ASC102 facilitates group learning
By Kimberly Thomson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Rave reviews and sily home created game writer Jamie Noland's innovative animal science class structure.
Both responses sprung from her new teaching style and bring variety to the learning experience. Teachers often have different teaching styles and bring variety to the lecture. However, she is not fond of the grading system.

"We have a group average," Quaintana said. "If someone doesn't do well, it brings everyone's average down."

Yet she said she can recognize the benefits of learning to work in a group.

"The idea behind the class stems from the idea that students leave Cal Poly with a lot of factual knowledge but employers are looking for group communication skills," Noland said. "Teaching the class in this way better prepares our students for successful futures."

To test group activity skills, Noland allowed groups to meet for two minutes during an exam.

"I have never seen more energetic and successful group interaction in my life," Noland said. "That moment I thought this new technique might be working."

However, there are still some groups that just can't seem to adjust to the group effort.

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IT study group helps mend rift
By Kimberly Masculine
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly administrators denied students' request to move the industrial technology department from the Orbital College of Business last April. Instead, Provost and Vice President of Student Affairs Paul Zingg suggested a structured, academic approach: a study group.

The study group is to work on improving the relationship between the OCOB and the industrial technology department.

"Our basic charge is to help resolve the promise of IT in the OCOB," he said.

The group is made up of 12 people including Zingg and four OCOB faculty members. The other seven people are directly involved with industrial technology. Industrial technology junior James Erickson and Alain Chauvat are joined by professors Cliff Barber, Leslie Labhard and Mancersch Dijasmi, as well as industrial technology advisory council member Tom Spenger and alumnus Russ Pak.

"I felt we really needed to pull together people involved with all the interests," Zingg said. "The understanding we are trying to achieve have to be ones with folks who are intimately involved."

Zingg said the group is focused on the future and has been open-minded throughout the process.

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ROTC cadets prepare for duty

By Graham Womack
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's ROTC unit lines up in formation during practice Thursday. The unit participated in the Ranger Challenge, which took place at Fort Hunter Ligget on Friday and Saturday. The event included 20 ROTC units from various colleges.

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AGB team claims third title
By Graham Womack
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly has won a nation-wide agricultural competition for the third consecutive time.


A five-day agricultural conference held Oct. 25 to 29 in Biloxi, Miss., It featured entries from five schools and was attended by roughly 85 professionals, event coordinator Allen Woodyk said.

The competition challenged students to develop a business plan for a Texas chain of stores, H.E. Butt's Grocery Inc., which has struggled in the Houston area.

The Cal Poly students made a 15-minute presentation Oct. 26 that stressed that the chain was under-representing Hispanics. The students found they buy more fresh fruit and vegetables, proportionally, than other ethnic groups. Their presentation was followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer session.

"They just worked very hard in presenting a good case," said group adviser David Schaffner, who was accompanying the agribusiness professor James Ahern.

The students tried out in the spring to earn spots on the team. They had 90 days to research and prepare their presentation, after FDRS released the case study theme.

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STATE GOVERNMENT

Schwarzenegger swears in today
By Tom Chorneau
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO — In stark contrast to his international celebrity, Arnold Schwarzenegger isn't promoting a glory debut as California governor and has instead promised to focus today on state business after a low-key swearing-in ceremony.

Mendel of the bitterness that still surrounds the first transfer of power after a recall election, not to mention the state's fiscal troubles, the Republican has shied from the black-tie bra that normally enlivens inaugurations.

But while the actor-turned-chairman executive may want to downplay the day, the roar of the world will not. Sacramento is bracing for a frenzy. Schwarzenegger is expected to deliver a brief speech, attend three ceremonial receptions and return to the Capitol by mid-afternoon for his first day of business as the state's 38th governor.

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Rearrest of sex offenders less likely
By Curt Anderson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sex offenders are less likely to be rearrested after their release from prison than other criminals, a government study released Sunday finds.

