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School of Ag stages Poly Royal alternate

■ 'Agri View' attracted thousands for activities.

By Meredith Rehman
Special to the Daily

While most people stayed inside their homes on a rainy Saturday morning last weekend, many students were hard at work welcoming visitors to "Poly Agri View," the School of Agriculture's answer to the absence of Poly Royal.

Thirty-two clubs and nine departments within the School of Agriculture participated in the two-day event, which attracted thousands of students, parents and alumni.

Friday was aimed toward students, with educational exhibits and morning tours focusing on the agricultural displays. Saturday, which was geared more for adults, did not include as much hands-on learning but still featured close-up views of the

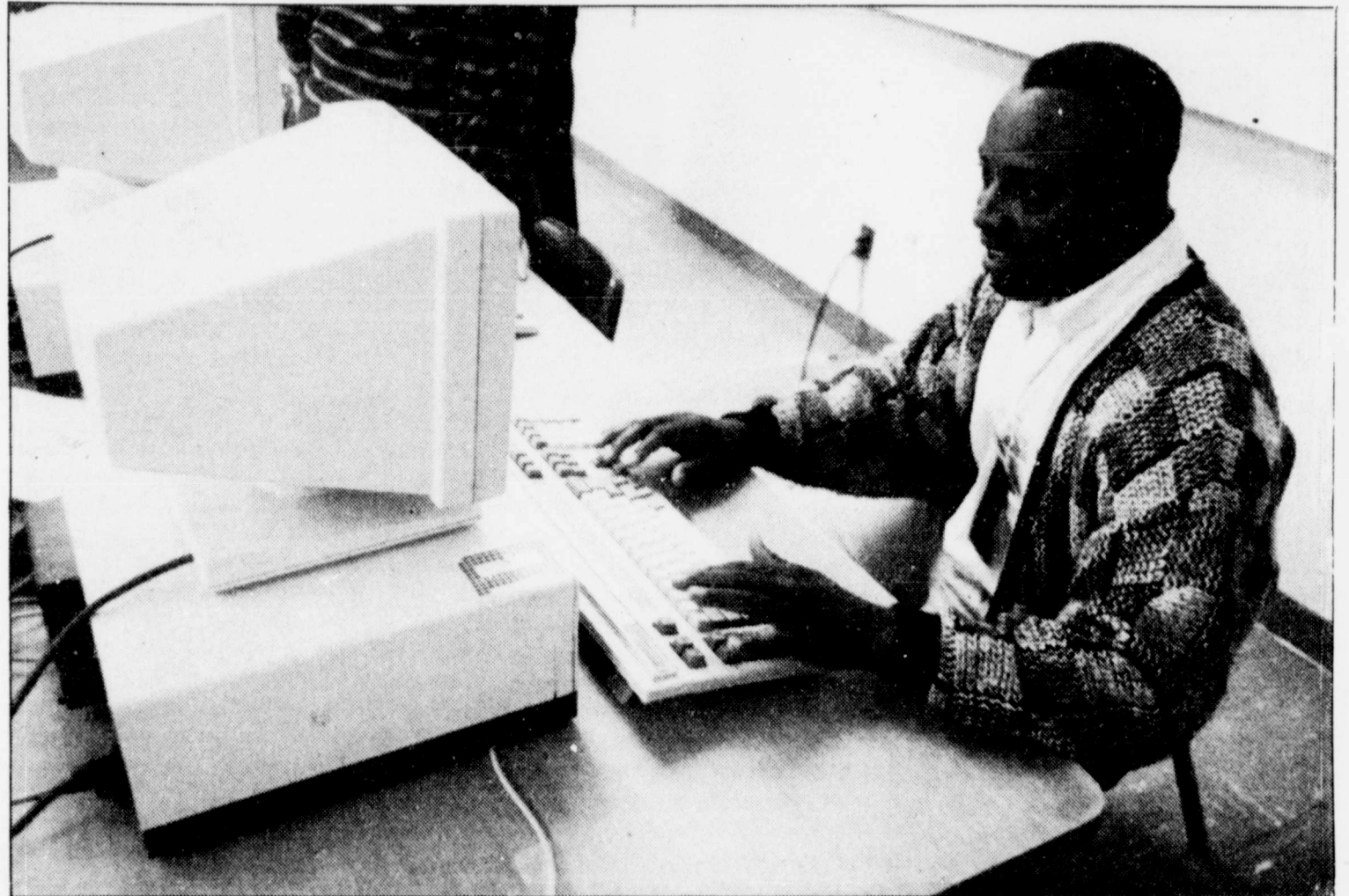
agricultural units.

The guests, who were personally invited by individual departments and clubs, were able to choose from a wide variety of educational displays, including logging and tractor demonstrations, horse shows, applesauce manufacturing and dairy showmanship.

"It was a new adventure for all of us," said Joe Sabol, associate dean for the School of Agriculture. "It brought out a lot of creativity in our students and faculty because they had to think of some new educational activities for the guests. I think we did it right."

Although the rain forced the opening ceremony to be moved indoors to the Agricultural Engineering shop, it didn't prevent guests from taking part in the

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JON ROGERS/Mustang Daily

Dwayne Ross, an agribusiness senior and Agri View host, showed visitors how computers are becoming more prominent in agriculture.

Symposium addresses packaging

■ Innovation '91 brings industry to Poly to discuss solid waste issues.

By Christy Rinauro
Staff Writer

They come in all shapes, forms and sizes. Their appearance on products marks the start of a product's public life. Once torn, peeled or cut away from their products, they find themselves discarded and sitting atop an overflowing landfill.

Packages. Most people cannot name anything bought lately that did not come packaged.

Packaging, the third largest industry in the country, will be one focus of Innovation '91: The Fourth Annual Plastics, Packaging and Recycling Symposium, taking place in Chumash Auditorium on Wednesday and Thursday.

Innovation '91 addresses the current solid waste management crisis, the efforts of industry and government to manage that waste and the new plastics and packaging technology aimed at solving the problem.

