Prof: Aquaculture may help world food problem

BY ROSEANN WENTZ
Daily Staff Writer

Aquaculture — the marine equivalent of agriculture — may be a step toward solving the world's protein deficiency. So says Dr. Royden Nakamura, a Cal Poly biological science professor who recently spent two-and-a-half months in India studying aquaculture, the marine equivalent of agriculture.

In a proposal submitted to the Indo-American Fellowship Program, Nakamura stresses the importance of aquaculture. Because of the proposal, Nakamura was awarded a grant that financed his research in India.

"Aquaculture cannot be ignored as a potentially significant animal protein source," the proposal states. But Nakamura stressed: "Aquaculture may provide a partial solution to the global protein shortage however.

"I don't want you to think I'm running around trying to save the world from a catastrophic famine. I just think scientists should take a closer look at these things," the scientist said in an interview April 17.

A formal definition of aquaculture is "the rearing of aquatic organisms under controlled conditions using techniques of agriculture and horticulture." Its objective is "to increase by all possible means the production of food far above the levels which would be produced naturally."

Nakamura and Third World countries have little published material on aquaculture, including India. During his visit, Nakamura observed government aquaculture and fishery research laboratories in Indian states. He also made visits to on-going field aquaculture projects, and consulted with scientific, technical and liaison staff members associated with the projects.

He said his trip reaffirmed his statements made in his proposal: "Training programs and extension services are key to the establishment and perpetuation of any innovative program designed to improve the human condition in regions of poorly nourished and poorly educated people."

Nakamura claimed the field of aquaculture is subject to overly optimistic predictions and that "some of the new ideas are not well founded and approaches which were inefficient in the developed world are being applied in the underdeveloped world in the lack of emphasis on training and extension services," said Nakamura.

Dr. Nakamura plans on publishing his findings. He said he feels although aquaculture will probably not eliminate world hunger, it will benefit people in Third World countries.

Passive design
A Cal Poly Extension course on the philosophy and principles of passive solar architecture will begin Friday, May 9. The course will be taught by Kenneth Haggard, a member of the Cal Poly architecture department faculty.

The deadline for preregistration for the course in Friday, May 2. A $54 fee will be charged for the two-credit course.

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Prolonging the crisis

It is hard to argue with the intent behind President Carter's recently foiled plan to rescue American hostages in Iran. The bold showing of military force that many Americans had requested from the beginning of the crisis was Carter's solution. Had the attempt succeeded, Carter would have been pronounced a hero. But the plan has failed and the president's move does not bear up well under close scrutiny.

Certainly the fly in the ointment of the rescue attempt was Carter's gross sense of timing. Had the president waited one week our allies in the European Common Market were set to impose an economic embargo on Iran. There is no telling how this boycott by several of the world's most powerful nations may have affected Iran's government. Had Carter held out just a few more weeks, perhaps the entire crisis may have ended without bloodshed. If the sanction proved to be futile, it then would have been a more prudent time to launch a rescue attempt.

Not informing the allies of the rescue plan was another mistake. Certainly utmost secrecy must be maintained during a mission of this kind, but not informing partners involved is a lack of courtesy and could prove to be a loss of support. Hopefully, the aborted rescue will not sway the allies from their plans of economic sanction, but it will be harder to ask them to support the United States when it appears that they will not depend on us from day to day.

And the feasibility of the rescue plan itself must not be overlooked. It is hard to imagine that the troops, had they reached the embassy in Tehran, could have seized the hostages without massive bloodshed.

The entire plan boils down to an ill-conceived administrative blunder. The rescue attempt was too risky in the first place and failure may have hurt any further hope of releasing the hostages.

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This latest restriction forbidding changing sections to create a balanced classroom is ridiculous. Is this not a college of intelligent students and instructors, or must we have strict rules that seem to satisfy only the whims of the department head? Why must be eliminate the few choices a student has (or had, for MEs) concerning his curriculum? If a classroom has room for adds, and the instructor is willing to take these adds, doesn't it make sense to allow this to happen? This seemed to occur naturally before restrictions were imposed. But Dr. Gordon's rule forbids consideration of the matter of switching sections of a class, even if there is room. Other departments in the school seem to be able to handle the situation of adds without much trouble.

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Thousands make it a Royal weekend

Believed by many to be the largest university open house in the western United States, Poly Royal again hosted thousands of visitors who helped make the weekend a smashing success.

