Custodian honored for charity

By Christine Janocko
Mustang Daily

Delores Estrada, campus celebrity. Or at least that’s how it seems. Everywhere she goes, Estrada is greeted with smiling faces.

Could her recent recognition as one of this year’s outstanding university employees be what puts our campus community in awe?

Nope, it’s the candy.

Snickers, Skittles and a host of other sweet snacks have made Estrada quite popular on campus. She sells the candy as a fund-raiser for the university’s Service Awards Committee.

Just seeing Estrada show up with her cart of candy brings out her fellow chocolate-lovers in droves.

“People are getting to know me as a star,” Estrada said.

And rightfully so. Besides her work raising money for the Service Awards Committee, Estrada also volunteers as an usher for Youth Outreach for the Performing Arts Center, has participated in the Campus Emergency Response Training program, served on the Staff Council and contributes her time to numerous fund-raisers.

All this, plus her work as a custodian in the Administration building, adds up to one well-known employee.

Estrada was one of three employees selected this year for Cal Poly’s Outstanding Staff Employee Award. The award recognizes employees for their dedication and contributions to the university. Employees are nominated by faculty and staff members and reviewed by a committee of previous award recipients. The committee makes recommendations to Cal Poly President Warren B. Baker, who announces the winners.

Being chosen for this award is just frosting on the cake of Estrada’s job. Working from 6 p.m. to 2:10 a.m., cleaning bathrooms, emptying trash and mapping floors may not sound like a good time. However, Estrada likes what she’s been doing five days a week for the past 16 years.

“It keeps me busy,” Estrada said. And it isn’t as grueling as it sounds.

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Poly scores praise from Gov. Davis

Sacramento lawmakers allot $68.9 million to CSU system

By Dina Chatman
Mustang Daily

Almost a month has passed since Cal Poly students and faculty rallied themselves with statistics and adrenaline to lobby legislators for educational funding, and since then a series of changes has swept Cal Poly and the Capitol.

When Gov. Gray Davis decided how to allocate the estimated $9 billion surplus in the May budget review, he gave $68.9 million to the California State University system. The largest allotment of the allocation is $32 million, which would go toward dropping undergraduate fees.

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Trustees unanimously approve faculty contract

The California State University system and the California Faculty Association unanimously approved an agreement Tuesday, resolving disputes over compensation, merit pay and lecturers’ status.

“The big issues have been resolved,” CSU Chancellor Charles Reed said in a statement. “There are many challenges facing the CSU, including improving the public schools, addressing the shortage of teachers in our K-12 system and the tidal wave of new students entering higher education.

“By working together, the CSU and CFA can assure access to quality higher education for all qualified students.”

The contract between the CSU Board of Trustees’ Collective Bargaining Committee and the CFA offers a

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Clubs go online with new directory

By Christine Janocko
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Finding information about your favorite Cal Poly club just got easier.

An online club directory has been created, making the search for club information as simple as a mouse click.

With the new directory, located at http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/clubs, students can go online to find details about clubs they belong to or are interested in joining. Students can search for clubs that match their interests, find out when and where club meetings are held, even look up a club adviser’s phone number.

Club members provide the directory information themselves, said Lisa Silva, a management information systems major who is creating the web site as her senior project. Members can go to the directory’s web site to print out a form to create a log in name and password for their club. A club member and adviser must then sign the form and turn it into the Associated Students Inc. business office. Within one business day, club members can go back to the site, log in and create their web page, Silva said.

The club pages are strictly informational, Silva said. Club members will fill out an online form giving basic facts about the club, such as the name of the adviser, how to contact the club and the club’s purpose. Club members can choose from eight colors and fonts for their page, and also

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Weekend campers head to North County lakes

By Carrie Hughell

Most of the campers were families from as far south as Los Angeles, north to Sacramento, and east to Bakersfield. The lakes are also popular spots for college students to come over the long weekend. The nights are spent around the campfire barbecuing and playing games. Consumption of alcohol is also prevalent.

McGadden said that drunk driving and excessive speed have been recurring problems around the lake. Also quiet time, which starts at 10 p.m. at Lake Nacimiento, is hard to enforce over the weekend.

During the day Lake Nacimiento is the place to be, or an area called the "narrow." It is an area at the farthest end of the lake, where the lake meets the mouth of the Lake Nacimiento River. It has a five mph speed limit and you can only get there by boat. It is a party place for college kids where they tie all the boats together and they just party," said Connie Flowers, an administrative assistant for the Lake Nacimiento Resort.

"The narrow was where everyone hung out. It was a huge, floating party. Everyone was walking from boat to boat, pumping and having a great time," said Josh Farrow, a business freshman.

"The lakes have gained popularity in the past few years as excellent boating and camping areas. The camping the night before was great, but the best part was jet skiing and getting a suntan during the day," said Shannon Pedrick, a journalism senior.

An increase in the popularity of jet skis and wave runners in the past years have turned the lakes into a personal watercraft playground.

Wave runners can hold up to three people and can reach speeds of over 60 mph. You can pull an inner tube until a ranker on a boat told me I was even more popular, according to McGadden.

