CSU wins national service award

By April Pack
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The California State University system is one of seven institutions to win the Higher Education Award for Leadership in National Service, giving it more money from Gov. Gray Davis to implement new classes that promote community service.

"The Corporation for National Service is highly respected national organization, and it chose seven institutions across the nation that are doing great things in community service, and the CSU system was one of those," said Ken Swisher, CSU media relations manager.

The main reason that CSU received this award is because it was "cited for responding to Gov. Davis' call to make community service a requirement for all students enrolled in California public institutions," Swisher said. He explained that more than 135,200 CSU students have performed a total of about 33.6 million hours of community service annually.

Because of the work that has been done by CSU students, the system has received over $1 million in grants from outside institutions to support community service activities.

The money received from the governor will "help pay for a new staff person to develop agency placement and try to identify community needs to send students out there," said Stephan Lamb, director of assessment and testing at Cal Poly. Lamb is helping in the implementation of this program, along with other faculty.

The money is also to be used so that every student within the CSU system has the opportunity to take a class connected with service learning, a program that allows students to do community service through the classroom. In the past five years, only eight classes at Cal Poly have been offered with service learning.

"We now have the opportunity to add 10 new courses each year for the next four years," Lamb said. "We should end up with 50 classes offering service links."

This service is done through a program on the campuses called Community Service Learning Strategic Plan. This is a planning document that expands what is being done in community service. Swisher explained, however, that service learning is different from community service.

"Community service can be anything, but student learning ties in what students are learning in the classroom directly into community experience," he said.

One of the courses that is offered at Cal Poly with the option of service learning is Economics 103, Economics of Poverty. In this class the students visit the Pico Day Shelter and work with serving the homeless.

In another course, Multicultural Health, students study health issues of ethnically diverse communities. Faculty place students with agencies such as Housing Authority.

Some of the courses offered require that service is done, but a majority of the professors make it optional.

The CSU system has just submitted for another grant of $605,000. It will be known on Feb. 1 if the system will receive the grant.

Software gives advantages to crop science students

By Brian Milne
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly crop science department announced Monday that students will get hands-on experience with the latest crop-protection software thanks to an alliance formed by Crop Data Management Systems, Helena Chemical Company and the College of Agriculture.

The software system — provided by Crop Data Management Systems and Helena Chemical Company — contains up-to-the-minute product-labeled information for more than 1,400 crop protection and specialty products.

The information will allow the department to manage increased production acreage and meet industry demand for experienced graduates in the field of integrated pest management.

"It gets students used to the software before they go out into the real world," said crop science professor Scott Steinmaus. "Our students will have a distinct advantage in the Pest Control Advisors marketplace because the majority of the industry uses the software."

The software is also essential to crop science students because of the area's diverse crops and strict guidelines regarding pesticides and herbicides.

"The system is special because California has some strict regulations on pesticides," Steinmaus said. "You can't apply pesticides unless you get the recommendation to do so."

The software allows the department to write recommendations that are current and legal, while giving students a distinct advantage in the industry.

The alliance will also provide summer internships for Cal Poly students at Crop Data Management Systems, located in Fresno, and the Helena Chemical Company, based in Marceline. Interns will have the opportunity to return to campus as teaching assistants, or as trainers in the Integrated Pest Management Laboratory.

"The internship is a great opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career in the field," said David Headrick, head of the crop science department. "The software will also be included in the classes, so they will have a head start with the software that a majority of the industry already uses."

Campus-wide computer slowdown may be due to increased dorm use

By Erica Tower
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

If your computer seems slower accessing the Cal Poly network on or off campus, it may not be your imagination.

However, the problem continued to persist, leading Information Technology Services (ITS) to believe that the dorms are using more than their proportional share of network capacity or bandwidth, said ITS Vice Provost Jerry Hanley.

"We have to go on a diet because to the Internet, increased from 25 megalobytes to 35 megalobytes in an attempt to alleviate the congestion."