"There are a lot of myths out there, things that are completely untrue," said Dan Kruger, publicity chairperson for Innovation '91. "This is the perfect chance to ask questions and get an insight to industry, and it's a rare chance to talk with the people who deal

PACKAGING SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS	
Wednesday, April 24	Thursday April 25
11 a.m. - Custom Plastic Fabrication and Thermoforming. Gene Gay	10:30 a.m. - Recycling Forum. Jim Baker, Terry Bedell, Theresa Creech, Abhay Bhusan, Steven Wood, Tom Martin, Dennis Stover
11 a.m. - Office Recycling. Skip Northeross.	1 p.m. - Environmental Leadership at Xerox. Abhay Bhusan
1 p.m. - Recycling in the Diagnostic Industry. Jan Gates.	1 p.m. - Reusable and Recycling: It IS more Economical! Jim Baker
1 p.m. - Packaging the Space Station for Delivery to Orbit. Steve Ernst	2 p.m. - California: What's on the Horizon for Source Reduction, Waste Minimization, and Recycling Strategies. Theresa Creech
2 p.m. - The Benefits of Product and Package Testing. Robert Frank.	3 p.m. - Innovative Ideas in Foam Packaging and Current Waste Disposal and Recycling Programs at Ametek. Steven Wood
2 p.m. - Hot Melt Adhesive Application Systems Marketing. Ryan Parsons	3 p.m. - Environmental Packaging and How It Concerns Hunt Wesson. Jim Cage
3 p.m. - Reducing Injection Molding Scrap Through Runnerless Molding. George Smith	
3 p.m. - Plastic Foam Materials and the Environment. Dennis Stover	

directly with the engineers."

Kruger said Innovation '91 brings the "doers" of industry to campus to provide the most updated information on real-world solutions through company and product exhibits, lectures and an open forum and panel discussion.

Representatives from Apple, Beatrice/Hunt Wesson Inc., DOW, Great Western Foam and many other companies will be attending.

The event, coordinated by the student chapters of the Institute of Packaging Professionals and the Society of Plas-

tics Engineers, is meant to be beneficial to both industry and students.

John Stead, coordinator of packaging education and a professor in the industrial technology department said the symposium is not only an opportunity for students to meet with industry leaders to learn how to conserve resources, but also for industry to hear student concerns and notice student potential.

"This is an opportunity for industry to talk to Poly stu-

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Poor condition of Poly 'P' attributed to patriotism

■ Cleanup crew will repaint it this weekend.

By Jeff Krump
Staff Writer

Living quietly above the east side of campus is a large letter "P" that must be part amoeba and part chameleon because its shape and color change as often as the winds.

This "P" is also a very sloppy creature, leaving sheets, beer cans, paint buckets and other trash on its hillside.

Last quarter Cal Poly's Executive Dean of Facilities Administration, Doug Gerard, threatened to exterminate the "P" because its messiness was getting out of control.

Gerard said, "The defacing of the 'P' and trash left on its hillside has inappropriate overtones, particularly in a university atmosphere." Gerard said if the "P" was not kept its original white color and the hillside not kept clean, the "P" would be removed.

Gerard's threat prompted ASI Chairman of the Board Mark Denholm to create the Pride of the "P" committee to keep the symbol clean.

The committee contacted clubs on campus willing to participate in keeping the "P" clean. Pride of the "P" organized the

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Ambassadors recruit for Poly agriculture majors

By Lori Cheeseman
Staff Writer

For the past three years, the School of Agriculture has had a strong arm at its side, reaching out and pulling in more students than ever before. They are Agriculture Ambassadors, a student group that acts as a public relations and recruitment organization.

Members of Agriculture Ambassadors travel to high schools and community colleges throughout California, actively recruiting students into agricul-

tural majors at Cal Poly. The group's trips are paid for by donations.

Although they specialize in agriculture, the ambassadors provide general information about Cal Poly, as well as give tours of the school and represent the School of Agriculture as hosts whenever they are needed.

Roy Killgore, president of Agriculture Ambassadors, says that the primary goal of the group is to encourage students to continue their education at the university level. Many times stu-

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Reminder:

Vote in Wednesday's run-off election.

Poll Locations:

Agriculture bridge, U.U. plaza,
Dexter lawn and the postal kiosk

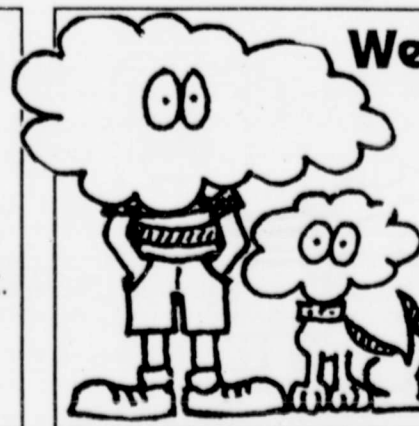
Polls are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Saving the Earth...

A photo essay shows the Earth Day fair at El Chorro Regional Park.

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Wednesday's weather:

Mostly cloudy.

Highs: 50s-60s
Lows: 40s

nw winds 10-30 mph
2 ft. seas w swells 4 ft.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cattle to blame in Poly Canyon

For the past three years, Poly Canyon has been a favorite mountain biking area of mine. Imagine the frustration I felt then upon discovering that the canyon has now been closed to bikes. Those responsible for closing it state that mountain bikers are destroying the environment. I find the sudden concern over "the environment" (as expressed by Larry Rathbun and Doug Gerard in a recent *Mustang Daily* article) grimly humorous when I consider how little the destruction caused by cattle evidently mattered in the past. More than anything else, cattle have been responsible for the damage in Poly Canyon since they crap in the creeks, turn the roads into a mire of mud and manure, and destroy ground cover. If concern for the environment is such a big issue, eliminate the cows from Poly Canyon, not the mountain bikes.

The most serious erosion problems in the Canyon occur on the roads which were hastily cut without much thought to drainage and which are serviced by poorly maintained and undersized culverts. Mountain bikers should not be blamed for this problem. As for the issue of open gates — lock them. I personally have found it easier to jump over the gates than to open them anyway.

Finally, I find it hard to stomach the fact that a handful of Ag students and their cows get to romp around in this huge and beautiful area while the rest of us thousands of Cal Poly students are restricted to riding our bikes on a painted green strip below the science building.