Amidst the myriad displays, exhibitions and food stands, the tractor pull, the rodeo and a country-western rock show were some of the big events attended by the Royal crowds. At bottom, the roar of a twin-engine tractor as it pulls a sled precedes the roar of applause from fascinated spectators. One Cal Poly cowboy takes a dive during the bull riding event below and Emmy Lou Harris, at right, performs during the inaugural Poly Royal concert.

Photos by Vince Bucci
Choose car mechanic with care, watch for fraud, says Polv prof

BY BEVERLY BRINTNALL

Consumer

Generic medicines: best buy

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Washington, D.C. - Before buying an expensive brand name drug consider a cheaper alternative under a generic brand.

"Generic drugs are the common chemical and pharmaceutical name of a drug," said Prudence Zalewski, a home economics teacher whose expertise is personal consumer affairs management. For example, aspirin is a generic drug, while Bayer, Bufferin or Excedrin are brand names. Most store brand names such as "Safeway aspirin" are generic drugs, said Zalewski.

"The quality of the generic drug is the same as the brand name and it is cheaper," she said.

The Food and Drug Administration requires certain levels of effectiveness and purity before a drug is sold to consumers, said Zalewski.

"American consumers equate price with quality. Brand names on the average cost about twice as much as generic drugs. The reason is that brand name companies spend money advertising and familiarizing their drug with doctors, said Zalewski.

"Any doctor can write a generic prescription but may use a brand name, because he is familiar with it," she explained.

The law permits pharmacists to change brand name prescriptions to generic.

"Thus, there must not be any difference between brand name drugs and generic drugs," said Zalewski.

Not every drug has a generic equivalent, because companies have patents on the drugs. About 20 percent of brand name drugs do have generic drugs, said Zalewski.

"Company patents last seventeen years and many will expire so soon a lot more generic drugs should become available.

Consumers may pay up to a 1,200 percent price difference in buying brand name drugs. A generic prescription drug may cost a consumer $7.50 as a discount pharmacy, but if the consumer has the drug delivered and it is a brand name drug, it may cost him $45, said Zalewski.

So when reaching for that cold medicine, instead of buying Chlor-Thalonil, Corexin or Liberal, get its generic - antibismuthine.

And if students have any trouble with a pharmacy or have any general drug complaint said Zalewski, write to the Consumer Affairs Board of Pharmacy, 1021 0 Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Poultry substitute for high-priced beef

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans interested in getting enough protein, but discouraged by the high cost of beef, continue to find good value in poultry.

Nutritionists note that eggs, too, can be a valuable protein source if eaten in moderation so as to avoid consuming too much cholesterol.

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Many packages contain the Agriculture Department's USDA inspection mark. This means the poultry is safe and wholesome to eat, but it doesn't tell anything about the tenderness or meatiness of the bird.

Look for a grade mark for meatiness information. Grade A chickens, turkeys, ducks and coops are the meatiest and have the fewest tears in their skins.

Predict the tenderness by looking for the class or age of the bird. Young birds, usually labeled as broilers, fryers or roasters are the most tender. Older birds, good for stewing, baking and soups, are often labeled as stewing hens.

The department grades eggs also, with AA, A and B the most commonly seen. These grades describe the interior quality of the egg and the appearance of the shell. The higher the grade, the higher the yolk and white will stand off when broken out of the shell. While Grade AA is the most attractive, the lower grades are equally nutritious.

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Sir Alfred Hitchcock dead at 80

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Sir Alfred Hitchcock, the Master of Suspense whose movies at once charmed and terrifed audiences for more than 50 years, died Tuesday at his home of natural causes, spokesman said for the 80-year-old director.

When informed of Hitchcock's death, Henry Fonda, who starred in the director's "The Wrong Man" in 1956, said: "I think his humor was the most unique thing about him. He was one of our giants. I feel very fortunate to have worked with him. He was a totally unselfish man."

The director's rare appearances on the Hollywood social scene were usually caused by the bestowing of a new honor.

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Ray Gomes clings onto the bucking steer which is being launted by the rodeo clown.

Netters weather rough waters

BY SUE BOYLAN
Daily Paso Robles

The Cal Poly tennis tournament was a good experience for their young teams, according to the men’s coach and the women’s assistant coach.

Both Mustang men’s coach Ken Peet and Orion Yeast said their tennis players performed well against the strong competition at last weekend’s tournament.

