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### Wisdom beyond his years

**By Malia Spencer**  
**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

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 (President’s Day weekend),” Hartmann said. “We stayed on the water all day long.”

However, life will be different now. Early on the morning of March 3, Preston was walking across Highway 1 just north of Steamer Creek Road when he was struck and killed by a 2001 Toyota Tundra. The truck, which was traveling south on Highway 1, did brake and attempt to reverse, but was unable to avoid Preston, according to a press release from the California Highway Patrol.

An investigation is still pending, and authorities are waiting to receive the blood alcohol tests to determine whether Preston was intoxicated at the time of the accident, said CHP Officer Doug Villars. No charges have been filed against the driver of the truck.

Preston’s father, Roger, said that his son was a wonderful person as well as his best friend. He also said that he hopes his son’s death will show others the importance of being careful.

“He is one of those people who wanted to do all the right things,” Roger said. “I am just not taking chances. I am taking care of others, too.”

Preston’s mother, Lee Preston, walked with her husband and best friend Will Hartmann as they remembered their son last December. (President’s Day weekend),” Hartmann said. “We stayed on the water all day long.”

### Wine expert travels from Australia to teach

**By Matt Szabo**  
**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

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.

“He was a fantastic student,” 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. Webster, interim dean of the College of Agriculture, said that he was happy that Smart would see SMART, page 8

### Poly working to unveil new viticulture major

**By Kristy Charles**  
**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

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 agriservice, 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

### Awards satisfy Quest for Best

**By Audrey Amara**  
**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

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.

Paulo Younsc’ has received the university-wide honors of the Land Family Quest for the Best Award for 2001. The award recognizes students such as Younse for outstanding involvement in community service and leadership.

“It comes down to the individual’s impact on the community,” said Pat Harris, assistant director of Leadership Education and Development. The award is actually a combination of two awards. The former, Land Family Award, had more of a community service emphasis, Harris said. Business alumnus Jeff Land started the honor for students who have achieved success in balancing academic pursuits with community service. Harris said.

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

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**A photo of Lee Preston during a family trip to the British Virgin Islands last December.**

**COURTESY PHOTO**
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 those 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-admit­dance 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."

The College Board also com­pared the information resources that prospective Cal Poly students used when applying.

Around 65 percent of admitted students used the college Web site, and 56 percent had visited the campus. These numbers represent how much a student keeps in commu­nication with the university.

In an attempt to create better communication between faculty and students who want to apply to Cal Poly, the admission's office has created a new way for prospective students to get a personal view of Cal Poly on their own time and on their own computer, Maraviglia said.

"We don't spend a lot of time of money on the $5 brochures that go into the trash," he said. "We hand students a disc, and they are able to launch themselves onto a personal­ized VIP page 24-7."

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 while 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.

"Its name is definitely out there," he said. "If you look at how we match up with our biggest competi­tors, we do pretty well."
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 finger 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 DG 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 gunmen themselves left with

out hurting anyone. They were allegedly trying to capture or harm Roman Catholic Archbishop Ejike Mbaka, 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.

Mbaka has been harassed repeatedly

and sought by Enugu state government officials for questioning, the spokesman said. Police have said they were not looking for Mbaka.

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 trampled to death when thousands of people tried to push their way into a sermon led by popular Nigerian preacher Reinhard Bonkene.

— Associated Press

News Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily copy editor Cynthia Nell.

* This ad does not represent the views of the entire membership of CFA at Cal Poly.

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.
FACULTY FORUM

On the tentative agreement between CFA and CSU

What's in it for you?

✓ Salary changes
✓ Lecturer benefits
✓ Department Chair pay increase

Wed, March 13, 2002
4:00-5:00pm
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CFA (756-2717)
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Mapping out Poly’s most peaceful patches of land

By Sarah E. Thien
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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 underfoot 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 Paninos 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 S2, 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 something that exists in the high-profile world of state and national politics, but in the slightly smaller-scale area of campus organizations.

But these two groups still have one indisputable thing in common: They are a mechanism in the most democratic sense. 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 may become more complicated than they may seem. But, never fear, because at least the process is running smoothly. Student president just became easier and, hopefully, a little more democratic.

Before Feb. 4, running for elected offices on campus used to be a flurry of applications and other necessary paperwork because presidential, vice-presidential and chair of the board candidates were each required to fill out separate application packages.

This year, active campaigning begins at noon on April 21 and ends at 5 p.m. on April 30. The official election will be held 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.

