Wishing for a win: Baseball needs to beat UCSB to advance to regionals.

Computer science coins donations as $2.5 million pencil

Every university has plenty of pencils on campus, but very few have a "pencil" worth $2.5 million.

Donations of computer software have given Cal Poly students what computer science department Associate Chairman Sefnald called a "$2.5 million pencil" to help them design and create industry-strength software systems.

"Our software engineering lab is better equipped (after these donations) than most industrial software development environments," Rational Software gave Cal Poly enough licenses for its Enterprise Suite System and ClearQuest tracking system tools for 150 students and professors to use the software at the same time for different projects. Meldal said the gift was unusually large. Students will also be able to access the programs from their home computers.

Temple to hold annual festival

By Christian von Treskow

A celebration of Japanese culture and religion will take place Saturday in the shape of the San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple's annual Wisteria Festival.

The festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the temple and is designed to celebrate the birth of Shonran Shonin, founder of the Jodo Shinshu sect of Buddhism. The festival is not only a celebration but also a chance for the public to experience Japanese culture through demonstrations, food, and activities.

Activities will include Ikebana (flower arrangements), Bonsai (miniature trees), Tado (Japanese Drumming), and numerous other unique cultural demonstrations. The admission is free and the whole family is encouraged to come.

Horticulture students win national floral competition

By Sarah Goodyear

Students also competed in an annual floral competition held during University Union hour, which increased student awareness and participation.

Members of the Pilipino Cultural Exchange, above, performed dance moves for the University Union crowd at the Cultural Festival Thursday. Organizers draped flags from various countries around UU Plaza. This was the first time cultural festival was held during University Union hour, which increased student awareness and participation.

Designers ranked first out of 10 competitors

By Sarah Goodyear

Once again the Cal Poly environment, coastal horticultural science students walked away champions of the National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation Contest.

The competition, held at Texas A&M University, consisted of 10 different classes of floral products: fresh flowers, flowering plants and foliage.

Students also competed in an optional floral design contest. Flores placed second with an asymmetrical triangle design. Van Wingerden placed third with a centerpiece arrangement.

The scholastic honorary society, American Floral Endowment and National Phi Alpha Xi sponsor the contest.
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Eighteen horses will be auctioned Saturday at the sixth annual Cal Poly Ranch Horse Enterprise Project at the horse unit. Nine geldings and nine mares will be bid on and range from 2 to 19 in age. The horses include quarter, applesouth, paints, Arapahos and thoroughbreds. All horses are cared for by students in the Cal Poly Ranch Horse Enterprise Project and are suitable as working, pleasure or competition horses.

A preview begins at 10 a.m. and the sale will begin at 1 p.m. A barbecue will be held at noon.

The horse unit is located in the north end of campus on Via Carta. For more information, call Travis Stewart at 545-9644 or e-mail art@calpoly.edu.

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Community college student aspires to become a doctor

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Aaron Centric isn't your typical 17-year-old high school drop out.

The young concert pianist who wants to be a doctor graduates from Truckee Meadows Community College on Friday with a two-year associate's degree.

Now a member of the international academic honor society Phi Theta Kappa, Centric was 15 when he enrolled at the college in the fall of 1998 after spending his freshman year at Bishop Mompough High School in Reno.

"I did a little bit of high school but decided to go to college instead," Centric said.

"Academically I was doing quite well. I just didn't feel another three years would be productive," he said.

Centric admits it was a "little intimidating" when he arrived on campus.

"Typically, people think I'm around 22. I don't think it's because of physical appearance, but attitude," he said.

"I don't try to keep it a secret but I don't outwardly announce it either," he said.

"Unless you are familiar with the person, a lot of times they look down at you because of age," Centric said.

A native of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Centric's father got a job in Reno and the family moved here in 1992.

"I don't like to see how other people think and explore their thinking and see if I can apply it to my own," he said, "I like to read a lot — anything and everything."

His goal is medical school and to become a doctor.

"I've always enjoyed sciences. Applying sciences to real life situations is more productive than any other thing," Centric said.
Every year Poly Escapes helps Col Poly students get in touch with their inner-adrenaline-junkie on a more regular basis. Whether the activity is rock climbing or back-packing, Poly Escapes encourages students to further explore their inner-adrenaline-junkie.

One extreme sport it promotes is surf kayaking, a combination of white water kayaking and ocean currents. The kayakers use the ocean as a training ground for their white water kayaking and ocean conditions. The kayakers use their inner-adrenaline-junkie on a ocean as a training ground for their ultimate goal, the river.