The Justice Department study of 9,691 men convicted of rape, sexual assault and child molestation who were released in 1994 found 43 percent were arrested for any type of crime within three years, compared to 68 percent for all other former inmates.

Ryan King, researcher at The Sentencing Project, suggested the difference may be because the most serious repeat criminals, sexual assailants and child molesters do not get released in the first place and are unable to commit more crimes. Those released served an average of 3 1/2 years, indicating they had committed less severe crimes.

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WASHINGTON — Energy industries that have invested millions of dollars in lawmakers' campaigns would reap billions in tax breaks and potential new business from compromise Republican legislation.

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MIA^MI — Hundreds of anti-globalization activists kicked off demonstrations Sunday as representatives of 34 Western Hemisphere nations started talks on creating the world's largest free trade bloc.

After weeks of wrangling, about 100 demonstrators gathered at a working-class Miami neighborhood where police say a plane carrying anti-globalization protesters landed Sunday.

NEW ORLEANS — Democratic Lt. Gov. Kathleen Blanco became the first woman elected governor of Louisiana on Saturday, defying conservative Bobby Jindal and winning a rare gain for Democrats in an election season that has been a string of Republican victories.

Blanco's victory puts the Louisiana governorship back in the Democratic column for the first time since Gov. Mike Foster won the first of his two terms eight years ago. He could not run again because of term limits.

WASHINGTON — President Bush says the United States will not spend "years and years" in Iraq as a new government takes shape to replace Saddam Hussein — the nation's infamous and elusive former leader.

The wide-ranging interview taped Wednesday for broadcast Sunday on PBS focused on foreign issues, but the president did mention next year's presidential election, saying his re-election is heavily dependent on whether the U.S. economy gains steam.

The turnout was 38.5 percent, said the independent Center for Free Elections and Democracy, a group that monitored the vote.

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Heaven is an island on earth

A s children, we believed in things that weren't real. The Easter Bunny, The Tooth Fairy, Santa Claus, and the female orgasm. Unicorns. Sadly, as we aged and wised up to all the lies, we realized we were being taken for a ride.

But, we have a feeling the tuples are turning in our favor. For example, there are so many people in the world who want to believe that Tupac Shakur and the Notorious B.L.C.G. are still alive—the grown up version of the Easter Bunny, perhaps. And we are starting to believe it too, with what all of Tupac's posthumous activity. Come on, the guy has put out about 25 albums, not including guest appearances, since his death, and a movie about him was released last Friday.

So we did some investigation.

After searching through all of the police records and pinpointing tragic events at some high-profile rape-murder-type people (a word of advice: Do not accuse 50 Cent of orchestrating the deaths in order to further his career—some high profile rap-entourage-type people (a word to the wise: l.i.t. not John Candy. Everyone here is happy.

On an island about 100 miles west of Fiji, we found a gold mine. No, we did not find the source of Briny's sex appeal or a cocaine factory (and even if we wouldn't tell you. Instead, we found Tupac.

Yes, we can all rest well at night. He lives.

But here's the caveat: Tupac is not the only inhabitant of this island. The place is like a nest for the living dead. All of the musicians, actors and entertainers who "died" before their time now live in a place away from the scrutiny of everyday paparazzi attention.

And they all live in harmonious Tupac and Biggie are like Bert and Ernie. Kurt Cobain is happier and more fit than self-help guru Tony Robbins. Janae Joplin finally got her Mercedes Benz, Marilyn Monroe runs the local brothel and Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison have started a band.

That, if it were heard by anyone in the real world, would make people's ears bleed.

This island is a source of constant revenue. Tupac recorded all of his "posthumous" releases here, and they even shot some of his new movie on location. Chris Farley has overseen the last two David Spade movies from that, if it were heard by anyone in the real world, would make people's ears bleed.

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They need to please the core liberal Democratic voters, but they need to appear as a strong alternative in security matters. That leaves us with John Kerry and John Edwards.

