Wisdom beyond his years

By Malia Spencer

An inquisitive mind. That is what Will Hartmann will remember most about his best friend, Lee Preston. He had ideas that were wise beyond his years, Hartmann said. He was constantly thinking and amazing those around him with his insight.

Hartmann and Preston were drawn to one another during their freshman year at Cal Poly. Both lived in Tower Two of Sierra Madre residence hall, and they found a common bond through their love of the outdoors, Hartmann said. “We rented kayaks from Poly Escapes and went kayaking over Santa Ynez for outstanding leadership. The award recognizes students such as Younse for outstanding involvement in community service and leadership.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Awards satisfy Quest for Best

By Audrey Amara

Starting a homework club, a hunger and homeless awareness week, directing Beyond Shelter for two years, participating in an array of community-service projects and training with the triathlon club may sound like a lot for one person, but one mechanical engineering senior has made this his life—and all without getting paid for it.

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The other award, the Quest for the Best Award, focused on more of a leadership theme, Harris said.

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Wine expert travels from Australia to teach

By Matt Szabo

When there is an opportunity for the College of Agriculture to bring a world-renowned wine and viticulture expert to campus to teach classes, one might say it is the “Smart” thing to do.

Dr. Richard Smart of Australia is one expert, and he has been hired to teach at Cal Poly and do research in the field, starting later this month. He will teach at Cal Poly during spring quarter each following year as well.

“Just about any place you’d be able to find grapes, he’s a consultant,” said Keith Patterson, a viticulture professor. “He’s just a real catch for us.”

Viticulture, or grape cultivation, is a field that Smart has dedicated his life to. He has been doing research work on viticulture since the mid-1960s. He owns his own viticulture consulting service, Smart Viticulture, which operates out of Port Macquarie, Australia. Smart has also written the field handbook “Sunlight into Wine,” which Patterson said is considered the essential reference for quality wine grape production.

David J. Wehner, interim dean of the College of Agriculture, said that he was hopeful that Smart would see SMART, page 8

Poly working to unveil new viticulture major

By Kristy Charles

A bottle of Cal Poly wine is now a rare find in grocery and liquor stores, but we may see a lot more Cal Poly pinot noir and chardonnay in stores if the university’s request to add a wine and viticulture major is approved.

The major, which may debut as early as next fall, will offer students a broad education in the wine industry and concentrations in enology (wine-making), viticulture (grape-growing) and agribusiness, or wine business.

The idea for the new major came from the overwhelming demand from students and from the wine industry for a program beyond the viticulture minor Cal Poly now offers.

Since its creation in 1999, around 220 students from more than four colleges and 12 different majors have enrolled in the viticulture minor. Cal Poly’s wine club, Vines to see MAJOR, page 9
Survey names Poly top choice for students

By Andrea Coberly
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Every year thousands of students send their applications to Cal Poly and other universities, and thousands of these students will be admitted to one or two of the universities to which they applied. The students must then make a decision on which school they will accept.

Cal Poly will be a top choice for many of these students, according to a report prepared by the College Board of Applied Educational Research Inc.

The report, which was comprised of data from Cal Poly’s Admitted Student Questionnaire, showed that most undergraduate students were more likely to attend Cal Poly than other California State University campuses, University of California campuses or private universities.

When comparing the cross-admittance of Cal Poly to other colleges, data from the report showed that UC Davis, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UCLA and UC Berkeley were the schools that drew the largest number of applications from students who also applied to Cal Poly. Only UCLA and UC Berkeley were more likely to be the school of choice for students who were also accepted to Cal Poly.

For the students who did choose Cal Poly, several factors went into their decision, including the hands-on experience, the dedicated teaching staff, the location and the cost, said James Maraviglia, Cal Poly’s executive director of Admissions and Recruitment.

“If you look at us from the consumer’s point of view, it is a great deal,” Maraviglia said. “It is one of the best buys in higher education, and it is one of the prettiest locations.”

While prospective students do focus on Cal Poly’s price, they look more at how their choice of college could help them in the future, said Jon Schuppert, an electrical engineering freshman.

“I think that Cal Poly is the only state school that can really be compared with UCs,” he said. “Plus, the name ‘Cal Poly’ is known for learning by doing. That name is going to help you get a job. Even some UCs don’t have that job security.”

Jon Schuppert
electrical engineering freshman

This electric format for communication has been a major part of the admissions process for the past two years. Schuppert, who used the tool last year when he was selecting a college, said that it was very helpful in his decision making process.

The report was given to 4,000 admitted students last year. A portion of the students was planning to go to Cal Poly, and the other portion of students was going to attend another university.

While the report gives the Cal Poly’s admissions office a better understanding of how students like to communicate with a university and which other colleges are Cal Poly’s biggest competitors, it also has told them that Cal Poly is a popular choice, Maraviglia said.

“No name is definitely out there,” he said. “If you look at how we match up with our biggest competitors, we do pretty well.”

