Poly students seek to land best award

By Chrissy Roth

Excellence (n.) the state of possessing good qualities in an eminent degree. See virtue or excellence.

This definition will embody this year’s winner of the Land Family Quest for the Best Award, which recognizes students who epitomize the core values of excellence as well as stewardship, collaboration, integrity and community.

The Student Life and Leadership department is currently accepting nominations for Cal Poly’s most prestigious leadership award.

The award is funded by 1980 business graduate Jeff Land and his wife, Carla.

“Land is a person who lives his values and wants students to do the same,” said Par Harris, assistant director of Leadership Education and Development. “He’s really interested in students involved in leadership and community service.”

The Land family said they desire students who have achieved the utmost excellence in their abilities to balance academics and community service. Their involvement in community service may be through school, religion or charity.

One student from each of Cal Poly’s six colleges and one from student government will receive a monetary award plus a gift.

Of those seven selected students, one will be chosen to receive the Land Family Quest for the Best Award, which will be bestowed upon the student who exemplifies excellence in the campus and community. The winner of this award will be chosen by casting their votes.

The cost to attend this class is $25 for residents of San Luis Obispo or $33.25 for non-residents. The class will be held at the SLO City/County Library Community Corner, Room 3.

Class discussion will include tips on travel safety, new airline regulations, how to get a cheaper fare and how to organize travel groups to fly for free.

The class is open to those 18 and older, said Heather Freibasm, research specialist of Parks and Recreation.

“This class is a good way to enrich the lives of people in our community,” said Jeri Tuttle, travel agent and teaching assistant. “We’ve taught the class for the past eight years, and we have never had the same students.”

To attend the class, call 756-9277.

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Class teaches art of traveling free of charge

By Jenni Mintz

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Think it’s impossible to travel to exotic places like Australia or Hawaii for free? Think again.

If this proposition has evoked excitement, perhaps a class offered by the City of San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation Department will be of interest.

Instructor and travel agent Dianne Brandem has mixed punk and country, said Andy Gulley, a first-year general agriculture graduate student and friend of Silveira.

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Poly fund-raisers get ‘fresh’

By Abbey Kingdon

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Caught by artillery and rocket fire raining down on the streets of Nagorno Karabakh, she didn’t have time to close her eyes. She reached for something, possibly her parents and others safely hidden from the attack in basement shelters, on the stretch her arm remained outstretched and her head from with a harmless light, her unidentified beneath a kerosene lamp in a make-shift hospital — one among many civilian casualties of a territorial dispute.

German forces lost control on protection of any operations, according to the ground rules issued to news organizations by the Pentagon. “If media are inadvertently exposed to sensitive information they should be briefed after exposure on what information they should avoid covering,” according to the Pentagon ground rules.

Ground rules apply to embedded journalists — reporters assigned to a troop unit both in the United States and overseas. These journalists will eat when the troops eat, sleep when they sleep and go to the frontlines if fighting should break out.

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A little bit country, a little bit punk

Alumnus vies for ‘Nashville Star’

By Andy Fahey

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It can either be a reality television dream or nightmare. It’s a mix of “American Idol” and “The Real World,” all in a country music setting, and Cal Poly alumna Brandon Silveira will be a part of it.

The 2001 crop science graduate will compete on “Nashville Star,” an “American Idol”-like competition for which more than 8,000 people nationwide auditioned. The nine-week series will premiere at 9 p.m. Saturday on the USA Network and be broadcast live every Saturday night thereafter.

The general public will decide the show’s winner by casting their votes each week. The victor will be awarded a recording contract from Sony Music Nashville and have or her first album produced by country music icon Clint Black, who is also the show’s creative consultant and mentor.

Although it is a country music competition, Silveira does not plan to wear a cowboy hat or Wranglers.

“I’m definitely not your typical country performer,” Silveira said. pointing out that his spiked hair and Converse shoes are part of his on-stage persona.

His punk rock appearance is not just evident in his appearance, but his music as well. Whereas Kid Rock was innovative in blending rock with hip-hop, Brendan has mixed punk and country, and his summer haircut is reminiscent of general agriculture graduate student and friend of Silveira.

