Feed the llamas, smell the redwoods, earn 12 units

Cal Poly students live and learn the ranch life on Santa Cruz coast

By Joellen Smith
Mustang Daily

Swanton Pacific Ranch brings to life what Cal Poly agriculture students learn in the classroom. Students live in a community house and eat in a community kitchen, where they may help prepare meals for up to 15 people.

Some of the chores are actually enjoyable, said Natalie Gorman, a forestry senior who interned at the ranch in 1997.

A typical day on the ranch includes feeding the dogs, goats and llamas on the ranch or working in the forest, she said.

The ranch, located 12 miles north of Santa Cruz, was donated to Cal Poly by Albert Smith, a 1940s science graduate who died in 1991.

"Swanton is an uncrowded, beautiful place," Smith said during a speech in 1990. "My goal in putting this acreage together is to preserve it as such and to share it now and in the future with people who will appreciate it and profit from the experience."

For 13 years, Cal Poly students and faculty have ventured to the ranch for course field trips, senior projects, distance-learning courses and internships.

More than 140 students have participated in the internship program since the program's beginning in 1987. The seven concentrations include crop science, livestock and ornamental horticulture.

"The mix of resources that we have here provide opportunities that they do not get anywhere else," said Walter Mark, ranch director.

Throughout the more than 1,000-acre ranch, one can explore redwood forests, crop lands, gardens and grazing lands that overlook the ocean.

"The resources of the ranch are very awe-inspiring," Mark said.

One Cal Poly student said the ranch offers an exciting place to learn about nature.

"I think the best part is being out there working," Gorman said. "You can see the ocean on one side and then see the forest on the other."

Life on the ranch is quite different than life in San Luis Obispo, Mark said.

"The living arrangements that we have for the students are not what students are used to," Mark said.

"After awhile, (I) felt that this is my ranch," Gorman said. "I had a really good experience."

Students provide a main part of the ranch's work force, Mark said. The ranch has several enterprises of timber, livestock and organic vegetables.

Fifteen Cal Poly students will work at the ranch this summer. Applications for fall quarter will be accepted until the middle of July. The cost of the program depends on whether the student wants to take the internship for six or 12 units. Tuition for that quarter covers the cost.

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Health Center doctor: Stress can make you sick
By Andrea Parker
Mustang Daily
The pace of college life doesn’t often allow for a break from the buildup of stress. When stress becomes uncontrolled, it can become detrimental to the body, not just the mind. "Psychosomatic illnesses are those illnesses that we think are largely caused by stress or some emotional or psychological factor," said Elke Axelroth, a psychologist for Cal Poly psychological services.
"We know that mind and body are pretty much related," she said. "Stress influences our physical health."
Some of the more common stress-related problems include headaches, skin problems, asthma, eating disorders and irritable bowel syndrome, Axelroth said.
Axelroth said many stress factors could be reduced and avoided if people learned to tune in to their bodies.
"Follow what you think is going to be helpful," after a doctor rules out any physical ailments, she said. "Sometimes you don’t know what is wrong with someone — they can help only to a point by ruling out physical causes."
"I have patients in distress who need to take better care of themselves," Axelroth said. "From that point (of view), it’s almost a good diagnosis."
Sleep, a healthy diet, exercise and social activities are a few ways to take care of the body, she said. Exercise, especially "does seem to be an important stress reducer. It gets endorphins going, which are our own natural relaxants."
"Making less, prioritizing, getting less of some activities and taking relaxation training can also reduce the risk of psychosomatic illness. Listing things to do, however, can increase stress in those who let the list go long and unfinished."
"They’re almost every student on campus experiences stress and pressure," she said. "We all live in a very pressurized world. Whether or not that stress becomes a physical illness, I don’t know."
Angela Barley, a landscape architecture senior, said she knows many of her physical ailments are stress-related.
"Stress doesn’t work to me physically. Mentally I can handle it, but physically it’s totally hard (on my body)," she said. "It depends on what’s going on in my life — definitely there’s tension today."
Barley said she has had chronic headaches all year. When she went to the Health Center in the fall, she was told they were tension headaches, which come from stress.
"I’ve had headaches for a long time so I’ve learned to deal with it. (I) take ibuprofen and keep doing what I’m doing," she said. "I like sickness also when she’s been stressed out. Barley said, because she can’t stick to her usual routine.
"It’s kind of like a never-ending cycle. I have so many things that I have to do that I can’t take care of myself," she said. "I (just end up) feeling guilty about being sick."
"It’s important to just slow down a little bit, Axelroth said, perhaps by taking time off, sleeping more and getting outside.
"There are a lot of things that can help, where there’s a lot of pressure to get out and make a lot of money and
be successful in a way that may not be your choice," she said.
She explained that students continue to play on a team they dislike or try to get through classes two quick and easy in a major they don’t like.
"I think these things have an impact — whether it’s on our physical health or our mental health," she said.
"Not everyone undergoes stress in the same way. "People are wired to experience stress in a more anxious way," Axelroth said.
For example, she said Type A people are more driven and therefore are more susceptible to stress induced disorders, whereas Type B people are generally more relaxed about life.
Barley said she’s noticed that people handle stress differently and that some get more emotional, while others get sick.
"You just have to learn how to get the by," she said. "My one piece of advice is to find something, an activity, that you can release stress with."
She said she reads a good book to escape and Daily trouble along with going to the gym for exercise as a stress reliever.
Regardless of how someone reacts to stress, Axelroth said, slowing down is not simple. But it’s essential.