Two Cal Poly students and siblings, Garrett and BrookeDiskin, have a passion for the sport and try to share their love of it with others. "It's an adrenaline sport; it keeps your blood pumping," said industrial technology senior Garrett Diskin. "It's fun; it's something different; it's not what most people do, and I like that."

Garrett started with Poly Escapes his sophomore year. He said he kept seeing signs around campus that got him interested, and eventually he became a wall supervisor at the climbing wall in the University Union.

From there, he made the transition to kayaking with a little help from his good friend Mark Spears, a mechanical engineering graduate.

"Mark kind of took me under his wing and taught me all about kayaking," he said. Spears went on to teach Diskin's sister about kayaking as well. "I just kept bugging Mike until he finally taught me," said business junior Brooke Diskin. She and Spears spent an entire summer on the river. She says this from that point on she was totally hooked.

"I just fell in love with it," she said.

Spears graduated from Cal Poly last year and left his kayaking proctor in the hands of the two new enthusiastic kayakers. The Diskins consider their program a three-step process; it covers the pool, the ocean and finally the river.

The class attracts a variety of people, each with different experience and skill levels. "We had a guy come during summer quarter all the way from Bakersfield every Monday just to take our classes," Brooke said. "He was in his 70s."

The classes are from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. No sign-up is required, and the cost is $3. The first move the Diskins teach is the roll, a basic move required for kayaking. Learning the roll helps you feel more comfortable in the ocean, Garrett said. "Basically we teach you what to do when you go underwater, how to roll yourself back up," he said. "Without that, you would have to get out of your kayak every time you went under."

Being able to get out of the kayak is something a lot of people are concerned about, he said. Participants are completely sealed into the boat from the waist down, and many people fear getting trapped. Diskin demonstrated the escape, which takes only two moves.

The duo says that although the classes take a lot of time and preparation, it's all worth it if people enjoy themselves.

Both say that they hope anyone who is interested will come to their roll class or contact Poly Escapes. "It's a shame for people in college right now who have even the slightest interest to miss out on trying this," Brooke said.

Comparable classes by local businesses cost around $50. "Besides the cost, it's the time. When else in your life are you going to have this much freedom?" Brooke added. "We try to go to the river every weekend. That's our life, that's what we live for."

One thing that is hard for the Diskins to watch is people going out on the river with little or no training. "You hear all these statistics on how many people die on the river," Brooke said. "But the majority of those people are going down as inner tubes with no training and no idea what the river does."

"There is some risk, and that's who people do it. The thing that's really dangerous is not knowing what you're doing and going out there ignorant."

But for those who want to learn, take a risk, and have some fun, kayaking offers the chance to try something new. If you don't, the Diskins said, you may regret it later. "If you want to and you like it, take that step," Brooke said.

Would you like to go out and explore the river even more? Poly Escapes presents its 10th annual Climb-A-Thon next week Tuesday through Thursday. Beginning at 11 a.m. Tuesday and lasting until 11 p.m. Thursday, 60 hours of continuous climbing will take place to benefit the Access Fund and the American Safe Climb Association. The Climb-A-Thon will include demonstrations, workshops (including Beginning, Climbing How-To, a boulder-style climbing competition, open climbing, a gear auction and free food.

A slide show and raffle with Yosemite climber Hans Florine will take place Thursday at 7 p.m. in the University Union for $5. Admission to the Climb-A-Thon is $2. For more information, visit Poly Escapes or call 756-1287.
The issue: The Cal Poly Master Plan

It meets changing needs

Times have changed since 1962. Bell-bottom pants have gone out of style, back into style and out again, but just as our fashion sense has changed, so have our needs here at Cal Poly. The revised Cal Poly Master Plan aims to change our future for the next 20 years. What a great act of thinking off to college, bringing our own vehicles and desiring a variety of programs, it's time to take into consideration the needs of our growing student population, faculty and staff.

Several revisions have been made over the years to keep the plan up-to-date, but a complete overhaul is needed to help the campus adjust for future growth. This new Master Plan will increase enrollment capacity by 17 percent, bringing the student population at Cal Poly up to 21,000.

This future growth is part of Tidal Wave II, in which up to 800,000 students are expected to enter college in California.

The Master Plan includes an increase in on-campus housing from the current situation of 1,300 on-campus students to 6,000 students.

