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Parking structure closer to perfection 300 attend leadership conference



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Most parking problems have been alleviated with the opening of the new parking structure, but some fixtures inside the lot have yet to be finished.

"We opened it knowing there were some modifications that had to be corrected," said Vicki Stover, associate vice president of Administration and Finance. "It will be finished by the end of the quarter."

Some of the necessary repairs include the addition of permanent signs, finishing the elevators and correcting the clearance levels in some areas of the structure.

Cindy Campbell, associate director of university police, said the repairs do not affect the structure itself.

"These changes are correctable without being structural problems," she said. "I have no concerns with the structural integrity of the structure."

The clearance levels aren't up to code as yet, but Campbell said the heights can be fixed.

"They are at 8 feet right now, but

they should be at 8 feet 2 inches," she said. "We'll just shave it until the height is right."

Students have mixed opinions about the new parking situation.

"I like it because I can park on the top level and go to my class at the Performing Arts Center," said Heidie Geary, a social sciences senior. "Or I can park on the third level and get to my other classes faster than having to walk all the way around the PAC."

Although Geary likes the quick access to her classes, she has a few concerns about the structure as well.

"There's no crosswalk for the pedestrians on any of the levels," she said. "So many times I've almost been run over or run someone over. It seems kind of dangerous."

Geary isn't the only person with a few concerns about the structure.

Jack Robitaille of Pismo Beach said he doesn't like having to pay the \$4 to park in the structure when he eats at Vista Grande Restaurant.

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The lights of the new parking structure glow just after sunset. The structure has been open since the beginning of fall quarter, but still needs some finishing touches such as permanent signs, elevators and the correction of vertical clearance in some areas.

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Clinton heads to Egypt for peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. leaders headed to Egypt on Sunday to try to cool Middle East tensions, but with little hope of resuming an Israeli-Palestinian peace process that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said "is the only road" away from violence.

President Clinton took a break from almost constant telephone diplomacy to attend services at Foundry Methodist Church, where the congregation prayed that he would succeed in bringing peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Clinton made calls to various Middle East leaders, and received a briefing from Albright and Sandy Berger, his national security adviser before departing for Egypt. He chatted animatedly with Albright and Berger as they boarded his helicopter en route to the airport.

The president was to participate in emergency talks today at Sharm el-Sheikh with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and King Abdullah of Jordan. Berger told NBC's "Meet the Press"

that the president was going into the summit focused on stopping the violence in which more than 100 people, mostly Palestinians, have been killed.

"I have no illusions. This is a very difficult situation. Emotions and frustrations are very high on both sides," Berger said. "It will be difficult to resume negotiations for a peace agreement, I think, quickly. The most important thing here is to break this cycle of violence."

Albright told ABC's "This Week" that the prospects for renewed peace negotiations are dim, but the United States hoped at least to persuade Arafat to assume more responsibility for calming inflamed tensions.

"He has made, in the past seven years, some important decisions for peace, but we now believe that he has to do more to control the violence," Albright said. "The peace process is the only road."

In Jerusalem on Sunday night, Arafat said: "We are going to Sharm el-Sheikh, but taking with us the condition of the Palestinian people."

"We are on the way to Jerusalem until a Palestinian child raises the

Palestinian flag on the walls of Jerusalem."

The senior Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erekat, warned not to expect solutions at Sharm el-Sheikh, saying too much is being expected of Arafat.

"I really don't want to raise anyone's expectations," Erekat said. "I think Mr. Barak went a long way in his exit strategy from the peace process. We will go to Sharm el-Sheikh hoping he is going to stop the war against us."

Erekat, a longtime Arafat aide, accused Barak of trying to teach the Palestinians a lesson with the idea that violence "is a language you understand" and said he fears that the violence may escalate even further.

For his part, Barak laid out a list of objectives he wants from the conference in Sharm el-Sheikh, a Red Sea resort, including reincarceration of hundreds of Islamic terrorist suspects freed last week by Arafat's Palestinian Authority government. The prisoners were freed Thursday during Israeli helicopter rocket attacks in retaliation for the lynching of two Israeli army reservists.

Cowboy up



AMY LOBSINGER/MUSTANG DAILY

Justin Brooks from Cuesta College rides in the final rounds of the Saddle Bronc Riding event at the Cal Poly College Rodeo Saturday.

Murder rate up in large CA cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's overall murder rate hit a 33-year low in 1999, but Los Angeles' rate held steady and the city ranked second behind New York in sheer number of killings, the FBI reported Sunday.

Los Angeles reported 425 homicides in 1999 and 426 in 1998.

The number of murders rose in several other large California and Nevada cities.

Nationwide, serious crimes reported to police dipped for a record eighth straight year, falling 7 percent from 1998. The overall violent crime rate sank to a 21-year low — 525

murders, rapes, robberies and assaults for every 100,000 residents. The last time the figure was lower — 498 in 1978 — came well before an epidemic of crack cocaine sent violent crime soaring in the mid-1980s.

The murder rate was the lowest since 1966; 5.7 per 100,000 in 1999, compared with 5.6 in 1966.

But the FBI report contained a hint that big gains against crime may be about to slow down.

Big cities with more than one million residents showed the smallest decline in murder rate of any size community, down just 4 percent from

13.5 to 13 per 100,000. The largest, New York, even saw murders rise, from 633 in 1998 to 671 in 1999.

In California and Nevada, the largest murder increases were in Sacramento, which rose from 31 to 54, and San Diego, up from 42 to 57. San Francisco also had an increase from 58 to 64.

In Oakland, murders fell from 72 in 1998 to 60 last year. San Jose also had a decline from 29 to 25.

Las Vegas showed a drop in murders from 116 to 109 last year, while Reno had an increase from 10 in 1998 to 14 in 1999.

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Grande Restaurant and there's a performance at the PAC, the parking attendants close off the parking lot next to the structure," he said. "They basically force us to park there and pay the \$4. That's pretty expensive just for parking. When you add that money to the cost of the meal, it ruins the deal Vista Grande has."

Campbell said the cost of parking won't change because the money goes to parking attendants who direct traffic.

Thomas Richards, an agriculture business senior, said the new structure

has created more parking on the opposite side of campus.

"I haven't parked in the structure yet because my classes are on the other side of campus," he said. "But I've noticed that there's more parking there now, which is nice as compared to last year. The parking situation was horrible. It's definitely cleared things up."

Campbell said the new structure is replacement parking for the space that was taken from past construction projects. She estimated that 700 spaces were lost with the building of the Rec Center, the PAC and the structure.

"But now we have about 900 spaces with the lot," she said. "It's in a great location as well. So, we're just excited to have it open."

LEADS

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"There were many representatives from big corporations, and we encouraged students to bring their resumes," Harris said. "We put all of the resumes together in a book, which we will distribute to all participating businesses. This provided great networking opportunities for students and, also, recruiting opportunities for companies."

Vince Machado, a business senior, was a speaker at one of the workshops because of his involvement in ASI and the Interfraternity Council.

