Free vegan chow lures students

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Students gathered on the UA Mall to sample a variety of vegan food that was being given away as part of the “meat out” event hosted by Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals yesterday.

For more than an hour, group members passed out literature and vegan dishes, which are free from animal products including meat, dairy and eggs, to educate people about animal cruelty and dietary alternatives.

“This is a great event to raise awareness about cruel practices in food production and alternatives to eating meat,” said Nicole Smith, a fine arts senior.

Students and community members alike gathered to participate in the production and execution of this time-consuming event following activist Rod Coronado’s lecture at the James E. Rogers College of Law.

“Mr. Coronado’s talk may have drummed up business a bit, but compassion is delicious too,” said Suzanne Haws, a participating community member. “I spent all night cooking and getting ready for the turnout.”

Often, animal rights activists and their causes can be misunderstood and interpreted as extremist. Groups like SETA are making an effort to clarify some of this confusion and stereotype, said Kristen Drumm, president of SETA.

“We were able to give out tons of literature about vegan lifestyle and animal rights. Everyone who got food got some literature as well,” Drumm said.

SETA was able to finish the day by giving away most of their food supply. Remaining items were donated to charity.

“People were asking why we were giving away free food,” Drumm said. “We were here to say why you should consider vegan and by the end, we had a lot of people asking how they could get more involved.”

WEBMAIL TINKERING CONTINUES

Student complaints reach WebMail designer

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Student complaints about the new WebMail 2.5 are being taken into account as the new site may still be improved, but most reactions result from insufficient instructions on how to use the service, planners said.

Michael Torregrossa, director of computing services, said he has received a couple dozen complaints by students since the new site became available Feb. 22.

Most of the complaints Torregrossa received have been from students who said they were unsatisfied with the “extra click” needed to log in and log out and the lack of information on how to use WebMail efficiently, he said.

“I have to click on many things to get in, and then I have to click on them again to get out,” said Christin Fox, a racetrack industry junior.

Fox said she knows little about the options that can be used in order to make the process more convenient, but said she doesn’t have time to figure it out.

Although many complaints have been about the “extra click,” Torregrossa said it is possible to log out directly if the user follows the directions on the logout window of WebMail.

 Torregrossa said the “extra click” was added as a step-by-step transition, with the goal to make a home page that enables students to access all WebAuth services with a single login.

“Hopefully that’ll make a little more sense as to why we added this extra click now,” Torregrossa said. “It’s all discussion right now, but it’s part of a vision.”

It is also possible to set WebAuth preferences, in order to skip the extra click, directly from the WebAuth window.

Torregrossa said.