Poly MBA students have variety of career backgrounds

By Laura Roseblum

Second of two parts

A Master of Business Administration degree works best when a person knows what field they want the degree to apply.

Interviews with Cal Poly MBA students show many come from a variety of career backgrounds, but with a common goal — combining technical knowledge with business expertise.

An informal survey taken at Stanford University found the average MBA student to be self-confident, aggressive and one who defines success largely in terms of salary income.

A more specific study shows the average Cal Poly MBA student is 28 and has worked four years after earning an undergraduate degree at a university other than Cal Poly. There is no typical undergraduate degree held — degrees range from engineering to illustration.

Grant Trestler, a Cal Poly undergraduate in agricultural management, received his MBA from Cal Poly in June. "I wanted to specialize in accounting and the MBA program gave me the opportunity to do that. It's better to get an advanced degree than two undergraduate degrees," Trestler said.

Trestler is a staff accountant at Price Waterhouse in Bakersfield. He credits the MBA degree for helping him get the job but warns that there can be some drawbacks. "It tends to hurt you a little bit in accounting because employers are expected to pay you more if you have an MBA."

Ed Fess, a first-year MBA student, is an emergency room doctor at Arroyo Grande Community Hospital. Fess claims that a "true entrepreneurial spirit" led him to explore the business side of medicine. "A lot of corporate structures have merged and they own hundreds of medical facilities," said Fess. "Medicine is becoming more of a business and we have to be on the edge of it."

Paul Cin, a second-year MBA student who earned his undergraduate degree in business administration management from Cal State Fullerton, worked for two years as a manufacturing engineer in Orange County for a company that makes restaurant computers. He hopes to use his MBA to land a job in management in the manufacturing/engineering field.

Cin said it was better that he worked:

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On the street

Would you pay a nickel for the Mustang Daily?

By Kevin Cannon and Kevin H. Fox

Almost everyone knows how embarrassing it is when their car stalls at a stop light. That's much too easy for my car, it runs out of gas ... in the left hand lane so I hold up traffic ... at rush hour so as much more than extra little possible can drive by and see me pushing my car.

I guess I'm used to the embarrassment by now. Running out of gas becomes pretty routine unless you've done it ten or twenty times. Someday AAA will build a statue of me walking along the road carrying a gas can.

It's really not my fault. My gas gauge doesn't work. Well, it sorta works. When I make a right turn the needle points to "Full," when I turn left it goes to "Empty." When I'm driving on a windy road the needle swings back and forth like a windshield wiper. And it doesn't do windows either.

When I put gas in my tank, the needle always points to "Full." Then I drive 10 miles and the needle points to "1/4." According to my calculations, that means I'm getting about two miles to a gallon. And they call VW Bugs economy cars. They're good for economy all right — Saudi Arabia.

VW's have this little "R" on the gas gauge which stands for "Reserve." This would lead innocent VW owners to believe they have 2.2 gallons of gas in their tank. They look at the needle on when the big tank is empty. It's a bigger comfort to know that when you run out of fuel you can switch to the reserve tank and drive to a gas station. There's only one slight catch: VW's don't have reserve tanks. Surprise! When the needle hits "R," you'd better pray it's all downhill to the nearest gas station.

Now driving my car is like playing Russian roulette; I never know which day of the week I'm going to run out of gas.

My friends always tell me I should keep track of how many miles I drive so I'll know when to stop for gas. The problem with that idea is that my gas mileage varies depending on whether my car has decided to head for the week off or not. My owner's manual says incorrect tire pressure can adversely affect my mileage. This is true. In my opinion I've found I can't drive very far on a flat tire. I tried the mileage method for awhile with some success, that is, until the gasoline stopped working.

Now driving my car is like playing Russian roulette — I never know which day of the week I'm going to run out of gas. I guess I could fill up once a week but it's kind of embarrassing to prepay the cashier $15 and have the tank only take $13.26 worth of gas.