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National & International News

Ron Howard captures Director's Guild Award

LOS ANGELES — "A Beautiful Mind" Director Ron Howard received the prestigious filmmaking tribute Saturday night from the Directors Guild of America. This award is known to be one of the most accurate barometers of Oscar success. "I have my fingers crossed for the Oscars, but I'm just enjoying this award right now," Howard said.

But Howard downplayed the idea that this honor is a sign of future awards. "I don't know if that connection holds any more," he said. "It's been so erratic in the past few years that I just don't know if it holds up." In the 54 years since the guild began recognizing talented directors, the winner has gone on to win the Academy Award for best director all but five times. However, Howard wasn't even nominated for best director the last time he won the DGA award for "Apollo 13" in 1996. The Academy Awards will be held March 24 at the new Kodak Theatre in Hollywood.

Associated Press

Africa

LAGOS, Nigeria — At least 12 people were killed in a stampede of worshippers, caused by gunmen who burst into a prayer meeting in Nigeria on Saturday, police and witnesses said. The gunman themselves left with-out hurting anyone. They were allegedly trying to capture or harm Roman Catholic Bishop Efignie Mihka, who was leading the prayer meeting on Thursday night, a diocesan spokesman said.

The meeting was being held at a technical college in the eastern town of Enugu and was organized by the Roman Catholic Church. The gun­ men entered the meeting just as it was ending. Mihka has been harassed repeatedly and sought by Enugu state government officials for questioning, the spokesman said. Police have said they were not looking for Mihka.

In January, at least 1,000 people were killed while trying to escape a series of large explosions at military barracks in the commercial capital of Lagos. A few days before that inci­ dent, several people were tram­ pled to death when thousands of people tried to push their way into a sermon led by popular German preacher Reinhard Bonnke.

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Voting resumed for an unshaded third day in Zimbabwe in a chaotic attempt by the country's second highest court to extend the presidential election. But the polling stations did not open until noon, after many voters had given up or gone to work.

Justice Minister Patrick Chinamasa said on state television Monday morning that the govern­ ment would extend voting only in Harare and a nearby township, which are both opposition strongholds. He added that many polling stations throughout the rest of the country had already been dismantled.

President Robert Mugabe must confront the toughest competitor to his 22-year reign from Morgan Tsvangirai, a former trade union leader and head of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change. Tsvangirai accused Mugabe and his ruling party of using the election by driving opposition voters away from 45 percent of rural polling stations, and by discouraging people in rural areas from voting.

"If those thousands of people are not allowed to vote, then we, the Democratic Change Party, have not even been given the opportunity to vote," he said. This is a "stiff election." But, despite pre-election violence and intimidation blamed on Mugabe's loyalists by opposition supporters, voters headed out to cast their ballots in record numbers during the week­ end vote, especially in urban areas like Harare.

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USA Today

Middle East

MECCA, Saudi Arabia — About 80 girls were at a school in the holy city of Mecca when an electrical short circuit started a fire at the facility early Monday. At least 14 girls died and more than 50 others were injured as they tried to flee the flames.

Eyewitnesses said the students were trapped to death while trying to run out of the school gate, which was locked. Witnesses said that the key was with a male guard, who was not there to open the gate.

The school gate was locked to pre­ vent girls from leaving without per­ mission, and to stop strangers from coming in. Witnesses quoted as saying that the three-story school was overcrowded and lacked proper safety amenities.

Girls' schools in Saudi Arabia are usually locked, to secure full segrega­ tion of the sexes.

BBC News

International Briefs compiled from various news ser­ vices by Mustang Daily copy editor Cynthia Neff.

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California Faculty Association Resolution Against College-Based Fee Increase

WHEREAS, Student fees that serve the purpose of increased tuition should be implemented system-wide with the oversight of Trustees, legislature, and the governor;

WHEREAS, The California State University planning initiative, "Cornerstones", condemns such funding methods stating, "The artificial distinctions between student fees and tuition mean that campus-based fees have become a back-door vehicle for tapping student revenues. The whole system is manipulated rather than managed, inadequately connected to the financial aid system, and needs to be rethought" (CORNERSTONES, Task Force #2 - "Meeting the Enrollment and Resource Challenge", 3/97);

WHEREAS, Eligible students should be entitled to equal access to CSU campuses and to the departments of their choice, regardless of their income status;

WHEREAS, Any new college or campus-based student fees will limit students' educational choices;

WHEREAS, The Cal Poly administration has not established sufficient accounting, auditing, and reporting systems to assure proper expenditure of the money;

WHEREAS, The Cal Poly administration has not given evidence that the Cal Poly Plan $45 per quarter fee already in place has increased the number of classes or graduation rates. The administration had promised 16 new tenure track positions, but since 1994-95, the number of tenure track faculty has decreased by 1; however, the number of administrators has increased by 35;

WHEREAS, The Cal Poly administration is not giving students adequate time or information to make an educated decision; and

WHEREAS, The administration has not properly addressed alternative sources of funding; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the California Faculty Association stands against the proposed college-based fee increase; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the California Faculty Association urges our faculty and students to demand accountability and transparency as a first step in resolving any perceived budget crisis.