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Journalists enter the front lines

By Abbey Kingdon

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"War is about human beings, not geo-strategy and big ideas."

Daniel Sneider

former foreign correspondent

I am happy that the Pentagon has given us access to the troops, but it is still a restricted environment," Sneider said. In the past few months, more than 200 journalists spent eight days in "boot camp" in preparation for coverage of the conflict in Iraq, and more than 500 journalists will be embedded.

Journalists traveling with troops receive inoculations and are provided with protective clothing, but are not allowed their own transportation and cannot carry firearms, according to an Editor and Publisher magazine article. The decision to allow media access to the front lines is a result of criticism toward the Pentagon regarding coverage of the Gulf War and the military intervention in Afghanistan. Eight

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Two Taiwanese businessmen have been charged with trying to smuggle U.S.-made weapons to Iraq, the latest in a string of illegal arms sales foiled by law enforcement activities increased in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

Federal authorities announced Tuesday that a U.S. grand jury in Baltimore indicted En-Wei Eric Chang, a naturalized American living in Taiwan, and David Chu, a Taiwan resident, on charges they tried to buy early warning radar, Coba attack helicopters, and U.S. spy satellite photos for Iran in violation of U.S. embargoes against that country. Chu was arrested during a sting operation in Guam, but Chang remains a fugitive, authorities said.

Officials said the indictment resulted from a yearlong arms-smuggling investigation that grew out of a new cooperative program created by U.S. officials after Sept. 11 that encourages American sellers of sensitive military equipment to report suspicious inquiries and sales.

Authorities said the men came to their attention after one contacted a Maryland company about buying satellite images of Tehran.

White House leaves door open to withdrawing U.N. resolution

WASHINGTON — With other nations' opposition hardening, the U.S. is leaving open the possibility of an address next week, two senior White House officials said.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, stressed that a variety of options are on the table and all depend on the outcome of a U.N. Security Council debate on the U.S.-backed war resolution. In a new blow, Russia's top diplomat said Moscow may veto the resolution.

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Mohammed Tabi was wounded by gunfire and captured while his five sons were arrested and his house was blown up. The Israeli military said Tabi was implicated in terror attacks.

Eight Palestinians were killed in the raid, and, for the second day in a row, the U.S. government spoke of the increasing intensity of Israeli operations.

After State Department criticism on Monday, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said that Israel has the right to defend itself, but added, "We have concerns about actions that go beyond and that bring harm to the innocent, including innocent Palestinians." 

Exploration in southern Philippines kills at least 11

MANILA, Philippines — A bomb hidden in a backpack exploded Tuesday at an airport in the southern Philippines, killing at least 11 people.

The U.S. military said a raid on the home of a Filipino political figure in addition to Hamas political figures in Jenin was signal that Israel is targeting leaders of the group for arrest.

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Four Americans were among the wounded. All of the injured were in serious condition, and officials feared the death toll could rise. The dead included a boy, a girl, 10 men and seven women.

The attack came at a time of debate over the mandate of U.N. troops the United States has offered to send to the Philippines to help fight another violent Muslim group. The deployment was put on hold after nearly 150,000 Filipinos objected to the troops having a combat role.

No one claimed responsibility for the blast at Davao airport on Mindanao Island, where themountain province is known for buying cute little dogs and then dumping them on the streets to grow big and old.

Veterinarian Chen Chu-chuan says it's extremely rare for dogs to be born mute. She suspects Pipi lost her vocal cords in a new surgical procedure that doesn't leave a scar.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire services by Mustang Daily news editor Andrea Cobert.

2nd Annual Christ on the Coast

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Praise Luau

Friday, March 7 Foothill Baptist Church, 7pm
Guest speaker Bob Rush of Nepomo First Baptist Church, Children of Light, a praise group from Valley Baptist Church in Bakersfield, will lead the music during the service.

Music in the Plaza

Saturday, March 8 Mission Plaza, SLO 11am-2pm
Praise by Children of Light of Bakersfield and Lifeway Praise of the Santa Maria Church in the Mall with Don Wilkerson of the Master of Ceremonies.