In late fall, the campus's allocation from 4CNET, Cal Poly's path
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California avocados offer a cuisine all their own

When one thinks of California cuisine, avocados usually come to mind. Native to the topics, avocados are known for their lush, buttery texture and mild, faintly nutlike flavor. Even though avocados are high in fat, they add interest and flavor to a meal. Monounsaturated fat is the type of fat avocados contain, which is not implicated as a cause of chronic disease. However, the fruit's high fat content does mean that people who are overweight or who tend to gain weight should eat avocados in small quantities. Nutritionally, butter mayonnaise and butter compete to an avocado 1 tablespoon of mayonnaise has 11 grams of fat, 2 grams of saturated fat, 107 calories and virtually no nutrient value. One tablespoon of butter contributes 12 grams of fat, 7.5 grams of saturated fat, 107 calories and also lacks nutrient value. A quarter of a medium avocado contains 7.5 grams of fat, 4.5 grams of saturated fat, 26.5 calories and vitamins A and C, fiber, thiamin and riboflavin.

Avocados are also known as a source of vitamin E. Vitamin E is a fat-soluble antioxidant and one of the body's primary defenses against oxidation, protecting the lipids and other vulnerable components of the cells from destruction. Vitamin E participates in the body's immune defenses, speculated to be due to its protection of cell lipids. Fat-soluble vitamin E is found predominantly in vegetable oils and nuts.

A good way to enjoy avocados is to use them as substitutes for fats such as mayonnaise and butter. Here are a couple of delicious ideas: Avocado cream-sansinab or spreadings the slices on bread in place of mayonnaise. By doing so, saturated fat intake will be lowered and there will be a few more nutrients than what mayonnaise has to offer.

Shelley Wilson is a nutritional science senior and a Peer Health Educator. Campus Dining Exceeds Health Requirements

Food industry regulations stipulate that every food service organization needs at least one employee that is sanitation certified. Campus Dining has exceeded this standard by having nearly all of its regular employees SERVSAFE® certified. Two thirds of the Campus Dining staff had received SERVSAFE® training in the past few years and the longer-than-usual holiday break provided the opportunity to have almost everyone attend this important course.

The SERVSAFE® sanitation program, developed by the Educational Foundation for the National Restaurant Association, is the national industry standard used by health departments across the country to train inspectors. The course is consistent with both the FDA and USDA's approach to food safety and over 95 percent of all state and local jurisdictions requiring manager training and/or testing accept SERVSAFE®. The sixteen hour course, taught by Campus Dining Associate Director, Alan B. Cushman, FMP, covers the principles of food microbiology, important foodborne diseases, standards that are enforced by regulatory agencies, and applied measures for the prevention of foodborne diseases and other microbiological problems.
Acceptance, not tolerance, is necessary

Senator Republican Leader Trent Lott has said homosexuals should be "tolerated." Vice President Dick Cheney agreed in last year's debates. Sounds reasonable and fair-minded? Tolerance is a good thing, right? Maybe we could even go so far as to say that this statement contains a dose of "compassionate conservatism." Unfortunately, it is not the case.

Let's put Sen. Lott's words in context. His complete sentence was, "Homosexuals should be tolerated, in the same way our society tolerates alcoholics." Newt "homosexuals" to "African-Americans." Still sound reasonable? Still far from true? I'd even venture to say that Lott is doing a little too much conserving of his compassion, and Cheney probably never had any to begin with.

They simply don't understand that gay and lesbian Americans don't want tolerance. Not once have we committed resources or time or interest to a cause that would promote the tolerance of gay and lesbian people in the United States. The cause we have committed ourselves to is that of acceptance. Not tolerance, but acceptance.

What's the difference? Tolerance simply means that gays and lesbians are no longer stereotypically prosecuted in our country. It would mean that gay Americans in the military would not have to keep themselves hidden in order to avoid discharge. And it would mean that University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard would not have been beaten to death in 1998 for being gay.

This would certainly be progress for a country that still criminalizes loving, same-sex relationships in 18 states. However, tolerance is a good thing, right? Maybe?

Mike Sullivan

With his days in office numbered, Bill Clinton tried to do what all departing presidents want to do: leave a legacy.

Among the many things Clinton wants to be remembered for, like the last eight years of economic prosperity and lows in unemployment, it appears that he would like to add humanitarian efforts to the list.