"The workshops were really effective in gathering leaders and having them come together to make common goals," he said. "This conference was a great opportunity for students. It is nice that Cal Poly offers these type of programs, and they should be taken advantage of by more students."

According to the LEADS Web site, the goal of the conference was to emphasize the value and necessity of leadership training and experience as a tool in a successful job search. In addition, the conference was meant to teach students the skills they need to be both leaders and productive members of campus clubs and organizations.

Business sophomore Maren Heideman said she saw the posters all over campus advertising the conference and decided to go because it looked informative.

"At the conference, I realized how

much influence we can have on others," she said. "I need to take initiative and to plan things and be a leader. The conference helped motivate me to get more involved and think about the future."

Kelly Crafton, a liberal studies senior, said she attended the conference because she is the president of her sorority and chose to attend the group-affiliated training workshop for Greeks. Crafton learned leadership skills and an awareness of what the other houses are going through.

"This was a good opportunity for the Greeks to come together and come up with common goals to make the whole system better," she said. "We discussed recruitment, and how to make formal winter rush even better. It was a good reminder that we should all focus on the Greek system as a whole, and not just on our individual houses."

The LEADS program consists of conferences and ongoing workshops that address issues such as communication, teamwork and problem solving. The fall and winter quarter workshops will be dedicated to organizational development, while the theme for spring quarter workshops is personal development. In January, LEADS will be holding a mini-conference for campus organizations that need a renewed focus.

For more information about LEADS, contact Patricia Harris at 756-2582 or pharris@calpoly.edu, or go to the Student Life and Leadership office in the University Union, room 217. You can also visit the program's Web site at www.leads.calpoly.edu.



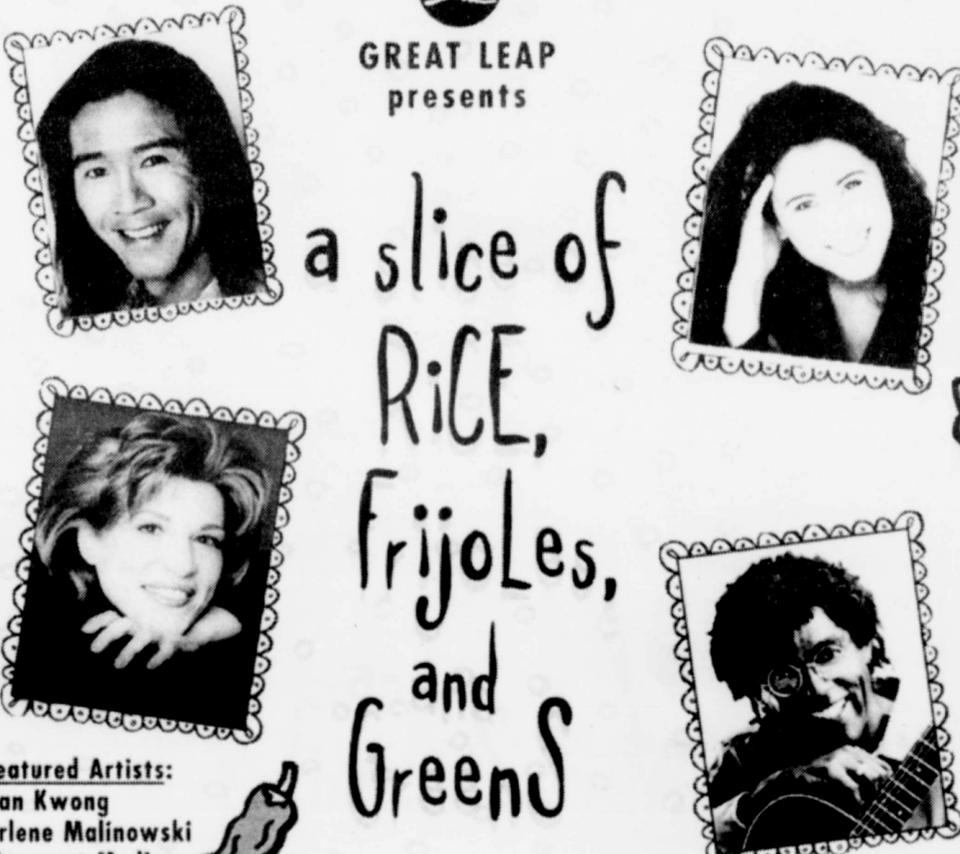
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First Asian-American crowned Miss America

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — She used to suffer from stage fright. She thought swimsuit contests were degrading to women. And she only entered the Miss America Pageant system because she needed money for college.

So what was Angela Perez Baraquio doing Saturday night, hula dancing and parading across a stage in a two-piece swimsuit before millions of TV viewers?

Becoming the first Miss America of Asian-American descent, that's what. But Baraquio, whose parents are Filipino, said she didn't feel like a pioneer.

"It doesn't matter what (ancestry) you are. It matters what you are on the inside," she said.

An elementary school gym teacher, Baraquio, 24, captured the rhinestone crown, a \$50,000 college scholarship and a pulpit from which to preach a cause.

Hers is "character education," which she described as a push to make children well-rounded citizens. She said she hopes to team up with the nonprofit group America's Promise — also known as the Alliance for Youth — and its chairman, retired Army Gen. Colin Powell.

"As a society, we must work together to guide each child to become a well-rounded individual and contributing citizen by infusing character development into every educational institution's daily school culture," she said.

"It doesn't matter what (ancestry) you are. It matters what you are on the inside."

Angela Perez Baraquio
first Asian-American Miss America

The eighth of 10 children, she is a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa who works as a physical education instructor and athletic director at Holy Family Catholic Academy in Honolulu.

Her parents own an exterminating company called Able Termite Control. "They have a pest control company because they have 10 kids," she laughed.

Baraquio said she began entering pageants at age 18 to help finance college.

"I was the worst when it came to pageants," she said Sunday. "But then I thought, well, it's a scholarship program. I needed money to go to college. I said 'I might as well.'"

She competed in Miss Hawaii twice before winning it this year.

Baraquio broke down in tears Sunday during her first news conference as Miss America 2001.

"All the Miss Americas came up to me last night and said 'Welcome to the sisterhood.' I said 'Wow, I'm part of the legacy. I'm a part of the American dream,'" Baraquio said.

Having an Asian-American serve as Miss America should help both the woman and the pageant, said one pageant watcher.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for

her to promote not only her platform but her culture," said Carl Dunn, marketing director of Pageantry magazine. "It'll let people know more about her culture than they normally would."

Meanwhile, Miss America Pageant CEO Robert Renneisen revealed Sunday that a preliminary judge had failed to disclose "what could be perceived as a judging conflict of interest."

Myron Martin — who judged three nights of preliminary competition leading up to Saturday's 80th annual Miss America Pageant — failed to tell pageant officials he was familiar with one of the contestants from a state pageant in which he'd served as a judge.

Martin was a judge in the 1999 Miss Texas pageant, one of whose contestants was Tara Watson. Watson made the top 10 on Saturday, based on scoring by Martin and the other preliminary judges.

