**Civil engineering society wins competition with boat, bridge**

By Sara Henrikson  
Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly Society of Civil Engineers won in second consecutive best concrete canoe award, first best steel bridge award and fifth consecutive best overall award at a regional competition in March. The society is now gearing up for the nationals in Alaska and Hawaii later this year.

For their senior project four students designed a 22-foot concrete canoe with a density less than water and participated in concrete canoe races at the competition. Three others designed a 17-foot long, 3-foot-tall steel bridge that was constructed in under two minutes for their senior project. SCE has more than 200 members, and almost 70 went with the group to the Pacific Southwest Regional Conference, which was held at University of Southern California during finals week last quarter.

Civil Poly competed against 17 other schools, including University of California, Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University, University of Southern California and University of Nevada, Las Vegas. This is the first time SCE will send both teams to the national competition.

“We’ve participated in yearly competitions for the past 10 or 15 years,” said Tim Wehling, president of SCE. “This is our third trip to the nationals, and we’re excited.”

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**Parking structure on schedule despite April showers**

By F. Xavier Lanier  
Mustang Daily

Construction of the new parking structure near the Performing Arts Center is on schedule despite recent rains. The $8.8 million project is expected to be completed by January 2000.

“We budgeted 14 weather-related days within the contract. They’ve all been used but once the first floor slab is poured, rain will have little affect on the schedule,” said project manager Katherine Dunklau of facilities planning.

The first floor slab and columns will be in place by the end of this month. In June the temporary wood stairs will be torn down so construction can begin on a permanent concrete stair.

“We tried to give the university an economical structure and preserve views.”

— Todd Hansen, architect

The strategy can be built during the summer quarter. The construction crew came from 10 to 30 workers, depending on the stage of the job. One reason the project is running smoothly is because there have been few changes to the Park West Design Group designed and engineered the parking structure.

“They specialize in parking structures almost exclusively. They worked out all the problems before it was built,” Dunklau said.

The Watt's Design Group has designed more than 150 parking structures in the last five years.

“We tried to give the university an economical structure and preserve views. The only thing that will preclude the upper level will be the sloping tower, which is small,” said Tod Hansen, an architect with Watt's. The 311,000 square-foot parking structure will have 1150 parking spots including 20 handicapped spots on its fourth level. It is still undecided how many of the spots will be staff and how many will be general. The parking lot will not be used for residential parking.

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About 20 volunteers helped with the bridge. Tim Proskoel, Greg Kemp and Jennifer Heeinside, civil engineering seniors, are working on the steel bridge.

"We assembled pieces five-and-a-half feet long, and then put them together in the race," Proskoel said. "It's a scale model of a Department of Transportation bridge."

The club must design new plans for each entry every year. The different host school for each competition creates the rules for that competition and provides the judges, usually professional civil engineers.

"We are almost every year, so some schools seem to create rules to keep us from winning," Welbing said. "We send 60 to 70 students to competitions, while other schools send between 20 and 60. Some schools even make the competition a class project."

SCE will send 15 people to each national competition. Students pay for some of the cost of travel and lodging, but Welbing said the club does what it can.

"We raise a lot of money on our own," he said. "The American Society of Civil Engineers reimburses us for some costs. We also get money from the college and dean, some from the local chapter of ASCE, some from local engineers, and we do yearly-end and annual fund-raisers."

The club will have a booth at Open House where all proceeds will help send members to national competitions.

**HOUSING**

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Demers said.

Ethan Donahue, a materials engineering freshman, was selected and will be staying in Shasta Hall in the fall. Donahue agrees with Demers.

"The lottery gave everyone an equal chance to be selected," Donahue said.

Other students felt the first-come, first-served process was fair.

Daniel Kros, a computer science sophomore, is the 111th person on the waiting list for a room in North Mountain next year.

"I feel that if people want to live on campus next year, they will wait in line at 3 a.m. to get a spot," Krans said. "It shows how bad students want to live in North Mountain, because people don't want to be denied housing."