Tuesday, Jan. 16, the results of a two-year study on Holocaust reparations were presented to Clinton. The essence of the study was that jewelry, art and other property taken from Holocaust victims by the Nazis were never returned. The panel that performed the study was quick to point out how unfair it is that returning the items was not America's top priority following World War II.

Apparently the panel felt that restoring a democracy to Germany, rebuilding shattered European economies and waging a Cold War with the Soviet Union should have taken a back seat to making sure every single item Holocaust victims had taken away from them was returned to its rightful owners.

Clinton released a statement during his final week in office that said: "The work of the commission is part of a worldwide effort to confront the darkest period of our recent shared past." OK, so we need to confront the stigma left over from the Holocaust. All we have to do is give everyone back their paintings and family heirlooms and dust off our hands and everything is fixed. Is that how it works, Mr. Clinton?

In an opinion he wrote for the Washington Post, Stuart E. Eizenstat enlightened the citizens of America that it is our government's responsibility to make sure full reparation is made to Holocaust victims.

Eizenstat believes it should be a top priority for the U.S. government to make an effort "to achieve dignified justice for survivors of the Holocaust and others who suffered the brutality and theft of the Nazi era." Dignified justice? Is this getting back to offering them token sympathy by taking a painting out of a museum in the United States and shipping it back to Central Europe?

If you look closely, you will see that, in the past, the United States has made extensive efforts to return property to Holocaust victims. The problem is that the property was returned to the country it belonged in, but never made it to the individual citizens. One member of the president's advisory panel said that although the United States did provide a "remarkably good job" trying to return property Nazis had stolen that ended up in America, the victims were still short-changed. Short-changed? Or are they getting short-changed. Their lives were torn apart, they were forced to work in labor camps and they watched family and friends get slaughtered by the millions. If that's not short-changed, I don't know what is. Yes, they should get their art and bank accounts and whatever else they lost back. But there is no restitution for what happened. No one should be able to honestly say that returning the stolen property will take away from the stigma Holocaust survivors feel. Clinton shouldn't pretend he's doing this to try and make reparations. "Fess up, Bill. It's all about leaving a legacy."

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Many students are troubled by the existence of digital screens, yet they are addicted to them.

Sometimes, every once in a blue moon, my computer will go to a blue screen and say, "beginning dump of physical memory."”

They're oversized paper-weights.

When it doesn't work and it's unplugged ... but you think it's something else.

Everything with electricity running in it just doesn't like me.

Breaking them - I keep breaking my computers.

Any student concerned with the level of safety that Cal Poly offers should visit the Cal Poly police Web page at www.atd.calpoly.edu/police/ This Web site contains plenty of pertinent information. You can find crime statistics that are made available via the "Clery Act." There is also a daily log of activity available for public review Monday through Friday. After doing your homework on this subject, I think you will feel safe here, as I do.

Tom Majich is a city and regional planning freshman.

As for the lights in the Rec Center parking lots yes, it would be nice to have all areas lit up, but the installation and operation of these do cost quite a bit of money. Cal Poly is a state university and provides a high quality education for many people who cannot pay a high price for education. Higher operational costs will most likely mean an increase in fees for the students. I know that you haven’t counted the number of blue emergency lights, but maybe you should before you make another guess. A more realistic number that I heard was actually more than double your approximation. Also, there are hundreds of easily accessible phones around campus that can be used in an emergency to dial 9-1-1.

Jim McCurry is a city and regional planning freshman.

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Editor,

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I agree with Pack that parents have a key role in limiting children’s exposure to television and curbing their violent behavior, but a lot more can be done to reduce violence in our society. Clearly a person’s social and physical environment affects their behavior. So many random events – getting cut off on the freeway, or having to wait behind someone in line at the cashier while they take 10 minutes to find their checkbook – can incite one to rage, but so rarely is one’s love for humanity accidentally increased.

It people took seriously the role of the environment in their behavior, they would practice every day to be more virtuous and compassionate and less violent, to counteract all those negative influences as well as their natural urges. Violence is just so much easier.