In an opinion, Kerry has an important edge over Edwards: his experience in foreign policy and his participation in Vietnam. He has all the qualities that would make him an appealing option for moderate voters. In fact, many polls show that, in a head to head contest against Bush, Kerry does considerably better than any of his Democratic competitors. But Kerry is trailing Bush in polls in New Hampshire and Iowa. He has the right message, but he is delivering it to the wrong audience.

By claiming to be part of the "Democratic wing of the Democratic party," Dean distanced himself from more moderate Democrats who looked like sad, watered-down Republicans. He capitalized on the ardent anti-Bush sentiment by siding with the most liberal wing of the Democratic Party. This was a smart move, which allowed a relatively unknown and inexperienced Vermont governor to become a serious contender.

Ultimately, the opposition to the war resonates among liberal Democrats, but its appeal is not much wider than that. We must remember that polls indicate that most Americans support the war against Iraq. People in Bush's forceful, dedicated to defending the homeland. Howard Dean, on the other hand, has zero experience in foreign policy or security matters. By running as a war hero, Dean has made sure that the only way he would win the nomination is in a head to head contest against Bush. It is a very limited appeal, but it is enough to get him the Democratic nomination.

The last healthy alternative to junk food would be a sandwich from the Text me. I chose this other option the day, only to be disgusted by the bread my sandwich was served on. I asked for sourdough and received some kind of roll that was too thick and masked the real taste of my ingredients. At that point, I wished I had purchased a chicken sandwich instead. I don't know how they flavor the healthy dining options on campus a good alternative.

Kristina Skeehot is a civil engineering senior.

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"The Matrix: Revolutions" had begun.

For the three readers who don’t know the story line, the “Matrix” saga follows Neo (Keanu Reeves) as he leads a band of free men and women in the human race’s fight against their oppressive machine masters in a post-apocalyptic world. Neo is the “One” who has been prophesied to save the world. The matrix is a computer-generated, virtual reality simulation of the world as it was before machines took over.

Anyone planning on seeing this movie and coming out of it happy needs only do three things. The first is to realize this is not the original "Matrix." The second is to understand and accept that Keanu Reeves is a crappy actor... The third is to “accidentally” show up 45 minutes late.

into which human slaves’ thoughts are projected in order to keep them passively unaware of the fact they’re being cultivated and used as living batteries.

Neo and his gang back their way in and out of the simulator and fight a two-front war. The first is against the actual machines in the real world. The remaining free humans live in an underground mega-city named Zion, and they fly in electro-magnetically powered hovercrafts to fight the menacing squid-like robots.

The second front is within the matrix itself. Neo and his army of cool people jack themselves into the system and, since they understand the protocol of the program, gain seemingly superhuman powers to fight evil programs. The head bad guy is Agent Smith, played by Aussie actor Hugo Weaving, and he becomes the only reason to watch the movie. By the way, there are lots of dazzling special effects, too.

The original "Matrix" movie was amazing in its shot sequences that revolutionized the film industry and hipper-than-thou attitude. It asked questions that kept viewers on the hook. It displayed many slow-motion gunfights, including the now-famous bullet-time roof sequence and the wall-climbing, acrobatics-laden, bad-guy-blasting shootout in an elevator lobby. It gave us a reluctant hero and a resurrection-through-love finale that has made it a classic. By the way, there are lots of dazzling special effects, too.

The second film, "The Matrix: Reloaded," seemed to be just that: a rehashed version of the first with more questions and a lot less cool. The questions became annoying and the outfits seemed repetitive. Despite what Entertainment Weekly called the "greatest car chase ever filmed," the movie was a disappointment to critics and fans alike. By the way, there are lots of philosophical talk, a complete rehash of the original’s elevator lobby fight scene, a strange club full of gimps with rubber suits and big guns in a Mexican stand-off with Neo’s pals Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss) and Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne), a horrible scene with the new version of the Oracle (the original’s Oracle, Gloria Foster, died during filming, forcing this awkward insertion of Mary Alice in the role) and some lame scene where the "all-powerful" Neo is stuck in a subway station... Heh!