Associated Students Inc. has been a part of campus politics. The local chapter of Associated Students Inc. will host a campaign financing forum on Tuesday, March 12, 2002.

Fee increase helps education

Editor,

Recently, one of my teachers, Deborah Buttkich (who happens to be Cal Poly alum), said, "When you graduate, you should never leave your college in better shape than when you entered as a freshman—that’s the mark of success.

I agree, and that quotation is at the core of the reason why the College of Engineering fee increase proposal. I’m gratified for the education I’ve received here, especially since I know that my degree is opening the doors of professional opportunity.

After working with the Engineering Student Council (ESC) and the student-dominated committee overseeing the college’s fee proposal, I’m even more impressed with this institution because of the tremendous effort made to involve students at every step in the process to initiate and write the fee proposal. I have found the college to be extremely responsive to student concerns, in fact, much of the document reflects student input, including the amount of the fee. I hope my fellow engineering and computer science students know that this proposal was the result of the ESC and the CENG department chairs, and that it is endorsed by the dean and strongly supported by an overwhelming majority of the CENG faculty.

Given the strong input on the part of students in writing the proposal, it’s no surprise that it will set a new precedent for student involvement and student direction in allocating the funds. This unique proposal mandates that student-chamber conferences with a majority of elected student members will decide how each department and program in the college will spend the money. I think this is a great testament to the student voice.

My friends and I are supporting the fee increase; the fee increase is more selfish. I want to make sure that my degree is worth as much as possible, not just in the $3,000 total in additional fees (paid out over a four to five years) for a $20,000 payoff — that is a very good investment. Plus, if you graduate a quarter earlier you’ll probably have taken less debt overall. You make money sooner and you cut expenses for your student loan. Vote yes; I think you’ll love the college and your future more.

We live in an era where democracy is not as simple as it was in the past. It’s not as simple as voting for a candidate — it’s about making sure the candidate is qualified. Vote yes, you will have more classes, to be taught by the best teachers available, and to have the right equipment and faculty.

David Allman

Protecting a good thing

Editor,

There is no one way to pay for the education they have to. The student fee increase vote is not about paying for one thing, it is about protecting the excellent education each student receives. Our representation for educational excellence is based on keeping class size down, on providing the best teachers and professors, and the best classes that students can get.

I was a student at five different universities, and it was clear that Cal Poly was a top choice year after year. Why? Because the classes were quality classes, to be taught by the best teachers available, and to have the right equipment and faculty.

You don’t have to be a student to protect your investment in the college. It is not the chancellor’s increase, nor is it the increase, based on a college-by-college vote, is a simple and direct way for students to protect their own investment in the education they receive here. Over a working lifetime, the investment is very small.

The recent California Faculty Association (a labor union) advertisement in the Mustang Daily opposing the fee increase said nothing about educational quality or about the unique and valuable educational experience each student receives at Cal Poly. The CFA does not represent Cal Poly students, nor will it sell Cal Poly faculty as to their own viewpoint on the fee increase. For example, a recent poll of faculty in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design showed that 88 percent of faculty were in favor of the fee increase. I am sure other colleges would also report high faculty support.

So let’s get the issue straight. The fee increase is based on a college-by-college poll (and it will poll Cal Poly faculty as to their own viewpoint on the fee increase. For example, a recent poll of faculty in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design showed that 88 percent of faculty were in favor of the fee increase. I am sure other colleges would also report high faculty support."

Larry Gorman is an associate professor of environmental design.

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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 ($45 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, both the Cal Poly Plan fee revenue and the state general fund to its own priorities, and the administration’s lack of credibility, students need to vote on this issue — we are not certain if increasing our fees will not be rendered useless by continued over-enrollment!

Brian Wood is a computer science graduate student.

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 a 27 percent increase in tuition. I know that many people on this campus are uncertain how to vote on this issue — we are not sure if the money will go to such a high amount is the best solution. Within the CSC department, perhaps the No. 1 reason why proponents of the fee increase believe it is necessary is because of the difficulty of registering for classes. Proponents of the increase argue that this is clear evidence that the $200 per quarter increase is suitable.