I run out of gas in the damnest places — like on the freeway in the fast lane on South Broad by Industrial Way. Normally that wouldn't be a problem, except it was midnight and the nearest open station was at March and Huguero. Once I got lucky and ran out of gas as I was getting into a gas station. Talk about running out of gas! It wasn't until I filled up that I realized I didn't have the money with me. Another time I

Letters to the Editor

The Lottery is really a tax that hurts poor

Editor — Recently, a new government institution was enacted to support the California's educational funding, and the money seemingly does not come from a tax increase. It's called the Lottery, and the money they use for education is not as free as it may seem.

The education funds come from the one dollar tax price tag of each lottery ticket. Why should people spend one dollar on a game when their chances of winning anything is minute? Because people have hopes and dreams of a magical solution to all their problems, something they may throw above their peers, above their boring work, and above their family problems.

In our society, unfortunately, this is the solution to many problems. Even most Cal Poly students, with their vividly economical knowledge, know that the people with the granddest dreams of riches are the poor and lower middleclass. So logically, these people would buy the most tickets. Hence, they would undermine the Lottery and bear the weight of the new "free" education funds, and the relief of the poor.

So now it should be clear that this is not a game. It is a tax increase that, through human nature, must be borne by the poor. This is a government that sells itself as being fair to the lower classes, is certainly unfair and un-American. If you want lottery type tickets and the thrill of gambling, I suggest going to McDonalds. At least their game cards are free, and not sold by an institution that is founded on fair democratic laws.

In a Mustang Daily columnist of last week, the author took a pro-Lottery stance and compared the lottery to the ice cream section of a market. Because they are both tempting. This comparison is meaningless because it does not try to look at their differences. Ice cream is desirable for all at the Lottery, however, is more desirable to the lower classes. And so they are the son's point of view. It's easy, so someone dummy — someone not even the poor.

ROGER CARASIO

Thought for the day

"The sad thing about life is that it is easier to get a bad reputation than a good one."

— Anders Donald Froker

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MONKEYING AROUND

Some people just can't be felled

Andy Sledge

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed
American killed in hijacking

PORT SAID, Egypt (AP) — Palestinian hijackers of an Italian cruise ship with up to 311 people aboard surrendered Wednesday and the Italian prime minister said he was told one American passenger apparently was killed and thrown overboard.

Earlier, an Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman, citing a report from the ship's captain, and the Egyptian Foreign Ministry said all the passengers were safe after two days of terror on the Mediterranean Sea.

"He was apparently killed and thrown into the sea," Prime Minister Bettino Craxi told a news conference at his office in Rome.

While Craxi did not say specifically that the hijackers killed the American, he left little doubt they were responsible.

Snowstorm plagues nine states

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats on Wednesday pushed a balanced budget plan in the Senate after making a deal with President Ronald Reagan to prevent a partial government shutdown.

The lawmakers, by a vote of 75-24, approved the GOP-led proposal to balance federal budgets by 1991. The action, delayed since last week by Dem­OCRATIC opposition, came after the Senate brushed aside a Dem­OCRATIC-sponsored alternative defi­Ciency reduction program.

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U.S. Senate passes balanced budget plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Wednesday passed a balanced budget plan and then rushed to allocate the govern­ment's credit crunch with a short-term increase in the na­tional debt, while the Treasury took steps to make sure gov­ernment checks don't bounce for at least another week.

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The obvious solution to all this is to get my gas gauge fixed. Unfortunately, I'm one of those people who feels compelled to see the price of gas twice a day. So ladies, if you're ever out on a date with me and my car runs out of gas, don't think I'm trying to take advantage of you. It really did run out of gas. Of course, if we run out of gas and you want to take advantage of you, well ... But don't forget, I have to have enough energy left to hike to the gas station.
Homecoming events announced

By Debbi Boxx
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly Alumni Association has scheduled the events for the 1985 Homecoming. "The Main Event," which will run Oct. 17-20.

"Students are welcome at all events," said Stan Cory, program assistant for Alumni Relations.