After all that happened, the movie got good and the ride kicked into overdrive. I just put my hands up and enjoyed the twists and drops and loops and corkscows.

Without giving anything away, there’s a huge fight sequence in Zion and a well-done superhero-like final clash between Neo and Agent Smith inside the matrix. I couldn’t get enough of the machines and the special effects, but maybe I’m just a sucker for action. Once I got over the annoying first climb, I left the theme park feeling satisfied with the ride.

This is no original "The Matrix," but "The Matrix: Revolutions" is much better than the second film and a fitting conclusion to the trilogy. I’d recommend it to anyone familiar with the series.

Think of it as the Pepto-Bismol that soothes the acidic taste "The Matrix: Reloaded" left in our mouths.
Berry overcomes pain of broken arm, marriage split

LOS ANGELES — Halle Berry says she's over the recent breakup of her marriage to Gabriel Aubry while filming "Gothika," and is recovering from the pain of recently separating from husband Eric Benet.

"I'm getting used to it," she said in a recent telephone interview from her second husband. "I ride it out that area," she said with a laugh. "I'm getting used to it."

Berry broke her arm in May while filming "Gothika," in which she plays Batman's nemesis. Now, all I hear myself saying over and over again is "I'm going to find the right man." She added.

Berry also has been doing research for her current film, in which she's playing a newswoman, in Caracas, Venezuela.

She recently cut a stud.

"He won't come out from under the bed," she said. "He's scared of me.

Beckhams deny rocky marriage rumors

LONDON — Soccer star David Beckham and his wife, former Spice Girl Victoria, are denying a fresh tabloid claim that their marriage is strained.

A spokeswoman for the couple said the report in the Sunday Mirror was "nonsense" and that a lawyer is looking into possible legal action against the newspaper.

The Sunday Mirror reported that Victoria Beckham threatened to walk out on the marriage unless her husband moves back to Britain from Spain, where he plays for Real Madrid, to live closer to her in Britain for Manchester United.

The newspaper said a trial separation had been discussed. The couple has two young sons.

It's not the first newspaper report of trouble in the four-year-old marriage. In September the pair issued a statement following a story in the News of the World tabloid.

"Since we first met, our careers have taken us to different cities and we are very much enjoying our new life in Spain."

Country celebrates 'Tarzan' actor

TIMISOARA, Romania — Tarzan of Transylvania? The late actor, Johnny Weissmuller was born in Romania, and local officials plan to commemorate the 70th anniversary of his life.

A commemorative plaque will be placed on the house in Timisoara where he was born, a government representative told the daily Pro Sport.

Weissmuller, who died in 1984, played Tarzan in the movies during the 1930s and 1940s, after winning five gold medals at the 1924 and 1928 Olympics.

His family emigrated to the United States when he was a child, but he claimed to have been born in Windsor, Pa., an assertion his family may have made to place a use on the U.S. Olympic swimming team.

Romanian officials said in comments published Saturday that a ceremony will be held in the actor's memory to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Weissmuller's birth.

His films included "Tarzan the Ape Man," "Tarzan Finds A Son!" and "Tarzan and the Apostles." Weissmuller's career in "Tarzan the Ape Man" made the American Film Institute's list of the "American Classic." That was one spot ahead of Gary Cooper, father of the world's first home-schooled child, Mikayla, 7.

"Looney Tunes: Back in Action" opened at No. 3 with $16.3 million. "Elf" leapt its 10-day total to $71.3 million. It will face stiff competition this weekend from "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," which is predicted to take in $21 million.

"I just go to show you, a sugar diet is better than what they eat on those ships," said David Tackett by closed circuit to a New Line executive, according to a studio estimate Sunday.

"Master and Commander," a Napoleonic-era naval adventure based on Patrick O'Brien's novels of the same name, debuted a close second with $25.7 million.

