College of Business gets $15 million gift

By Karin Driesen

The College of Business received a $15 million gift from Kinke's founder Paul J. Orteza and his family, and now Cal Poly wants to name the college after him.

The gift is the largest individual donation ever made to the university and possibly the largest in the California State University system, according to a press release from Cal Poly Public Affairs that was issued on Tuesday.

Orteza visited Cal Poly in early October and gave a lecture in business classes. It was then that he decided to make a donation, said Louis Mitchell, director of the Orteza Family Foundation.

"He's a very special person," Mitchell said. "He was very enthusiastic when he was there. I always knew he was saving what a great school Cal Poly is.

Orteza also made a donation to the Associated Students, Inc. Children's Center, Mitchell said, but the details could not be confirmed.

"He's a real believer in helping people that work and students by helping them to be able to concentrate on their work," she said.

According to Orteza's biography, one of his favorite philanthropic efforts involves infant and child care centers on college campuses. Several centers are named for him and Kinke's.

If the College of Business is named after Orteza, it will be the first college at Cal Poly to be named for a person. The university will ask the CSU Board of Trustees for approval on Jan. 24 to name the college the Orteza College of Business.

Mitchell said this is the first time Orteza has made a donation of this size. Earlier this month, he made a $3 million donation to Westmont College in Santa Barbara primarily for scholarships, she said.

Orteza alone is not credited for the donations, Mitchell said. "He and his two children are involved in the decisions where the money is donated," she said.

The money for the College of Business will focus on "strategic initiatives," according to the Associated Students, Inc.

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Poly fights against frozen fruit

By Megan Shearn

The recent drop in the temperature can mean trouble for Cal Poly's orchards. Chilly mornings and evenings provide the perfect temperature to down a grower's orchard.

The peak season for frost peaked in Nov. 15 to March 15, said Robert McNiel, a professor of fruit science. McNiel said that the lemons, oranges and avocado orchards are on watch every night.

"For avocados we need to protect the whole tree, and for citrus we need to protect the fruit," he said.

At 10 degrees, the Hass Avocados will freeze, and at 28 degrees the citrus that will freeze.

The University Police who patrol the area check the temperature gauge at the orchards.

"It depends on the climate that night," said Fred Mills, communications and records coordinator for the University Police. "If it's getting colder then we check it more frequently. It's a 40 degree night then we check it once or twice a night."

When the temperature gets to 12 degrees, the technician who lives on campus is called.

"On the first day that gets called," said Louise Gross, instructional support services.

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Campus classrooms heat up for winter weather

By Victoria Walsh

The story of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" says Mama's porridge was too cold, Papa's porridge was too hot, and Baby Bear's porridge was just right.

Dennis Elliott, chief engineer for Facilities Services, said the department keeps classrooms to a comfortable level which is usually 72 degrees.

"We only heat rooms for the scheduled hours," Elliott said. "We turn the heat on an hour before the classrooms are used and then turn it off after classes are over."

Running the air conditioning, though expensive, is necessary for rooms with computers, said Ed Johnson, Facilities Services director. If the room is too hot, the computer can shut out.

Certain buildings have been upgraded to include air conditioning. Johnson said there is an energy management system that can control the temperature to whatever's comfortable.

The red brick domes have a valve that can turn on the heat, Johnson said, and it's up to the building engineer to determine when to switch on the heat or cooler.

Foundation runs its own buildings, like campus dining buildings and the Foundation building, Johnson said. From an energy and financial standpoint, it's best to keep the heat and air temperatures running.

Running the air conditioning can get very expensive and controlling the system is an efficient way to save money.

Johnson said there are habitable buildings on campus that must have heat. One of the exceptions is the barn.

Elliott said one time a professor switched on a classroom for the first time and immediately complained it was too cold. When a service technician went to fix it, another professor who had used the room said it had been too hot for years.

Both Johnson and Elliott said that if there are any problems in any of the classrooms to call Facilities Services at 756-5555. A work order can be generated on the spot and, hopefully, the problem can be fixed that day. But because there are too many rooms on campus, it's impossible to inspect all of them.

"If we don't get called about a problem, then we don't know there's a problem," Elliott said. "We usually get about five to 10 calls a day and we try to respond that same day."
Students who participate in Enterprise projects with the orchards are sometimes called in the middle of the night to help in the work of heating the orchard, McNeil said. Students who are involved in the Enterprise project earn money from what they harvest from the orchards.

