President George W. Bush and Bill Clinton didn't e-mail while in office, although Bush was an active e-mailer before becoming president.

That was before the era of the BlackBerry, a device now ubiquitous in Washington and precious to Obama. When asked by The Associated Press about his worst habit during the campaign, Obama responded, "Checking my BlackBerry." Gibbs said the president believes that using the device is an effective way to keep in touch with people without "getting stuck in a bubble."

He said Obama's e-mails to him personally have ranged "from something that's very strictly business to, why did my football team perform so miserably on either any given Saturday or any given Sunday?"

Those who have access to the president's e-mail will be briefed about appropriate communications, Gibbs said, without offering specifics.

So the president who gave up smoking — mostly — managed to avoid withdrawal from his other addiction — mostly.

All in all, Gibbs said, Obama looked comfortable in his new surroundings. "They're very much the same four years in, four years out," he said, before conceding, "Obviously, it's a little different."
Clinton McGue

**Making Waves**

Turn the bass down, throw out the auto-tune lyrics and save the hard-hitting beats for another time. It’s time to set aside the artificial noises and capture the organic instrumentation when the San Francisco Symphony (SFS) strolls into town. As part of its 10-day West Coast Tour that starts in Seattle, Wash., and ends in Palm Desert, Calif., the SFS will perform on two college campuses: Chico State and Cal Poly. It will take center stage at Cal Poly’s Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Friday.

“We look forward to a lot of excitement from young people enjoying our program,” symphony spokesperson Oliver Thell said. The symphony has traveled the world, played in world-class halls and is internationally respected among musicians. “The music appeals to people of all ages and all levels of familiarity with classical music.” Although the typical sounds coming from Hathaway Avenue may be considered the antithesis to the symphonic sound, the SFS believes their style of music play attracts all groups of people.

“The SFS and its music director Michael Tilson Thomas are very much known for making classical music more accessible to people of all ages,” Thell said. “As evidenced by the success of the “Keeping Score” PBS television series and Web sites that really stress the fact that anyone can enjoy classical music.” Thomas joined the symphony back in 1995 and since then the orchestra has risen to the forefront of American arts institutions.

“H e is a leader in not just what happens on stage, but also in making music accessible through media,” Thell said. “It’s difficult for observers to determine which piece performed by the SFS is the best, but they agree there are many that qualify.”

“They will be playing popular music by Aaron Copland, a piece by Alban Berg, which will be more of a 20th century sound, and a piece by Tchaikovsky, which is a pretty big deal,” director of Cal Poly Arts Steve Lerian said. The performance will feature a repertoire of modern and classical music. The fusion of the hymn tunes from Copland’s “Our Town,” the expressionistic landscape of Berg’s “Three Pieces for Orchestra,” and the immense power and lyricism of Tchaikovsky’s “Symphony No. 5” offers an engaging journey for the audience, Thell said.

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—Steve Lerian
Director of Cal Poly Arts

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It's 'tooth' time with Marci word of the week woman Palla

In general, a tool is something one uses or manipulates. In this article, we will explore the people ones uses or manipulates, specifically the male ones.

These tools are most commonly used by douchegags. In fact, while douchegags often come in packs with other douchegags, they usually employ a tool as their best friend. Such celebs parading our courts include Bart Simpson and Millhouse and for fans of "The Hills," Brody and Humphrey.

In case you are unsure what the difference is between a tool and a douchegag, let me explain. Both douchegags and tools spend an exorbitant amount of time and energy trying to be cool (occasionally this involves flashing partiers), but while a douchegag thinks he has arrived, a tool engages in an eternal struggle without ever perceiving himself as truly becoming "the dad." It is his burning desire to reach this level of alpha male that creates an internal desperation. This desperation makes the tool open to manipulation. It is a little pitiful - almost enough to stop me from continuing this article, but not quite.

So here are the signs of a tool:

1. White- rimmed sunglasses
2. Oversized sunglasses
3. Spending an hour or more at the salon without a shirt or a thought of entering the water (i.e. a paddle ball session)
4. The craving to have a perfect tan
5. Being aware that one's looks are no longer true, as a princess to get ready in the morning
6. Professionally trimmed facial hair
7. Spiked hair at an age where one can grow facial hair
8. Excessive use of hair gel
9. A pre-gym shower accompanied by hair gel perfeciton (Really, it's what the world.

As a disclaimer, I must mention that the occurrence of one of the aforementioned signs does not necessarily indicate a tool. But you would be surprised at how often one sees a young man sporting a backwards hat a tool barely over the top of the glasses accompanied by another young man wearing a tiny T-shirt and white- rimmed sunglasses.

Marci Palla is a public policy graduate student and a Mustang Daily's humor columnist. "Marci's Word of the Week" explores some of the more important anecdotes of college life once a week at a time.

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Cal Poly’s Barden to play in Senior Bowl tomorrow

Cal Poly senior wide receiver Ramses Barden catches a touchdown in Saturday as he prepares to take his game to Sundays that will be televised nationally tm the NFL Network.

The 6-foot-6 receiver has already turned some heads during practice as he helps his north squad get ready to battle the south.

“Two once scuffed in the dugout for all to see. In 2005, Kent tangled with then-Dodgers manager, d'Arcy Bradley, who claimed Kent couldn’t deal with black players.

“Those two guys were teammates of mine and we won,” Kent said. “I had run-ins with other teammates. Was it me having a run-in with those guys or having a run-in with me? It doesn’t matter, we were all teammates.”

Kent said he was proud of his integrity in baseball, although that was called into question in 2002, when he claimed he injured his wrist while batting the ball. The injury came out that he got hurt while riding his motorcycle, which violated the terms of his contract. The injury landed him on the disabled list to start the season.

Kent criticized players who used performance-enhancing drugs while endorsing improved testing.

“The integrity of the game has been jeopardized for so many years and I’m just so embarrassed about the steroid era,” he said.

Kent thinks the sport has made great strides against steroids.

“Baseball has created a drug policy that is right,” Kent said. “We brought the game to a better level playing field than it ever was,” he said.

Kent said he applied a motto to his career that his police officer taught him. If you’re going to do a job, do it right.

“More than likely I wouldn’t be a cop if I grew up, hence the mustache,” he said, drawing laughter.

“Yet when we were kids, we fantasized about being an athlete. I wanted to be a baseball player. For 17 years, I got to live a fantasy and I’m truly, truly grateful for that.”

Kent thanked the fans because, he said, “without them, I wouldn’t have been a cop when I grew up, hence the mustache.”

Kent called it a career after 17 years in baseball

MUSTANG DAILY

Andrew Santoro-Johnson

Cal Poly senior wide receiver Ramses Barden will make one final collegiate appearance on Saturday as he prepares to take his game to Sundays in the fall.

Barden will play in the Under Armour Senior Bowl at 4 p.m. tomorrow in Mobile, Ala. in a game against Pacific on Thursday night in Mott Gym.

Senior forward Megan Harrison (not pictured) became the first player in Cal Poly history to score 1,200 points in her collegiate career.

Mustangs defeat Pacific

Mustangs defeat Pacific

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