"Looney Tunes: Back in Action" sequel, which sold for $28,200.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Weissmuller's birth, local officials plan to place a celebration on the opening day of the film, which is expected to take in $21 million.

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COLLECTABLES

Horror films, props sell at Hollywood auction

LOS ANGELES — Collectors at a weekend auction snapped up hundreds of items from classic Hollywood horror films and props once used by magician Harry Hollywood.

Bobbi Carlott, the studio's head of memorabilia, auctioned off a collection of items from the movie "Frankenstein," which sold for $12,925. The collection included a costume from the 1931 "King Kong," which fetched $41,125, according to an auction representative.

The sale, which took place at the Playboy Mansion, was held to benefit the Salvation Army.

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The difference in the game was
turnovers, coach Rich Ellerson said.
Petersen fumbled twice between the
second and third quarter, includ-
ing one on the Cal Poly seven-yard line. A
team fumble off a bad snap to
Peterson, just four yards from the Cal
Poly end zone, was returned for a
touchdown that gave Idaho State a
28-23 lead. Offensively, the Mustangs
were lethargic in the third quarter. After a
first half that saw Cal Poly rack up
275 yards of total offense, almost 100
more than Idaho State, the Mustangs
thwarted the ball, with
Peterson only attempting one pass in
the quarter.
Petersen, completed 17 of 21 pass-
tries for 310 yards and two touchdowns,
highlighted by a 79-yard near-scoring
reception to Jonah Russell. He
seemed frustrated that the Mustangs
didn’t have more of an airborne
assault.
“Could’ve thrown all night,”
Peterson said.
Instead the Mustangs relied on
a steady diet of option plays, even on
third and long, and found other ways
to score. Bianchi had an eight-yard
touchdown run in the second quarter
where the Mustangs also scored off a
Randy Samuel safety and a 76-yard
punt return by Jones.

The Bengal running game, led by
Iosac Mitchell and David Bever, picked
up later in the game.
“It was frustrating trying to stop
it,” said Linebacker Raj Thompson.
A 34-yard touchdown strike to
Joey Warren and a two-point conver-
mision made it 38-31 with 6:45 left.
Still, the loss likely ended any
remaining chances the Mustangs for
the playoffs. They needed to win
all remaining games to make the postseason.

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to head up a growing team.
“ I think we have a lot of young
players on this team,” Duncan
said. “ We have three or four new
recruits coming in... Mustang
volleyball shows a lot of promise for
next year.”

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Mustangs’ dreams deferred 

Football falls four yards short

By Graham Womack
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

At fourth and goal with a minute left in the fourth quarter and four yards from Idaho State’s end zone, quarterback Chris Peterson surveyed his options. Trailblazing 38-31, the Cal Poly football team faced its final offensive play, playoff chances in jeopardy. Lining up on the left side was Darrell Jones, whose array of receptions had helped the Mustangs drive 72 yards in three minutes. At Peterson’s aim’s length of the end zone stood Brandon Shepard and fullback Ray Bianchi, who had 165 yards and a touchdown under their belt between them on the day. Still, when Peterson got the play off with 1:36 left, he didn’t opt to hand-off or throw. Instead, Peterson tried running the four yards to the end zone himself. “He thought he could out run me,” said Bengal rover Jared Allen, who joined Peterson at the five-yard line. “He was wrong.” It capped a maddening 38-31 loss that saw Cal Poly give away a 23-7 second quarter lead as the Bengals scored 31 unanswered points before the Mustangs briefly got back into the game in the middle of the fourth quarter.

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Cross country advances to NCAA Championship

• Big West Champion
Ricketts leads the team to second-place finish at West Regional

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly men’s cross country team finished the NCAA West Regional in second place, earning an automatic berth to the NCAA Championships.

The NCAA Championships will be held Nov. 24 in Waterloo, Iowa.

The women’s team finished with a strong showing in seventh.