Monte Reinders
Civil Engineering

Correction

For the record — In the April 22, 1991, issue of *Mustang Daily*, the softball article contained incorrect facts and quotes.

•The team did not move into first place in the CCAA.

•Lisa Johnson started and won the first game. Laura Fawcett relieved Johnson in the late innings.

•In the second game, Julie Rome was not pitching a perfect game when she gave up a hit in the fifth inning. She walked batters in the first and third innings.

•The team is not a "sure bet" to make the playoffs.

•Head Coach Lisa Boyer said only that the team played with a lot of intensity and desire and came up with a pair of big wins.

ELECTION LETTERS



A letter supporting ...

David Kopic

I am writing this letter as a concerned student based upon my experience as a member of the Board of Directors for two years.

Our current ASI President claims he believes in being "accessible, honest and open." I urge all students to consider his track record in this light.

Although he has done well with ethnic relations, he has failed miserably with community relations. After hearing Mayor Ron Dunin on April 12, 1991, I am concerned that the future of the Student Community Liaison Committee is uncertain. Our Mayor spoke of an ASI president that was unresponsive and inflexible in the role of a com-

munication link between students and the city.

Our president has put much acclaim to his lobbying trips, yet budget cuts are mandated by the Board of Trustees and are already taking effect.

His entire image as a "people person" might be exemplified by his *Mustang Daily* quote "They should accept you for what you are. And if they don't, fuck 'em. You can quote me on that one. Fuck 'em." I wonder how far this attitude gets him with President Warren Baker, with whom he claims to have only met four times during his term. Even this meager statistic has been questioned for validity.

Taylor even missed the an-

nual meeting of the University President's Cabinet which determines crucial decisions for next year and future planning. Many believe our ASI president has simply gotten through this year by riding the coattails of his staff and by covering up the blunders until next year.

There is an alternative — Dave Kopic. An honest, hardworking and ethical student leader who is in touch with all student needs, not a simple few. Your vote will only make the difference.

Let your voice be heard on Wednesday.

Michael J. Gomes
Former vice chair of
ASI Board of Directors

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Adam Taylor

Cal Poly ASI elections are an aspect of our students' life that do have a significant impact which many students do not anticipate. I would like to take this opportunity to offer additional information to the students so that they will be able to make an educated decision in the presidential runoff. Adam Taylor is and has been an honest, straightforward and effective president for Cal Poly. Students must consider what is needed and what can be done by the ASI president.

Adam is not one who claims to know it all or run the whole show, but is one who instigates changes, takes risks, encourages his staff to produce results and has the backbone to stand up for the students when needed. Adam is in touch with his students on this campus and all the programs ASI provides. Adam has supported many of the programs we are all involved in, explores the options available and most importantly, places emphasis on the students and program prospering, but not at the expense of others.

It is for these reasons that I support and endorse Adam Taylor for ASI president. If you voted for me in the preliminary election, you will best match that vote by voting for Adam Taylor

in the runoff.

I am confident in his integrity and dedication to the student body. Special interest groups are a fact of politics, and Adam does not "buy in" to these political pressures either. I was courted by representatives from the athletics groups, and had I signed their document pledging my complete support to an IRA fee increase, I would have received the complete support of the athletes in the election. By my not signing the contract, it was interpreted that I was anti-athletic, which I am not. I believe that athletics is an important part of Cal Poly life and students need to make the decision if they wish to place approximately a million dollars of their money a year into this program.

The importance of the situation is to realize that Adam also feels athletics is an important part of student life, and if you examine his track record, you see he has played an active role in this sensitive issue. More importantly, if the students of Cal Poly want their ASI president to represent them in all endeavors, they must not elect a president who "makes deals." Where is the representation there? Adam has not, and would not, sign any contracts with special interest groups and maintains the strength to stand firmly on his feet for all the students of Cal Poly.

Adam supports the WOW program, athletics, ethnic studies program, greeks and many other groups on campus, and it would be in the best interest of all students to elect a president who has the experience, understanding and drive to make a difference. Working on the ASI executive staff this year I have seen this difference and have seen things happen.

As students we may not have seen "instant" results, yet in this past year Adam and his staff have brought you proposed city zoning plan changes, extended library hours, the initial stages of a teacher evaluation catalog, an ethnic relations committee and ASI Week for the students among many other changes.

As many of you know, Adam is the one who has the strength of knowledge and experience in representing the students with the proposed state budget cuts. This is not an issue to be taken lightly, and Adam is the candidate who would be able to represent the students efficiently and with strength in Sacramento.

Vote Wednesday to let your voice be heard, and vote for a candidate who will hear your voice. Re-elect Adam Taylor for ASI president.

Kim Forrester
ASI Marketing Coordinator

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Women stride forward in Japanese elections

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese voters have elected the nation's first woman mayor and placed a record number of women in city assembly seats, unofficial results from nationwide local elections showed today.

Another winner Sunday was Hitoshi Motoshima, the mayor of Nagasaki, who was wounded by an ultra-rightist gunman last year after saying Emperor Hirohito bore some responsibility for World War II. He was re-elected to a fourth four-year term.

The Social Democratic Party, Japan's No. 1 opposition group, suffered setbacks in voting for Tokyo's 23 ward assemblies. These followed its biggest election defeat in party history in local balloting earlier this month.

In Ashiya, a western city of 88,000 people, Harue Kitamura, 62, was elected as Japan's first woman mayor after campaigning for better education. The independent candidate, who is a lawyer, defeated an incumbent backed by the governing Liberal Democratic Party.

"More women should become involved in city politics," the mass-circulation daily Asahi Shimbun quoted Mrs. Kitamura as saying. "They should also advance to management positions if they have the ability."

"Mother Power Wins" and "Aproned Supporters Cheer" were among the national dailies' headlines announcing her victory.

"(Mrs. Kitamura) will undoubtedly serve as a great lighthouse for women aiming for participation in political decision-making," Asahi Shimbun quoted Teiko Kihira, a woman who is a member of Parliament, as saying.