"I want to live on campus because I don't want to deal with paying bills and preparing meals, when I can go down to the Lighthouse and wait in line for food that's already prepared for you," Krans said.

Michael Kelly, an ecologist and systematic biology junior, is the 11th person on the waiting list. "Last year, first-come-first-served was fair, instead of the lottery and being selected randomly," Kelly said.

"The feedback we received from students was they didn't think last year's process was fair with first-come-first-served," Allen said. "Students said they had work commitments and they had to go to their classes. Faculty expressed concern of taking away students from their class time, study time and lab time to wait in line for on-campus housing," Allen said.

"There is still out there for students on the waiting list who want to live in the hall next year. According to Allen, students who were selected in the lottery must make their first housing payment by May 1. "It is critical that students get their first payment in, because there are other students who are on the waiting list," Allen said. "Students' names will be pulled off the list if they don't make their payment on time."

Allen said the housing office gets a lot of cancellations for on-campus housing during the summer for various reasons.

"We get a lot of cancellations from new to fall, and the No. 1 reason why is because people haven't made the time to look for housing or figure out who they want to room with next year," Allen said. "Some returning students make the decision during the summer to transfer to another school after finding out that they may not be roommates from spring quarter." There were two off-campus housing workshops held by the Off-Campus Student Housing Association in Sierra Madre lounge on March 2 and April 7.

"The Off-Campus Association was overwhelmed and glad to see the number of students who attended the workshops," Allen said.

Allen said the housing office is trying to help students as much as it can.

"We here at housing are really committed to house all continuing students even though it's not possible this fall," Allen said. "The staff works very hard to give students information about housing options on and off campus."

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No. 112 on housing waiting list

"We put together an off-campus housing information packet for students who are looking for a place to stay next year, and they can also go to our website to look at the off-campus listing of housing available," Allen said.

Students on the waiting list are concerned if they will have a place to stay next year.

"I'm kind of looking at other options, but I'm being lazy about it," Krans said. "My biggest option is Mustang Village. If I don't have a place to stay next year, I'll live in my truck in the administration parking lot," Krans joked.
Summer construction projects have facilities at Cal Poly always changing

The look of campus will continue to change this summer as three new projects will be undertaken during summer quarter.

AT&T will replace current coaxial cable with new fiber optic cable running from Oakland through San Luis Obispo to southern California. The cables aren't for Cal Poly, but this infrastructure upgrade will affect Cal Poly because AT&T has an easement on campus. The project has already started, but the most intensive work, such as trenching, will be done during the summer.

Matt Gians' first floor restrooms are scheduled to be remodeled in late June.

According to Debby Ryan, project information coordinator, the men's and women's restrooms will be switched to increase seating capacity in the women's restroom.

Facilities is coordinating the project, which will also bring the restrooms up to code with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A new elevator will be installed in the north wing of building 14 in June to allow universal access to the specialty use computer labs on the second floor, and bring the building up to ADA code. This project is being coordinated by Facilities Planning.

Kevorkian sentenced to 10 to 25 years for videotaped death

ONTARIO, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian, who videotaped himself giving a man a lethal injection and helped him kill himself in a high-profile assisted-suicide campaign, was sentenced to 10 to 25 years in prison Tuesday by a judge who told him: "Sir, consider yourself stopped."

Kevorkian, who turns 71 next month, grinned as he was led from the courtroom in handcuffs, saying to a friend, "Justice." He said nothing when given the opportunity to speak at his sentencing.

Judge Jessica Cooper refused to release him on bail to avoid his murder conviction, saying she couldn't trust his promise not to take part in any more suicides.

"That is what he believes his life mission is," she said.

In addition to giving Kevorkian the sentence the prosecution asked for, the judge handed him three to seven years for delivery of a controlled substance.

The sentences will run concurrently, and Kevorkian will be eligible for parole after six and eight months, a prosecutor said.