"One thing we do hope for is clouds and breezes, which would be a temperature averager," McNeil said. The clouds would reflect the light back into the orchard, creating a greenhouse effect, McNeil said. A high dew point and humidity can also mean prevention from the frost. "Frost has been prevented in these last few weeks because of the high dew point and humidity," McNeil said. "The air can hold more heat when this happens." If the clouds are destroyed by a frost, Enterprise project students receive no money. McNeil remembers in 1998/1999 over 40 percent of the country's Valencia orange and avocado orchards were destroyed by a frost. But the Cal Poly students managed to keep the frost out of the orchard which paid off in a higher profit that year. "We made $8,000 per one acre of Valencia oranges," he said. "That's not the usual profit." McNeil estimates that the average profit for one acre of Valencia oranges in a normal year is $1,000 to $2,000. In a heavy crop year one acre of Hass avocados can make $40,000. "The crop value can be worth protecting," he said.

The children chosen are those from financially disadvantaged families. When all the tags for gifts are taken, Vickemann asks people still wanting to give presents to donate gift certificates to supermarkets for the parents or other donations for single parent families.

"After the tags run out, we still get presents," Vickemann said. "More presents for the kids are great, but we would love to give something to the parents as well. Especially something they really need."

Some of the gifts children are requesting are scooters, Brinquedos, CDS, Legos, Pokemon toys, footballs and dolls. Seniors are asking tor bath and lotion items.

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Stress overload can wreak havoc on body

By Victoria Walsh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Finals, reports, tests, quizzes, papers, notes, books, work, finals, reports, tests, defined stress as a physiological reaction to a perceived physical situation.

Stress overload can wreak havoc on body

Myles Davis, a peer health educator, said that stress happens when your mind and body sense that you're in a potentially harmful situation. Davis said, "It's the whole light or flight thing." Physical symptoms of stress include digestive problems, migraines, headaches, muscle tension, flu and colds. Mental symptoms include depression, anxiety, irritability and becoming highly emotional. Davis said there are two factors that cause stress — external and internal stresses.

"External stresses are school, work, living situations," he said. "Internal stresses are setting high goals for yourself or keeping to values that you may have." Jerry Whitaker, a physical therapist and the owner of Stressbusters in San Luis Obispo, said when it comes to stress, it's best to listen to what your body tells you. "The body will send you messages saying, 'I'm burning, move me,'" Whitaker said. "You need to listen and honor the message. You have to recognize that you are putting the body in a stressful situation." Whitaker said the last two weeks are always the most stressful weeks for students. Some simple steps Whitaker said to take to handle stress are: take breaks, get up, walk around and stretch.

David said creating a stress-management plan at the beginning of the quarter would be a beneficial way to handle stress of mid-terms and finals. "By creating a time-management plan, you'll know your limits," Davis said. "You have to be flexible and keep reminding yourself that it's just life." Davis said students should maintain the normal routines they had throughout the quarter. "Exercise, eat right and take care of yourself," Davis said. "Give yourself rewards. After you read the three chapters of chemistry, go to the beach or see a movie."

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Another way to cope with the stresses of finals is to attend the Precrastination Station sponsored by ASI Events on Dec. 6 from 8 to 11 a.m. There will be a free pancake breakfast in the University Union, room 220. Amie Moberg, assistant coordinator for ASI Events, said students with a Cal Poly ID can get free breakfast until the pancakes run out. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be free mini-chair massages, tarot card readings and aromatherapy candle-making sponsored by the craft center. They will also be giving out Julian's and Backstage Pizza gift certificates and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Julian's will have $1 lattes and Backstage will sell $1 pizza slices.

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Graduation puts Poly life in perspective

I thought it was only a week ago that my fall classes started. Now I’m preparing for one of the most important days in my life. During my final days here at Cal Poly, I have been reflecting on my life here and I wanted to share some of my thoughts with you.

Firstly, I must say that my time at Cal Poly has been the best five years of my life. I have learned so much here and I am grateful for every day I have had the opportunity to be a Mustang.

Secondly, something that really stood out for me was the diversity of ideas, beliefs, customs, lifestyles, traditions, foods or smells (that’s one thing I won’t miss). So, the next time you meet someone who’s different from you, then you have only one eye with which to look at the world.

Thirdly, I must say that my time here has opened my eyes to the beauty of the world. I have seen so many different cultures and experiences and I am so grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of this.

I want to thank all of you for accepting me for who I am, and thank you for adding so much to my life. As someone once told me, “if you don’t love who you are, then you don’t have a chance with your future.”

Angela Barley

Both sides to blame this election

It is difficult not to become engrossed in this year’s unique election. It is the closest race most students have seen in their lifetime. It is also the most ambiguous results.

The media news contributed to much of the confusion at first with their “gore takes Florida” then “bush takes Florida” guessing game. However, the confusion and frustration of the election results still remains a thorn in our side due largely to the enormous amount of partisan politics being played out in Florida.

Whether a Bush or a Gore fan, most citizens think that the current battle over Florida votes is ridiculous. A Washington Post poll conducted Monday showed that 60 percent of Americans think Gore should concede the race, while 35 percent feel he is right to contest the results. By these figures, it is safe to assume that a number of Gore supporters think he should accept his defeat despite the fact that they wanted him as president.