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Bird sparks power outage near campus

Small bird flew into power lines, causing a brief power-outage that may have been caused by a bird Tuesday.

"There was a small fire on power lines caused by a bird Tuesday. I couldn't even kill time by watching television. I was going to call someone, but I couldn't because I have a cordless phone that needs to be plugged in." After giving up on looking for things to do without electricity, Reyes did what most students won't get a chance to do during finals week. "I just relaxed and took a nap," Reyes said.

Nicole Watte, a liberal studies junior, was doing a project on her computer when the power went out. She had to leave her house on California Boulevard and search for a computer with internet access on campus.

"It sucked. I was cooking and the damn stove went off. I had to go find a gas stove in the science house," said Val Nelles, a landscape architecture major. "I was hoping the power would have been out at school so I wouldn't have had to go to my lab." Other students had to put off plans more important than studying.

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PRAISE continued from page 1 to $428,10 percent below the 1997-98 level. With this decrease, fees will be their lowest since 1992-93.

Graduate student fees would receive $4.2 million to decrease student fees by 5 percent.

A $16 million allotment would serve to restore reductions made in the January budget.

The university requested money to hire and retain faculty, boost technology in schools, fund agricultural research, and fund the four high-cost programs — nursing, agriculture, architecture, and engineering, which require higher equipment costs and intensive teaching requirements.

All of the areas where the money would be spent are important to Cal Poly, but because Cal Poly has three of the four high-cost programs — agriculture, architecture, and engineering — the school viewed the money allotted in this area as extremely important.

A total of $14.9 million would be provided for 2,700 full-time equivalent students, which would fully fund all costs of instruction.

A sum of $9 million for outreach in 200 high schools to improve achieve­ment in English and history in California, and reduce the need for remediation among CSU freshmen. Funds are provided for learning assistance programs, including tutoring and instruction.

Another $4 million would go toward applied agricultural research through the California Agricultural Technology Institute. This augmenta­tion, with the $1 million provided in the January Budget, brings total state funding for this program to $6 million. These funds are matched by at least an equal amount of funding from agricultural industry partners.

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Back on its own soil, ASI is finding its lobbying efforts having a lasting impression on state legislators. Luker said the feedback administration and ASI have received is extremely positive.

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Tips for finals
and some words for the graduates

This being my last column for the Mustang Daily, I wanted to take the opportunity to dedi­cate this column to my friends and fellow students for all the helpful tips and suggestions they've given me over the years. I hope you find these tips useful as you prepare for your final exams.

My English prof thought I should discuss the university's loss of a great professor, Dr. Brisco, to Purdue University. "Yes," I said to myself, "I should address this injustice in my next article. Go out with a bang."

But most students are not English majors, so this injustice will not interest all stu­dents. So instead of talking to 3% of the school about a hugelayer in losing an excellent, intelligent, specialist on Early American literature, I thought I would listen to my roommates and divulge my secret for acing finals.

This secret has never failed me. Every quarter I come through finals week unscathed and relaxed. No, it is not a miracle, illegal, or even witchcraft. The secret is easier than you think and I asked you for the answers.

No, I can't do it. I cannot end my short-lived career as columnist writer for the Mustang Daily by discussing finals. How depressing, I hear you screaming. I think I've written too much for a column for seniors.

Then, I've got to write something inspirational, something for everyone who is graduating this June — that's got to be more fitting than a commentary on taking exams.

So I've decided to give you a collage of some great advice from Shakespeare and Apple.

"Keep your head when all about you are loving theirs and hating on it." "Give every man thine ear, but few the voice." "Neither borrower nor lender be; for loan oft loses both itself and friend."

And I can't leave out;

"If you can dream — and not make dreams your master; if you can think and not make thoughts your aim. If you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two impostors just the same."

I could go on and on, and that's okay if you were Hamlet or Lear, but maybe this is not the greatest way to send off the class of 1999. In fact, all I've really got to say is, "Congratulations!"

Since I'm about a year away from graduation I think I will dedicate this last column to everyone who will be sticking around and going to Poly next year.

So here goes, to everyone who isn't graduating, this is the column for you. Well, maybe it isn't. I've run out of column space. I guess you'll have to wait until next year.

Kathryn Dugas is an English senior.

Being anti-gay is different than being homophobic

Editor:

Why is it that anyone who claims to be anti-gay is deemed homophobic at this school? Personally, I can't stand these unfair generalizations and I am going to try and enlighten us all. Being anti-gay simply means that you think homosexuality is wrong. Being homophobic, on the other hand, means you're afraid of homosexuals. Do you see a correlation? I don't. One definition is based on morality, the other on fear.

Homophobic people are the ones who can't stand living next door to a gay person and cringe if that person comes home with a member of the same sex. Now granted, anti-gay people can also be homophobic, but don't assume all of us are. I live next door to a homosexual and I have no qualms with him whatsoever, though I disagree with what he does.

I do, however, agree with what the junior did. I think he has just as much right to take the flyers down as the Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals United does in putting them up. Also I think people have just as much right to be gay as I do to be straight, but don't force your acceptance on me. And please don't label us homophobic.

If you want to give us a label, please call us "sheltered, ignorant, republican, unenlightened, unevolved morons and daddies who are still preaching that gay people are the product of Satan."