He could have gotten life in prison.

Defense attorneys David Goree said he was surprised by the judge's decision and that he hopes it does not amount to a life sentence for Kevorkian: "It would be a terrible shame to lose such a heroic figure in American life."

The widow and brother of Thomas Youk, the 32-year-old Youk's disease patient whose videotaped death was shown on "60 Minutes" last fall, pleaded for leniency. But Cooper adamantly stated she wore Kevorkian:

"This trial was not about the political or moral correctness of euthanasia," the judge said. "It was about you, sir. It was about lawlessness. It was about disrespect for a society that exists because of the strength of the legal system."
The power of faith and prayer brings healing

During spring break, I sat in church and heard a powerful testimony. Bishop Robert Richard Carr gave the testimony in retrospect from Berkeley. Now I will share it with you.

As the family drove away, the father began to become angry, because he felt his baby was not healed and they just wasted their time going to the church. As they drove in the car, a loud pop was heard. The mother looked down, and the flesh on the baby’s face had popped with blood running all over the place. The father began to speed to the hospital to see what was wrong.

As they arrived at the hospital, the bleeding began to stop. Blood was on the clothes of the mother, and doctors frantically took the baby to see what was wrong. The doctors grabbed a white towel and began to dab at the baby’s face. As the doctors dabbed the wound, the piece of flesh slid off the baby’s face, and the baby was healed.

The next day the family went back to Carr’s church, praying and thanking God for the miracle performed in their baby’s life. The father proclaimed, “Look what God has done.”

After hearing this testimony, I looked straight up and said, “Thank you, God.” My spirits were lifted, and my soul was made happy. I know that God can do anything.

There are times in all of our lives when the situation seems impossible. Your family might be going through hardships, or a loved one might be stricken with a disease. I want to let you know you are not alone. I invite you to take the time and tell God your situation. God is both omnipotent and ubiquitous.

Look up when you get a chance.

Dennis Johnson Jr. is a journalism senior.

Student speaks out on a variety of topics

In response to Trevor Coville’s infantile ranting and antagonistic blustering rhetoric that many have come to expect from this columnist, so why don’t we all just keep our eyes open and our minds working.

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Website ratings are a valuable resource for all Editor:

This letter is in reply to Jay Devore's letter "Professor advocates new website rating system," April 9.

The suggestion by Devore of creating a system where students can be held accountable for their behavior is novel, but his seeminglyUDENT and bitter tone calls into question his motives. Is he trying to hold students accountable for their behavior or is he striking back at critics of his teaching?

I think the teacher rating services offered by PolyTown (www.poly-town.com) may be starting to have an effect on teachers. It offers a valuable resource for students to learn more about the teacher and whether behavior toward the students — in fact, many teachers are researching the site to see how they could improve their teaching methods.

This — coupled with the fact that it allows for criticism of teachers who are seemingly blanketed from criticism by tenure — increases accountability among teachers, as well as providing information about who to avoid. I think Devore has failed to see all the information provided is negative.

In his letter to the editor, Devore wants the world to know how bad a student "John X" was. If this is his sole intention, then his ideas are misplaced and his suggestion loses value. Instead of providing this immense resource of information solely for teachers to displace their anger on poor performance reports (as he suggests in his editorial), why not use it to provide useful information about the student, such as his health history or other relevant issues that could affect his performance? Any information that could assist the teacher in understanding the student is likely to increase a better learning environment.

In Devore's letter, he is eagerly awaiting some support from the students, perhaps he could have shown his proposal in a positive light, rather than to imply its usage to be solely for a "lot for rat." Rather than being bitter about the comments, he — and several others in the Statistics department — should use student criticism and change their attitude/teaching behaviors. This, I think, would reduce the suffering of many students.

ian W. Bronson is a business sophomore.

Oversimplification of speech clouds message Editor:

After reading Damien Alvarado's letter, "Jackson's claim overlooks some important facts," April 12, I was compelled to respond. There are so many problems with this letter, it is difficult to know where to start.