Baker bids for support in Mideast peace talks

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III headed for Damascus on Monday in hopes of enlisting Syria's participation in a Mideast peace conference. Earlier, he bid for Soviet cosponsorship of the initiative and gained the sideline endorsement of Saudi Arabia.

Baker's scheduled sessions with President Hafez Assad and Foreign Minister Farouk Sharaa loomed as his most difficult challenge on the Arab side, as he attempts to fashion a format and agenda for the prospective peace talks. He was expected to return to Israel on Tuesday in hopes of resolving its concerns about the scope of the proposal.

On the way from Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, to Damascus, the secretary of state took a brief

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Report says poor pay higher taxes than rich

WASHINGTON (AP) — The poorest U.S. families pay 81 percent more of their average \$12,700 earnings in state and local taxes than do Americans making \$875,200 a year, a private research group said Monday.

Middle-income families, with earnings that average \$39,100, must turn over a one-third bigger share of their incomes to state, city and county governments than do the wealthiest 1 percent, said Citizens for Tax Justice.

In both cases, the disparity is worse than it was five years ago, said the organization, which is financed by labor, church and social groups.

Despite long-held beliefs that taxes in the United States should be based on ability to pay, the study concluded, "when all of the major state and local taxes are added together, virtually every state taxes its poor and middle-income families at rates significantly higher than those faced by the richest families."

"The biggest problem is over-reliance on regressive sales and excise taxes rather than on progressive, ability-to-pay income taxes," said Robert S. McIntyre, director of Citizens for Tax Justice.

Lenny Goldberg, executive director of the California Tax Reform Association, said the tax burden in California is 1.3 times greater on the poor than the very rich. He said many of the proposals to eliminate a \$12.6 billion state budget deficit would make the situation worse.

Analysts: Gorbachev will lose power soon

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials are reluctantly concluding that Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's government is paralyzed and the initiator of world-shaking reforms at home and abroad may not hold power much longer.

Kremlin watchers in Washington are studying the most likely successors and considering what a post-Gorbachev Soviet Union may look like.

Gorbachev has enjoyed hearty support from President Bush, who made no secret of his hope that the Soviet leader would succeed. But Bush advisers and State Department analysts now say privately that Gorbachev appears unable to regain control of his fractious country and that his time may be running out.

"He's getting pretty close to the edge," said one influential Soviet affairs analyst at

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Paper rates Palo Alto best city in Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For the second time, a newspaper has rated Palo Alto as the best place to live in the San Francisco Bay area.

The San Francisco Chronicle ranked 98 area cities and towns based on subjective ratings of things such as housing, schools, income, recreation, crime and commuting time.

Palo Alto was 54 points ahead of second-best San Rafael and ranked first in medical — the number of physicians and hospital beds per capita. San Rafael came in second in the cultural and recreation category, while third-place Sausalito ranked third in personal finances.

The rankings, published Monday, follow a similar rating the paper conducted in 1988.

San Ramon, ranked 57th overall, came in first in the economy rating — the projected job growth rate and per capita nonresidential building valuations. Oakland, ranked 61st, was rated as having the best weather along with Alameda (33rd), Piedmont (38th) and Hayward (44th).

Others rated first in specific categories were: Los Altos (9th overall), housing and schools; Larkspur (23rd), personal finances; Mill Valley (5th), culture and recreation; Hillsborough (27th), lowest crime; Portola Valley (19th), open space; and Berkeley (46th), dining.

San Francisco, ranked 24th, had the best rating in the commute category — not the distance to the city but rather the distance people travel in order to get to work.

Study rates L.A. area views on environment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Most Southern Californians are environmentally savvy but they aren't willing to part with their beloved automobiles or curb water consumption, an "Environmental Report Card" released Monday showed.

Residents deserve an environmental "A" for concern but only a "C-plus" for their response, said University of California, Los Angeles, researchers, using Earth Day to release an ecology survey of 316 residents.

"Southern Californians are discovering that their initial success in recycling valuable resources and using less water are a small price to pay for a planet we can be proud to pass on to our children," said UCLA professor Richard Berk.

The survey showed that many residents eagerly accept a technological fix, such as low-flow showerheads and toilets, Berk said.

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Preparation can make European travel smoother

Gabrielle Friedly
Staff Writer

Many students take the opportunity while still in college to round out their education by taking a summer tour of Europe.

Tim McWilliams, ASI travel adviser, has several suggestions for anyone preparing for such an adventure.

The first step is getting a passport. Applications can be picked up at County Government Center, said McWilliams, a biological sciences junior. Each student must show the original or a copy of their birth certificate for verification. Two pictures must also be given which can be taken at Kinko's Copy Center for between \$8 and \$10. The passport itself costs \$35, he said.

"It takes about three weeks to get the passport, so its good to start the process early," said Felice Morocco, ASI Travel Center coordinator.

The next step to a fun and exciting trip is to decide which countries you are most interested in visiting. McWilliams suggests, "Let's Go Europe," a book that breaks down each country in alphabetical order.

"The book tells everything you need to know about each country," McWilliams said.

McWilliams suggests making a schedule of places you wish to visit. "You probably won't stick to the schedule, but its good to have a guideline," he said.

McWilliams said, "You do not want to rely on it (the book) for accommodations

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20th ANNIVERSARY HOFBRAU

The Hofbrau is celebrating its 20th anniversary and wants to thank everyone for their many years of support. We want to show our appreciation with a celebration for the next 8 months by having weekly and monthly prizes and a grand prize in November. We thank you.

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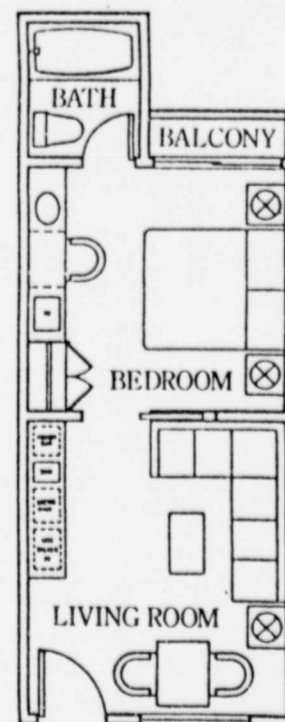
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Doctor warns students of cancer risks

■ Being informed about skin cancer is key to preventing it.