For this reason, I have been investigating how we got into this predicament in the first place. Why is it so difficult, this year, to get into classes? To answer this question, I have been looking into the data that the Cal Poly Office of Institutional Planning (CPOIP) publishes on its Web site concerning the projected, budgeted and actual enrollment on our campus. These data were very informative, and they reveal a very remarkable financial situation on our campus: For the academic year 2001-02, our actual student enrollment (and thus course demand) greatly exceeded what planners at Cal Poly projected and budgeted for. Some proponents of the increase argue that impacted classes are due to decreases in state funding. The CPOIP data seems to place the blame elsewhere: "Undergraduate continuing and returning student enrollment was over 900 more than expected." Within the College of Engineering, the amount of students actually enrolled was 10.3 percent above what was projected.

Even more striking is the fact that the 2001-02 enrollment projection was "a little over 2 percent above budget." So, not only did Cal Poly planners project enrolling more students than budgeted, but they actually enrolled more students than they projected. Is this over-enrollment the state's fault? The CPOIP publication seems to indicate the answer to this question is "no," when they state that, "We have not been penalized for under-enrollment in the past."

There are almost 1,000 more students enrolled in Cal Poly than the budget was written to accommodate, and this has undoubtedly made registering for classes all the more difficult. Never in the recent past has Cal Poly experienced such a gross over-enrollment of students. From reviewing the data, it becomes necessary to ask if the difficulty of getting into classes really is a problem of state funding, or due to shortcomings or erroneous projections of Cal Poly planners. If Cal Poly planners have made the mistake of enrolling too many students, should we pay the price?

Cal Poly students understand that it takes money to maintain and build the quality of our education. We also believe, I hope, that careful planning and expenditure of resources is equally important. We should defeat this proposal until enrollment practices improve and become fiscally responsible. Without changes to enrollment procedures, who can credibly guarantee that increased fees will not be rendered useless by continued over-enrollment?

Gail G. Wilson is a San Luis Obispo resident.

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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 see 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 policy that expenses focus on access, technology, equipment, and IRA activities. The fee proposal makes very clear that the dollar goes 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.
Sustainability at its best

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 wine and viticulture under the College of Agriculture, Wehner said if the program keeps expanding 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.
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**Peace Corps officials note applicant increase**

By Erin Gamble 

(WUSA) WASHINGTON — Peace Corps officials said they have received an influx of applications since Sept. 11. In a list released last week, George Washington University ranked 22nd in a list of the top 25 Peace Corps locations.

"We've certainly noticed a trend of (increased applications)," said Sara Johnston, Peace Corps spokeswoman for the mid-Atlantic region, at a recruitment meeting last week. "I think it's a combination of Sept. 11 and the state of the economy."

Johnston said since President George W. Bush called for more Americans to volunteer in his State of the Union address in January, there has been 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 representing 17,200 unique visitors. The mid-Atlantic region has also seen double the number of applications it normally receives.

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

"I don't think it's necessarily just because of the economy, but I think there's a lot that plays a part of it," he said.

Career Center spokesman Jeff Dudley said economic and political news 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 the Peace Corps," Dudley 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 Georgians university officials said the Peace Corps is not in and will be modified so that wine is an emphasis. President John F. Kennedy created Peace Corps officials said they have been grown on campus since the 1960s. But now, with the Peace Corps' changing emphasis, the university hopes to have 100 students in the major.

Doub said that only six new courses will be created for the minor. Many of the remaining courses will be modified so that wine is an emphasis.

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 classes. Doub said that contributions are being sought from the wine industry to help finance the new labs and equipment.

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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. Zingg
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
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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 Russ Ortiz, Jason Schmidt, Liván Hernandez, Kirk Rueter, and Kurt Ainsworth, there is only one question that I have: who? Granted, the Giants have Felix Rodriguez and Rob Nen in relief, which is one of the best set-up man/closer tandems in all of baseball. But if the Giant 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 team continue to outperform them year after year.

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

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Vic Mastone, director of the Board of Underwater Archaeological Research, granted a permit in February to search the area for the sunken piano. "If a pile of manmade debris may suggest if the piano is in a specific area, although it has not been recovered," said Mastone. "Due to the sediments, they could not locate the piano itself," she said.

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

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Boston fans ready to find Ruth's piano

By Linda Boulden

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — Babe Ruth inflicted quite a bit of damage during his 22 seasons with the Red Sox, setting records as many records as he set. But, as those familiar with his famous temper will tell you, the damage he did off the field didn’t end there.

Legend has it that Ruth, the former Red Sox pitcher signed out of Boston to inflict the mythical Curse of the Bambino, threw an upright piano into Wilco Pond during his stay in Sudbury, Mass., the winter of 1917-18.