Alvarado makes some pretty broad assumptions, most of which are not based in fact and are actually counter-intuitive. The first of these assumptions is fairly disturbing. He assumes that since he has seen very few black students in his electrical engineering classes here at Poly, that minorities as a whole are "not preparing themselves for these jobs." Even if this small sample was representative of all California State Universities or even college campuses across the nation, one could still not reasonably assume that "minorities" are choosing to handicap themselves, as Alvarado so eloquently suggests.

Jackson's assumption made stems from the oversimplification of Jesse Jackson's position. Alvarado would have us believe that Jesse Jackson is some sort of racist out to "get whites." He implies the Rev. Jackson is choosing sides and only champions the civil rights of those he believes to be black. Alvarado then attributes the use of the derogatory term "cracker" to the reverend. None of this is backed up by any shred of evidence to show that this is the way Jesse Jackson articulates his ideas about civil rights.

For instance, Alvarado suggests we don't owe Blacks, Latinos, Aleutians or Navajos any jobs, and when he gets hired, it is a proposition that he will be because he is a true "Code Warrior" (whatever that is supposed to mean) and he is from Pomona. Well, I would agree; "we don't owe anyone a job" — they are not ours to dispense. That idea is beyond the pale.

This society doesn't belong to any group in particular. What we do owe to the degree of respect and support that should be afforded every inhabitant of this planet, and Alvarado, when you are hired, it will be because you had the benefit of access to education, teachers who were concerned about your future and the good fortune to find an employer who didn't hate you simply because of how you look. With respect to the issue of systemic racism doesn't exist, when you try to cast civil rights leaders as petty racists and when you think that the only reason there aren't more people of color working in Silicon Valley is because they are too lazy to prepare themselves, you only show your ignorance and further entrench the problem.

Jared Anderson is a Cal Poly student.

Science and religion both require faith to believe Editor:

David Chipping's comments on April 9, "Science debates on belief," brought up a valid point I believe we all must consider. The existence of God cannot be proven in a scientific manner. In order for any theory (including the existence of God) to be accepted it must meet certain basic criteria.

First, an individual would have to develop a reputable hypothesis that God existed based on his/her observation of the world around him/her. Then, the individual must be able to test the hypothesis via a controlled, repeatable experiment. If I am astounded that the existence of God cannot be proven in this rigorous scientific manner.

Chipping further states that our theory of God must be accepted simply on faith. I am "our theory" because I am a confirmed propositional person and not intended) of this theory. Those of us who have faith in the existence of God are admittedly biased in how we interpret our observations of the world around us, and this bias has no place in proving "our faith.

What Chipping fails to acknowledge is that God is either simply God. Using the same criteria as outlined above, there can never be a scientifically proven "law." The theory of evolution cannot be proven by the scientific method, and none of the theory of God can be proven. No one (at least to the best of my knowledge) has ever observed evolution in progress, nor has anyone ever repeated controlled experiments on evolution. Chipping does not believe that God exists and he wants all things in it. He therefore accepts an alternative theory that more closely coincides with his beliefs. He obviously has every right to hold to this theory and to share his beliefs with others. But I believe in education we should make a clear distinction between the presentation of our beliefs and the presentation of "facts." In it, indeed, the theory of God and creation, but it is equally the theory of evolution.

Both theories require faith.

William Amspacher is a professor for the agribusiness department.

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TAP at a glance

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By Carrie Hughell
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly agriculture students will get a lesson from another part of the world April 22.

Dalum Agricultural College, a small school in Odense, Denmark, is sending 16 students and two faculty members to Cal Poly. This stop will be one of many they will make on their 10-day educational journey that will take them to Los Vegas, the Grand Canyon, and San Joaquin Valley, where they will visit a number of large farming operations.

Their visit was set up by Cal Poly Ag Ambassadors and Joe Sabol, director of Outreach Services for the College of Agriculture.