("Reader responds to 'bitch', May 28.") Oh, and please add backwards, opportun­istic, close-minded, conservative, and Christian while you're at it, Mr. Kling. I wouldn't want your list to be incomplete. If you want to be nice though, you can simply call us the moral minority (I think we used to be the majority, but I'm not so sure these days), but I prefer to go by the name of BARNABAS.

Barnaby Hughes is an architecture sopho­more.

It's so hard to leave San Luis

Editor:

Reading the article written by the "city girl" who describes her feelings about leaving San Luis Obispo, all I could think was, "My feelings exactly!"

Although I "only" spent one year at Cal Poly, I know exactly what she is talking about. But it is not only the green hills or all the other wonderful things about the place. I believe it is the combination of all the little and big things San Luis Obispo offers on the one hand, and, on the other, it is the great atmosphere the city generates through the people who enjoy living there.

Natalie Neu is a former Cal Poly student from Germany.

Michael Bowman is a graduating business sen­ior.

Alcohol also a harmful drug

Editor:

One could replace the word "crack" with the word "alcohol" in April 12th's "The war on drugs needs to continue," and the story would not change. We tried to make alcohol illegal, and I think most would agree it was not so good for society. We now tax alcohol extensively and try our best to prevent drunk driving and treat alcoholism. Millions of people drink and millions of people have problems because of their drinking. How many millions are able to drink and have no problems because of the alcohol. Should the people who, for whatever reason, can handle alcohol be denied the right to consume it?

Personally, I can't smoke pot and function well at school or work. I know people who smoke marijuana frequently, and use other drugs occasionally, yet maintain an "A" average while working as well. Should a productive member of society be incarcerated because, for whatever reason, he can function and "John" can't? The billions of dollars spent on the "War on Drugs" could quickly turn into billions of dollars of tax revenue which can be spent to prevent and treat drug addiction. I respectfully submit the latter is better for you, me, and "John."

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Don't take risks while driving

I used to be proud to say I could drive from San Luis Obispo to Los Angeles in less than three hours. I felt like the female version of James Bond, driving my little Honda at 90 mph while weaving around slower cars. I realize driving this way is stupid, reckless and fatal. The rush to get from point A to point B seems selfish to me now. I say this because I know of one person who did not make it home from travelling last Saturday night. I only saw the aftermath of what happened: a crashed car in which the driver's side was completely mangled, splattered blood on the cracked windshield, shreds of glass shining on the pavement.

I don't know exactly how it happened: the driver could have fallen asleep. He or she could have looked somewhere but not the road. It isn't until the driver changes lanes that you are able to breathe again. You do not own the road; you share it. One wanted to be first in line. But it changed me.

I also cannot stand it when a car swerves in and out of lanes just to be the first one in line. It's a dangerous game of leapfrog. Often, the driver moves in your lane so fast, you react by slamming on the brakes. This produces a chain effect in which everyone has to slow down because someone wanted to be first in line.

There are many people who practice these reckless driving techniques. You might be one of them. What you have to remember is tailgating and speeding can put people's lives at risk. You do not own the road; you share it with the millions of other motorists who just want to get home. I'll even use the words that my parents drilled into my head when I turned 16: "Driving is a privilege, not a right. It should be taken away if someone puts another life at risk."

Please be a smart driver, not a stupid one.

Joellen Smith is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily reporter.

Baker gets good review from Board of Trustees

Editor:

During the winter term, the three-year evaluation of President Warren J. Baker was conducted, and our Board of Trustees is appreciative to all those who worked with us. This is to inform you that the review process concluded with the acceptance by the Board of Trustees of the review report at its March 16-17, 1999 meeting.

Criteria established by the Board of Trustees in 1984 and revised in 1994 were used to assess the overall effectiveness of Dr. Baker. These measures included overall management of the university, relations on campus and within the CSU system, educational leadership, community relations, major achievements, and personal characteristics.

A selection of Cal Poly faculty, staff, students, and community representatives was invited to submit written material. In addition, a general notice to the campus provided a means for anyone to submit information.

Among the achievements of the university and President Baker are the following:

- Opening of the Performing Arts Center
- Funding for the latest technology to support the academic programs
- Breaking ground for the new Sports Complex
- Developing the Cal Poly Plan
- Maintaining Cal Poly's "learning by doing" philosophy
- Reorganization of the Open House (formerly Poly Royale)
- Being ranked by U.S. News and World Report as a leading public university in the west
- The president's two-term service on the National Science Board
- Initiating the Centennial Campaign
- Developing an integrated enrollment and strategic plan for the university and for each college
- Increasing corporate and individual donor support for Cal Poly
- Constant improvements and expansion of the physical plant
- Identifying innovative ideas for improvement of the campus
- Attaining a national reputation by Cal Poly
- Integrating the Swanton Pacific Ranch into the academic program

Dr. Baker encourages the cabinet group to function as a management team; he delegates responsibility and does not micro-manage. Dr. Baker is described as analytical, caring, conscientious, fair, honest, moral, reserved, sincere, and thoughtful. He exercises good judgment, is well organized, and is a quick study. Dr. Baker is a consensus builder.