The Cal Poly cheerleaders and the school mascot, Musty the Mustang, will perform dances including "The Shoeless" in the parking lot across the school mascot. Musty the Mustang, will perform dances Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. in Chumash Auditorium six Cal Poly sororities will present their new pledge classes. And the men's and women's cross-country teams will host the San Luis Obispo Cross-Country Invitational. The run begins and ends on Mt. Bishop Road.

From 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. a Western Welcome Reunion Barbeque will be held in Three-Acre Park, north of Mustang Stadium. The graduating classes of 1935 and 1960 will serve as honorary hosts. Tickets are $8.50 for adults and $6.50 for children.

The Cal Poly football team will take on St. Mary's University in a 1 p.m. Western Football Conference game. Tickets are $6 for the special alumni reserved section.

The Cal Poly Alumni Association hosts a post-game reception in the Alumni House. Admission is free to Alumni Association members, while non-member tickets are $2.50.

The Senior Alumni Breakfast is on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the campus Staff Dining Room. Tickets are $6.

The homecoming weekend will close with a Cal Poly Parents Association trip to Corbett Canyon Vineyards. Tickets are $8 and include transportation. The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday.

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Mental health focus of Senate committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Her voice cracking with emotion, a congresswoman's wife emotionally recalled Wednesday the anguish she felt during her son's 15-year battle with mental illness.

"I used to ask myself what I had done wrong to cause him to act the way he did," Norma Lagomarsino, wife of Rep. Robert Lagomarsino, R-Calif., said as the occasionally dabbed her eyes with a handkerchief. "It wasn't until later that I learned my son was suffering from schizophrenia, and that the illness was very, very real," she said to the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

Mrs. Lagomarsino, 59, said she agreed to tell her story in hopes of educating more people about mental illness to eliminate the stigma attached to it. Thanks to a combination of medication and psychotherapy, Mrs. Lagomarsino said her 34-year-old son has been able to get his life in order. She asked that he not be identified. "He's a student at a university, enjoying his studies and college life. He has a girlfriend and tells me he has never been happier," she said.

But she said the emotional and financial toll had been high. "Only after her son was incarcerated at a state hospital for destroying property was he forced to confront his illness," she said.

Besides talking publicly, Mrs. Lagomarsino said she and her congressional wives have joined hands in an informal group to press lawmakers for more money for mental health research.

"Once the awareness goes up, stigma goes down, research goes up and services go up," Nancy Donenriedi, the wife of Sen. Percy Domenici, R-N.Mex., Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., chairman of a Senate Appropriations health subcommittee, said fellow panel member Domenici worked hard for more money.

Domenici "put his shoulders behind that wheel and I'm delighted," Weicker said.

The House has approved $216 million for research at NIMH for fiscal year 1986, an increase of $17 million over last year. A Senate committee approved that figure to $216 million, and the full Senate will consider the issue shortly.

Shurvet Frazier, director of the mental health division of the state and local officials must said their attention to the growing number of mentally ill people alone was not enough. "People need the support of family or friends professionals," she said.
Department chairman election signifies change

Physics department appointment is the first attempt to exercise option endorsed by President Baker last March

By Marc Meredith

With the election of the first department chairperson, Cal Poly has an alternative to its traditional head-of-department structure.

Leonard W. Wall, a 16-year member of the physics department faculty, was elected this quarter to serve a three-year term as chairperson, rather than department head, of his department.

The appointment is the first since university President Warren Baker endorsed the idea of increased flexibility in department leadership last March. Lloyd Lamourea, Academic Senate chair, said the senate recommended to the president that the option of either department head or department chairperson be left to the discretion of each department.

There are two basic differences between the leadership positions, Wall said. First, the office of chairperson has a fixed term, while the appointment of department head is normally for an indefinite period.

Second, he said, a chairperson is elected by the faculty of the department in which he or she will serve, while a department head is appointed by the school dean with the approval of President Baker and the provost office.