* Adopted by the CFA Executive Committee at Cal Poly on February 21, 2002
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Wed, March 13, 2002
4:00-5:00pm
Science (52) - Room E27
Where the grass grows greener: Mapping out Poly’s most peaceful patches of land

By Sarah E. Thien

The sun is shining, birds are singing and a waterfall can be heard in the background. It’s not a tropical island; in fact this place can be found on the Cal Poly campus.

In between the mismatched buildings, roads, and general bustle of Cal Poly, pockets of peace and quiet are waiting to be discovered. An astute observer can find these places all over campus. They offer beauty, serenity and a nice break from the stresses of student life.

The courtyard behind building 21 is one such place. At this time of year, it is lush and green. The olive trees provide shade and there are numerous benches, some in the sun, others hidden beneath the branches. This courtyard is architecture student Lili Tate’s favorite place to study.

“It’s cute,” Tate said. “It has nice trees and plenty of places to sit. I also have nice memories of this place because of the class barbecues we’ve had here.”

Near the courtyard is another place to sit, smaller and much more obscure. Nestled between the construction management building and a wall, the Richard E. Young memorial may be one of the least conspicuous spots on campus.

It may sound claustrophobic back there, but the trees overhead and the moss underneath make it a cozy, quiet place to sit. The ergonomically designed bench is so comfortable it’s worth a visit all by itself.

There are many nice gardens on the lawn past the business building. Gardener Henry Hilgert takes care of the grounds all the way from Highland to the building, and has been doing so for 23 years. Hilgert graduated from Cal Poly in 1986 with a degree in ornamental horticulture.

“I moved to California to be a gardener, and that’s what I am,” he said.

One of the more noticeable gardens on Hilgert’s turf is the rose garden, which he renovated nine years ago. To truly experience the beauty of the rose garden, Hilgert recommends visiting at the end of April when the roses will be in full bloom.

Another hard-to-miss spot is the pond and waterfall in the middle of the lawn. It is a popular spot for stressed students. Agriculture science major Kate Parsons visits it often to help her relax.

“It’s nice and peaceful,” she said, “but I do have to watch out for spiders lurking under the benches.”

The goldfish in the pond were placed there by Hilgert. The cattails and any other fish other than goldfish were put there by students or locals, he said.

The gazebo, also located on the business lawn, will be nicest come spring quarter when it will be covered in foliage. Hilgert said, and all summer the gazebo will be covered in blooms. Just to the right of the gazebo and down a very short path is a bench hidden from view. It is surrounded by plants from Australia and New Zealand, plants such as kangaroo flower and leptospermum. It is possible to walk by this spot every day and never see the bench tucked away in the trees. Visit it just to see what a flower called leptospermum looks like.

Down at the very end of campus, past the gazebo, is a garden that is neither hidden, nor comfortable, but is beautiful and underappreciated. It’s worth the walk to see Cal Poly’s cactus garden. Some of these cacti are more than 25 years old, others are rare, some are just plain cool. There are big ones, small ones and interesting ones — just don’t touch any of them.

The bottom of campus isn’t the only place to find excellent gardens. The “Pocket of Paradise” garden in memory of Dr. Robert E. Meyers Jr. is a great place to sit and bask in the sun. The garden features a pyramid sculpture, California native plants and a convenient location. It is located behind building 52, and is close to The Avenue, Backstage Pizza, and right across from the Sandwich Factory, making it an ideal place to eat lunch.

David Hoag, a history freshman, discovered the garden on his first day of classes at Cal Poly. Hoag said he goes there because it is convenient and sunny, but he wouldn’t say that it’s his favorite spot on campus.

“I’m not married to it or anything,” he said.

Nothing, however, will ever replace Dexter Lawn for frisbee-throwing and sleeping, or the University Union plaza for people-watching. These spots are Cal Poly staples — parts of the campus that get seen every day.

Finals are almost here, so peace and quiet will be at a premium. The unused, hidden places on this campus are waiting for stressed students to come and rest.
Let's face it; democracy is not as simple as it might seem. This is not a situation in the high-profile world of state and national politics, but in the slightly smaller-scale area of campus governance.

But these two groups still have one immutable thing in common: They are a mechanism in the most democratic sense of the term. Of course, like a large machine, democracy is also quite complex, consisting of numerous rules and almost as many exceptions to these rules. For this reason, even relatively straightforward Associated Students Inc. elections can become more complicated than they may seem.

But, never fear, because at least the process of running for office is straightforward. The president just became easier and, hopefully, a little more democratic.