By Tracy Condron
Staff Writer

Skin Cancer. Any mention of it on the beach, in the midst of sunbathers, and you could find yourself with a fistful of sand in your face. However, skin cancer is a growing concern among physicians, and being educated about this form of cancer could save your life.

"It's not impossible for someone in their early 20s to get skin cancer, but someone in their late 30s or early 40s is much more likely," said Richard Ascoli, a Cal Poly Health Center physician.

Ascoli said it is important that students, especially those with fair skin, are informed about skin cancer.

According to the Neutrogena Skin Care Institute, last year more than 600,000 Americans were newly diagnosed with skin cancer, making it the most common form of the disease.

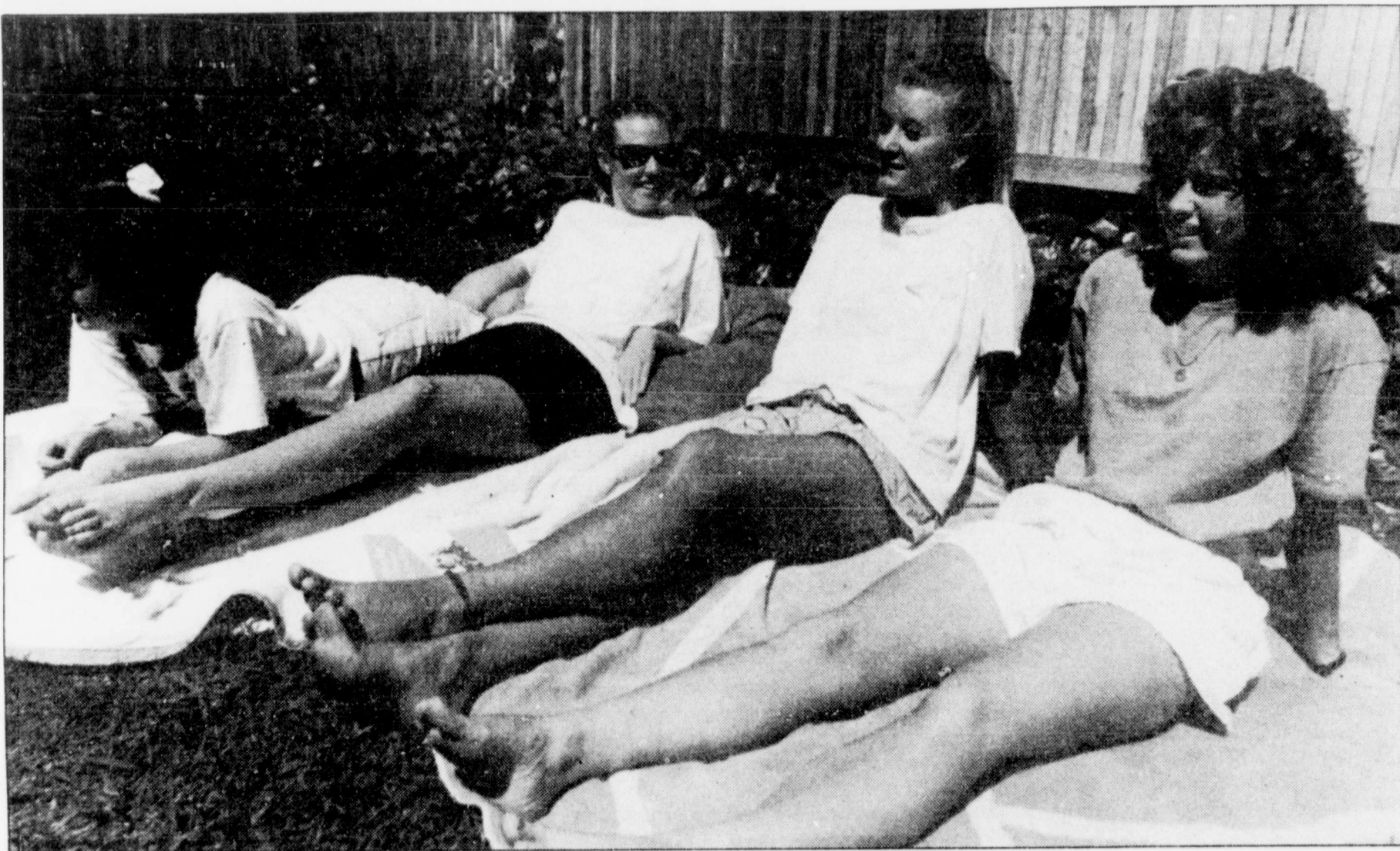
Excessive exposure to the sun is the greatest known risk factor in the cause of skin cancer.

Skin cancer can be most readily cured when it is discovered early and treated promptly. Being informed about the disease and aware of its symptoms can prevent a battle with this sometimes deadly cancer.

There are three major types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and malignant melanoma.

Basal cell carcinoma is the most common. The basal layer of the skin is the deepest layer of the epidermis (the top layer of skin). It usually starts as a small shiny bump on areas which are normally unprotected from the sun, such as the head, neck or hand, and it grows slowly. When untreated, the bump may crust over or bleed. It can grow but is not usually life-threatening.

Squamous cell carcinoma is common-



JON ROGERS/Mustang Daily

Four Cal Poly students behind Tenaya Hall relax in the springtime sun. But sunbathers this summer will have to take more precautions from damaging rays that cause skin cancer, the nation's most common form of the disease.

ly found on the face and ear tips as a knob-like bump or as red blotches. Squamous cells are present in a layer directly above the basal layer of skin.

Squamous cell cancer, less common than basal cell cancer, tends to grow faster. It is also more likely to "metastasize," meaning it will spread to other internal systems of the body, which can, in turn, become cancerous.

The last type of skin cancer is melanoma, and it is the most dangerous. This cancer begins in the melanocytes, the skin cells that produce the dark protective pigment called melanin. When exposed to sunlight, the melanin in skin increases to form a protective layer in the form of a suntan. Melanoma consists of melanocytes which have been transformed into cancer cells that grow uncontrollably.