 Clubs could receive $2,500 for ASI-approved events
By Christine Janocko
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ASI considers funding club events that would involve entire campus
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Associated Students Inc. is reviewing a policy that allows more clubs to apply for money to help pay for activities and events.
Under the pending policy, ASI can fund up to half of the total event expenses with an award ranging from $100 to $1,000. However, clubs can get as much as $2,500 for specific events with the Board of Directors approval.
The money from ASI is meant to cover the cost of putting on the event, said Bill Ashby, director of business services for ASI. General operating expenses such as office supplies, phone bills and club marketing are not covered by the co-sponsorship funds.
"The intent is for ASI to pretty much be a 50% partner in the event," Ashby said.
To get co-sponsored, an event has to be sweeping in its interest and relevant to the entire campus audience, while some coded clubs’ activities are transferred to an event-funding process.
Making clubs apply for funding to receive money to help cover the cost of putting on the event, "it’s not a huge savings (for ASI)," said Amy Luker, chair of the board of directors.
ASI members realized many bylawed clubs had been putting on events that appealed to a broader campus audience, while some coded clubs’ activities were targeted toward a narrow student population.
"If the policy isn’t long for the world, as long as the distinctions no longer seemed to apply, the policy was changed last year. A bill was passed that created the same three categories for ASI funding: administrative, operational, ASI program and partnership, and student club activities and events.
That bill paved the way for the newest proposal, where student clubs, rather than receiving money from ASI for operating expenses, could ask ASI to co-sponsor any activities or events open to all students on campus.
The 1998-99 ASI budget allocated only a little more than $11,000 for the funding of coded organizations.
Next year’s proposed budget is a little over $30,000 for co-sponsorship funding, which could mean more money for some clubs’ activities, said Luker.
Luker said there’s more clubs competing for the money, but "more funds available," he said.
But since the funding will only help pay for events and activities, will the new policy cost clubs more money in the long run?
"If they don’t put on good events, probably,” Luker said.
Luker said the co-sponsorship policy will test how well clubs put on events, Luker said, putting pressure on the clubs to make their events worth the money put into them.
"It’s given them more responsibility,” Luker said.
The Board of Directors still has to approve the policy, which will likely happen this week, Luker said. Once the policy has been approved, the board will set priorities for club funding for the upcoming year.
"Banking gets a little hand, though," Luker said. "We’re trying to be objective."
If the policy is approved, clubs could start requesting co-sponsorship this fall, Ashby said.
"The clubs can’t accept a proposal is somewhat of a mystery," Luker said. ASI has contacted all campus clubs twice in writing, and so far the letters have generated little response, he said.
"We’ve heard nothing negative at all," Luker said, but noted that doesn’t mean that all clubs are happy with, or even aware of, the policy.
Luker hasn’t heard any opposition from clubs either, but has gotten some positive feedback.
"The ones I personally talked to are really excited about it," Luker said.
By awarding clubs money for broad-based activities, ASI hopes to benefit individual clubs as well as the campus community.
"We really want to give to the clubs," Luker said. "We want them to put on awesome events."
"There are 587 clubs out there that need something from ASI, a little more than just a bank account," Luker said.