Brent "Brief" Leitner started for runoff election for student body president that will be held on April 17 and 18 at 3 p.m. on April 18. The office will be held by May 1 and 2, of course, if past elections are any indication, indications do not mean that this small-scale election will be any less contentious than the national and state races. Campaigning around campus and2 following allegations of dirty campaign tricks from candidate Brent "Brief" Leitner, claiming that my campaign manager, Paul Hacker, removed his fliers and covered them with his own. Unfortunately, no change to the process can change one of the fundamental rules of democracy: no election is too small for the same rules to apply.

Now, under the new streamlined process, only one application packet must be picked up for each presidential candidate and running mate, thus eliminating one unnecessary application process.

The chair of the board is now elected by members of the board. While this may at first seem like a negative point, in fact, much of the documentation reflects student input, including the amount of the fee. I hope my fellow engineers and computer science students know that this proposal was not a personal gain for myself but for the ESC and the CEN department, chairs, and that it is endorsed by the dean and strongly supported by an overwhelming majority of the CEN faculty.

Given the strong input on the part of students in writing the proposal, it's no surprise that it sets a new precedent for student involvement and student direction in allocating the funds. This unique proposal mandates that student-chained committees with a majority of elected student members will decide how each department and program in the college will spend the money. I can think of no other college or university that offers students such a strong role and voice in their own education.

My final word on the fee increase is that the increase is more selfish. I wish to make sure that my degree is worth something and that it is supported by a student fee. The fee increase will help keep the value of my diploma from devaluing in the future.

So what do you get for $200? You get to take classes that you want to take — not just capturing "whatever's offered." You might be able to graduate a quarter earlier and take an extra $2,200 or so in income. Trust me, $2,200 to $3,200 in total additional fees (paid out four to five years) for a $2,200 payoff — that is a very good investment. Plus, if you graduate a quarter earlier you'll probably have taken less debt overall.

I hope you make the right decision this Wednesday. If you aren't sure what to vote for, I ask you to vote for 'yes' because it's the right decision for you and your future. Please don't spend $250 just for the sake of spending $250.

The fee increase is a simple and direct way for students to vote for their education and in the future. It is a simple way for students to vote for the future of Cal Poly.

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More fees not the answer

Editor,

Don't be fooled! For your $200 ($125 for liberal arts) per quarter, the Cal Poly administra­tion promises to have students on advisory committees. The Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee, which is the advisory committee for the Cal Poly Plan fee revenue ($85 per quarter) includes a few students but met only once this quarter and once last quarter. The "summary notes" for the Feb. 21 meeting of the committee state, "Although at the last meeting it was suggested that a sub-group of the committee be formed to look at possible scenarios for the allocation of Cal Poly Plan revenues, there were not enough volunteers to represent the various constituencies and therefore did not meet."

The Cal Poly administration promised more classes with the Cal Poly Plan fee, but classes are still hard to get. With the administration's lack of credibility, students need some guarantees of where the money will go and provisions for how to monitor the spend­ing of it.

The administration directs money from both the Cal Poly Plan fee revenue and the state general fund to its own priorities. Because of the administration's lack of credibility, students need to have more money with less enrollment.

Vince March 13 or March 14

Gail G. Wilson is a San Luis Obispo resident.

Poor planning no excuse

Editor,

This letter is in opposition to the proposed fee increase that Cal Poly students are being asked to vote on this week. I am a graduate student in the computer science department, and as a student in the College of Engineering, I am being asked to support roughly a 2 percent increase in my tuition. I know that many people on this campus are uncertain how to vote on this issue—we are in favor of improving the quality of our education. We also believe, we hope, that increased fees will not be rendered useless by continued over-enrollment.

Brian Wood is a computer science graduate student.

Understand distribution of fees to departments

Editor,

On March 11, the Mustang Daily— for the second time in one week—misrepresented the fee process in the College of Liberal Arts. Basically, if someone actually reads our fee proposal, he or she can find that chairs and student council review the departmental student committees' decisions for two reasons: to combine overlapping requests so that dollars are spent efficiently and to make sure that the expenditure plans conform to the college policies that expenses focus on access, technology/equipment, and/or IRA activities. The fee proposal makes very clear that the fee dollars go to the departments on the basis of how many majors they have. The College Web site has had this material posted since the middle of January.

Harry Hellenbrand is the dean of the College of Liberal Arts.
Amory Lovins, introduced as 'The Godfather of Sustainability' by ASI President Angie Hacker, was the guest speaker at Friday's History Day celebrations. Lovins related sustainability to modeling after the environment and making things more energy efficient. The environmentalist founded the Rocky Mountain Institute, a Colorado-based research policy think tank in 1982.

Although there is currently a minor in viticulture under the College of Agriculture, Wehner said that the program keeps expanding and it might eventually become a major as well.

Smart will teach two classes, Advanced Wine Physiology and Growing Quality Wine Grapes, the latter of which is a new course that Smart will develop on his own. His research will focus on aiding wine grape growers in improving wine quality.

Smart himself was unavailable for comment; Patterson said he is out of the country. But in comments in a press release, Smart said he is excited to have the opportunity to teach on the Central Coast.

