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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 Sheltont, 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 determine..."
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A memorandum of agreement was signed to establish a joint master's science degree program in dairy food science between the CAFES at Cal Poly and the school of agriculture and biology 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 exposure to different cultures.

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

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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.

"It was signed to establish the 'learn by doing' experience at Cal Poly. We will gain an opportunity to practice and strengthen our education," she said.

"Cal Poly can learn about the Chinese culture, and we will be able to communicate with each other more directly to solve problems."

"Hopefully this will induce other programs in other departments. I have seen interest in foreign students wanting to come to Cal Poly; hopefully Cal Poly students will be interested in researching the reciprocal. We are opening the door for expansion," Jen said.

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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 closed Guantanamo, Obama said 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 Minority 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 relocated into the United States.

Boehner, R-Ohio, said it would be "impossible to close this terrorist detention facility" before "important questions" are resolved. Boehner said these include whether 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 policy," 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 Mitch- ell, who served much earlier as Senate majority leader.

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Obama's personal win: keeping the BlackBerry

President Barack Obama, seen here just last June checks his BlackBerry in Charlotte, N.C. President-elect Barack Obama used to collect comic books as a child, 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.

"I 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.

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Va. Tech grad student knew suspected killer, police said

Sue Lindsey  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alone and in a new country, graduate student Yao 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 began 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 dying 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 attacker, 25-year-old Haiyang Zhu of Ningsho, 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 men 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.

Zhu was charged with first-degree murder and was held without bond at the Montgomery County Jail. His attorney, Stephanie Cox, did not return a call seeking comment Thursday.

WORD ON THE STREET

"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."

-David Hall, business senior

"I don't know about a lot but about being the best senator for New York, then I think she made the right decision."

-Joanna Tujillo, animal science senior

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**State**

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Attorney General Jerry Brown is urging a federal court to reject an attempt to conceal the identities of donors to the gay marriage ban passed last year by California voters.

Brown filed a brief Thursday asking the court to deny a preliminary injunction sought by supporters of Proposition 8. It granted, the injunction would prevent them from having to file campaign finance reports detailing late contributions. The measure's supporters also have asked the court to order state officials to remove names of donors that already have been posted on the secretary of state's Web site.

**National**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Nashville voters cast ballots Thursday on a proposal that would make it the largest U.S. city to require all government business be done in English.

Polls were set to close at 7 p.m. CDT in the special election that has sparked intense debate in the city of nearly 600,000 people. Proponents say using one language would unite the city, but business leaders, academics and the city's mayor worry it could give the city a bad reputation. Similar measures have passed elsewhere.

Exactly how much translation would be silenced if the measure passes is murky. While it requires that all government communication and publications be printed in English, it allows an exception for public health and safety.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Caroline Kennedy's mysteriously abrupt decision to abandon her Senate bid gave rise to an ugly swirl of accusations Thursday about the political maneuvering behind it.

The 51-year-old daughter of President John F. Kennedy was widely considered a front-runner for the Senate seat until she sent a midnight e-mail to reporters and Gov. David Paterson saying she was withdrawing for what she described as personal reasons.

**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 people that I met five years ago when I went to work for them," he said, before conceding, "Obviously, it's a little different."

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**THIS WEEK IN CAL POLY ATHLETICS**

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Music Editor

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) stroll 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 excited young people enjoying our program,” symphony spokesperson Oliver Thell said.

The performance will feature a repertoire of modern and classical music.

They’re one of the great symphonies in this country and an opportunity to present them is a once-in-10-year chance.

—Steve Lerian
Director of Cal Poly Arts

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.”

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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.

Eager to present the opportunity for residents and students of San Luis Obispo to experience the adventure, Cal Poly booked them for a rare appearance.

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

Obama's message of hope deserves to be believed

It was very disappointing to read the cynical self-satisfaction on Jan. 26, "Today we inaugurate a man, not a God." We can agree that we should not expect miracles from one instant results. However, it is in sad to see the editorial designating the credulous message of hope and optimism from the incoming president and his cabinet populated with smart appointees.

The inherent pessimism in that editorial seems aligned with the ethos of the Bush-Cheney para-noia and perhaps in accord with the cynical and intellectually flawed message from naysayer-in-chief Richard Liambough and his ineligible supporters.

In contrast, let us be the advocates who engender the belief that "all things are indeed possible" when we have smart presidential leadership that is united with integrity and pragmatism. That would be the better course to provide with the hope of a future for all Americans, both rich and poor.

I submit that we now have a new dawn after eight dark years during "the reign of error by George W. Bush." Given the choice between hopefully optimistic and cynical pessimism, we as a community of scholars who value intellectual rea-
flection should lean toward optimism and confidence for a bright er future because we dispense of gloom and doom anchored with pessimism.

So, let's lend credence to the new motto of "yes we can and yes we will reach the promised land."