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STRESSED OUT: Type A people are more driven and therefore more susceptible to stress induced disorders, whereas Type B people are generally more relaxed about life.
**CAPTURE, CR/NC could be fixed by fall quarter**

**By Cathy Lee**  
**Mustang Daily**

A proposal to work Cal Poly's credit/no credit policy into the CAPTURE registration system could be up and running next week.

Douglas Keesey, chair of the curriculum committee for Academic Senate, has proposed a plan to allow students to take a maximum 16 units CR/NC. Students must self-police what they want to take CR/NC in their department.

"I am trying to find a way for the existing policy to work," he said.

Currently, CAPTURE has a coding block that doesn't distinguish between general education courses for general education credit and an elective course taken for elective credit.

David Conn, vice provost for academic programs and undergraduate education, said he hopes to fix the problem with CAPTURE is soon at next week or for fall quarter registration in July.

"I already have discussed the situation with the academic deans, the heads of departments and advisors," Keesey said. "I have invited the deans to comment by May 21. I hope to sit down next week and make a decision. The cost has not been determined yet."

Keesey, Associated Students Inc. director of academic relations and student representative for Academic Senate, said Keesey's proposal would take the responsibility off the Office of Academic Records and put the responsibility into the individual departments.

"It is the students' responsibility to find out what classes they can take credit/no credit," he said.

**DEFERRARI:**

**ASI director of academic relations**

The current system allows students who take a course for elective credit to get credit/no credit. The proposal would make it clear that students are not taking classes as elective credit.

"It should be simple and a consistent policy. We do not want students filling out forms," Carter said. "We want an automated system (that work)."

**Titanic casino hits iceberg**

**VEGAS (AP) —** The Titanic will not be setting sail in Las Vegas for at least another year.

Gambling figure Bob Stupak asked the Las Vegas City Council Monday to delay voting on zoning changes for his proposed Titanic-themed casino. Stupak said he needs to meet with residents who live near the site where he wants to build a 400-foot tall replica of the famous ocean liner.

But the City Council denied that request and then voted 4-1 not to rezone the area to accommodate Stupak's plans.

Stupak now must wait at least another year to ask again for a zoning change.

Residents near the proposed site — midway between the Strip and downtown's Glitter Gulch — complained that the casino would ruin the area's ambiance.

Meanwhile, Allen Rubin of Topline, Calif., who said he owns the trademark to the name Titanic Hotel and Casino, filed a lawsuit against Stupak on Friday.
Choosing a path at age 18 is hard to do

Let's recap, shall we? When you were born, they already had plans for the future, but they involved sucking lead-based paint from door knobs and spitting up pureed carrots on the laps of loved ones. Nothing too fancy.

Then, when you were six years old your father gave you 10 bucks, a book of matches, and told you to stop building the family. You ended up in Culinary school with your head in the family. You ended up in Culinary school.

Then, when you were 12 years old your father gave you an allowance.

Then, when you were 21, you don't need a detailed plan. The bearded lady smells like feet. "Maurie" is supposed to sort all of this into careers or ornamental horticulture hogwash.

When I applied to college and chose a major, it was based on interest, not plans for the future. How can any 18-year-old adequately anticipate what life will bring? For that matter, do 30-year-olds really know what they should spend their lives doing? And what's the average ground speed of a drift? Can I have extra cheese on my Pie Mac?

I'll use the example of a friend who I'll call "Mary," because that's her name. Mary is graduating and has a job in accounting. At the age of 21, she knows she wants to count for a living. At the age of 31, I don't know what I want for lunch.

College imparts a wide base of knowledge along with some specialized skills. Unfortunately, there comes a point of no return. When I wake up in the middle of the night 20 years from now with an intense desire to become a physicist, it will be a little late.

The only solution is obvious. I need to become a turtle.