Dinosaurs with their pea brains were violent. It took thousands of years to learn to be civilized, and still, look at how violent the 20th century was. We all live in this society, so we all have a stake in it, and each of us ought to encourage the others to be less violent as well as practicing peace on our own.

Dean Wilber is an electrical engineering senior.

Letters to the editor

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"I'm a little more focused and n('cessary. I know it's going to be a day-' right for seven minutes, win or lose," he said. "I try and make sure I've trained right, slept right, eaten right, so I'm prepared as possible." Strange is confident in his ability to achieve his All-American dreams and knows what he must do.

"I'm trying to focus on keeping my body in great shape as far as strength and conditioning," he said. "I've been to Nationals and before I know that it's pretty much whoever is ready to go that day that will win. I feel like I can beat just about anyone out there, as long as I'm ready to go."

BASKETBALL

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transfer Steve Goen, who was dispa-
pointed he never had an opportunity to play under Schneider and will miss the entire 2000-2001 campaign with a back injury.

The fifth-year coach would also like to sign an off-guard and a pair of forwards from the junior college ranks to fill the voids left by seniors Chris Bjorklund and Jeremiah Mayes next season.

"We would also like to add a couple of walk-ons," said Bromley, who is allowed to sign five scholarship players for next season and eight over the next two. "We're taking that part of our recruiting a lot more seriously this year. There are a lot of good players out there. I get tapes and four or five e-mails a day from girls."

But like his starting freshman, Bromley and his main focus is to focus on the current situation.

"The most important thing is that we retain the players in the program," he said. "Our main focus is definitely better. We're working hard and fight-

ing through the adversity."
Future uncertain for Bromley, men's basketball

By Brian Milne
MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS WRITER

The question mark looming over the future of the Cal Poly men's basketball program just keeps nettling me.

First, head coach Jeff Schneider's contract was axed to one year by the administration last summer. Then the coach watched his three early 1999-2000 recruits walk after last season and was left speechless when point guard Jason King left the university for academic reasons.

Then Schneider, in a mutual agreement with that same administration last summer, stepped down Jan. 11 from his position as head coach following an overtime loss to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at home.

The Big West Conference cellar-dwellers responded with a 104-66 rout of Riverside, but since lost at Pacific and Long Beach State and gone 0-4 to open the conference. Associate head coach Kevin Bromley has taken over as head coach on an interim basis for the remainder of the season, but the team has only managed to recruit one player for next season.

So what's going to happen with the future of Cal Poly basketball? Schneider's tandem of touted recruits will not comment on next season, or if they'll ever return to Cal Poly for their sophomore year.

The only concern freshmen Jamie Strange and Varnie Dennis have is to get their team back in the win column. "Right now we're just trying to win in conference," Scott said in an interview last week. "If we go out and play like we did at Riverside, we'll be all right.

The problem is that the Mustangs aren't playing that well, and that is only raising more questions about the program's future. "We're just thinking about the program's future. "We're just thinking about the program's future," Bromley explained. "He's a good coach," he said. "I don't know if he'll be our coach next year, but he's a good coach."

Bromley saw Johnson in action during summer league and was impressed by the big man's versatility. "We saw him play this summer," Bromley explained. "He's a good player, he's a good player.

Bromley added the need to bring in a true point guard to help the team. "We're going to get the job done under Coach Bromley," the freshman guard added. "The team is focused and ready to play again."

Bromley has taken over Schneider's recruiting duties as well, and said he has a number of recruits in mind. "We've identified 20 to 25 new students who are interested in playing for us, and we've added three in the last week."

Strange knows that the road to the national championships must be taken one match at a time. His dedication to training is well respected among his teammates. At the Division I level, every match must be taken seriously.

"I make sure I prepare myself throughout the week and the year, so I feel like I'm 100 percent ready to wrestle," he said. "I feel good physically, I'll be mentally prepared."

The tough schedule Cal Poly has wrestled this season has allowed Strange the opportunity to face top-notch competition early in the season. Strange relishes the chance to face highly ranked opponents.

Steve Strange has posted a 14-6 record this season wrestling in the 174-pound weight class.

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"We're just thinking about winning right now. It would be selfish to be worried about next year."

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freshman guard

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