Wall said under the department head system, the faculty decision must be made in their best educational interests. "The faculty are closest to the students," Bailey said, "therefore you want to have the maximum faculty participation in departmental decision making."

He said the School of Math and Science has always operated in a consultative manner, and it seemed the chair position was more natural for this way of doing things.

Bailey said the faculty as a group makes decisions democratically under the new system and this is beneficial because it gives those who are in the classroom more input on decision making.

Bailey stressed, however, that the choice is up to the individual department. He said the departments in his school have acted extremely responsible over the years and if they want a chairperson, they can have it and if they want the department head, that's fine too.

Once the dean's office and a department iron out an agreement on the roles and duties of the chairperson, the proposal is submitted to the provost's office for final approval.

Bonnie Brady, an administrative assistant to the office of the provost, said currently it looks as if most of the deans still prefer the department head approach, especially in the professional schools such as architecture, engineering and business.

Brady said the reason for this is that in those professions it is important for the departments to maintain contact with industry. 
The fruit of the vine

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Central Coast valleys burst forth with a treasure of varietal wines

By Craig Andrews

There’s treasure on the Central California Coast — nestled in low-lying foothills and tucked away in fertile valleys.

One of the largest wineries in the Central Coast. It is a good facility for private and community functions, equipped with a large mission-style patio. For those who desire a more intimate setting, there is a cozy picnic area at the tasting room at Chamisal Vineyard, located across the valley from Corbett Canyon.

For those who desire a more intimate setting, there is a cozy picnic area at the tasting room at Chamisal Vineyard, located across the valley from Corbett Canyon. "It’s a fun place to take your guest," said Goss. Both Goss and Gibbons said the 1985 harvest looks excellent in terms of the quality and amount of grapes on the Central Coast. Corbett Canyon has completed more than 80 percent of its pressing, while Chamisal has only four acres left to harvest.

It’s the type of soil and climate that determine a good grape-growing region, said Vic Pesenti, owner and operator of Pesenti Winery in Templeton. "Every area has its own taste that’s determined by the soil and climate. One of the major differences is the warmth here versus the Edna Valley. They are more likely to be growing more white grapes; you’re not likely to find Zinfandel in Edna Valley," he said. "The wines in this area are just as good, if not better than those in Napa, and they’re not as expensive," said Pesenti. "What many people aren’t aware of is that many wineries up north buy a lot of their grapes from down here," said Tom Mader, winemaker at El Paso Robles Winery and Vineyards in Paso Robles. "When you come to these smaller wineries it’s more handcrafted," she said.

In Paso Robles, was established in 1900, said owner Della Mertens.

The Central Coast is gaining a worldwide reputation for its grapes and wines, said Pesenti. "Today we’ve had them all the way from Canada and Germany," he said, looking down his guest register. "Yesterday we got hit by tour buses," he said, adding that an average summer weekend will yield up to 200 guests per day.

"A lot of the success of making good wine is from having a good staff," said Cary Gott, president and winemaker at Corbett Canyon Vineyards. He drew a foamy, brown liquid out of a 30,000 gallon tank and swished it around in a plastic measuring cup. "This is fermenting grape juice," he said, sniffing it. "This is going to be a nice wine. Know how I know? Years of experience." Gott has been in the wine business most of his life.

"You’re always trying to build a reputation and a following. The tasting room is one of our ways of doing that," said Goss, as the boom of a propane cannon broke the quiet rustling of the grape leaves. The canons are used to scare birds away from the grapes.

Gibbons said wine-drinking is something Americans have inherited from the Europeans.

"We’re basically novices. I’d like to see the U.S. becoming more Europeanized."

For those who desire to partake in this European tradition on the Central Coast, winery information is available at city chambers of commerce.

Photos by Shirley Thompson
Volleyballers to dig deep

By Lisa A. Honk

The possibility of changing history is usually unheard of, but the Cal Poly women’s volleyball team hopes to wipe their past performances in the National Invitational Volleyball Tournament out of the pages of the old volleyball almanac and start a new chapter.