Too many people, including myself, are oriented toward what they should be doing rather than what they want to be doing. If FBI agents or miscreant sounds like the right job, you should do it. Getting older doesn't mean you have to get a boring job.

Considerations for the future, like health care and retirement plans, can wait a few years. In the meantime, find something you enjoy. I need to go pick out a shell.

Brent Marcus is a journalism senior.

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Comments on Muslim attire untrue

Editor:

I have been following the responses to Andrea Lakos' column, "I can't help the fact that I'm growing up," May 3. I wasn't surprised to see how many students opposed the author's message. After all, how dare any one tell us what to wear or how to think? This isn't what concerned me, however. I don't care about how women in our society choose to dress, nor how men view them. So long as this issue is dealt with in terms of freedom, not much will change.

What did shock me, however, was the manner in which Muslim women were regarded and brought into the topic. Portraying the act of dressing modestly as degrading strikes me as very inappropriate and reflects an immense level of ignorance. I am afraid many possess, "Look at the dress codes for religious entities: Muslim, Amish, etc. No thank you," ("Don't make the ladies cover up," May 7.)

Being a Muslim woman who dresses Islamicly on this campus, I feel the duty to inform you of where we, as Muslims, stand on this issue. And to tell you the truth, I am sick and tired of seeing how many view us as oppressed. The Muslim woman's attire symbolizes charity and purity. A woman's body is attractive. Revealing it is distracting. To this day I have not been looked at. I don't think my thoughts are what concerns the men, however. Society thinks I'm oppressed. I'm not.

What you try to defend dressing half-naked, whether it be the nude women weren't getting attention because they were to take it all off. I'm not saying that all naked women aren't more attractive. I believe wearing conservative attire is beautiful. I believe women wear clothing to look their best. We don't want to be compared to each other. I believe our bodies are beautiful. This is why I dress the way I do. I wear long sleeves and long pants because I respect my body, and I respect myself. I am responsible for my body.

And regarding the story concerning the friend who visited Israel ("Women aren't responsible for what men are thinking," May 10). Muslim women do not dress conservatively because they are controlled by men's thinking. This statement is absolutely illegitimate. Men are also not dressed modestly (according to certain guidelines in Islam). Both men and women value modesty. There are manners of behavior and conduct that are to be followed. And disagreement with a certain belief is not a valid enough reason to bash a religion. In reference to the article, cultural practices should not be confused with Islam. There is no compulsion in this religion.

As for the blatant statement about Taliban, it is unjust to exemplify our religion and its view on women through an anti-Islamic, despotic government posing as Islamic to abuse Muslim belief. Learn the truth about Islam from practicing Muslims. I believe it will open many eyes to the truth about the women of the fastest growing religion in the world. The facts will amaze you. It angers me to see how even in an intellectual and academic environment, biases are still horribly held against Muslim women. Islam refuses to treat women as sex objects. But many insist on seeing us as nothing more, as reflected in the article from Mary 7, "Don't make the ladies cover up." I also find it difficult to believe that all males share this position on the issue of women's bodies. "Make look forward to this season, just like all living beings on earth." Perhaps lists of college men do; but it's a mistake to generalize entire sex in this manner.

So please, stop acting like women aren't more than meat on display. And more so, credit should be given to those women who try to fight this standing. Don't attack a belief simply because you do not believe it. It is disrespectful to me, my family, and my friends. I refuse to be treated as a mere object of visual pleasure; it is distracting. I refuse to be treated because of it, and I like knowing I am fulfilling one of my duties as a Muslim woman.

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A hero in the family

Editor:

My hero is 6 foot 2 inches tall, weighs 240 pounds, and has gray hair. At first glance he seems like an ordinary 54-year-old man, but he's more than that. He has these arms you would think nothing of, but when he holds you in them, it is the safest place in the world. He is a man I respect, admire, and most importantly love with all of my heart.