"We thought this would be a neat thing to do, and boy, just went great and grew," Sabol said.

He said they are lining up a busy schedule for the Danish students, which includes campus tours, class presentations, nursery and farm tours. It will also include talks about agriculture in both countries and visits to local vegetable growers, vineyards and orchards, as well as dairy, pork and beef livestock operations.

The Danish students will give a presentation Thursday morning on agricultural practices in Denmark. Sabol said this is their turn to show off for the Cal Poly students.

"They will tell us about agriculture in Denmark, and we have heard many of the students are interested in animal science, especially some," Sabol said. "They like pigs, and the Danish farm -- we want to learn about that."

Sabol said, "They are coming to go to classes with us, to see our swine barn, look at our facilities, milk some cows with us and see how we do things."

The visiting students will also have the opportunity to visit with two Cal Poly alumni. They will visit Sun Vidro Farms, owned by Roy Kilgore Jr., a former Ag Ambassador president, and his father, Ray Kilgore Sr., who is also an alumnus. At their cow and vegetable farm, the students will get a tour of the grounds where lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and strawberries are grown.

The next alumni they will visit is Jay Ruskey, who will give them a tour of his avocado, cherimoya and passion fruit orchards.

When the visit was first brought up, there was enormous interest from the Ag Ambassadors, who wanted to help out. Sabol said the students have already begun emailing each other and are even learning some of their language.

"The Ag Ambassadors are very excited to help these special guests learn as much as they can during their short visit," said Amy Doree, an agiculture science senior and the on-campus activities coordinator for Ag Ambassadors. "We had more than 35 ambassadors sign up to host the group. Never before in our history has there been such an enthusiastic response to help.

"We hope to learn about their culture and how agriculture works in their country," Doree said.

"It is a chance for our students to get to know someone from another part of the world and to understand their agriculture and language, and our students are very interested in that," Sabol said.

Ag Ambassadors is a group of about 50 agriculture students who do public relations for the College of Agriculture. They give tours, volunteer for Open House, attend conventions, college nights and recruit at community colleges and high schools. "The Ag Ambassadors are very giving, very sharing people. They care about the college and about agriculture," Sabol said. "These are good strong leaders in the college."

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MUSTANG DAILY

He's finally leaving!

Editor in Chief Ryan Becker will relinquish his position at the conclusion of Spring Quarter 1999. Consequently, Mustang Daily is looking for a new editor in chief. To apply, submit your cover letter, résumé and proposal by noon Friday, April 23, 1999 to Building 26, Suite 226.

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**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

Wayne Gretzky holds the NHL record with nine MVPs.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**

Which NBA team did Dick Vitale coach?

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**SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY**

* Softball vs. Loyola Marymount at the Cal Poly Softball Field at 2 and 4 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

* Track and Field at Mt. SAC Relays
* Men's tennis at San Francisco at 2:30 p.m.
* Women's tennis at Fresno State University at 3 p.m.
* Baseball at CSU Fullerton at 7 p.m.

**BRIEFS**

**NFL**

**CHICAGO (AP) —** NFL Hall of Famer Walter Payton, who had liver disease, was scheduled to speak to the Machinists/Materials Conference and Exposition at Chicago's McCormick Place. He canceled at the last minute, convention spokesman Leo Nadelkoff said.

The baseball game at Wrigley Field was the first public appearance in months for the 44-year-old former running back of the Chicago Bears.

"He's a big day today" and part of the symptoms of (this disease) is fatigue," said Ginny Quirk, vice president of Walter Payton Inc.

**IN THE DIRT:**

Fresno State catcher Morales looked down as a wild pitch goes past the Fresno State batter. Morales knocked in the only run for the Mustangs on a sacrifice fly in the second inning.

By Bryce Alderton

**Mustang Daily**

Cal Poly's bats didn't show up when they needed them to as Fresno State eventually got the best of the Mustangs pitching staff and beat Cal Poly 9-1.