The plan also addresses new parking structures to ease traffic, physical campus development and an increase in summer quarter enrollment. The construction of the Engineering III building, northwest of the new Advanced Technology Laboratory, is included as part of the physical development on campus and is expected to break ground in fall 2021.

Students have been encouraged to voice their ideas and concerns regarding the University Union Master Plan. Last week 100 students joined together to participate in "The Game." Using brightly colored game pieces and 10 campus maps as gameboards, students were able to express their opinions on where future structures should be located on campus. The game included 50 pieces representing coffee houses, game rooms and hotels. The boards were collected by the Master Plan committee and will be compared to its draft.

This Master Plan has some great things going for it. So far, the committee has been receptive to student input. They've capped it off at 20 years so future students will be able to address their needs sooner.

We're already seeing some effects with construction of the new engineering building in the works for next year. There are many great things that can be done here with the help of the Master Plan.

As students, we need only voice our opinions and concerns regarding the matter. Unlike so many other students who come through Cal Poly, we have an opportunity to make a difference for students now and for the next 20 years.

We need to step up and participate in activities like the game put on by the UIU Master Plan committee. This is a duty we have now and as long as we're students at Cal Poly, it's not set in stone — revisions can be made to the Master Plan at a later date.

In such a changing community as a university, it is important to evaluate where things are headed on a regular basis. Twenty years allows enough time to gauge the effects of the plan and then readjust it to the future needs of the university.

It's great that after 16 years we can finally adapt the plan to fit into the lifestyles of the current student population whose needs have surely changed. It's healthy to bring change in; it keeps things balanced and headed in the right direction.

Jennifer Beard is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.
Try thinking about issues that really matter

The last few weeks have been traumatizing. I was sure I had caught the "Col. Poly plague," that debilitating anxiety and lack of empathy from which the majority of students on campus seem to suffer.

Sunday night, however, thanks to the liber­ty-stealing antics of close to 1 million "moth­ers," the latter broke and I was filled with my old familiar rage.

For those of you who live in the bubble that is Cal Poly, an estimated 750,000 mothers and "mother sympathizers" stormed the Capitol on Mother's Day to rally for stricter gun control laws. The supporters of the Million Mom March are dedicated to "educating our chil­dren and our country about the life-threaten­ing danger of guns."

If that isn't insulting enough, these indi­viduals want to protect their progeny because "(their) children's lives far outweigh the right of students on campus to suffer.

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Shoot your friends at paintball course

The year is coming to a close, and the mass frustrations of a full year of classes are coming to a head. Ready to vent yet? Try Central Coast Paintball, a safe outlet where you can either vent pent-up aggressions or act as a team player to conquer your opponents. Located in the KOA campground on Santa Margarita lake, Central Coast Paintball offers 25 acres of paintball land for your enjoyment.

There are not too many circumstances in life where you have a chance to shoot your friends or complete strangers and feel completely guilt-free. You are expected to go out there and enjoy pelting your opponents (hopefully just your opponents) with balls of paint. And when you get hit? Well, take your loss with pride, because you know your pseudo-death was a necessary sacrifice for your team.

Not everyone has to approach paintball with such a disposition, however. The games are refereed to encourage sportsmanlike conduct, and the two playing fields are designed to encourage maximum intensity. Fully equipped with a pair of two-story towers, a castle with a slide, 15 free-standing buildings, as well as man-made and natural obstacles, these courses are specifically designed to stimulate even the most timid of players.

Central Coast Paintball offers a completely stocked pro shop on site where you can rent your gun for the day, or buy the latest in paint gun technology. Equipped with paint bombs, grenades, face masks and accessories, the shop also provides repairs for guns that go awry. A typical day at the course should cost someone who doesn't own any equipment about $40. This includes the average cost of food and beverages, gun rental and paintballs, as well as CO2. If you have all your own equipment, you'll only have to pay $15 for your daylong admission.

During the week, you can reserve yourself a course between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., with only ten of your friends, and great group rates are available. During the weekends, they are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and don't be apprehensive if none of your friends are available to go. There is always room for the lone player.

Get out there, shoot some paint, and don't forget to bring some extra balls.
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The Mustangs will hope to counter the Gauchos offensive threat with solid pitching performances from their top three starters: Joe Smith, Tyler Finch and Jared Blasdell. Price said their performances will determine the Mustangs' fate this weekend.

"I think pitching will definitely set the tone," Price said. "The Gauchos have a lot of runs and if we don't get outstanding pitching performances, we'll give up substantial numbers."