I remember going to the park every Saturday to play catch. We had our own little spot where we would play every weekend. Although his knees and back would ache, he would squat down in a catcher's position for half an hour while I pitched to him. He also used this old black and red mitt, with no padding around the palm of the hand. After every catch his hand would turn red as a tomato. I never really appreciated that until now. Not that he played with pain, but the fact that we were truly able to bond, to become as close as any two people could possibly be. He has always been there for me. He was there for every little league game, every award and every accomplishment I achieved. More importantly, he was there for me and I am so thankful because in his eyes I could never fail. What I love most about the bond we have is that he is nothing like me; he is my best friend and for one another. The word impossible does not exist with the confines of our relationship.

I'm 25 now, and a few months ago we went back to the park. There was a man sitting on a nearby chair reading a book, and for about half an hour he watched us play. After we finished, my hero put his arm around me as we headed back to the car and he stopped and said, "Son, you just made my day.

That evening as I was lying in bed, a few tears rolled down my cheek thinking about that afternoon, and how I hadn't had that much fun in a long time. It reminded me of old times, and I began to truly cherish our games. It's amazing how something that lasted for such a short period of time will live in my memory forever.

As far back as I can remember he would always leave these yellow pieces of paper on my television in the morning. To this day when I go home, there is another note — it is as announcement, "I love you. Dad." I have begun to realize that these small things in life that are assumed to be insignificant are what truly matter.

What I value most about these yellow pieces of paper is that they all end the same way, "Have a good day, I love you. Dad."
"It overcomes any boundaries that can be drawn, whether rooted in size, geography or law."
— David Jemmett
Internet service providers spokesman

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link and dozens of wagering options are presented. Many clubs promise ease of use and security.
Club Risa, Casa Rincon and BlueSky Club.com entice prospective gamblers with the promise of easy money to be made in their own homes.
"Download the FREE easy-to-use software now to bring the thrill of real money gambling straight to your own home computer," the site says.

Colorful directions lead visitors to the sportbook, where they can bet on any sport imaginable: horse racing, tennis, golf, college and pro basketball, tennis, baseball, soccer and college and pro football, to name a few. The Club Risa sportbook offers a demonstration screen where anyone interested in gambling can get the feel for wagering on one game or multiple games (called a parlay or teaser). Then, visitors can plan for future bets and bet online anytime.

Club Risa is one of about 200 active gambling sites on the Internet, according to a San Jose Mercury News article Sunday. This number is four times higher than it was in 1997.

The article further reports that this year, the NFL estimates that Internet gambling on sports alone will reach $5 billion. A recent study estimate stated that 14.5 million people visit Internet gambling sites on a monthly basis.

"Gamblers who bet over the Internet increasingly see this as an extension of the game," said David G. Jemmett, executive director of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

While "gamblers" of all ages are participating in the Internet gambling craze, most experts agree that the biggest problem for Internet gambling is its accessibility.

"The best results are on the web. We don't know who is going to take the information and use it to their advantage to make a buck."
— Jason Sullivan
Sports Information Director

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"At least once a month I get a customer who says something like, 'Oh, you're from Pismo Beach... I go to Cal Poly.'"
— Melissa Charlton
Ceasar's cocktail waitress

A weary Daly resigns as Magic coach

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — All those road trips, all those late nights at hotels and airports.
Chuck Daly has had enough.
The 68-year-old coach quit the Orlando Magic on Monday, nine days after he was named to stop the first round of the playoffs.

"I didn't see a lot of interest in coaching in the future..." Daly said.

Daly was fired by Magic's president of basketball operations John Gabriel.

"There are no comments, that is, we don't want to comment," said Gabriel.

The former Detroit Pistons coach was fired after leading his team to a 36-46 record and failing to advance past the first round of the playoffs.

Daly was named the new coach of the Magic two years ago, replacing Stan Van Gundy.

"It's time to move on. We're going to give the younger players a chance," Gabriel said.

Daly had been with the Magic since 1997, but had only one winning season in four years with the team.

"We need someone who can win games," Gabriel said.

The Magic will begin their search for a new coach Tuesday, with several candidates in mind.

"We're going to consider all options," Gabriel said.

The Magic finished 21-61 this season, the worst record in the NBA.

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Daly had a career record of 585-457 in 13 years.

He has coached in four post-seasons, but has never won a championship.

"I'm going to take a break and think about what I'm going to do next," Daly said.