Renneisen said pageant auditors confirmed that Miss Texas would have made the top 10 even without Martin's vote.

Renneisen said he believed Martin's failure to disclose the information was inadvertent.

POLYWEEK

Monday	Oct. 16	7 PM LECTURE: 'PEACEBUILDING IN MULTITETHNIC SOCIETIES OF THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES', Psychology Department. 33-287.
NOON TIM JACKSON. Backstage Pizza.		
Tuesday	Oct. 17	
NOON JOHN KRAUSE. Backstage Pizza.		
8 PM MICROSOFT PRESENTATION, Assoc. for Computing Mach. (ACM). 52-B05.		Friday Oct. 20 5:30 PM PERFORMANCE BY 'RAGG'. Backstage Pizza.
Wednesday	Oct. 18	
10 AM - 2 PM OMRON BUS VISITATION, Progressive Student Alliance. Street by Dexter Lawn.		Saturday Oct. 21 10 AM HOMECOMING PARADE. Downtown San Luis Obispo.
8 PM - 10 PM IRQI SANCTIONS TEACH-IN, Progressive Student Alliance. 33-286.		Sunday Oct. 22 NOTHING LISTED.
Thursday	Oct. 19	
7 PM TRAVEL ARCHITECTURE PHOTOGRAPHY LECTURE, American Institute of Architecture Students. Architecture Gallery, First Floor, Bldg. 5.		► PolyWeek runs each Monday in Mustang Daily. To submit an event for consideration, e-mail information to arts@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu by the Friday prior. Please note Mustang Daily reserves the right to omit submitted events for any reason. Club meetings and similar general events will not be listed. ► Mustang Daily regrets any inaccuracies in PolyWeek, but is not held responsible for them.

Corrections

In "Crime statistics give different picture" (Oct. 9), it was indicated that there were 380 sexual assaults reported; in actuality, there were 330 crisis calls related to sexual assaults or abuse. Additionally, the correct hotline number is 1(800)656-HOPE and SART stands

for Suspected Abuse Response Team, not Sexual Assault Response Team.

In "Professor runs for state assembly" (Oct. 12), Larry Houlgate was misquoted as saying, "...make too much money to get medicine..." It should have read, "...make too much money to get Medicare..."

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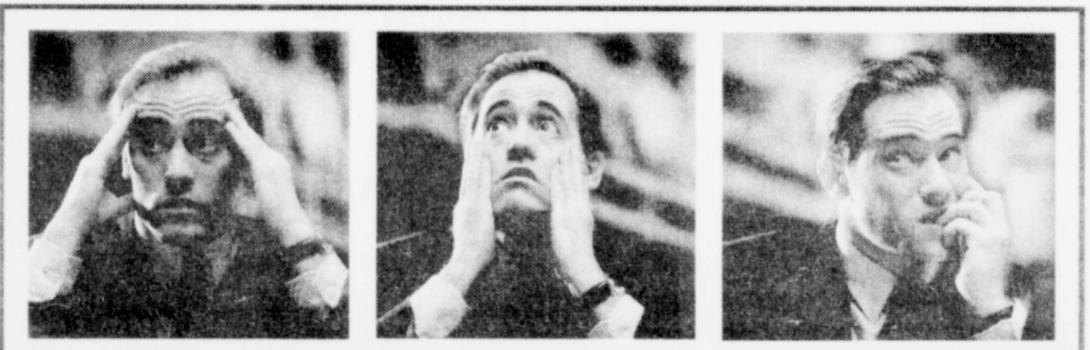
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Current issues make for great costume ideas

Halloween is about two weeks away. I, for one, have already picked out a costume. I'd mention it here, but that would ruin the surprise, and I don't want anyone copying me.

I do, however, have several suggestions for anyone that does not yet have a costume idea of their own. Some are simple, others may require a little more work, but with two weeks, you should have plenty of time to throw at least one of these together. By the time the first parties roll around, you'll be ready to trick-or-treat Cal Poly style.

1. Horse thief. This timely costume will set you apart from your fellow partiers. Although we have no description of the culprits in the recent thefts, this costume is easy to improvise. Just throw on a pair of dirty wranglers, a flannel shirt and an old pair of shoes. Carry a flashlight and a handful of carrots or apples. For added realism, attach a trailer to the back of your car. But be careful, one horse is still missing. Don't get pulled over, or you may find yourself the recipient of a lengthy interrogation, and then you would miss out on all the candy apples and popcorn strings.

2. Protestor. Dress in neutral colors and earth tones. Pick an issue and paint a sign with a catchy slogan. You can just use Duct Tape to affix a piece of cardboard to a wooden stake, or, if you have the cash, go all out and have a banner professionally lettered. Short, punchy sayings work best, and there are plenty of organizations to rally against. Think Nike, Microsoft or Foundation. Militarization of space and Latin America are hot topics as well. A hemp backpack adds to the realism, but is not necessary. Also, avoid eating any meat.

3. Drugged-out student. This costume is very easy to assemble, and requires virtually no preparation. Just don everyday college attire, whatever you would wear to class or an after-school activity. This costume is more of an attitude than anything else. Act serene. Love everyone. Speak in blissfully slow sentences. Unfortunately, like the horse thief, this costume carries some risk. If you are seen acting like you are high on Ecstasy or any other number of illegal substances, there is a high probability that the San Luis Obispo police will crash whatever party you're attending and take you to spend the night in jail. I've never had the opportunity to spend a night in the slammer, but it could offer a creepy evening for those looking to try something new this year.

4. Football player. Obviously, dress in a Cal Poly football uniform. Wear the green and yellow with pride. Carry a paddle so you can spank the other team, or anyone else who dares call themselves a Mustang. Revel in your 52-10 victory. You'll have to take your helmet off to eat, however. And watch out for large containers of Gatorade being poured down your back.

5. Warren Baker. This costume would be the hit of the party, but invisibility is a hard concept to convey.

If all else fails, just buy a set of those plastic vampire teeth. Those things freak me out; I'm sure other people will find them scary as well.

Please note that I bear no responsibility for any arrests that may occur as a result of following any of my suggestions. Having said my disclaimer, I hope my helpful hints will make your holiday a festive one. Just remember to be creative, drive safely and try to be the first one to bob for apples.

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How to get rid of telemarketers

I've recently been plagued by a constant barrage of telemarketer phone calls. It all started about three months ago when I was awakened by a phone call on a Tuesday around 9 p.m. three months ago. I had fallen asleep while watching a movie and was pretty much out for the night. In my drowsy state I picked up the phone and who is on the other line?

Drum roll please: AT&T. "Good evening Ma'am," a twangy voice said. The woman asked me who my long distance carrier was and I told her. Normally by now I've slammed down the phone or told the telemarketer that the person she's calling for has passed away, but being half-asleep, I cooperated.

It turns out AT&T can give me a better deal because they care about me more than my current long distance carrier. I agreed to switch over, not knowing I've set an enormous, Indiana Jones-sized boulder in motion.

So, for the past three months I have been receiving constant courtesy calls from MCI to win me back. They are the most persistent people on the planet.