“We were never great in the past NIVT’s, but then again this is a new season and we’ve got nothing to lose,” said Mike Wilton, head coach of the Cal Poly women’s volleyball team.

The Poly spikers will not need their history books to tell them what to do to win — a mixture of Coach Wilton, determination and volleyball instinct will take care of their three-day assignment. The NIVT requires intense homework, as the Mustangs have been practicing hard this week to become Poly’s Pavilion by late Saturday night after the championship match of the NIVT, as the Lady Mustangs will try to overstay their Thursday invitation to the UCLA campus.

The NIVT will host 20 teams, 13 of which are ranked in the national top-20. This tournament is considered the premier event outside of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships.

“This tournament lends itself to teams with lots of players,” said Wilton. “I anticipated on taking 12 players, and now I’ve got eight — this will definitely test our mental and physical conditioning.”

Under a new format this year, the NIVT will be spread out over three days instead of two, and every place between one and 20 will be determined by a three of five game match.

Wilton said, “The three days are better for us, but when we hit those three of five game matches, we’ll know if it’s what we really want.”

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Referees take the blame

The other night while at the UC Davis-Cal Poly football game, I became wrapped up in the atmosphere which surrounds the game of football. The hot dogs, the bands, the cheerleaders and familiar cries of "kill the ref" create an aura no other sport possesses.

First, the poor referee always gets the blame, when in fact there is not only a referee, but an umpire, head linesman, line judge, field judge, back judge and believe it or not—a paid observer. Yet, I suppose it might be too much to ask for someone to say, "kill the head linesman," for his part in a bad call is rarely recognized.

It also might be too much to ask to consider their side of the story, as did ABC last Sunday night. ABC carried a special edition of Monday night football on Sunday Night (figure that one out), featuring Dallas at New York. The gang, Joe, O.J. and the Giff, however unlikely, made an astute observation with the help of the replay.

Sports Analysis
By Tim Robinson

They pointed out how all of us become officiating experts on the super-slow, near-dead replays. In fact, the replay is often so slow it looks like the game of football doesn't really hurt—they just kind of float to the turf on tackles. On the normal speed replay, which ABC so cleverly used, Frank Gifford said, "This is what it looks like to an official, quite another story."

It is quite another story. It also may be a matter of perspective. The official is often within a few feet of the play, however.

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Giants can't find a field

OAKLAND (AP) — The San Francisco Giants struck out Wednesday in their bid to share the Oakland Coliseum with the A’s as the Coliseum’s board of directors rejected the proposed move.

The rejection left Giants’ owner Bob Lurie with a decision about whether to stay at Candlestick Park, attempt to move to another city or sell the club. He has said the club will no longer play in Candlestick Park under his ownership.

The Coliseum’s board announced at a news conference that they won’t agree to the Giants’ proposal to move into the A’s ballpark for several years until a downtown stadium is built in San Francisco.

Coliseum president George Vukasin said the board’s decision was unanimous and called it “a simple business decision” that was final.

“It’s regrettable that the board has taken its action without having given the Giants an opportunity to present their proposed solutions to some of the problems the board feels would be caused by the Giants playing at the coliseum,” said Giants spokesman Duffy Jennings.

Giants owner Bob Lurie was in Arizona for the club’s annual organizational meetings and was unavailable for immediate comment.

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The fan is in a much better position to make the call — sometimes at a distance of over 50 to 100 yards. These are the same people who would probably hate people looking over their shoulder while they work. Imagine a stadium of people looking over your shoulder while you work.

Mistakes, yes they’ve made a few, but they also do it their way — and their way is usually hundreds of correct calls a night. It’s not the 12th correct call that gets the press, but the bad one that does. I would imagine officials might call it, the bad news syndrome.

The fan does have a legitimate gripe, though, as it is hard to lose a game on a bad call. Yet how many times has that same fan smiled and with a wink said, “too bad, the ref missed that one. I knew I had a good one.”