This is the first-ever automatic berth for the men’s team and the second trip to the NCAA Championship as a team. The men finished in the top three in the West Region for three of the last four years.

Cal Poly placed five runners in the top 30 to hold down second-place (110 points) and outdistance third-place Arizona by 22 points (132) at Blue Lake Park in Fortuna, California. The Mustangs placed 18th with 225 points. The Cardinal entered the event as the No. 1 ranked team in the nation.

Senior Sean Ricketts was the Mustangs’ top finisher in eighth-place. The native of San Diego completed the 10,000-meter course in 30 minutes.

The next three Cal Poly runners came home in a tight group. Sophomore Brandon Collins ran the course in 30:22 to finish 16th, followed by juniors Ryan Moorcroft in 19th place and Mario Macias in 20th.

Freshman Luke Llamas rounded out the scoring runners for Cal Poly by finishing 47th in a time of 30:54.

Also competing for Cal Poly was freshman Matt Johnsrud, who finished in 49th, and senior Ben Bruce in 72nd.

The Cal Poly women’s team placed seventh in the 31-team field with 254 points. Stanford won with 45 points.

Junior Katie Murphy paced the Mustangs with a 39th-place finish and a time of 21:42 on the 6,000-meter course. Junior Amber Simmons was not far behind in 40th with a time of 21:49.

Other Cal Poly runners were Rachel Peters in 49th (22:03), Kathryn Schlegel in 70th (22:31), Rachel Lange in 83rd (22:37) and Rachel Vallone in 84th (22:38).

Junior wide receiver Darrell Jones returned his third punt for a touchdown this season, he leads the nation in that statistic.

Jones’ return on Saturday was a 76-yarder. Unfortunately the Mustangs lost 30-31.

Volleyball swept by Beach

By Graham Womack
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

A frustrating season came to a quiet end Saturday night for the Cal Poly women’s volleyball team. Facing the Long Beach State 49ers in their home finale, the Mustangs fell 3-0, losing 25-18, 31-29 and 31-29 in front of 486 fans in Mott Gym. The loss brought the Mustangs’ final record to 12-16, including a 4-13 eighth-place mark in Big West play.

“If you look at our season, we’ve had seven five-game-matchers,” coach Steve Schlick said. “We’ve just had to elevate 5 or 10 percent, and we’ve not been able to do that.”

Such was the case against Long Beach. After quickly falling 30-18 in the first game to the Niners, Cal Poly picked up its play. They nearly won the second and third game but couldn’t close either out. The Mustangs even served for game point at 29-28 in the second before the Niners ran off with three straight points to seal the game.

“It’s really too bad that we couldn’t pull off one or two of the games because we had the opportunity,” outside hitter Jessica Depiedrot said.

Depiedrot finished with nine kills, third-best on the team, behind outside hitters Vanessa Gilliam and Molly Duncan, who finished with 17 each.

Although, Schlick said he really liked the Mustangs defensive intensity, it seemed Cal Poly gave Long Beach many second-chance opportunities by failing to close out on its own offensive drives. Execution has haunted the Mustangs all year.

“The Mustangs’ lost Saturday followed a 3-2 loss to Irvine on Friday. Schlick said the Mustangs showed marked improvement Saturday and Long Beach coach Brian Gimmillaro also praised them.

“I think they did fine,” Gimmillaro said. “They just have had a tough season. They haven’t played like they thought they would.”

Saturday’s final marked the final matches for graduating seniors Duncan and defensive specialist Green Hubbard and junior Depiedrot, who is transferring to Fresno State to be closer to her boyfriend, Schlick said.

Duncan praised her teammates for their resilience this season.

“We’ve had a couple of upssets matches and losing by a couple of points, but this team has continued to work hard,” Duncan said.

With only three players leaving, Duncan said she foresees good things for 2004, with Gilliam and outside hitter Kayla Mulder looking at see VOLLEYBALL, page 7