On one hand, telemarketing can be considered convenient shopping. I didn't have to go to the trouble of calling AT&T to switch my long-distance phone service — they came to me. On the other hand, could anything be more annoying and intrusive?

These people call me more than my own mother.

I've had to get creative in my dealings

with telemarketers. The response, "She's not home," doesn't work because they just call back later in the day. Telemarketers give us a great reason to hang-up when you have to say "hello" three times before the auto-dial has kicked in and the telemarketer's voice comes on. But once again, if you do hang up, they just call back.

After a 7 a.m. telemarketer courtesy call on a Saturday, I decided to get tough. The woman on the other end must have been from the East Coast and forgotten to take into account the three-hour time difference. After hearing my thoughts about being woken up so early, she'll think twice before calling back to give me a sales pitch.

You need to realize you haven't asked for this. Having your name on the phone bill or possessing a credit card does not give companies the right to constantly hound you. In the meantime, here are some suggestions for dealing with telemarketers at home.

1. Instead of saying you're not home, tell the telemarketer you're out of the country. This will buy you at least one week's time. You can use this response for up to a month, after that it's time for some more serious responses.

2. Telling the telemarketer that the person they're calling for is dead, followed by uncontrollable sobs, could be a permanent solution to these courtesy calls. However, while the person on the other line is not very intelligent, the people who pay them are. They could run a search to find out if this claim is legitimate. More than likely they will begin calling you again.

3. Most of us don't want to speak with a

telemarketer because we don't have the time to listen to their rehearsed speech. Try asking the telemarketer if you can get their number and call them back when you're not so busy. More than likely you'll have a speechless telemarketer on the other line.

4. Speaking in a foreign language can also deter the telemarketer from calling back.

5. Purchasing a caller identification system that allows you to block any unknown numbers is the best way to deal with unwanted telemarketer courtesy calls.

The phone is intended for the convenience of the owner of the phone. Don't let telemarketers get the best of you.

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"Nine messages? I don't even know nine people!"

Hi-Tech Career Issue

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It's never too early to start looking for a career opportunity

This is the time of year when most soon-to-be grads open up their job search process. Seniors probably know what to do: register on Web Walk Up, attend the job fairs quarterly, participate in the interviewing process, etc. But what about the three, four or five years that led to this point? What if you are a first year student wondering, "what should I be doing as I go along, to clarify my career goals and secure as many job opportunities as possible?" Well, I have a few suggestions, or "wishes" for those of you wanting to be intentional in how you spend your time here. Right after getting career-related experience, the following ideas top my list.

First, know your faculty. Faculty can play an essential role in your education beyond the classroom. Professors know a great deal about issues related to their field. Most obviously, they can help you gain a better understanding of your school work - even show connections between class work and "real" work. Your teachers may still be connected to industry or know other professionals related to the type of work you hope to do. This comes in handy for networking. Faculty may be willing to recommend graduate schools and write letters of recommendation for academic applications. Further, the more a teacher has worked with you, on projects and classroom material, the better informed they would be to serve as a reference in your job search. Each professor you have should know your name. Office hours are an incredible resource and are offered for your benefit -- take advantage of them. Oh, and don't forget to show your appreciation when faculty offer their assistance -- their time is in high demand and it shows true dedication to students when they go the extra mile.

Second, become comfortable with the art of networking. Essentially, networking is the practice of exploring your career options through professionals already working in the field. This can mean getting help navigating your way into a field as well as discovering more about a new, possible career. The goal is to build a strong contact base early on so that when you graduate, you have a number of avenues to explore through established connections. That being said, here are some tips: Be sure everyone you know is aware that you are exploring a career or starting your job search - you can never tell whose uncle/friend/parent works in your industry. Use Career Services' Alumni Network, located in the Career Resource Center, Building 124, Room 117. This rarely-tapped source contains contact information

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COURTESY PHOTO/CAREER SERVICES

Shel Burrell helps students and employers find their way around last year's Springboard Job Fair. Today, she directs traffic for the Hi-Tech Industry Day in Chumash Auditorium, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New hi-tech careers are here... And Poly grads are already there

Non-tech skills still useful in hi-tech world

By Christina von Stein
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

In this strong economy, many students are putting off graduate school indefinitely and employing their talents right now in a high-tech industry hungry for capable workers. Graduates are in a powerful position in that they can choose work that interests and challenges them from an industry that cannot hire qualified graduates fast enough.

Interestingly, many of the most valuable employees sought after by high-tech companies did not graduate with purely high-tech degrees.

Michael Romey graduated in 1999 from Cal Poly with a degree in art and design. Today he works for Reality Check Studios in Hollywood, where he balances his interest in art with his proficiency with computer technology.

"That's what gives me the extra edge, to aesthetically approach the project," Romey said, effusively describing his work in a recent

telephone interview from his office. "I'm challenged because I'm put in positions where there aren't other people who can solve these problems. I'm forced to technically explore and understand the extent of the tools and also challenged aesthetically to produce something that looks good."

Reality Check crafts broadcast and film graphics. These include live, on-air, 3D graphics, such as the scoreboard that is animated and moves up the television screen during football games. CBS is their biggest client.

To create such advanced graphics, he and others use seven Onyx computers, "essentially super computers," said Romey.

Working on these computers, individuals oversee a real time, 3D animation system and control live graphics "on the fly," during sports game broadcasts. This allows the up-to-the-minute time and score changes to appear onscreen.

Romey thinks his best career move was attending Cal Poly. "I had mentors both technically and aesthetically, at Cal Poly and in my life in general," he said.

He cited John Cotton of the architecture department and Joanne Ruggles of art and design as particu-

larly significant influences.

"She [Ruggles] challenged me aesthetically," Romey said. Although Romey felt driven to focus on mastering the technical aspects, his professors helped him realize the importance of refinement.

"My life as far as I work is like a pendulum. Periods of time influence me technically," Romey explained.

"My problem is not to get typecast in that category, because I want to do both. I really need a certain amount of moderation between each," Romey said.

Dan Greer is a technical writer and software quality assurance tester for Americom USA. Greer graduated in 1994 from UC Riverside with a degree in business administration. He is currently enrolled at Cal Poly through the Open University program, pursuing a degree in philosophy.

Greer said that his business degree was an asset in the high-tech industry.

"Even though it's high-tech, it's still a business nonetheless," he related.

"Working for small start-ups, you're involved in other things besides your major duties. Being well-rounded helps in that regard," said Greer.

"Basically, we're the first generation of kids who have been job training since we were in grammar school."

Dan Greer

Tech-writer and quality assurance director for Americom, USA

Greer had a few words for students of different majors interested in working in the high-tech industry. "College to me

is not job training and should not be job training. Learning how to think, learning to adapt to varying conditions - that's very important in any job. A lot of people [in start-ups] either have degrees outside of computer science or have no degree at all."

However Greer does not wish to discourage students from pursuing their degree, even if it is not absolutely necessary to possess one in the employee-starved high-tech segment.