"I am absolutely delighted to be working at Cal Poly," he said in the press release. "I’ve argued for years for more acknowledgement of the role of vineyards and viticulturalists in creating quality wine. Cal Poly ... firmly believes in that concept and, like me, is interested in only one thing — results."

Smart will also have an opportunity to influence viticulture in California in general through seminars and workshops. Patterson said he is scheduled to teach a three-day short course in Paso Robles, as well as a one-day short course in Sonoma.

"It's already bringing a lot of recognition to the program," Patterson said. "It's bringing a positive image to us."

Smart said on his Web site that he is particularly happy about being able to interact with students again.

"It will be a great pleasure to be involved in undergraduate teaching again," he said. "I enjoyed my time at Roseworthy College in Australia in the 1970s and early 1980s, and look forward to a similar opportunity at Cal Poly."

For more information on Smart, visit www.smartvit.com.au.
News

Tuesday, March 12, 2002 9

**Peace Corps officials note applicant increase**

By Erin Gamble

**THE GW HATCHET**

The Peace Corps, which brothed since President George W. Bush called for more Americans to volunteer in his State of the Union address in January, has seen a significant increase in interest in the Peace Corps.

She said the Peace Corps' Web site has tripled its number of hits, with 13,2 million hits registering 17,200 unique visitors. The mid-Atlantic region has also seen double the number of applications it normally receives.

Tara Miller, GW's assistant director for Student Activities for Community Service, said the increase in applications might be due to the recent news.

"I don't think it's necessarily just because of the economy, but I think we're part of a trend," she said.

Career Center spokesman Jeff Dagley said economic and political events do not play a part in their advising process.

"We don't advise them to go into the Peace Corps, and we don't advise them to go into Peace Corps," Dagley said.

"We basically advise them on whatever their interests are. If they're interested in the Peace Corps, then we discuss it with them."

Americans and Georgtown university ranked 22nd in a list of the top 25 universities by the Peace Corps for a newly introduced major.

"Environmental horticulture and crop science will be in fairly high demand after three years, and 200 after five," Johnston said.

Field identification of plants on their own, and for the future and success of the program, is predicted that the program for Cal Poly, with 34 volunteers currently serving in 26 countries, including Kenya, Togo, Romania, Bolivia, Thailand and Russia, Johnston said. The University of Maryland is ranked 2nd with 33 volunteers for the past year.

"I would say the D.C. area has a wider worldview — than the rest of country," Johnston said. She added that GW students experience a broader worldview because of their access to wide political opportunities, like Congress and the embassies of other countries.

The National Affairs Society held an informational panel of past Peace Corps volunteers March 5 at The Eckles Library on the Mount Vernon Campus. The panel featured GW alumini and an American University alumini who volunteered in the Peace Corps.

IAS Academic Program Coordinator senior Sara Ibrahim said IAS wanted to show students about Peace Corps opportunities.

"The Peace Corps is a great way to be able to get experience to work and to volunteer also," said Ibrahim, an International Affairs major. GW has 406 Peace Corps volunteers in Sierra Leone from 1989 to 1991 and participated in health education of the community. She said the Peace Corps exposes volunteers to a broader idea of the world. "I worked on Capitol Hill for three years and I really wanted a different view," O'Neill said. "I just had a big appetite to go out and learn in another place, I wanted to experience culture shock. I wasn't afraid of it."

Johnston said 65 percent of current GW alumini serving in the Peace Corps are women, contrary to the national trend.

For some students, joining the Peace Corps would give them a break from student life.

"Once I graduate, I don't want to just go into work," said Varcak. "I've been working for four years," freshman Elman Sarkisova said. "I want to give something back." Varcak said she wanted to go straight into working.

More than 165,000 volunteers, including 574 GW alumini, have worked in 135 countries since former President John F. Kennedy created the Peace Corps in 1961. Volunteers are selected after a six-to-nine month selection process to work in projects centering on education, business, environment, agriculture, health or community development.

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Winces, has around 100 members and is the largest club in the College of Agriculture.

Kimberly Agaspe, president of the Winces to Wines Club, said that she is excited about the new major.

"We've been waiting for this for a long time," she said. "I think it is going to be a very popular major."

The numbers may not sound large, but it is predicted that the program will be in fairly high demand for a newly introduced major.

Phyllis Hughes, head of the environmental horticulture and crop science departments, said, "Conservatively, we would hope to have 100 (students in the major) after three years, and 200 after five.

A new department will not be created to accommodate the major, but it will be run through a coordination between the food science, nutritional science, and agronomy departments.

Some classes that majors might take range from Intro to Viticulture, Laws and Regulations, Agronomy Market Research Methods, or Growing Quality Wines.

Doug said that only six new courses will be created for the minor. Many classes that are currently offered will be modified so that wine is an integral part of the class.