The starting pitchers for the Mustangs Friday will be senior Joe Smith. Smith has started 12 games this season and leads all Cal Poly pitchers with seven wins. The Texas Tech transfer believes this is the most important three games of the season and said in a pitching staff, the Mustangs must play well.

"All three starters must at least go into the seventh inning," Smith said "if we do that, the offense should be able to pull out the rest of the win."

Smith said the well-known rivalry often heightens a level of competition.

"We're not too friendly with each other, so it should definitely be a great series to watch," Smith said.

The Mustangs will also continue to rely on the offensive performances of senior Steve Wood. Wood has had a stellar season and leads the Mustangs, batting .349 with 15 home runs and a school record 70 RBI.

Following a dismal 3-10 start to the season, the Mustangs have surprised some observers by standing on the brink of their first NCAA Division 1 Regional berth. Cal Poly has won nine of its last 10 games and hopes to clinch a berth in the conference's postseason tournament.

The Mustangs enter the series just one game behind the Mustangs with a 16-11 Big West record.
Track and field competes at Big West Championship

Mustangs look to improve last year's second-place finishes

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The Cal Poly men's and women's track and field teams traveled to Moscow, Idaho this weekend to take part in the Big West Conference Championships hosted by the University of Idaho.

Cal Poly will look to improve on last year's second-place finish by both the men and the women in the 1999 championships that were held in Fullerton. The Utah State men's team is the defending champion, finishing last year with 177 points, while the Cal Poly men were second with 139 points. The Utah State women also won the conference title last year with 193 points while the Cal Poly women were second with 127 points.

Senior Karen Convaught will look to defend her title in the men's 100-meter dash as she leads the team with a season-best 10.24 seconds this season. Convaught was second last year in the 200 behind Boise State's Corey Nelson, who has since graduated. Sean Phillips will look to defend his title in the men's 1500 while San Luis Obispo's Avery Blackwell will go for his second consecutive title in the 2000.

On the women's side, Melissa Flynn was second at last year's meet in the 800 and has the team's best time this year in the event at 2:07.03. Junior Jennifer DeRafael was fifth last year in the 10,000 and will compete in this year's 5,000. Freshman Jessica Dalhert has come on strong late in the season and will be one to watch in the 1,500m.

In the field events, junior Jennifer Warfield will challenge in the javelin after finishing second in last year's meet with a throw of 153-6. Kristin Breden will look to score points for the team this year as she enters the meet leading the team in the shot put, discus and hammer throw.

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Rice's return to San Francisco imminent

JERRY RICE: wide receiver

Rice, due to count $5.49 million against the salary cap in 2000, has agreed to restructure his contract to help the financially strapped team finish his illustrious career in San Francisco. All that remains is settling incentives for the 37-year-old future Hall of Famer, who led the club in receiving last season.

Less certain is the status of quarterback Steve Young. The new addition in Arizona helping his wife Barbara turn 39 in October, has not decided whether to retire or continue playing. "We gotta get close to it soon," Young said Thursday.

Young indicated he would attend the team's upcoming minicamp later this month. While the two-time NFL MVP has had several discussions with Walsh, the latter has no idea which way he is leaning.

"I really don't have any sense of what Steve is thinking," said Walsh. "I'm not sure he's ready for that. Young missed the final 12 games last season with a concussion, his fourth in three years, and the 49ers are concerned about long-range health problems. Although Young must be cleared by two specialists before Walsh and head coach Steve Mariucci would allow him to return, neither wants to see him hurt again.

There are also monetary considerations. Young has a base salary of $2.25 million this year and a cap figure of $3.1 million. According to Walsh, if Young plays with San Francisco this season, the cap figure climbs to $8 million next season.

Another possibility is to release Young after June 1. That way, any of his prorated bonus money is applied to the 2001 salary cap.

Either way, Walsh said the team is moving ahead. The team drafted rookie quarterbacks Giovanni Carmazzi of Hofstra in the third round and Tim Rattay of Louisiana Tech in the seventh round, and is looking for improvement from returning Jeff Garcia, who recently broke Young's offseason team endured test record. Walsh said Rattay is ahead of Carmazzi in development and didn't rule out the possibility of signing free agent Rick Mirer.

"We're on our own timetable," Walsh said.

Still, if Young returns to form and stays healthy and the much-maligned defense toughens up, the 49ers could make significant improvement from last year's 4-12 mark and challenge for a playoff berth. There is also a possibility he could play elsewhere, possibly Denver, although insiders say Young wants to finish his career with San Francisco.

The big question: Can it afford him?