Unny Menon industrial and manufacturing engineering professor

Alcohol use portrayed as dangerous and fun

The first article I read in Thursday's paper told the tragic story of Carson Starkey's death, attributed to alcohol poisoning. I believe it is important to make it clear that Carson's be well distributed so that others may avoid his fate. For that I was glad to see this article featured on the front page.

However, upon reading further through the paper, I came across another article regarding the release of a new album, Times Anthologies. This article, on three separate occasions, praised alcohol for its ability to relieve us of our inhibitions. At one point the author even wrote we ought to "shoot down a fifth of vodka," a prospect which could easily lead to the kind of alcohol poisoning which took Carson's life.

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I, however, this is a matter that is pretty much a guarantee.

Brad Smalarz automotive engineering junior

Arabs and Jews are both sensitive, people but Palestine is still anti-Semitic

To the editor appearing on Jan. 22-23 Arabs are indeed a part of the Semitic people group. However, anti-Semitism is defined in the dic tionary as hatred towards Jews. Not because Jews are the only Semites but because the word originated in Germany in the late 1800s in order to give Jews-hating a more scien tific name. You can argue that the term itself does not make any sense, but that does not mean there is no anti-Semitic propaganda in the Arab world.

Also, we never said Israel had no responsibility in the Arab-Israeli conflict. However, we do feel compelled to voice our points of view. I can appreciate your point about not responding to rokers with machine guns. However, remember, getting hit in the head with a rock can cause serious damage! And would you suggest Israeli soldiers peltPalestinians with rocks as a response or that they send suicide bombs to Palestinian cities? I do not think that an attacker has the right to dictate how the other person should respond, and breach should not apologize for having a strong army. If it did not, there would not be any Israel.

Zachary Goldenstein mechanical engineering senior

letters to the editor

Marcia's word of the week

1. White- rimmed sunglasses
2. Oversized sunglasses
3. Spending an hour or more at the beach 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. Splunk hair at an age where one can grow facial hair
6. Excessive use of hair gel
7. A pre-gym shower accompanied by hair gelled to perfection (Really, it's what's on top)

1. 10. Flexing muscles in front of the Rock Center mirror (of course, an ex cessive amount of mirror time would count even if he isn't flexing)
2. 11. Ultimate (specifically while lifting weights)
3. 12. Color-coordinated gym outfits
4. 13. Shirts that are too small
5. 14. A void caused by inadequate lev els of self-esteem sought to be filled by making out with as many girls as possible

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 with one eye rolled up, accompanied by another young man wearing a tiny T-shirt and white- rimmed sunglasses.

Marcia Pala is a policy graduate student and a Mustang Daily's humor columnist. "Marcia's Word of the Week" explores some of the most important veransals of college life one word at a time.

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Cal Poly’s Barden to play in Senior Bowl tomorrow

Cal Poly junior guard Ashlee Stewart drives against Pacific’s Jasmine Dana in the Mustangs’ 68-58 win over Pacific on Thursday night in Mott Gym. Senior forward Megan Harrison (not pictured) became the third player in Cal Poly history to score 1,200 points in her collegiate career.

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Andrew Santoro-Johnson special to the Mustang Daily

Cal Poly’s Ramsen Barden catches a touchdown in overtime against Wisconsin on Nov. 22.

Mustangs defeat Pacific

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Kent calls it a career after 17 years in baseball

Beth Harris

LOUIS ANGELES — Jeff Kent always kept his emotions bottled up during his outstanding 17-year major league career. He couldn’t put ‘em between now and the draft will be raw’ because people will say small school and this, that and whatever.

‘He’s better than raw.’ The Cincinnati Bengals coaching staff is coaching the north roster while Jacksonville Jaguars’ staff will coach the south.

Originally selected to play in the 84th East-West Shrine Game on Jan. 17, Barden instead opted to play in the Senior Bowl a week later.

The Senior Bowl practices are attended by hundreds of NFL general managers, coaches and scouts.

Barden is one of five players from the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) who were selected to the Senior Bowl this year. Also selected were Sam Houston State quarterback Brett Bomar, Central Arkansas quarterback Nathan Brown, Jackson State defensive back Domonique Johnson and Liberty running back Rashad Jennings.

Cal Poly had one of its greatest seasons in school history compiling an 8-3 record and securing the Mustangs first Division I home playoff game.

Barden was a huge part of the team’s success, catching 67 passes for 1,257 yards and 18 touchdowns. He caught at least one touchdown in all 11 Cal Poly games this season, tying the NCAA mark for consecutive games with a touchdown reception in a season set by Randy Moss.

He also holds NCAA records for most consecutive games with a touchdown catch (29) and most career games with a touchdown reception (32). He is 13th on the all-time scoring receptions list with 96.

Barden finished his senior season first in the Great West Football Conference in receiving yards per game (114.3) and scoring (0.8) and was second in receptions per game (6.1).

He was named offensive player of the year in the Great West for the second consecutive year and was named to the All-Great West first team for the fourth time.

Barden finished fourth in the voting for the Walter Payton Award, given to the FCS’ best offensive player.

Jeff Kent

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