This will dramatically decrease the cost of the program for Cal Poly, although new labs and facilities will eventually be needed for some of the courses. Doug said that contributions are being sought from the wine industry to help finance the new labs and equipment.

"If Cal Poly's first foray into the wine industry. Grapes have been grown on campus since the early 1980s, and Cal Poly owns acres of their own vine, and for the last three years Gallo Vineyards has been leasing 4 acres of grapes from the university.

**PRESTON**

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cracking rare individuals who managed to combine accuracy and creativity."

At the time of his death, Preston was working on a scholarship essay that gave further insight into his philosophy on learning. He described his high school experience and his subsequent love of reading.

"Immediately, I took flight and spiraled down a rabbit hole that was no match for multiplication tables and prepositions," Preston wrote.

Hartmann said that despite troubles during his high school, Preston was excited to be in college and loved the learning experience at Cal Poly. However, the circumstances surrounding Preston's death are still unclear.

Hartmann said it was not uncommon for Preston to take long walks alone at night. He also said that when their great friend would go out, it was not uncommon for Preston to wander off — it was almost expected. Hartmann attributed this habit to Preston's time spent on his family's ranch in Wyoming.

"They had acres and acres with horses, and Lee always liked to walk alone through the land," Hartmann said.

He also added that Preston liked to go long distances. Every morning, Preston would run from Murray Station to the end of Popy Canyon.

The CHF is looking into the possibility that Preston was walking during the night he was killed.

"We did party on the weekends, but nothing too hard," Hartmann said. "He was not an alcoholic, he could control himself. He didn't get in fights and he didn't stumble around."

Preston also wanted to celebrate the life of Lee Preston last weekend in his hometown of Novato, where festivities were held Sunday at Valley Memorial Park Chapel.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Preston's memory to his aunt, Carter Amundson, who is fighting bone marrow cancer. Donations should be sent c/o 1612 Watertrough, Sebastapol, CA 95472.

**AWARD**

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Faculty, other staff members, and community leaders can nominate any student who is involved in community service or leadership.

"It doesn't take much to get nominated, just a brief letter or e-mail to me," Harris said.

Many students who have an outstanding list of achievements in the community service and leadership areas never receive recognition.

"Don't be shy about it," Harris said. "If you think you deserve recognition just ask someone to nominate you."

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"The job helps me apply what I am learning to the classroom to ASI, making me realize that, yes, I am going to use my degree there," she said.

Even though Vaccak did earn a salary for the estimated 40 hours per week that she is in the office, she was still able to win the award, which includes scholarship money.

Younse volunteers up to 20 hours of his week to Beyond Shelter and other community service organizations. Beyond Shelter is a Cal Poly student organization that does community service and works heavily with the Prado Day Center and homeless shelter. (Check this info - JP)

After receiving a letter through the mail informing him that he was nominated, Youse decided to complete the application.

"You just got to go for it and people will help you," he said.

The application is comprised of five areas, including excellence, integrity, stewardship, collaboration and community. Students must demonstrate their role in each of the five areas.

Finding ways to get more people involved in community service is one area Youse focuses on. He said a lot of people are looking for a chance to help out, and as long as you give them that opportunity, people will help, he said.

As the director of Beyond Shelter, Youse has come a long way in developing his leadership skills.

"When I'm directing, it makes me happy to be able to give the feeling to someone else and the feeling into others lives," he said.

Youse said volunteering with the homeless in the community has had the greatest impact on him.

"I've learned to be open and not be embarrassed by stereotypes because they are people just like you," Youse said.

Each day is an opportunity to make a difference and to get people back on their feet, he said.
March 11, 2002

To the Students of Cal Poly:

The following statements, although articulated on several previous occasions, address five principal areas of concern regarding the College-Based Academic Fee Initiative and the compact with students that it represents. We offer them again to emphasize our resolve and responsiveness in these matters.

Allocation of Fee Revenues and Budget Assurances:

The President and the Provost affirm the following three principles regarding the allocation of fee revenues and college budgets.

• All fee revenues derived from the college-based Academic Fees will stay in the colleges, unless the colleges themselves, with student consultation, decide to direct any portion of those revenues elsewhere to address needs that their students have helped identify.
• There will be no reduction of the colleges’ base budgets as a result of new revenues derived from the college-based fees.
• There will be no reduction in the normal access to and share of other General Fund allocations as a result of new revenues derived from the college-based fees.

High Demand and Bottleneck Courses:

The President and the Provost affirm that the University will achieve an immediate net increase in academic year 2002/03 in General Education and support courses that represent bottlenecks to student progress to degree. The funding for these courses will be provided from sources other than the revenues generated by the college-based Academic Fees, although some colleges may also choose to direct funds to this purpose.

Financial Aid:

Ninety-six percent (96%) of those students who enrolled at Cal Poly in 2000/01 who applied for financial aid and who demonstrated financial need were provided financial assistance.

The President and the Provost affirm that the University will continue to offer this level of support in the future for those students demonstrating financial need.