The men’s number one singles player, Robb Chappell, ‘played super tennis’ in his matches, said Peet. Chappell beat BrianNewsal from Occidental 6-2, 6-4 and Cal State LA’s Brent Bevard 6-4, 7-6, before being eliminated by the tournament’s second seed Jim Snyder, from UC Irvine, 6-3, 7-6.

Second singles Martin Dyedel also played very well, the coach said. Dyedel beat John Lee of the University of the Pacific 6-3, 6-2 in his first round. Dyedel lost in the second round against CSULA’s Louis Lam, but Dyedel fought to split sets, 7-6, 7-6. “Martin played him really close,” Peet said.

The Mustang doubles team of seventh singles Eric Christensen and eight singles Kevin Douil also advanced to the tournament’s second round. The Mustang’s best Bill Davis-Ed Carter from the University of LaVerne 4-6, 6-3, 7-6. In the second round Christensen-Douil lost to Cal State Long Beach 60-61.

The women’s number one singles player, Reece Weingand, won her first match against Lisa McCollom from Cal Lutheran 6-0, 6-1. Weingand met one of the top seeds, Sue Ramrussef from Stanford, in the second round. Weingand was defeated 61, 6-4.

Dana Anderson, second singles for the Mustangs, won her first match over Bofe’s Mary Mark 7-5, 6-3. Coach Yeast said Anderson fought back from a 1-4 disadvantage in the first set to win it 7-5. Anderson was beaten in the second round 60-61, by Julie Jones of Northeastern Louisiana.

The women’s second doubles team of Page Wilkins and Liz Kober were eliminated in the first round of play by the UC San Diego team of Mary Raffa-Vicky Larrea 60-6, 6-2, 2-6.

The Cal Poly women’s team is currently 4-8 for the season. They are number five in the league above CSULA. The Mustang women play at UC Irvine on Saturday. Their last match is against CSULA May 9 on Cal Poly’s courts.

This year the Mustang’s fielded a fairly young team, Yeast said. The coach said he is happy with the improvement in the team through the season. “They really were dedicated and they pulled together well,” Yeast said, “and many of the women will return to the team next season.”

The men’s squad is waiting to hear from the NCAA board concerning invitations to the Division II national competition. Peet said he confident that the Mustang’s number one and two men. Chappell and Dyedel will be invited to enter the competition. The coach is hopeful that two more members of the team will also receive invitations.

Sets cap year with loss

The Cal Poly men’s volleyball team ended a dismal season on an equally dismal note, as the Mustangs were whitewashed 30-0 by U.C. Santa Barbara Friday and Pepperdine Saturday.

The twin losses dropped Cal Poly’s final record to 4-14 in league, 8-19 overall. The Mustangs placed eighth in the tough California Intercollegiate Volleyball Association.

The women’s team finished fourth in the league, losing seven of their last eight to fall to 8-7 in league and 9-17 overall. Many of the women will return to the team next season.

Suzanne Oufrier and Sarah Raftis-Vicky Lareau 6-0, 6-1.

Mustangs since 1974, has been the team like a black cloud, Coach Mike Wilkins said a few rays of light have managed to shine through the dark season.

“We have a good nucleus to be a strong team and almost everybody is coming back,” said Wilkins.

Cal Poly appeared as if it was going to give Santa Barbara a battle when it beat UCSB 1-0 last weekend after they had lost their first three games of the season.

The Mustangs were 1-11 in their first 12 games, 1-9 in conference play.

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541-3942
The hunger and desire coach Steve Miller has all been missing in Poly's track team this season. Surrounded by the San Jose State National Invitation Saturday, the Mustangs garnered two qualified spots for the Division II finals May 29-31. (4-30)

The Mustang's strong showing was led by freshman Ivan Huff who, in addition to his first place finish in the 3,000-meter run, qualified for the Division II finals by placing second in the 5,000-meter run. Huff's time of 14:46:34 was 0.07 seconds behind the first place finisher.

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- Wilson Advantage
  - 4985

**CLOTHING**

- GUT STRINGING
  - Good for one restringing with Leisure IV Gut
  - for $14

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Come and help us celebrate our Anniversary by saving on many items and special early bird offers.

**STARTS THURSDAY! EARLY OPENING 8 A.M.**

We will be closed Wednesday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m. to prepare.