Once colonies of melanoma cells

reach vital internal organs and grow, they are much more difficult to treat, making melanoma a potentially lethal form of cancer.

Ascoli said that if people know the symptoms, they are more likely to seek treatment. Sometimes, though, they wait too long. "If you get care early, you can cut the cancer off," Ascoli said.

Melanoma shows up looking like a mole. If a mole undergoes a sudden or continuous change, that is a sign to see a physician. Possible symptoms of melanoma include when one half of a mole doesn't match the other half, the borders of the mole are ragged, the pigmentation is different shades of color or the diameter of the mole is greater than six millimeters.

Anyone can get skin cancer.

A new popularity in skin-tanning has been the use of tanning parlors. It is

possible to get skin cancer in tanning booths but not as likely.

"All tanning rays are risky; however, tanning booths use longer rays which are less damaging and much less risky for causing skin cancer. But it is not risk-free," Ascoli said.

Adrienne Teffeteller, a sales representative at Sundance Tanning Center, said beginning tanners will sit in a booth for only 10 to 15 minutes. Tanners then build up, but Sundance will only allow their customers 30 minutes maximum to prevent burning.

"Here, you build up to a certain color, and you stop," Teffeteller said. "In the sun you keep getting darker and possibly burn."

Being informed about skin cancer is the first step in prevention. More information can be obtained at the Health Center.

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"However," he said, "Southern Californians are very reluctant to change their driving habits, and we've noted some resistance to water conservation as well."

The Save the Earth Foundation funded the Environmental Report Card survey.

"If we could think of Southern California overall as a student enrolled in a course on sound en-

vironmental practices, and consider our survey as an exam, I would give this student an 'A' for environmental concern and a 'C-plus' for actual performance," said Berk.

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detour to Kuwait to reaffirm U.S. support of the emirate.

Before leaving Jiddah, Baker had a 35-minute telephone conversation with Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander A. Bessmertnykh. Baker wants Moscow to cosponsor the peace talks, provided the Soviets resume full diplomatic relations with Israel after a 24-year lapse.

Bessmertnykh is expected to make a trip to Israel soon. Baker's detailed briefing of the Soviet official and the fact that he was keeping his schedule open raised a possibility that Baker might fly to Moscow to firm up a jointly sponsored con-

ference, provided he can resolve the Arab-Israeli differences over the agenda and the extent of third-party participation.

The Saudis confirmed during Baker's meetings in Jiddah with King Fahd and Prince Saud, the foreign minister, that they would not participate directly in peace negotiations though they may take part in dealing with such side issues as the environment.

But Prince Saud, seeing Baker off to Kuwait, said "It was conveyed to the secretary that Saudi Arabia believes it is time to put an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict and to achieve a comprehensive and just solution to the Palestinian question."

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Varied services given at little-known center in agriculture building

■ Students can find administrative forms and needed help at the Student Resource Center.

By Aaron Nix
Staff Writer

Being successful at Cal Poly means facing many challenges over the years. There are forms to fill out, requirements to meet and advice to seek from a variety of sources.

The average student probably would find it hard to believe that one place on campus can assist in all these areas, plus help in finding internships and jobs after graduation.

"Most people don't even know we're here," said Shannon Hamilton, a facilitator at the Student Resource Center. "I've had friends who are graduating seniors wander in here, look around, and say 'what do you guys do here, anyway?'"

The Student Resource Center offers guidance to people seeking information about services available on campus. Located in room 202 of the Erhart Agriculture building, the center is run by junior and senior agriculture-related majors who volunteer their time to answer student questions.

"Most people come in here for forms, like add/drop slips and petitions," said Shelly Stace, a student facilitator and agriculture science senior.

"We have just about all the forms found at the Administration building, and we're more than happy to help students fill them out."

The center can be particularly useful to incoming freshmen who are unfamiliar with college life.

"New students usually don't know where anything is," Hamilton said. "We can help them with everything from locating laundry facilities to filling out course deviation forms. They just need to come in, and they can probably get the help they need right here."

"This is definitely a place where the older students pump up the younger ones," Stace said. "When a person is new and unsure, it's hard to see the light at

the end of the tunnel. The advisers here are all juniors and seniors, so we have the information and experience necessary to help students keep the ball rolling."

Hamilton said the center also has plenty to offer to older students preparing for life after graduation.

"We have a file cabinet full of information on co-ops, internships and graduate programs," Hamilton said. "We can provide references from fellow students on the quality of many of the opportunities, and in some cases we have the connections to help students get their foot in the door."

Most of the services provided by the center were developed over the years by the volunteer advisers. According to Hamilton, a facilitator gets one or two units of course credit for working at the center, depending on how much work is done. Those earning two units must complete a project related to the center, improving the quality in some way. Past efforts have brought the center new resources such as a computer terminal and a coin-operated copy machine.

Stace and Hamilton agreed that anyone could find a use for the center, regardless of their major.

"It's true, this place started out serving primarily ag business students, but we welcome anyone to come in for help," Stace said. "Because of the new CAPTURE registration system, it seems students don't talk to advisers in their own departments anymore. We realize what a gap that creates between the faculty and students, and the 15 of us who volunteer here are available to help bring things closer together."

The Student Resource Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary, and an adviser is always on hand to answer questions.

NATION

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State. "The situation looks very precarious," said another.

One official with long experience observing Soviet affairs said the administration has received recent signals from various sources indicating that Gorbachev is in serious trouble and is "maneuvering furiously to protect his flanks and undercut the opposition."

"He's very much aware of the threat," the official said.

Administration officials are reluctant to comment openly about Gorbachev's political survival, and those who spoke to The Associated Press did so only under anonymity.

Other observers injected a note of caution, saying there is much hysterical talk but little hard evidence.

John D. Steinbruner, director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution, said, "I do not see signs of his imminent demise."

"He has balanced the overall politics in a way that doesn't make it easy to get at him," Steinbruner said, though he acknowledged, "One never quite

knows where the breaking point is."

State Department Counselor Robert B. Zoellick, in outlining Bush administration policy on Capital Hill recently, alluded to the "increased uncertainty about the future course" of the Soviet Union.