Library and Instructional Technology:

The President and the Provost affirm that the University will actively seek ways beyond the college-based fees to insure that academic services for students that are delivered by the Library and ITS are also well supported. We have already sought and obtained the endorsement of the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee to allocate some portion of the existing Cal Poly Plan academic fee revenues to fund added student services by both the Library and ITS.

Based on the outcomes of the respective college-level votes, the deans have also offered to include the advice and, if needed, the support of ITS and the Library, to implement services specific to the individual colleges where students ask for them. Additionally, we will ensure funding to provide increased access to professional librarians’ support services, a consistent campuswide approach to the refresh of open access labs, and the availability of a broader range of licensed software for students in open access labs.

Student Input:

As outlined in all the college proposals, we are firmly committed to formal student involvement at the college and departmental level to assure that student interests and priorities are met. This means that students will be involved in direction-setting and performance assessment.

These are clear, measurable goals that reflect the University’s commitment to foster student progress to degree, to enhance educational quality, and to honor the compact with students that their support of increased fees represents. We are as mindful of the obligations of this partnership as we are grateful for the opportunity to act together for the benefit of our students and the strengthening of our University.

Warren J. Baker
President

Paul A. Jones
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Sports

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

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The pitching, however, has more question marks than a French Olympic figure skating judge. By not acquiring another solid starter, the Giants are greatly limiting their potential. According to espn.com, the starting rotation is going to be Rass Orton, Jason Schmidt, Livin Hernandez, Kirk Rueter, and Kurt Ainsworth. Ortt and Schmidt are solid but unspectacular, and Livin Hernandez and Kirk Rueter are overrated and washed-up. As for Kurt Ainsworth, there is only one question that I have: who?

Granted, the Giants have Felix Rodriguez and Robby Nen in relief, which is one of the best set-up man closer’s tandums in all of baseball. But if the Giants starters give up lots of runs, great relief is powerless. A team must have the overall hitting and pitching package to go far, and neither the Giants nor the Dodgers have displayed that.

I wish I were wrong. I wish the Dodgers and/or the Giants (preferably the Dodgers) were good enough to make a run at the World Series. The Mets versus Yankees World Series in 2000 was one of the coolest things I’ve ever seen. Until the Dodgers versus Giants rivalry gets to that level, however, bragging will remain irrelevant as other teams continue to outperform them year after year.

Two is not a winner and three nobody remembers. It’s sad but true.

Matt Szabot is a journalism junior and predicts the New York Mets will win the World Series this year. Current at maziso@calpoly.edu.

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Vic Mastone, director of the Head of U.S. National Archaeological Research, granted a permit in February to search the area for the sunken piano. He said a pile of manmade debris may suggest if the piano is in a specific area, although he has not reversed his opinion. "Due to the sediments, they could not locate the piano itself," he said. "But I expect that they would go out there the first day and find it."

Garfield said a December search turned up a "rectangular object covered with wirey weeds," which is hoped to be remains of the piano. Eloise Newell, director of the Restoration Project, the organization sponsoring the recovery, said searchers will return in the spring, when the visibility has increased. "They will return with high-tech equipment to see under the surface, including magnetometer and a sub-bottom profiler," she said.

Kennedy, an upholsterer with Restoration Project, said he first conceived the idea while at a Little League game in Sudbury. "I thought that (Babe Ruth) would appreciate this game," he said. "I had a childhood memory of Babe Ruth throwing the piano into Willis Pond. I thought about how I work in furniture restoration, and we're in dire need of funding in light of the economy."

Kennedy said Restoration Project is a non profit vocational program for adults with mental illness that also teaches patients to refresh and upholster furniture.

Newell sees the Red Sox losing streak is not a curse but a "mental block. She said she hopes the restoration would increase support both for the team and for Restoration Project.

"Raising the piano from the depths would represent the people with mental illness coming out on top and becoming part of the community," she said. "It will also make people aware of our organization."

Newell said the project will probably cost between $100,000 to $200,000 and will be supported through fund raisers. Though the organization will sell the piano to the highest bidder, its hope is to have it put in Babe's former workplace.

"What better place than Fenway Park, where 10,000 fans can listen to it?" Kennedy said. "We hope that it would take the place of the organ."

The Red Sox, now in Florida for spring training, have not yet commented on the discovery of the piano, according to Kevin Shea, the team's public relations director.

"We haven't heard too much regarding the details of the Babe's piano down in Fort Myers," he said. "If indeed they do find the piano and it is determined to be authentic . . . then we would be happy to discuss, debate and determine what involvement the Red Sox should have in it."

Shea said he is optimistic about this season, however.

"The Red Sox have a great team this year with the returning core of All-Stars, including Pedro (Martinez), Manny (Ramirez), Trot ( Nixon), Nomar (Garcaparita) and the off-season additions of Johnny Damon, Tony Clark and pitching depth," he said. "Also, with new ownership beginning their tenure in Boston, wouldn't it be great to win a World Series championship for Boston in 2002?"