In conclusion, Dr. Baker consistently demonstrates his effectiveness as President of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. The partnerships with various industries result in having access to state-of-the-art laboratories and equipment. President Baker makes a significant contribution to the CSU system through his service and leadership on committees and task forces.

Dr. Baker and I suggest the following goals for the next few years:

- Continue activities that promote open communication among campus constituencies, including a variety of dissemination vehicles.
- Continue to focus on quality improvements, facility development and the principles stated in the Cal Poly Plan.
- Complete the campus Master Plan review and revision as needed in concert with campus and college strategic planning.
- Continue the development of University Advancement to pursue donor support, including Alumni giving.
- Continue to hire personnel that lead to a diverse and well-qualified workforce.
- Continue to provide leadership for CSU-systemwide initiatives.
- The next scheduled review for President Baker will be in the 2002-03 academic year.

Charles B. Reed is Chancellor for the California State University system.
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Estada is a Cinderella.

"I really do have a good group of
people to clean up after," Estada
said, noting that messes are rare and
often apologized for.

"It's unbelievable the way (the
bowel-makers) assist me," she said.

Though she dislikes the isolation
of the job, working by herself late
into the night, Estada doesn't
mind the work itself.

"It's a lot like cleaning house,"
Estada said, except the people she
looks after frequently clean up
their own messes, "and usually family
doesn't do that."

When she's not at work, Estada
can often be found during the day
attending meetings on campus. She enjoys
going to employee assistance pro-
grams and taking the free computer
classes the university offers to staff
members. Counting her hours at the
PAC, Estada often works seven days
a week.

"I spend a lot of time at the PAC,"
Estada said, "a lot of time.

"Usher for YOAC is a lot of fun,"
Estada said. On event days, she
waits up early and heads to campus
to get herself a parking space, then
goes out to help others park. In vol-
uantaritng at the PAC, she gets to
enjoy the shows for free.

"It's hectic, but it's lively," Estada
said of her volunteer work. "It's what
I call my social life."

Watching the shows at the PAC
has exposed Estada to all sorts of new
things. She's recently discovered a
passion for opera, something she had
never really been interested in before.

Thomas Quasthoff is among her
favorite baritones, but the allure of
her singing she finds hard to explain.

"It's like this romantic thing you
see on TV and can't touch," she said.

Like the intangible appeal of
opera, Estada finds her work on cam-
pus to be something more than what
it seems.

"It's not just cleaning up," Estada
said. "It's making a difference."

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION

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you can purchase Cal Poly clothing,
gifts, general books & school supplies at

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Sale excludes: magazines, computer hardware & software, film & photo supplies, film processing, music CDs,
catalogs & schedules, class rings & graduation supplies, special orders, coursework, and sale merchandise.

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DUCTING DIVA: Delores Estrada cleans in the Administration building.

Between volunteering and meetings, she often works seven days a week.

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3.2 percent average salary increase for
the 1998-99 fiscal year. It also gives a
5 percent general salary increase

As long as the CSU system receives its requested budget compensation for the 1999-20 fiscal year will include
a 6 percent average salary increase. In addition, a 3.5 percent general salary increase and a 2.63 percent service-
based salary increase were both settled
in the agreement.

Of the total salary pool, almost 40
percent of faculty will receive merit
pay. According to the contract, service
salary increases will occur in
1999-20 and will be awarded based on
"satisfactory performance," as opposed to given automatically. A minimum of 7.5 percent, instead of 12.5 percent, will be awarded to min-
um merit pay.

In regards to lecturers, renewal contracts will be offered to more than
1,500 of them with at least six years
of continuing service starting in
1999-20 and 2000-01.

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add a link to any existing club pages. The information can be changed easily and quickly, Silva said, "so the
directory will be as current as the clubs keep it." The
directory information is available to students now, but only a handful of the more than
400 campus clubs and organizations have taken advantage of the web site.

"We need club members to input
their club information to make the
directory complete," Silva said.

Clubs will benefit from the direct-
ory because of the increased expo-
nure to students, which means a
potential for more members, Silva
said.

The directory will also solve a
common club problem of inconsist-
ten web addresses. Silva said. Many
clubs would create a web site on an
individual member's account. The
account hosting the site often
changed yearly, usually due to mem-
bers leaving the club or because the
web pages from the year before were
deleted from the member's account.

Students looking for club sites were
often unable to find the correct address.

This confusion will end with the
new directory, Silva said.

"This system will provide a single
place for students to find up-to-date
club information and links to club
sites," Silva said.

The directory is a result of more
than a quarter's worth of work by
Silva, ASI's webmaster who will gradu-
ate next week. The idea to create a
directory was that of ASI presi-
dent Dan Gien, but when Silva heard
about it, she thought it would make a
great senior project.

"I really like doing web stuff," Silva
said, and since she's working for ASI's
computer support team anyway, she
figured she'd doing the project would
make sense. "It's really exciting to see
it all put into place and to see the
clubs use it," Silva said.

ASI is funding the development and
maintenance of the directory, which
doesn't very costly, Silva said, because
the site is hosted on ASI's webserver.