The United States, he said, "should try to manage uncertainty by multiplying our channels of information and increasing our points of access with a rapidly changing Soviet society."

The administration is attempting to broaden its contacts at all levels of the Soviet power structure while trying not to undermine Gorbachev, whom it still regards as a friend and a positive force for change.

"We are resisting the advice of critics who say we should wash our hands of Gorbachev," said one well-placed official. "We don't count him out."

Bush is pressing to settle a dispute over conventional force cuts in Europe and to complete work on a strategic arms reduction treaty (START) while he still has a sympathetic counterpart in the Kremlin.

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TRAVEL

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though because everyone traveling in Europe has the book." It is better to purchase a Youth Hostel Card and the International Youth Hostel Directory to aid in accommodations.

An International Student I.D. is also worth purchasing for \$14, McWilliams said.

"The card basically pays for itself," he said. The student will receive discounts throughout Europe including museums, car rentals and some hotel accommodations, he said. The I.D. also provides \$4,000 insurance coverage.

Student discounts on round-trip airfare can be worked out through any travel agency. "In general, the average rate to Europe will be around \$800

round-trip during the summer," McWilliams said.

For the most part visas are not necessary, McWilliams said. All of Western Europe and much of Eastern Europe do not require them, he said. The ASI Travel Center has a list of which countries require visas.

Once you are in Europe, the easiest way to go from country to country is by way of European trains. Many people travel at

night to save money on accommodations, McWilliams said. "There are couchette cars (sleeping cars) that have bunkbeds with provided linen that are fairly comfortable," he said.

Marocco said, "If you plan to travel on the overnight trains, you should make reservations a few days before to assure a couchette car."

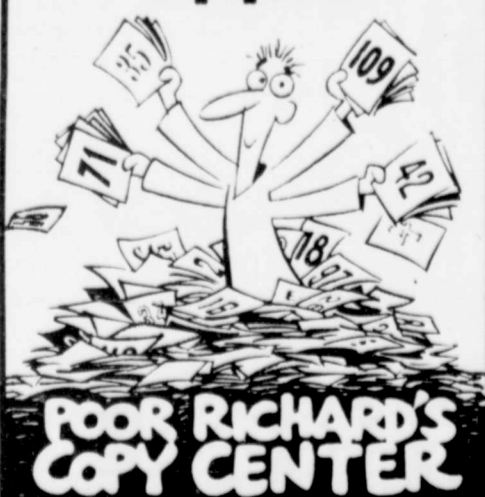
Security should be a major concern for all European travelers. "If you go with a conscious attitude and have a little bit of sense, you should be fine," Marocco said. All valuables should be kept in a money-belt. Many students also carry fanny-packs, but students must be careful with these because they can unsnap easily, she said.

In case anything is stolen, "It is good to make copies of your passport and the numbers on the traveler checks," Marocco said.

One set of copies should be left at home and the other set should be given to a fellow traveler. "This way if your passport or any traveler checks are stolen, it is easier to get new ones while in Europe," she said. "Traveler checks are the safest way to travel," Marocco said.

The ASI Travel Center is providing free weekly workshops on European travel. The next is Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in U.U., room 218.

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Men's tennis gears for nationals after taking third conference title

By Geoff Seratti
Staff Writer

The Mustangs men's tennis team clinched its third consecutive conference title during the weekend, beating shorthanded Chapman 5-1 on Sunday at Cal Poly.

The Mustangs improved to 29-1 in the conference over the last three years. They now have won 24 conference matches in a row. Cal Poly is 14-8 and 10-0 in the conference.

Coach Kevin Platt said it is a great feat. "Ours is the toughest conference in the country. Bakersfield and Riverside are much improved as is the rest of the conference. It's great not to lose to those teams for two-and-a-half years."

Chapman only brought five eligible players to the match, and Platt said even though Chapman is ranked No. 10 in Division II, they are substantially weaker than in past years. "They are the weakest I've seen them in nine years. They are usually a strong top-10 team every year. They

have lost a couple of players to injuries and suspensions this year."

The only loss for the Mustangs was Eric Sasao at No. 1 singles. He struggled and lost in straight sets 6-2, 7-6 (7-1), to Laurent Dropsy.

Platt said Dropsy was the rookie of the year in the conference two years ago. "The guy played great, really consistent. That's the best match he's played in two-and-a-half years. Eric's been struggling, not playing his best." Sasao has had the best record on the team over the past three years. Platt said he has played only a couple of matches up to his usual standards this year.

Cal Poly swept the rest of the singles matches in straight sets, and doubles was not played. No. 2 Alex Havrilenko defeated Aris Vassiliou 6-1, 6-4; No. 3 Max Allman beat Bruce Wolfram 6-2, 6-0; No. 4 Mark Nielsen routed Roland Ressig-dire 6-0, 6-0; No. 5 Marc Ollivier won when Ken Nakama forfeited due to injury 6-0, 2-0; and the No. 6 singles match was defaulted by Chapman.

As a team the Mustangs are ranked No. 2 in Division II heading into nationals. Individually they have four players ranked in the top 50 in national singles play. Sasao is ranked No. 2 in the nation; Havrilenko 19th; Allman 36th and Nielsen is ranked 48th.

In doubles Sasao-Havrilenko are ranked fifth in the country while Allman-Ollivier are ranked 12th.

In a tuneup for nationals, some of the Mustangs are playing the Ojai Intercollegiate beginning Thursday. In the independent intercollegiate, Platt said Allman and Ollivier will play singles and doubles.

Top players from teams in the CCAA conference, Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount and other teams, will compete in that tournament, Platt said. For Allman and Ollivier, "It will give them a chance against top teams to see if they can do well and maybe get a seeding at nationals," Platt said.

In the intercollegiate invitational tournament, also at Ojai, Sasao and Havrilenko will play singles and doubles for the

Mustangs. Platt said high-ranking players from tennis powers including UCLA, Stanford, USC and UC Berkeley will play at the invitational.

Platt said the Ojai weekend is a busy time for him, since the team is playing, and he is recruiting for both the men and women. Platt said he will not be able to coach as much at Ojai, and the players will be

more on their own in matches.