Now, a group of historians in this small Massachusetts town are trying to find and restore the sunken piano. Fans hope that if the piano is found, it will break the Bambino’s long-standing curse, which many believe is the cause of the Red Sox’s inability to win the World Series.

Carl Garfield, Sudbury town historian, said evidence exists suggesting Ruth may have indeed sunk the piano during his stay in Sudbury, approximately 20 miles from Boston.

"It was just one of those stories that people told," Garfield said. "But now, we’re uncovering old letters describing scenes of Ruth and friends singing around the piano and pictures of it standing right in front of the cottage."

"My speculation is, being the most beloved player of all time, he could drive a baseball 500 feet — he was showing people how strong he was," said Kevin Kennedy, who is in charge of the recovery. "He had the world in his hand."

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Baseball wins three straight at home

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Senior right-hander Kevin Correa scattered seven hits in three complete games this season, as Cal Poly defeated Portland 9-1 Sunday afternoon in Baggett Stadium.

Erin Mullen hit her second home run in as many games against Portland, as Cal Poly improved to 9-1, approximately 20 miles from Boston.

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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 winger Shannon Keane-Miller said. "So we just wanted to go out there, have fun and score some points."

Head coach Brendan Bajde considered Saturday’s game a good performance, since the team hadn’t practiced all week because of rain. "The time half was a little drudgy since we hadn’t practiced all week," he said. "But the second half was fun and we scored seven goals."

Assistant Coach Dave Kendal said he was pleased with the performance of the other goals. "We did 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, Keane-Miller 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, dictating what you could attest, the destruction of the piano. Fans hope that if the piano is upright piano into Willis Pond during his stay in Sudbury, Mass., the winter of 1917-18."

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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 sink?

This question popped into my mind the other day when I was in t he Commentary process 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 a shame that the teams themselves, though not horrible, leave much to be desired.

Let’s start with the Dodgers, by far my favorite team. Over the off-season, they made many moves, but the net result is that the team didn’t improve from last year. Chan Ho Park, the Dodgers’ most consistent pitcher, bolted to Texas. Though I was pleased that he joined the Rangers, I can’t blame him, however, since the Dodgers did nothing to re-sign Park.

Oh wait, I’m wrong. His money was limited after agreeing to a $55 million contract with "potentially" good Darren Deter 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.

Rutland Murdoch, owner of Fox Television and the Dodgers, must have been busy watching "Ally McBeal" at the time those contracts were signed, because now he is just a shadow of himself.

There was also the whole Gary Sheffield fiasco that finally resulted in trading Sheffield to the Braves. Brian Jordan and Oladir Peret-Jordan is a good — but not great — outfielder and Fernandez is a mediocre pitcher, while Sheffield is one of the top outfielders in all of baseball. It is understood that Sheffield had problems with the management, but the Dodgers brought it upon themselves by not extending his contract. In either case, you have mouths to feed. If we’re just a shadow of ourselves, former GM Peter O’Malley would be rolling over in his grave.

The Dodgers also signed Hideo Nomo and rookie Karchina Isha to "replace" Park as the Dodgers’ token Asian pitchers. It’s similar to the "token black guy" in "Not Another Teen Movie." But "Nomo-mania" is a thing of the past, just like "Fernando-mania," and Isii is not exactly the Ichiro Suzuki of pitchers. Throw in Kevin Brown, Andy Ashby, Fernandez, 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 under-achieving year is in store. World Series contenders the Dodgers probably aren’t.

Things aren’t necessarily better up the coast, however. Giants fan pride 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, often stable in right field. Even if it is only slightly above average, the Giants offense should score its share of runs.

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BRIEFS

‘Lake show’ beats Knick’s, ‘Diesel’ style

By Greg Logan

(WIRE) LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Lakers’ stars did their part, but it was the cast of extras who really delivered the knockout punch.

Big players such as Devean George, Robert Horry and even Stanislav Medvedenko played their roles to the hilt as the Lakers overcame an early 15-point New York Knicks lead and pulled away to a 117-103 victory.

O’Neal was as dominant as ever, making his first six shots and 15 of 21 overall to finish with 40 points while drawing 11 fouls from Kevin Martin and Felton Spencer.

After the Knicks took a 34-19 lead, Shaq had two dunks in a 9-0 run that got the Lakers back in the game, and he scored eight in a 13-5 run when they took the lead 52-51 on another dunk by "Diesel."

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"These guys are great," Larry Stewrpell said of the two-time defending NBA champions.

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