"It's just kind of a part of our exist-
ing services," Silva said.
Movie Review

'Notting Hill' tickles funny bone, heart

By Kimberly Kaney
Mustang Daily

If you weren't one of the 400 people who got to see "Notting Hill" at the free screening last Thursday, you missed out.

Beyond the Cinderella storyline there is an intricately woven view of friends who support one another through relationships. The friendship function as a support network for William Thacker (Hugh Grant). It's this group of friends who steal the show, from his outrageous roommate Spike (Rhys Ifan) to his best friend and former true love, Bella, (Gina McKee).

Julia Roberts plays Anna Scott, "the world's most famous movie star," who falls in love with Thacker, "an ordinary guy." The movie portrays the day-to-day details of a love affair.

Scott meets Thacker when she wanders into his bookstore while in London promoting her latest sci-fi blockbuster. A magical attraction sparks when Thacker rounds a corner and spills orange juice on Scott's shirt. Scott seems to fall for Thacker because he is not caught off guard by her beauty, but mesmerized by her character.

Thacker never grasps the whole meaning of romance and stays calm as Scott takes everything seriously. We watch as a star takes criticism to heart and deals with her names and relationships being dragged through the ruthless British tabloids.

The movie rolls along from laugh to laugh. Thacker's sister Honey (Emma Chambers) lights up the screen when she declares she will be Scott's new best friend.

Director Roger Michell balances the comedy of characters against a backdrop of old-world uniqueness set in the actual Notting Hill neighborhood in London, England.

Dominating Notting Hill is Portobello Road, one of London's most famous streets and a unique tourist attraction. Essentially a Victorian street, Portobello Road grew from a pittance between the big estates of Notting Hill and Paddington.

Michell makes the best use of the scenery as he illustrates the passing of the seasons on Portobello Road. Thacker walks in the background of the street market, putting on his jacket as the rain comes, then the snow and then takes it off again as the sun begins to shine.

The most disappointing aspect of the movie was the soundtrack. Tunes like "Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone" were corny at best and didn't add much to the movie overall. Don't go out and buy the soundtrack and try and tune it out while you watch the movie.

Spike takes British humor to the limit and balances the movie for men at the same time. He epitomizes the kind male we all love but who refuses to do laundry and will eat just about anything.

In the end, the movie is wrapped up with a big pink bow, but I wouldn't expect anything less. "Notting Hill" will delight men and women with a mixture of romance and laughter.

Just make sure you are armed with popcorn and candy for the long flick.

ROMANCE AND LAUGHTER: Anna Scott (Julia Roberts), the world's most famous movie star, begins an amusing and unusual courtship with Notting Hill bookstore owner William Thacker (Hugh Grant).
Student poets shine at contest

Mustang Daily

Cal Poly's English Department announced the winners of the 1999 Cal Poly Academy of American Poets contest Tuesday.

Sarah Hickman, an English graduate student and the 1998 poetry winner in the campus creative writing contest, earned honorable mention.

Hannah Stein judged the poets. Stein is the author of Earthlight, a book of poems forthcoming from La Questra Press, and is the editor of Americas Review, a journal of political literature.

"Steele has an original voice," Stein said. "The complexity of her poetic ideas and her electric language offer a reader not only excitement but the welcome sense that she has read and loved the English poets — I'd guess Marvell in particular," Stein said.

Stein went on to praise Steele's wit and innovation as well as her "intellectual and passionate adventure.

Stein was also impressed by Hickman's poems, pointing out that she is "an accomplished poet, whose handling of form and images are mature."

According to Stein, Hickman's poetry has a "richness of imagery that makes it a pleasure to read. Her handling of sometimes disturbing subject matter demonstrates a high level of artistry."

Cal Poly English Professor Kevin Clark, who instructed both students in his creative writing classes, agreed with Stein.

"(Steele's) remarkably original expression and (Hickman's) lyric courage suggest that we'll be hearing from both of these young poets for years," he said.

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"King of Masks" reveals another young child star

The Associated Press

Many foreign language films have enjoyed worldwide success in recent years due largely to their focus on children who shine. Among them: Italy's "Life Is Beautiful," Brazil's "Central Station" and Iran's "Children of Heaven."

Chinese director Wu Tianming's "The King of Masks," draws its charm from the same source. It tells the moving story of the relationship between an aging magician and a street-smart child in a poor town in China during the 1930s.

The film is sweet and uplifting, contemplative and philosophical. What could have been a sappy story instead is an endearing tearjerker, largely through the honest performance of its young co-star.

Wang (Zhu Xul) is a master of the ancient art of mask-changing. He dazzles cheating crowds with his slights of hand and colorful, exquisitely detailed masks. He wants to pass along his skill before he dies, but he only will share his knowledge with a boy. In the Sichuan provinces, women are second-class citizens and young girls are bought and sold on the black market to help families survive. Wang knows finding a healthy young boy to buy will be difficult, until he meets Doggie (Zhou Ren-Ying), an energetic and affectionate 7-year-old who cries out "Grandpa" and melts his heart.