"A general, university education is important; that, plus a real computer literacy with PC's and adaptability and competency on a different range of applications," Greer said. Greer recalled getting his first computer in the fifth grade.

"Basically, we're the first generation of kids who have been job training since we were in grammar school," he said.

Al Ng graduated from Cal Poly in 1998 with a double major in English and graphic communications (with a double concentration in business and computers). He also earned a technical writing certificate and now works at a high-tech company doing web design.

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Lots of new options for hi-techies

By Alexis Garbeff
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

The age to become a millionaire is no longer reserved for the over-50 CEO. Recent Cal Poly graduates are striking it rich thanks to a booming industry in the Silicon Valley.

"I have three graduates from the 1999 class who are already millionaires. They were offered stock options, their company went public and boom they were rich," said Dan Stearns, a Cal Poly computer science associate professor on the hi-tech industry.

According to Shel Burrell, associate director at Cal Poly's Career Center, a large percentage of graduates go into the hi-tech industry from majors like engineering, MIS, physics, math and computer science - close to 50 percent of the student population.

"It is a high demand industry because every industry and company needs some type of computer support," Burrell said.

Many of these graduates go on to work for giants such as IBM, Hewlett Packard, Intel, Cisco and Microsoft. However, Stearns is noticing a trend. Many of his students are going to smaller companies lured by stock options that can turn a recent graduate into an instant millionaire.

"A few years ago most students wanted to work for big companies, now they are at small dot coms due to stock options, the new incentive," Stearns said. "Because of this, companies like Hewlett Packard have had a hard time recruiting on campus."

There are also major differences between large and small hi-tech companies.

The major difference is the turn over rate for smaller companies like Internet start-ups. One company that has employed Cal Poly graduates has a turn over rate of 39 percent a year, according to Stearns.

"Smaller hi techs careers are demanding, high-paced, highstressed, relatively volatile and have an increased turn over rate," Burrell said. "However, there is a lot of money to be made in those jobs."

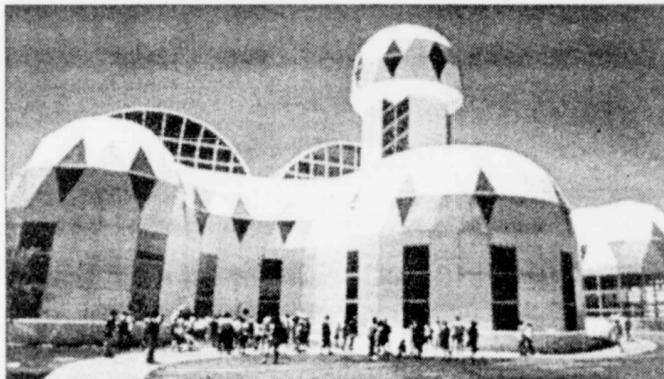
While Stearns said most of his students are now going to work for smaller companies, there is usually more security and added benefits at a larger firm such as Intel.

"Small companies are hard, they push the limit on work hours while at big companies you can work 40 hours, go home and enjoy yourself. Most students like the more structured training program at larger companies as well," Stearns said.

Stearn has also noticed a trend - many of his students are opting to stay in San Luis Obispo as opposed to re-locating to the Silicon Valley after graduation. Local companies like AIM Systems, a company that builds and sells point-of-sale software systems and Dega Technology, Inc., a Windows, database applications company, are all recruiting Cal Poly graduates.

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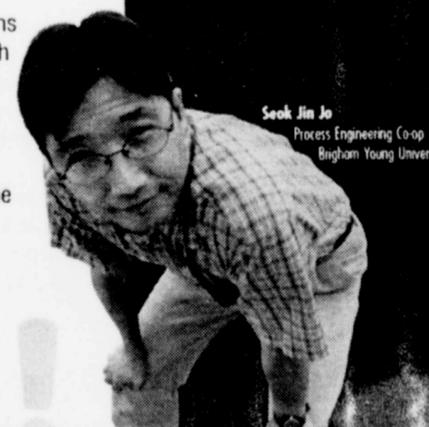
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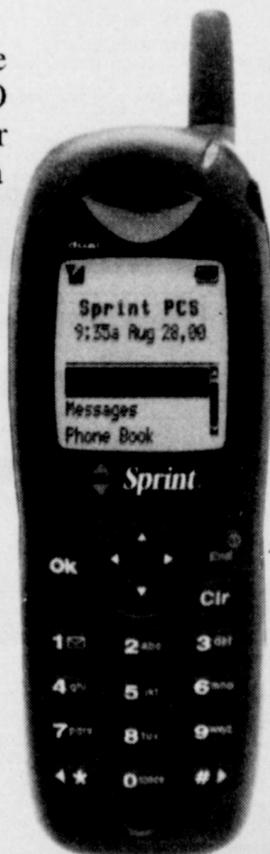
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Poly interns get ahead of the competition

By Victoria Walsh

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Stop thinking about your future career and start thinking about your future internship. It may be the only way to get a job. As careers begin to get more focused and specified, it's becoming more important and more beneficial for students to take an internship or do a co-op.

"Internships teach students things they cannot learn in the classroom," said Martin Shibata, assistant director at Career Services. "It provides them with the experience in a real-life career environment they can't get anywhere else."

Ron Yen, a civil engineering graduate, did two internships with the city and county of San Francisco.

"Working with the city was definitely one of the best experiences I had," Yen said. "Not only did it teach me things I could

never have learned at Cal Poly, but it provided me a foundation that I needed for my future."

More firms as well are learning the benefits of having interns and offering internships.

"It gives the company an opportunity to learn from the intern as well as the intern to learn from the company," said Terry Wills, president of Wills Communications. "Interns always want to learn as much as they can and the firm wants to teach them as much as possible."

People who have done internships find the experience immeasurable and incomparable, said Yen.

"My internship allowed me to meet people in my field who gave me more insight and more ideas than I could have ever imagined," Yen said. He recommends maintaining contacts made during internships.

"The contacts I made at my internship provided the leverage

I needed over the other applicants when I was applying for positions after I graduated," Yen said. "The recommendations from past experiences will sometimes take you further than just the internship alone."

Shibata agreed that the professional contacts made during the internship are important for future opportunities.

"They really give students a foot in the door and raise the earning potential for people as well," he said. Many students can make as much as \$18 to \$25 a hour with an internship.

He added that certain aspects of the working environment can never be taught in the classroom. "It's important to understand the dynamics of the business world," said Shibata. "How to survive and get along with co-workers, how to get a job done, communicating properly and office politics, those things just can't be taught. They are learned through experience."