Many Mustang players should garner all-conference honors. Platt said Ricardo Reyes and Allman have been undefeated in singles and doubles play in the conference all year. He said the team should get every player on the all-conference team. "We deserve it," he said.

Allman could win player of the year in the conference, Platt said. Allman has only one loss including non-conference matches, and the loss was to the No. 1-ranked player in the country in Division II.

The team begins defense of its 1990 NCAA Division II national title on May 10 at the nationals in Oklahoma.

SYMPOSIUM

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dents because many people in industry are unfamiliar with the potential here. It's also a way for us to help the industry get the word out about career opportunities and let them tell their story to Cal Poly," Stead said.

Kruger, an industrial technology senior, said people from every major should attend the free symposium.

"It seems that in almost any field you'll be going into, you'll be dealing with environmental issues; they're very big now," Kruger said. "People also need to make some informed decisions, especially with the new ballot measures we'll need to vote on."

"People should come out and ask the important questions themselves and get the right answers."

Thursday's recycling forum will provide opportunities for students to ask a panel of industrial, governmental, environmental and educational experts about pending issues in the industry.

The forum will be held in Chumash Auditorium at 11 a.m. and will be moderated by Lynn Diehl, KSBY-TV anchor woman.

"This will give you a different perspective on things," Kruger said. "It should help you understand the liabilities of products."

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AGRI VIEW

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rest of Saturday's events.

"Everybody knew we had to move the flag ceremony inside, and they all worked very hard and quickly to make it good," Sabol said. "The weather was really bad that day, and I know that some people stayed home because of it. But the crowd was a good one; they were happy, they were the right people and they came to see us."

Sabol said there wasn't just one exhibit that stood out as the most successful, because they were all great. He said that the

ornamental horticulture display, however, was especially unique because of its extensive setup.

Ron Regan, ornamental horticulture department head, agreed that the display was unique because it depicted the nature of the department through 24 different exhibits.

"The department invited about 170 junior high school science students and a couple of high school classes to come to the event," Regan said. "The young students were put into groups, which were hosted by ornamental horticulture students, and

given tours through the exhibits."

Pi Alpha Xi, an ornamental horticulture club, sponsored a community flower show, a 15-year-old event. Three hundred entries were received and judged for the show and put on display for the public.

"We had a lot of fun," Regan said. "The best part of the event was having the opportunity to talk with parents of students and alumni. It was very rewarding and worthwhile to get back to the old Poly Royal. We went back to the basics with the education-

al display, and we'll grow from here."

Agri View Cochairperson David Neels, an agricultural education sophomore, said that because everything went well this year, he expects there will be an overwhelming amount of people wanting to help out next year.

He said that one of the most difficult aspects of organizing the event was departments and clubs getting schools to come to the event.

"Since this was the first year, many departments and clubs

were hesitant, but we worked with them to encourage schools to come for the educational displays," he said.

"It was really neat seeing all of the kids on Friday because they were having a great time," Neels said. "Teachers took the time to talk to them, and I think they really appreciated that."

Overall, Sabol said the event was a success.

"The School of Agriculture was out to prove we could have a quality, educational open-house, not a carnival," he said. "Mission accomplished."

AMBASSADORS

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dents are not aware of the opportunities available at schools such as Cal Poly, he said.

Killgore, an agribusiness junior, said ambassadors come from all different majors within the School of Agriculture.

"It's a strong and solid organization where each member contributes a lot of time and effort," Killgore said. "It is like the

cream of the crop from the School of Agriculture."

Killgore says the group is an experience in leadership and communication. Not only do they gain insight into agriculture, but ambassadors also meet industry leaders and develop friendships.

Killgore and Agriculture Ambassador Vice President Suzie Emery have been a part of the organization since it began three

years ago.

Emery, a business graduate student, says the future of Agriculture Ambassadors is promising. Already, the group has been credited with an increasing quantity and quality of applications.

Killgore says their presentations are energetic and professional. They usually begin with a questionnaire containing surpris-

ing facts about agriculture.

"It's mind-boggling — the response and interest we get back from students and teachers," Killgore said.

Right now, Agriculture Ambassadors is accepting applications for the 1991-92 academic year. Killgore said there will be about 20 openings.

To be considered for an ambassador position, students must

be enrolled in the School of Agriculture or have an agricultural career objective, and have a Cal Poly cumulative GPA of 2.5.

"We are looking for outgoing, professional people who can communicate well with their peers," Emery said.

Applications are available in the dean's office. An information meeting is set for April 30, at 7 p.m. in Ag Sciences, room 211.

POLY 'P'

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clubs on a rotating basis to climb the hill, pick up rubbish and color the "P" white with paint provided by the school.

But the "P" has not been white for more than a month now, leaving students to wonder if Pride of the "P" is doing its job. Denholm said the "P" has been neglected on purpose because it has taken the form of the American flag.

"You can't argue with God, motherhood and apple pie," Gerard said of the intentional neglect. He said, however, that the "P" was beginning to look shoddy and should be painted soon.

Denholm said the "P" was

scheduled to be painted last Saturday by Delta Sigma Phi fraternity but was canceled due to the rain. The group plans to paint the letter this weekend.

Gerard was not opposed to the idea of the "P" being altered by clubs on campus, as long as the clubs agreed to return the "P" to its original form. Gerard said that sort of option would need controls.

Gerard said the university should have some control over groups painting the "P". "Some creative individuals might come up with something offensive," he said.

Gerard said the cooperation of the student body in general is needed to keep the "P."

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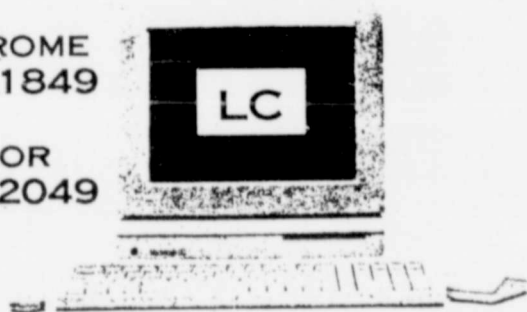
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