These involved with the project said they hope it will benefit the team as well.

"It certainly couldn't bring them bad luck," Mastone said. "Just as spring training starts, it gives people a lot of hope.

Some fans, however, didn't share the same enthusiasm. "I think it would bring bad luck because of the Curse of the Bambino," said Boston University School of Management student Matt Sieloff. "I'm not like he was a professional pianist."

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Women's lacrosse beats up on UCSD

By Bridgette Vanherweg

The Cal Poly women's lacrosse team defeated UC San Diego 16-4 Saturday afternoon at the Sports Complex. The Mustangs improved their record to record league 8-1. "It was our last home game for a few weeks," defensive wing Shannon Keane-Miller said. "So we just wanted to go out there, have fun and score some points."

Head coach Brandon Buday considered Saturday's game a good performance, since the team hadn't practiced all week because of spring break. "The first half was a little drab since we hadn't practiced all week," he said. "But the second half was a bit more exciting." Senior Ashley Kierster led the Mustangs with five goals and two assists by freezing Allison Jantos, who scored three goals.

Saturday's victory ensures the Mustangs a place in the national championship held May 9 through 11 in St. Louis. They had been competing with UCLAX for the spot. "Yesterday's game made sure we stayed with one loss, compared to UCLAX's 7-2 record," said Mustang cover point Lindsay Kennewisch. "We did really well in midfield. UCSD didn't have a whole lot of chances to score. We pretty much dominated them at all levels." The Mustangs held UCSD away from the goals, Kennewisch said. Most of UCSD's goals were either one-on-one or fast breaks. "There weren't too many times when they were able to come down field and set up goals," she said. "We never really let UCSD take control. We had control from the beginning on every aspect, dictate the game, get through her injury."

"We won't have a big drop as far as team performance," the cover-point said. "Depth is the big difference between Cal Poly and other teams. From top to bottom, we've got good girls to fill in." Saturday's game was the last before a three-week break for the team. "We'll have a month to relax and regroup before league," Kennewisch said. "We've all looked at our schedules and said 'Oh my gosh, we've got a break.'"

Baseball wins three straight at home

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Senior right-hander Kevin Coriross scattered seven hits in his second complete game of the season, as Cal Poly defeated Portland 9-1 Sunday afternoon in Baggett Stadium. Coriross (5-2) struck out five and walked two as the Mustangs won two of three games against Portland and improved to 12-16-1 on the season. Portland fell to 6-8.

The Mustangs, who started catching career Kele Wilson and first baseman Tony Alcort on Sunday, have won three of their last four games, since losing one in a one-game stretch in which they lost 11.

McLainhugh pitched five strong innings in a 4-3 win over Georgetown on Thursday night to move into the starting rotation as Cal Poly's Saturday starter. Tyler Faira, who went out in eight innings of Friday's 3-2 win over Portland, is the Mustangs' Friday night starter, while Coriross is the Sunday starter.

Historic rivalry could fall flat this year

The Los Angeles Dodgers versus the San Francisco Giants is one of baseball's best rivalries, but what happens when the teams themselves stink? This question popped into my mind the other day when I was reading the Commentary section of trying to get ready for the 2002 Major League Baseball season. I always anticipate both the season and the ensuing Northern California rivalry here at Cal Poly. It's just that the teams themselves, through no fault of their own, are a bit of a letdown. Over the off-season, they made many moves, but the net result is that the teams didn't improve from the previous year.

Chan Ho Park, the Dodgers' most consistent pitcher, batted to Texas in the off-season. I can't blame him, however, since the Dodgers did nothing to re-sign Park. Oh well, I suppose. The money was limited after agreeing to a $55 million contract with "potentially" good Darren Dreesf and paying "used-to-be-good" Marquis Grissom, Tom Goodwin, and Eric Karros a combined $15 million this season. With financial moves like that, it's no wonder that Park wanted out.

Rupert Murdoch, owner of Fox Television and the Dodgers, must be quite pleased with the off-season acquisitions. Throw in Kevin Brown, Andy Ashby, Furcal, and maybe Omar Daal, and the Dodgers have an above-average starting pitching staff. But with the offense probably lacking except for Jordan, outfielder Shawn Green, and third baseman Adrian Beltre, another understated achieving year in store. World Series contenders the Dodgers probably aren't.

Things aren't necessarily better up the coast, however. Giants fan- cerebalo themselves on Barry Bonds' historic 73-home-run season in 2001. When the discussion turns to the Giants themselves, however, there is less to talk about. Anchored by Bonds, shortstop Rich Aurilia, and second baseman Jeff Kent, the offense is solid.

Getting David Bell from the Mariners doesn't hurt, although he is best known for letting Cal Ripken play third base at last year's All-Star game. Reggie Sanders, formerly of the Diamondbacks, odds and ends in right field. Even if it is only slightly above average, the Giants offense should score its share of runs.