They bond quickly, living a simple, quiet life on the riverbank on Wang's rattan boat. Doggie has been sold seven times before, and repeated beatings have forced the child to grow up quickly. Wang's wife left him 30 years before, and his son died young. Each finally has found in the other a much-needed friend and companion.

Their euphoria shatters after a few weeks, though. When Wang learns Doggie's secret — he's actually a girl, pretending to be a boy to find a home. Stunned and feeling foolish, he rejects the child on the riverbank.

"So young and yet such a crook," Wang laments. With tears streaming down her beautiful face, Doggie begs Wang not to leave her, promises to cook and clean. Her shrill cries are haunting.

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Screenwriter Wei Minglung has created in Doggie a lovable and complex character. She has been abused and abandoned all her short life, yet she has unconditional love for the old man who has taken her in and compassion for a young village boy who has been kidnapped. Zhou makes her a joy to watch.

As Wang, Zhu turns out an equally compelling performance. His face is expressive as the masks he wears, and he adeptly shows Wang's many sides — unstoppable showman, doting grandfather, ordinary man coming to terms with his mortality.

"The King of Masks" is Wei's first film after eight years in exile in the United States, and it was worth the wait. It has received awards from festivals around the world, including San Francisco, Australia, Tokyo, Paris, Moscow, Istanbul and China.

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**Study: Muscle drug ‘Andro’ does nothing for strength, and may harm**

CHICAGO (AP) — The dietary supplement based on a steroid called androstenedione, marketed as a muscle-building aid for men, does nothing to boost men’s strength and may promote breast enlargement, heart disease and cancer, a study suggests.

The supplement, a steroid called androstenedione (pronounced an-DRE-teen-DONE), was compared with a dummy pill in 22 men ages 19 to 29 during an eight-week weightlifting program, researchers reported in Wednesday’s Journal of the American Medical Association.

“The effect of androstenedione on testosterone levels, but what did increase was the level of the female sex hormones,” said lead author Douglas S. King, an exercise biochemist at Iowa State University in Ames.

No difference in strength, measured directly by muscle tests, could be found between the two groups of men at the study’s end.

But the men who took the supplement — 300 milligrams daily — showed significant declines in levels of HDL, the so-called “good” cholesterol, the researchers said. Lower levels of “good” cholesterol are associated with heart disease, they noted.

And in men levels higher than expected, a female hormone, are known to promote breast enlargement, although the study did not measure breast size.

The researchers noted that a higher risk of pancreatic and possibly other cancers, he noted. However, the researchers found that what had been reported in women, the hormonal effect of androstenedione in men is exactly the opposite of what has been reported in women, the only previous research subjects on record. In a paper 37 years ago, researchers reported that two women who took 100 milligrams of androstenedione on a single occasion had 10-fold increases in their blood levels of testosterone.

Charles E. Yesalis III, a professor of health and human development at Pennsylvania State University who also was not involved in the study, said testing the drug in athletes might reveal some slight benefit that would not emerge from the type of subjects King studied. All the subjects were new to weight training and made rapid strength gains during the study. McCrory, who hit a record 70 home runs last year, had no comment on the new findings. A firesworn of controversy arose last year when he acknowledged that he used androstenedione. Major League Baseball spokesman Pat Courtney said the league has “some of the leading people in the field, along with the players’ association, looking at the studies.”

“Just can’t bat,” he said. “I’m sure they will take everything into consideration in their findings. We’re waiting to hear the results.”

Baseball to umps: Don’t watch the tube

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball told umpires to keep their eyes on the ball, not the videotape.

Umpire Frank Pulli’s decision to review a replay and change a home run to a double in Florida’s 5-2 loss to St. Louis was wrong, NL president Lee Coleman said Tuesday. Commissioner Bud Selig and AL president (jene Budig immediately echoed that view.

“Use of the video replay is not an acceptable practice,” Coleman said. “Players must be able to see the ball at all times.”

But unlike the NBA, NCAA football and soccer who do not allow officials to view replays, while the NHL permits it to determine goals and NCAA basketball allows it in a few specific instances.

The NFL had replay from 1986-91 and reinstated it on a limited basis last March after several game-turning calls that replay showed were incorrect.

“Traditionally, baseball has relied on the eyes of the umpires as opposed to any artificial device for its judgment,” Coleman said. “It fully support this policy. Occasionally, however, the eyes of the umpires may prove to be incorrect.”

Floyd claimed his drive Monday was a homer because it bounced off the facade behind the left-field scoreboard in Miami. Second-base umpire Greg Glausen thought the ball hit the scoreboard and called it a double, but after the Marlins argued, the umpires conferred and Pulli — the chief first and third-base ump — changed the ruling to a homer.

Floyd, speaking in Miami before Tuesday night’s game, agreed with Coleman’s decision. He said allowing replays would lead to more arguments.

“You set yourself up for it to happen again, and you’re going to have tons of people thrown out of the game. They’ll be arguing until they’re green in the face,” Floyd said. “Most guys make history by hitting two grand slams in a game or something. I make history by hitting a ball that’s reviewed on instant replay.”

Kent, the batting champion in the game, also thought replays were inappropriate.

“I’ve never cared for it in football,” he said. “I’m kind of a traditionalist, and I’d rather not see it in baseball.”