He will take a break and consider his options before making any decision about his future.
The explosion of popularity in pro wrestling

Kane Hart was making his entrance

Mustang Daily

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thought the fall was part of the staged

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with the feathers of his sky-blue cos-

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Hart’s death happened in front of

sexist, homophobic and violent. The

WWF admits its events are more

but critics say the matches often are

entertainment than sport.

WWF event went as planned

Monday night in St. Louis, where a
crowd of 19,000 packed the Kid Center. A video montage dedicated to

Hart and testimonials from other

program on Tuesday and

Thursday. It also called off upcoming

live events in Porto, Ill., Winnipeg,

Manchester, Hamilton, Ontario,

Montreal and Ottawa.

Tyson released from jail on parole

WASHINGTON (AP) — A

beating Mike Tyson walked out of a

suburban Maryland jail Monday after

serving more than a quarter of his

one-year sentence for assaulting two

men in the pop singer’s Beverly Hills

home. The World Wrestling Federation

stated that his release was long overdue, as

Tyson had been ruled eligible for parole

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Basketball is first Cal Poly sport at Vegas
By Steven Geringer
Mustang Daily

The sign in the Mott Gym hallway fittingly reads "Don't Bet On It.")

Cal Poly, a Division I basketball school, has entered the "Las Vegas line" and its games are now available for gambling. Though an accomplishment, punishments can be handed to student athletes who decide to bet on NCAA games.

According to the NCAA regulations, "student-athletes cannot solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team, but on any team representing, or accept a bet on an intercollegiate competition for any team that has tangible values." These values include cash, dinner, or any other form of payment.

If a student-athlete is found in violation of the NCAA rules, McCutcheon said gambling can take place at any college of any sport.

"You can't be naive, and you need to keep your eyes open," McCutcheon said. "It can happen anywhere. We need to keep trying to get the message across to the athletes."

If a student-athlete is found in violation of the NCAA rules, McCutcheon said the athlete will be suspended from the team. If criminal courts become involved, the athlete will remain suspended until the court has made its decision.

Head basketball coach Jeff Schneider said the athletic department informs the student-athletes video to the players educating them on the punishments.

The video shown to the players is provided by the NCAA. This is the first sports season the video has been deployed and shows myths legends and previous college athletes arrested for violating NCAA.

ON THE LINE: Cal Poly basketball games can be wagered on the Vegas Line before the start of the sports season.

"We do the very best we can to educate our players of what the penalties are," Schneider said. "The NCAA does the best job they can keeping the administration and coaches informed."

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Sports betting is just a few quick clicks away
By Andrea Parker
Mustang Daily

Betting big money on your favorite sport is only a few keystrokes away.

All you need to do is search for "sports gambling" with a browser and hundreds of sportsbook links appear.

It's exciting. It's accessible. It's legal.

However, many would like to make it illegal. As ailing Internet sports gambling is, it can be destructive. In spite of its popularity, legislators are currently fighting to outlaw gambling on the Net.

"Sportsbooks on the Net" (www.sportsbooks-on-the-net.com) is one of several sites that makes recommendations on gaming areas, and can help prospective gamblers choose a cyber casino.

Sportsbooks generally include sporting events, horse racing and/or auto racing, according to the site.

"Our goal is to review and summarize all major gaming opportunities in one spot," reads the site's mission statement.

Reviewed sites are listed alphabetically, and the type of wagering is described. Sites have a star ranking (five stars being the best). A summary includes which credit cards are accepted, what languages wagering is in, if it's necessary to download special software, what types of games are offered, and if a minimum wager is required.

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College crowd an easy target in sports bars
By April Charlton
Mustang Daily

A college gambler seems to sport at Caesar's Palace in Lake Tahoe.

"They're the most obvious people in the casino. The worst is when they come in big groups," said Melissa Charlton, a cocktail waitress at Caesar's Palace.

Charlon has served cocktails to casino gamblers for the last three years and has observed many college gamblers in her day. She said the college crowd tends out because students are loud and drunk a lot.

"We have Planet Hollywood and New's 2005 (a nightclub in the casino), a lot of college kids come here," she said. ("Caesar's) is a place for them to gamble and get drunk for free, before they go to New's and party.

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