There is no need to address the outrage that Bush supporters feel toward the battle for votes. That has been made clear through every media outlet already. The real question is why this has taken so long to figure out, not who’s right or wrong.

Without each party’s campaign advisors attempting to over regulate the recount, this entire fiasco may have already been over.

According to Florida state law, a recount had to occur. Neither side can argue with this, because the vote totals for each candidate were within one-thirtieth of one percent of each other. It should have been decided, right then and there, whether the vote should be a machine recount or a manual recount. If each county had been consistent in their recounts from the start, much of this mess may have been prevented. However, unnecessary pressure from both campaigns has made proper organization of the recounts impossible.

Everybody likes to play the blame game and accuse Gore of being a sore loser or accuse Bush of unfairly stealing his victory. Let’s open our partisan eyes and realize that these candidates are backed by enormous and powerful political parties.

Neither Gore nor Bush is solely responsible for the mayhem that this election has become. Lawyers, public relations people and politicians have been a major factor in this controversy from the beginning.

On the issue of fairness, both parties must take responsibility for the Florida controversy. Republican officials have tried to thwart additional recount efforts, while Democrats insist on manual recounts rather than machine recounts.

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Lindros might be headed to Toronto

VOORHEES, N.J. (AP) — Eric Lindros might be better off if an arbitrator decides his future one more time.

Lindros, who came to the Philadelphia Flyers in a trade in 1992 after a ruling by arbitrator Larry Bertuzzi had been cleared to resume playing nearly six months after his sixth concussion.

The problem this time is finding him a team. Eight years ago, Lindros had plenty of suitors and Bertuzzi had for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The owner of the team plans to make the best deal with any

search

program. He said the funding and the support from the university were also

advantages.

McCutcheen said finding a coach is not an easy task and he wants to

make sure he finds the best coach for the program.

"It's hard," McCutcheen said. "This is not an easy process, but we're

fortunate to have a high level of interest from a high quality of candi­
dates.

One candidate thinks home-field experience might turn out to be an

advantage for one of the candidates.

Clark said he had a lot of experi­ence and time invested as a coach.

"I've been an assistant for 21

years," Clark said. "It's a time and

point in my career to move to the next level. I've coached all levels of collegiate baseball." He agreed with McCutcheen that the candidates for the position all have a lot of talent.

"They are quality candidates," Clark said. "They all do really well," McCutcheen said. "Interest for the position has been a dual process. Effort has been made on both parts," McCutcheen said. "There are individuals who are out there who have expressed interests and I have contacted folks who I knew would be interested or whose input I wanted." McCutcheen said however diffi­cult the search process is, he has received a lot of support from the alumni and staff.

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Cal Poly's cross country team made a name for itself this season. They're now known in the team that beat the University of Oregon at the Western regional, yet failed to receive an invitation to the NCAA Championship.

"It was the single most devastating thing that's happened to us," senior Adam Boothe said. "Everyone knows if you beat the No. 9 team in the country at regionals, you deserve to go to nationals."

Thirty-one teams race at the NCAA championship, and 18 of those receive an automatic bid by finishing in the top two spots at their regional races. There are nine regions in all, including the Western region, which Cal Poly competes in. The NCAA uses a system of points to determine the 13 at-large teams that go to nationals.

A team earns points by beating nationally ranked teams and finishing in the top two spots at regional meets during the year. In order to beat those teams, the team must race against them. Boothe says there is only a handful of meets each year in which a team has a genuine opportunity to earn points. Those are the big out-of-state invitational.

"Because of our budget and being a smaller Division I school, we could only afford to go to one of the big national meets," Boothe said.

In that national meet, the Griak Invitational in Minnesota, the Mustangs had a bad race, finishing 15th. A higher finish at Griak might have given the Mustangs a bid to nationals.

"There's no real emphasis on how well you do at regionals unless you're an automatic qualifier and that's where the problem

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Briefs

UCLA accepts Sun Bowl bid

UCLA has accepted a bid to play in the Sun Bowl against Wisconsin Dec. 29, setting up a rematch of the 1999 Rose Bowl. When the Bruins (6-5) and Badgers (8-4) last faced each other in the Rose Bowl, the Badgers won 38-31. UCLA also lost to Wisconsin 21-16 in the 1994 Rose Bowl, but has a 7-3 overall record against the Badgers.

UCLA last played in the Sun Bowl in 1991, beating Illinois 6-3.

Schedule

THURSDAY

- Men's basketball vs. Cal State Monterey Bay
  - at Mott Gym
  - at 10 a.m.

FRIDAY

- Wrestling at Las Vegas Tournament
  - at Pimm, Nev.
  - at 7 p.m.

- Volleyball vs. University of South Florida
  - at USC
  - at 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Women's basketball vs. Northern Arizona
  - at Mott Gym
  - at 2 p.m.