**Giants miffed by Gomes celebration**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Phillies closer Wayne Gomes likes to celebrate. The San Francisco Giants don’t like to watch.

“Didn’t take offense to it,” Giants second baseman Jeff Kent said Tuesday. “I just think it shows a lack of class.”

Gomes got the attention of the slumping Giants on Monday night with a demonstrative celebration on the mound after striking out Rich Aurilia and Brent Mine in the eighth inning of the Phillie’s 4-1 comeback victory.

The right-hander spun around on the mound and pumped both arms several times while running to the dugout. Gomes then pitched a 1-2-3 ninth, sending the Giants to their fifth straight loss.

“Well, would it?”, Francisco asked. “That was last year.”

Kent, a quietly fiery presence who disdains showboating, said the Giants plan to get Gomes back with their bats and nothing else.

“I don’t think he’s established himself to celebrate like that,” Kent said.

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per-year book allotment. Cone added that the full scholarship is at the full amount that the NCAA allows. A partial scholarship ranges from $100 to a quarter to a full scholarship, Cone said. Some athletes benefit through meals and housing.

Head basketball coach Jeff Schneider said the NCAA only allows 13 full rides for Division I basketball, and this year there are only two of them. College scholarships divided among the basketball teams. The football team receives 45 fall-side scholarships for four years and divides the money among them in order to provide for many players.

"We give out 45 scholarships to help 75 players get through school," head football coach Larry Welds said. Although scholarships are prevalent throughout the different sports on Cal Poly's campus, swimming does not receive any scholarships.

"If a student-athlete is injured as a result of an athletic injury, the scholarship will be fulfilled as long as they are still meeting the requirements—helping out their team," Cone said. According to Cal Poly Athletic Director John McCutcheon, the athletes in each department waits with impatience student-athletes.

"If they suffer an injury that will prevent them from playing, they go through rehabilitation, and have every opportunity to play again," McCutcheon said. "We sit down, come up with a plan so they can continue their education with our resources." Welds said he has never lifted a scholarship because of injuries.

"For the most part, the young man that stays and helps out with the team is exactly what Cal Poly's main thrust is not playing professional sports, either because it is not a reality for them or because they strive for a degree from Cal Poly.

Senior Jeff Sheriff, a distance free-style swimmer, is one of 15 Cal Poly athletes named to the All-Big West Academic Team. The All-Big West Academic Team is comprised of freshman and upperclassmen athletes who maintain a 3.2 cumulative grade point average and have completed at least 60 percent of their team's contests. Sheriff believes that athletes are at Cal Poly to get an education.

He understands that its swimming, athletes do not usually pursue a professional career and are here because they like Cal Poly's reputation. Sheriff added that two of his friends came to Cal Poly first, and then walked on to play for Cal Poly.

"I went over the list of seniors, and I would be surprised if one didn't graduate," Welds said.

While Cal Poly is not a Division I powerhouse yet, Cal Poly athletes are more than just men in helmets and pads or women in soccer cleats and shin guards. These athletes are students.

"We have a small amount of athletes who are drafted or turn professional from Cal Poly," Sullivan said. "What it good to see is the number of athletes here who continue their education and pursue their degree after their eligibility to complete is finished."  

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SANTA CLARA, (AP) — The clothes are different, butBobMcK ittrick insists his fight against cancer hasn't changed his coaching style.

The longtime 49ers offensive line coach watches practice from a golf cart and has had to give up his favored attire of shorts and T-shirts. He now wears heavier clothes and a floppy hat to protect him from the sun.

There are the only about concessions the 63-year-old assistant has made to the disease. "It hasn't changed me much really," said McKittrick, who was back on the job Tuesday for the start of a three-week minicamp.

He said it's good for him. "He won't allow you to get soft," said Matt Scharff, whose summer home is in or near the bile duct in January.

"It won't cure something, but if something happens, we'll work on it," said McKittrick, whose wife, Teckla, brought him to practice and waited for him to finish to take him to a doctor's appointment.

"I'm feeling better than I really am because I got an adrenaline rush. In a while he'll be gone and I'll feel like sitting down or laying down. Still hurt. I've got incisions and an infection in part of the incision but I feel good right now." San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci said he and his staff and the players still benefit from McKittrick's coaching. "You got us like you're going to live forever and if something happens, we'll work on it," said McKittrick.

"We won't allow him to get choked up," Mariucci said. "All he talks about is the other people in the hospital that are worse off than him. He's not interested in being treated. He's required to take care of himself, rest up and get healthy. But he wants to do this. He wants to be around the players and the coaches and he's been nothing but an inspiration to all of us. We're all pulling for him and praying for him. He's champ."

SUNRANE, Ga. (AP) — Steve DeBerg is no longer a 45-year-old backup quarterback.

He's now a 45-year-old quarterbacks coach, hired Tuesday by the Atlanta Falcons, for whom he finished his coaching last season.

DeBerg was the oldest player in the NFL when he retired after five years of retirement to back up Chris Chandler. He played in nine games and completed 35 of 99 passes with three touchdowns and one interception when he started against the New York Jets. DeBerg became the Cardinals' offensive line coach.