If you want to know the criteria of a good officiating crew, consider how often you remember them, with exception of penalties. Even the high school level of officiating will take years of working games to come by, and even more to reach a level, such as upper division college games. The officials will be the first to admit their wrong, especially if the evidence shows up on the 11 p.m. sports show. Fortunately, these officials enjoy a certain amount of anonymity, for example, how many can you name?

“Fanatik” is the term the football fans use for a fan who watches football games— wrong.

There are also some myths to debunk. First, the officials are not some guys who happen to be passing by the stadium an hour before the game, who happen to fit into the big time college and pro football games — wrong.

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At the same time, there is also a myth that one week these men in stripes officiate Pop Warner games and then move on to the big time college and professional football games — wrong.

So the next time one of the officials blows a call, even if it costs your team the game, consider his point of view, and then yell, “all the refs!”

SPKERS

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Poly came out ahead 13-12, 15-3, 13-15, 11-15, 15-4. The 1 p.m. match is against a Lamar team from Beaumont, Texas.

“We can’t let up on any team in this tournament, and last Friday we let San Diego get too close,” said Wilton. “This Friday we’ll need to take every possible advantage and more to come out on top.

A couple of interesting notes for Mustang fans. San Diego State recently dropped a four-game match to the University of California, Santa Barbara, and UCLA lost to Stanford University as two of the Bruin starters were not present at the Cardinal match.

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— Coach Wilton

Today is a new day, however, and Paula Pavlisin will be hopping with spikers and blockers for the next two days as the arena will be divided into three main courts for constant volleyball action leading to the finals. Saturday, all semifinal, final and championship matches will be the best three of five games.

Some of the top 1985 NIVT participants are: UCLA, San Diego State, Brigham Young University, University of Southern California, Fresno State, University of the Pacific and University of Hawaii. The teams in the tournament represent a total of nine states and Canada, plus of the 20 teams, 15 went to the NCAA Tournament last year. UCLA had taken home the NIVT title the past three years.

Wilton said, “UOP has a number of good athletes to fill their bench, so they adapt well to this type of tournament — but so can we.”

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several years instead of going directly into the MBA program like he originally had planned to do. "I'm a lot more interested in work experiences."

Cain chose the Cal Poly program because it's "career-specific" and management training programs prefer people with MBAs. Trebbien said Dominic Perello, economics professor at Cal Poly, had advised him not to enroll in the MBA program at Cal Poly. "If you've gone through the undergraduate program you ought to go back and do something," Perello said. He also advises students to get job experience before earning an MBA. He said people who come to Cal Poly to earn their degree after working for several years have a better feel for what they want to accomplish.

According to Walters, the MBA program is not emphasizing recruitment among undergraduates at Cal Poly. The program staff prefers that students be a mix of people with a variety of educational and work experiences.

Joe Trebbien is one of the few students who has entered directly from undergraduate status at Cal Poly into the MBA program. After obtaining an economics degree in June of this year, he led an unsuccessful search for a job in management and ended up back at Cal Poly to earn his master's degree in business administration.

"In my last year of school I decided to go into management rather than forecasting and statistical work," said Trebbien. What he found was that most management training programs prefer people with MBAs. Trebbien said Dominic Perello, economics professor at Cal Poly, had advised him not to enroll in the MBA program at Cal Poly.

"If you've gone through the undergraduate program you ought to go look at a competitive program and a new faculty," Perello said. He also advises students to get job experience before earning an MBA. He said people who come back to earn their degree after working for several years have a better feel for what they want to accomplish.

"To me an MBA says I'm an engineer, I've worked five years in the field and now I'm prepared to manage people, handle a budget and do decision-making," said Perello. He views an MBA as a chance for someone who is in a narrow and technical field to branch out to the business aspect of their field. "A technically-skilled individual is given the opportunity to move up the management level," Perello said.

Walters agrees that the MBA program is especially helpful to students with an undergraduate degree in a technical field such as architecture, engineering and agriculture.

"Almost every technical field needs to know the business background of their business," said Walters. "Management skills and technical skills really go together. They're a super combination."

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