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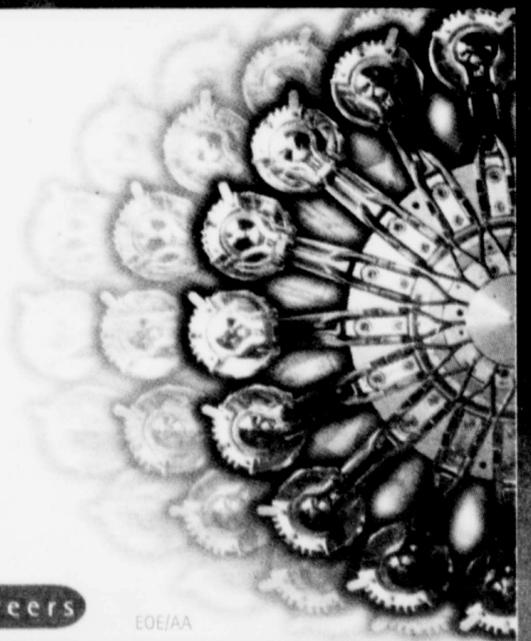
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U. Washington begins first nanotech program in country

By Carlie Partridge

THE DAILY

(U-WIRE) SEATTLE – The University of Washington is launching the nation's first doctoral-degree program in nanotechnology in time for the official start of the 21st century.

Nanotechnology refers to the emerging fields of science and technology that operate on the scale of a nanometer -- one billionth of a meter -- a measurement 1,000 times narrower than a human hair.

The Ph.D. in nanotechnology is an "option program" incorporated into already existing Ph.D. programs in a variety of scientific disciplines. Participating students will earn simultaneous degrees in both nanotechnology and in one of nine other departments including computer science and engineering.

The program was instituted with the aid of a \$2.7 million grant from the National Science Foundation's Integrative Graduate Research Training program. Offering America's only graduate nanotechnology track, the UW program is expected to draw 20 to 40 students per year. Students may enroll immediately as the program expects approval by the UW Board of Regents.

As the heart of the program, the UW Center for Nanotechnology has been designed to establish closer working relationships between otherwise unrelated departments with nanotechnology.

Nanotechnology has evolved into a scientifically and socially critical academic field. Research into the workings of the nanoworld has offered scientists the ability to manipulate individual molecules and atoms. Advances in nanotechnology have

forged the way for the building of machines, robots and materials on a molecular level.

Considering the enormous potential for advancements in nanotechnology, the need for such a program is overdue, according to Viola Vogel, director of the UW's Center for Nanotechnology.

"Nanotechnology will be to the 21st century what microelectronics was to the past century," Vogel said. "This field has implications for a wide range of disciplines, including chemistry, materials, bioengineering, medicine, communications and computer science, and it has the potential to totally change almost every aspect of our lives. There will be a great demand for people with proficiency in this field."

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Even liberal arts majors can find a home in the hi-tech industry

By **Cindy Carcamo**
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When job openings in the hi-tech industry are mentioned most people think a degree in computer science is crucial to landing a job.

But, that's a common mis-conception, said Jill Hayden, career counselor to the College of Liberal Arts. Though, the hi-tech industry hires graduates with degrees in computer science and majors of the like, employers are also seeking another breed of graduates.

"Liberal arts students," Hayden said. "They are looking for adaptable, innovative people who look at things in a new way, someone who likes working with people. Usually a lot (of liberal arts students) are very creative and have a lot of interests and are willing to try something."

There is something for everyone in the hi-tech industry, Hayden said, and usually job positions are similar to positions of the past, such as public relations, management and sales. The only difference is that there is a demand for certain skills depending on the employer.

"And there are more choices," Hayden said. Along with some of these options also comes a different culture in the work environment.

"It's a lifestyle, not rigid 9 to 5 jobs,"

said Hayden who said smaller firms in the hi-tech industry tend to be more playful and casual.

But, all that fun also comes with certain sacrifices.

"There is a certain willingness to take risks and try things but always insuring the success of the company," she said. "You need to be doing whatever you need to do to get the job done: traveling, all-nighters, and some things you've never done before."

Hayden said employers are seeking students who are go-getters and who

"They are looking for adaptable, innovative people who look at things in a new way."

Jill Hayden
Career Services counselor

can cope with various situations.

"They are looking for someone who doesn't watch the clock and who doesn't matter about 60 hour work weeks," she said. "Someone who knows how to work in teams."

Certain hi-tech firms may also require knowledge in certain computer programs.

"And, you can't say I wasn't taught to do that," she said. "You need to go out there and learn what it takes. You have to have a willingness to do whatever you need to do."

Hayden said the best way to learn these skills are through internships, volunteering, and any other activities

that can help you develop the desired skills.

"You need to take whatever it takes to get the job," said Hayden who explains how Cal Poly gives students the chance to mold their major.

Under the new catalog, Students are required to take more elective units, approximately 50 elective units total.

Hayden said students should take advantage of these units to design their own concentration in the hi-tech industry. Students interested in jobs in the hi-tech industry should make the most of their senior project by tailoring it to the hi-tech industry.

But, a liberal arts degree is still a big plus, Hayden said.

"They give a broader perspective and contribute to creative side of business," she said.

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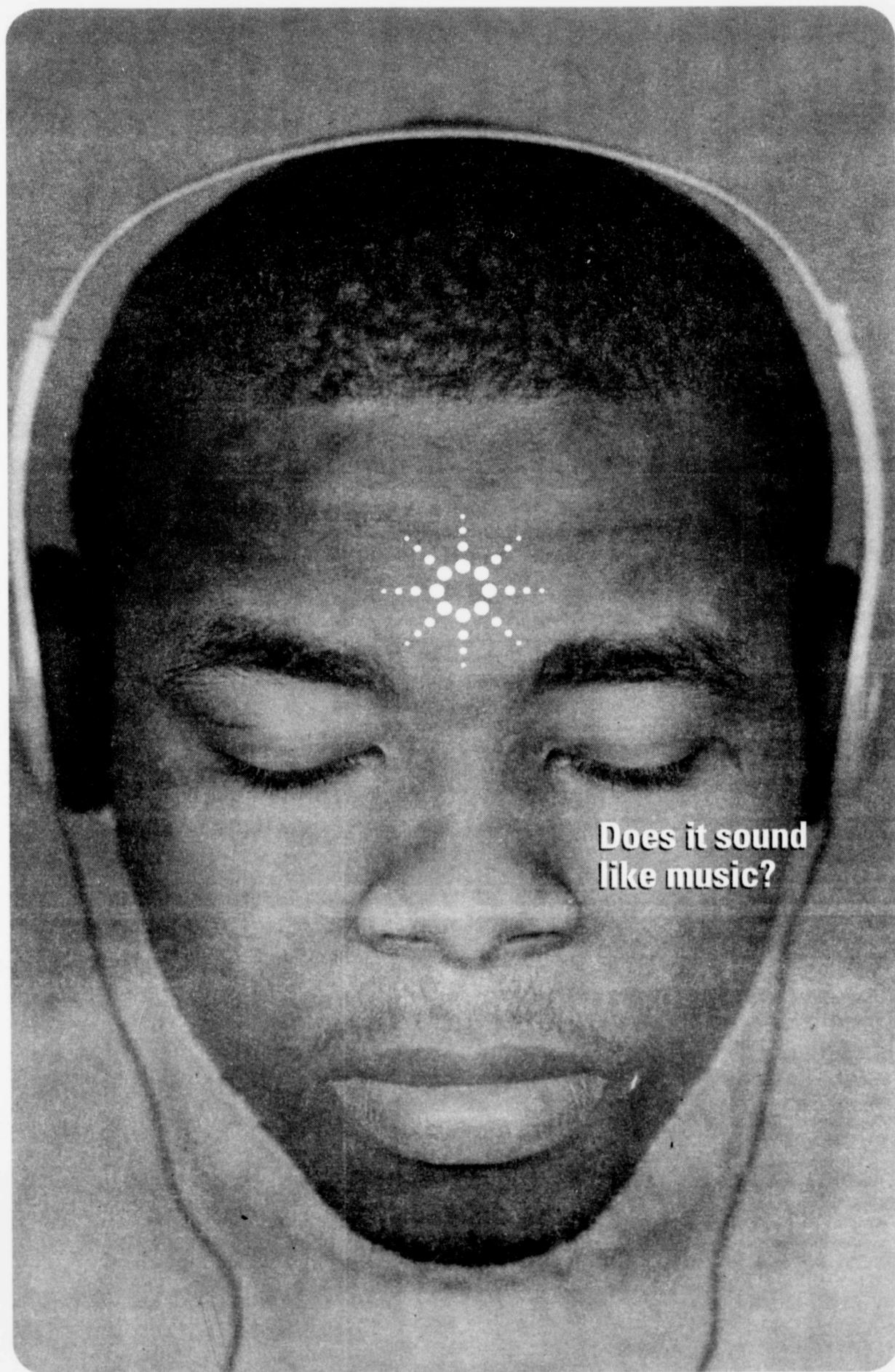
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for Cal Poly grads from every major, willing to be a resource for those still here. You can call or e-mail and get some inside information on the alumni's major, job search process, work experience and their occupation or company. When networking, you are looking for three main things: information, advice and referrals. For every contact you make, try to walk away with three new ones. Simply ask, "is there anyone else you think I should talk to?" Always follow up networking correspondences with thank you letters to show you appreciate time spent.