With Mustang starting pitcher Josh Morton removed from the game, the Bulldogs scored five times off the bullpen in the eighth inning to break open a close game.

Bull dog shortstop Oscar Lopez led the batting barrage with four hits in the game. He had an RBI single in the eighth and eventually scored on a single by first baseman Nick Garcia.

Mustang relievers couldn't find the plate hitting Bulldog batters three times in the eighth, including designated hitter Michael Bowlin twice. Bowlin scored on a sacrifice fly by right fielder Jeff Gerber the first time he was hit by a pitch.

Mustang bats were relatively silent except the second inning when they scored their only run. Doug Morales hit a sacrifice fly to score center fielder Tanner Tempel.

Despite the loss, head coach Ritch Price was pleased.

"Morton's pitching was really solid today." Price said. "He's kept it in the game, but we weren't able to capitalize on it or to neutralize in scoring position," second baseman Matt Eam said.

Morton, making his first start of the year, went seven innings giving up eight hits, three runs (two earned) and seven strikeouts.

His only shaky inning came in the fourth but Mustang fielders provided little help, committing two throwing errors leading to two unearned runs. Morton's only earned run came when he gave up a single to Bulldog third baseman Max Drake.

"My arm felt great and I felt I pitched good enough to win," Morton said. "I think coach Price has faith in me to get back throwing.

Third baseman Brian Ouellet went 2-for-4 and was encouraged by Morton's start.

"He did a great job pitching and we didn't hit for him," Ouellet said. "I think two or three times we had guys in scoring position and we failed to bring them in. A few clutch hits could have turned the game around."

The Mustangs go on the road this weekend to face No. 4 Cal State Fullerton (30-7, 12-3).

"The Mustangs will have to play their best to win," Morton said. "We'll have to go out and pitch great and hope to win at least two games."

**NFL DRAFT**

**SAN FRANCISCO looks to draft for quarterback, defense**

SANTA CLARA, (AP) — Between Joe Montana and his successor, Steve Young, the San Francisco 49ers have enjoyed exceptional play at quarterback for the last 19 years.

Bill Walsh, the former 49ers coach who drafted Montana in 1979 and traded for Young in 1987, is back with the team as general manager and may try to extend San Francisco's quarterback tradition in this weekend's draft. The two-day session opens Saturday.

"San Francisco will play only so many more years and at some point we want someone to continue the legacy," said Walsh, who is recovering from his first draft since 1989.

"Do we have that person in the organization now? I don't know. We may not. But we want someone to continue the legacy in a timely way."

It is becoming increasingly clear the 49ers won't enter that legacy to Jim Druckenmiller, the first-round pick in 1997 when former executives Carmen Policy, Dwight Clark and Vinny Cerrato ran the team's draft.

Druckenmiller, a big, physical quarterback with a traditional drop-back style, has not come along as quickly as team officials hoped and still appears ill-suited in a 49ers scheme which emphasizes quarterback mobility.

Walsh gobled up all the prospects for quarterback Jeff Garcia, a Canadian Football League veteran signed to compete for the backup job. In his next breath, he ridiculed his strength at Virginia Tech by Druckenmiller in which he stopped on a harness and towing a car.

"Velocity on the ball. Give me a break," Walsh said. "When a man takes pride in how he can throw it that they can pull it at 52 yards, you're not in the area of performance. Bart Starr and Bob Greise had fair to average arm strength, you're not in the area of performance. The right arm of Walsh in the Hall of Fame."

Druckenmiller's agent, Gary Wichard, said he understood the history behind the disparaging remarks from Walsh but was nevertheless disappointed to hear them.

"Carmen and Vinny are gone," Wichard said. "We're in name only and people want to see their own kind of quarterback. That's their prerequisite. I guess they're looking for a short little quarterback with no arm strength."

UCLA's Cade McNown and Ohio State's Joe Germaine are among the quarterbacks San Francisco may draft, if available.