"I think this is a great move for us," Reeves said. "I am glad that he decided to make coaching his profession. I think that he has a bright future as a coach."

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The Student-Athlete

Education remains athlete's focus

By Alexa Garberff

All Cal Poly athletes deal with practices, classes, traveling to matches, and often, try to fulfill a goal of doing well in their particular sport. For some, making their mark at the professional level is the ultimate goal. What makes athletes different is the instructions from school. Do they want an education? Or do they see Cal Poly as a dynasty that will take them to the next level in their sport? This year, one Cal Poly athlete has already been offered a chance to wrestle overseas, while another is a Major League Baseball prospect. While these athletes may become professionals, most Cal Poly athletes do not.

"Our prime focus for athletes is to graduate," Cal Poly Athletic Director John McCutcheon said. "Out of 500 student-athletes, 90 percent get their degree and have a career to go on with their sport." The NCAA Fact Sheet validates McCutcheon's belief regarding student-athletes. The fact sheet, published in the 1999 NCAA Division I Graduation Rate Report, tracks the graduation rates of student-athletes within a six-year period.

For Division I student-athletes entering college in 1993, 57 percent graduated, in comparison to the 56 percent of the general student body who graduated. Cal Poly's Sports Information Director Jason Sullivan said graduation is an athlete's individual choice.

"It bothers me to see players leave school early," Sullivan said. "At the same time, they may need to provide for their family. Once they sign a contract, they have no guarantee they'll get money."

A scholarship isn't just easy money

By Alexa Garberff

Although Cal Poly student-athletes may not be signing million-dollar contracts during college, they do reap some benefits for the four years they spend at Cal Poly.

The two types of scholarships that student-athletes can benefit from are full scholarships and partial scholarships. Alisson Cone, Cal Poly's senior associate athletic director, said a full scholarship covers regular tuition fees, the cost of campus housing, campus meals and a 3400 test.

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Student athletes have higher graduation rates, in general, than the total student populations at NCAA Division I schools. It's "learn by doing" in its truest form (and twice a week).

Joe Nolan

Maybe an indoor woman's track team to get out of the terrible San Luis Obispo weather. Yes, I get in yet another reference to the slum that is women's indoor track. It is a cheap, inexhorably inexorable recession that exaggerates women's athletics. Title IX and the Cal Poly athletics department.

I've learned sports reporters get booked up. At the Big West basketball tournament, I sat at center court in the first row. They said the place would be sold out. They made dinner for us, provided a good meal. Not a bad deal.

I've learned the true meaning of a Cal Poly education in one of the most difficult classes, bowling. It's false, according to what's happening at this school for a long time—measured outcomes and accountability. Even and tests are subjective, but there's no room for error in bowling. Do well, all the pins go down, you get an A. Don't take it seriously, like that 13-page research paper you turned in a day late, and you passed it, gather hell. It's "learn by doing" in its truest form (and twice a week).

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From the field to the diploma

Male student athletes

Total male students

Black male student athletes

Total black male students

Female student athletes

Total female students

Black female student athletes

Total black female students

Percentage of students at NCAA Division I schools who graduated within six years of their 1991 enrollment.

Source: National Collegiate Athletic Association

Andy Castagnoza/Mustang Daily

Sports editor calls the final inning of a memorable sports year

Reflection always flows around the end of the school year. So I thought I might as well share my experiences as the 1993-94 sports editor. Hopefully my insights will clear things up or perhaps raise some questions— you'll figure it out.

I've learned at Cal Poly endure a lot: a demanding sport, a bunch of units and pressure to win. What do they get in return? They get complaints and insults from uninformed, unmotivated engineering students, which leads me to my next revelation.

I've learned that Cal Poly, the school team, really does play in the Smokey Bear Classic. They know the facts about athletics, department money and write an intelligent, informative opinion piece. Matt Conchat decided facts were overrated and wrote an opinion piece that was simply wrong. Yes, an opinion can be wrong if you make things up.

I've learned that Cal Poly athletics are an American sport. There are no schedules, no rosters, no one in charge and every bit of information it sends out is a best guess.

I've learned that the Lakers, Raiders, Dodgers, Crawford, David Streitberg, Don King and Warren Fuller write columns. You can keep on going on them any time you need a quick and easy joke.

I've learned Cal Poly needs more indoor sports, a free bar and a free room at the Silver Legacy. Not a bad deal.

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I've learned Matt Gips will host the NCAA Final Four next year, because it's the "most intense setting in college basketball." My back said bigger than that little box, and I think it would be a more attractive place to show potential recruits. Saving the renovation money and using it toward building a state-of-the-art arena would have been a wise move and could bring ESPN out here more than just once.

I've learned there are ways to do your job, and no one in the athletic department does a better job than Sports Information Director Jason Sullivan. He is honest, hard-working and a perfect representation of what Cal Poly athletics should strive to become.

The most important lesson I've learned is my role.

As a columnist, it is a requirement, an obligation, to report noteworthy events and insights in the sports world. Unfortunately, sometimes getting a scoop or a good column hurt good people, such as Larry Webb or Rich Pusch.

Yes, I've certainly learned the role. No more, no less.

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