Some "don'ts" for networking: Don't wait for someone to call you. Don't let rejections stop you. Don't ask for a job (this sounds odd, but believe me, opportunities are more likely to surface from a good networking process than from a telemarketer-style job search). And finally don't stop networking when you get a job - you never know when you might need the contact.

My final tip (in this column), is to have a great resume. Your resume

should be the best possible reflection of what you have to offer the person reading it. In your early years at Cal Poly, this will mean maximizing non-major related leadership experiences, major/college-related club activities and course work - especially labs or projects, and volunteer work. Closer to graduation, you would highlight related work experience, your senior project (which ideally is connected to your goal), and significant class/research projects. Some majors focus on industry-specific skills, such as familiar lab equipment, research techniques, computer skills, etc. The gist is that you want to include only what you think will be viewed as relevant to the person at the other end. In an ideal job-search world, we would have a different, modified version of our resume for each opportunity we apply for - highlighting specifics that match the job description/college program we are applying for.

In closing, these are the tip of the iceberg on job/graduate/professional school search issues. For more assistance on these or other topics, be sure to come visit the Counselor for your College at Career Services. Let us help you make the most of your time here. Good luck.

HI-TECH GRADS

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When asked the name of his company, Ng sighed.

"It's actually a start-up company, so there isn't a really good name for it yet; it keeps changing," he said. Right now it is tentatively named Intermedia Visions Group.

Ng was working on his company's website during our interview and shared some insights on why different majors are relevant to the high-tech industry.

"They [professors] kind of teach all that stuff in the majors I was in. The English department taught me a lot of programs, as did graphic communications," Ng said. His interest is primarily in writing.

"I don't really care about programming and all that stuff. The programs that are made today are very intuitive, so you don't have to be very critical to use them. Now you can just

pick it up and use it," Ng said. He advised undergraduates who are not skillful with computers to gain familiarity with them while in college.

"Take a basic computer class, like 110 or something, to use the computers," Ng said. Even if a student found he or she did not enjoy the class, at least the individual would come away with good, basic computer skills for the future.

"The thing about high-tech is you need to keep learning about stuff- you have to keep abreast of things," said Ng. Ng said it is not difficult to keep up with the technology, but that with the rapid changes employees need to pay attention and adapt. He said that like any other company, people from different majors and backgrounds are an essential part of the high-tech industry.

"There are some people who are the programmers, or developers, but then you need the whole infrastructure. High-tech is like any other commodity- you have to support it."

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Research in nanotechnology has already yielded valuable advances. In medicine, nanoscale processes have advanced approaches to trapping and releasing nutrients and drugs in patients and the possibility of nanoscale sensors for disease. In architecture, nanoscale devices can be incorporated into measurement and control assemblies; in molecular biology, nanoscale advances have aided single molecule mechanics by correlating the material properties of molecular assembly; nanoscale research in the material sciences could find new materials many times stronger and lighter than anything known.

"Novel materials with enhanced properties are already coming on the market," Vogel said, citing ever smaller and faster computers and batteries.

The field of medicine stands on the precipice of great

▼ *"Nanotechnology will be to the 21st century what microelectronics was to the past century."*

Viola Vogel
director

ing perspective how biological nanoscale systems work, and to mimic nature's own design principles," according to Vogel.

The end goal of the UW's program in nanotechnology is to make students more interdisciplinary, Vogel said. "If they are interdisciplinary they can communicate better, which means they can recognize the importance of other experiments and incorporate them into their own work. That saves time and makes for good science."

evolutions in both research and surgical procedure fueled by developments in nanotechnology. The nascent discipline offers scientists the tools "to learn from an engineer-



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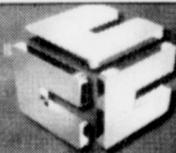
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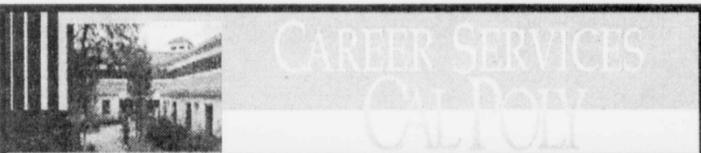


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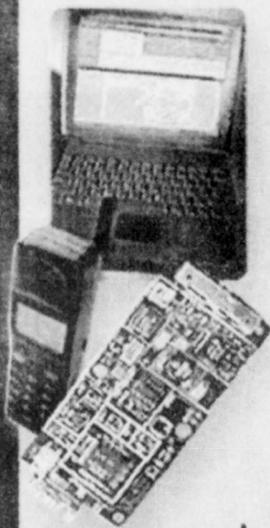
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The scoring began midway through the first quarter when defensive lineman Adam Armstrong blocked a punt on the Western New Mexico 12 yard line. The ball was recovered in the endzone by defensive back Ameer Ross, putting Cal Poly up 7-0.

Cal Poly quickly racked up 38 more unanswered points before half-time, putting any ideas of an upset from Western New Mexico to rest.

Western New Mexico scored its only points on a 39-yard field goal in the third quarter, and a late fourth-quarter touchdown run by Carl Richardson.

One low point for the Mustangs was penalties.

The Mustangs were penalized 13 times for a loss of 108 yards. Three

potential scoring opportunities were called back because of penalties.

Next week, the Mustangs take on UC Davis at homecoming. UCD has dominated its opponents this season and remains unbeaten with a 6-0 record.

"Davis will be a lot better challenge for us I think," Brennan said.

Kickoff is at 6 p.m. at Mustang Stadium.

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the season, came through with some exceptional saves to keep the Aztecs' offense at bay.

"Blevins stepped up in the 78th minute right in the middle of the box," Pasek said. "He came up big tonight. We owe him a lot."

Cal Poly coach Wolfgang Gartner added that Blevins showed he could play with his excellent reflexes and ability to handle the ball.

The Mustangs put pressure on the Aztecs' defense in the final minutes of regulation time, but errant shots kept them tied going into overtime.

The extra 15-minute period ended quickly when midfielder Brian Reed sent a long ball to Cummins who passed it to Pasek for the game-winning goal.

Freshman backup goalkeeper Kurt Merli said Cal Poly had to win the game.

"We had no choice," he said. "With the point system in our league right now, we have to win every sin-

gle game or we won't go on. Everybody on our team has to go out with more enthusiasm every game because every game gets more important as we go on."

Gartner said that the team played well overall and they deserved to win.

"We were more on our toes, they were a little more backtracking," he

▼ *"They had a more defensive posture which put them on their heels and we were a bit more on the aggressive side."*

Wolfgang Gartner
Cal Poly head coach

said. "In other words, they had a more defensive posture which put them on their heels and we were a little bit more on the aggressive side."

Defender Jake Crisp said Saturday night's game was big for the team.

"Tonight was an indicator of how it is going to look for the rest of the season," he said.

INVITATIONAL

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to kind of tune up for conference," Boothe said. "We work on packing and keeping each other in site."

For a while, it looked like Boothe might not finish higher than third in the race. Halfway through, Boothe was trailing Girmay Guangul from UC Berkeley and Danny Martinez of Fila Track West.

▼ *"If we run as strong as we've been running, we definitely have a shot at (winning conference)."*

Carolyn Jones
women's cross country runner

"(Guangul) was looking pretty tough for a while," Boothe said. "He got ahead by a bit, but I knew that we would probably get him back."

With less than a mile to go, Boothe took the lead and never looked back, running away with the victory and a

new course record.

The women's team was led to a second-place finish by sophomore Carolyn Jones who finished fourth overall. Jones covered the 5 kilometer course with a time of 18:06.

"I wasn't really totally mentally into this just because it was a home meet," Jones said. "But once I got out on the course, I just relaxed."

The women's team also had a great pack performance with seven runners finishing within a minute of each other including Jones (4), Jessica Dahlberg (7) and Allison Millhollen (11).

"We had a really tight pack," Jones said. "That's what we try to do, just keep it all together."

Fila Track West won the women's competition.

Over the next two weeks, the Mustangs will prepare for the conference championships on Oct. 28 at UCSB.

Jones is confident about the chances for victory at UCSB.

"If we run as strong as we've been running, we definitely have a shot at (winning conference)," she said.



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Football cruises to 52-10 victory

By Mike Gilmore
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Last week it was the Mustang passing attack. This week it was running, passing, defense and special teams that carried Cal Poly to a 52-10 victory over Western New Mexico State Saturday night.

It didn't hurt that the Mustangs were playing a Division II team, that came into Mustang Stadium with a 0-6 record.

"We knew we had to come out early," said quarterback Seth Burford. "We knew they were coming in (with

a 0-6 record) and we didn't want to let down at all and give them a chance."

Any chance the team from Western New Mexico had was gone before halftime as substitutes were already coming in late in the second quarter for Cal Poly.

While Burford's night was done before halftime, he still managed to toss three touchdown passes, equaling last week's total.

Sophomore wide receiver Kassim Osgood hauled in two touchdown passes, while senior wide receiver Jason Brennan had one.

"We knew we could throw the ball so we kinda wanted to establish our running game a little bit more before going into a big game with UC Davis next week," Brennan said.

In the second half, Cal Poly did just that, sticking mostly to the ground, as Ryan Bianchi, Charles Bell and Brandon Shephard rotated between series.

The three backs combined for 254 yards on the ground, each scoring a touchdown.

Bell had the team's first 100-yard game with 101 yards on 15 carries.

"(This was) a big confidence boost

"We knew we had to come out early. We knew they were coming in (with a 0-6 record) and we didn't want to let down at all and give them a chance."

Seth Burford
Cal Poly quarterback

in our running game," Burford said. "We were able to run the ball real well tonight and that's what we needed to do."

The defense had one of its best games of the season, allowing just 10 points and 133 yards of offense.

They also had four sacks for a net loss of 27 yards.

Western New Mexico's passing game was non-existent, as they completed just two passes for a loss of five yards.

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Boothe sets course record at Invitational



I-KON CHEN/MUSTANG DAILY

Adam Boothe set the Cuesta Fairbanks course record with a time of 25:49. The men's cross country team placed five runners in the top 10 en route to its fourth straight Cal Poly Invitational victory.

By Mike Gilmore
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A lot of guts and a little home field advantage gave Adam Boothe a new course record at the Cal Poly Invitational Saturday.

With just two weeks left until the Big West Conference championships, the men's team won its fourth straight Cal Poly Invite, while the women finished second.

"I think we accomplished what we needed to today," head coach Terry Crawford said. "Our women did their best job this season of cutting down their pack. Our men were real solid today."

The meet was held at the Cuesta Fairbanks cross country course, which is widely known as the toughest course in the state for its steep hills and rugged terrain. Schools from California, as well as several track clubs, competed in the race.

Adam Boothe defended his 1999 victory, setting a course record of 25:49 over the 8 kilometer course, leading his team to victory.

"It's nice to win at your own meet," Boothe said.

The men's team was able to place five runners in the top ten spots, with Boothe (1), Avery Blackwell (4), David Ulibarri (5), Ryan Hayes (8) and Paulo Carvalho (9) all having great races.

"That's always our goal here ...

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Mustangs sneak past Aztecs

By Kara Knutson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Despite inconsistent performances this season, the Cal Poly men's soccer team can see on the horizon a place in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation playoffs.

Less than two minutes into overtime, Cal Poly forward Cory Pasek took a pass from teammate Johnny Cummins and scored for a 2-1 win over San Diego State University Saturday night.

Before Sunday's match against UC Irvine, the victory gave the Mustangs a 4-7-1 overall record and a 2-1 league record, keeping them in the playoff hunt.

Both the Mustangs and the Aztecs played tough during the first half, and the game was scoreless going into halftime.

The Aztecs got on the board first when midfielder John Zarick beat Cal Poly freshman goalie Greg Blevins in the 65th minute to take a 1-0 lead. Mustang forward Johnny Cummins stemmed the Aztecs' momentum by responding with a game-tying goal two minutes later.

Both teams had chances to score throughout the rest of regulation, but neither could capitalize. Blevins, playing in only his second game of

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