Praise Fest

Sameday, March 8 Foothill Baptist Church, 7pm
Guest speaker Don Wilkerson of Central Baptist Church in Bakersfield Children of Light will again lead the evening's praise music.

Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 9 Foothill Baptist Church, 11am
The community is invited to join in worship with the members of the Foothill Baptist Church. The church choir and praise team will lead the music and Pastor Bill Fox will deliver the morning's sermon.

For More Information, Contact:
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disputed between those who support the policy and those who oppose it. Rep. Barney Frank, D-
Massachusetts, speaking in favor of the bill, said, "I believe that the government should pro­tect our nation from drug-dealing organi­zations, and I'm proud to support this pro­posal." On the other hand, Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, an opponent of the bill, argued that it would deter legitimate business and infringe on the constitutional right to freedom of speech. The debate continues as the bill moves through the legislative process.

**Lawyers: Federal agents may have violated U. Idaho students’ rights**

By Leif Thompson

(UNITWIRE) MOSCOW, Idaho — The legal rights of international students interrogated last week by the FBI and Immigration and Naturalization Service may have been violated, a University of Idaho law professor said.

"I just want people to understand that the tactics that were used, that I observed, and that other lawyers in towns have observed, were so beyond what was necessary, and in some ways beyond what was legal, and it served to terrify a whole lot of innocent people," said Monica Schurtman, an associate law professor at the University of Idaho.

Schurtman runs a clinical program in which third-year law students work on cases involving immigration. She said students have served as the legal counsel for international students who were interrogated by federal agents.

"The FBI just come to my house and wrote right now, if (international students) have been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs," Schurtman said. "What makes the events at UI differ­ent is that the INS worked with the FBI for the interviews."

"When asked if he would supply his personal identifications away, providing him the ability to create new checking accounts or credit cards in their names."

"The FBI and U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service have the authority to request information from potential employers, and job seekers can give their personal identities away, provid­ing them with the ability to create new checking accounts or credit cards in their names."

"According to wire reports, Monster.com spokesperson Keyes Mullins said the e-mail, labeled a "critical service message," went out this week to all active users of Monster's main site. He said he does not know exactly how many people received it, but he told The Associated Press that recipients are "definitely well into the

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Financial aid for Federal Student Aid form which asks whether the student has "ever been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs."

"If this question is answered "yes," the student sent a second questionnaire to fill out. "Just because you have a drug conviction doesn't necessarily mean that you're ineligible for financial aid," said Chris Collins, SDSU aerospace engineering professor. "I think there is a misconception that if you have a drug conviction, you're automatically ineligible for financial aid — and that's not true."
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Ocean is home, muse for well-traveled artist

By Jordan Schultz

"Do what you love first for life and do what you love second for your career."

At some point, we've all been fed this sort of phrase, its intention to instill a shred of hope into a disillusioned generation destined for either an unfulfilling life within a corporate cage or its equally unattractive alternative: Poverty.

An unbridled exploration of creativity or the nurturing of individuality. It definitely has an energy and I really tune into that."

Christian Enns
Artist

Christian Enns is one of the lucky few, rejecting the default option of the typical 9 to 5 job and opting instead for a lifestyle of profitable creativity. Capitalizing on his love for surfing, filmmaking, world travel and his talent as an artist, the 28-year-old has painted himself a lifestyle most would describe as perfect.

On a typical day, Enns wakes up in his Morro Bay home, has a cup of coffee with his wife and heads out for his daily surf session. About 9:30 a.m., he retires to his studio downstairs, which is littered with oil paintings of intense color rivaling the vibrancy of the unique locations he tries to capture. Perhaps today he will crystallize on canvas the amazing wave he witnessed earlier this morning, or maybe he will work to recreate an amazing landscape still etched in his memory from a trip to Kauai last week. There is no shortage of inspiration for subjects; Enns has traveled around the world nearly three times, and his paintings recreate a travel diary for the beauty he's seen.

Enns' interest in art began when he was in junior high school and a teacher's positive comments on Enns' unique artistic style served as encouragement. "From my first painting, I knew it was something that I really enjoyed, so I started painting on my own," he said. "I've stuck with it ever since." However, painting was not the only activity in which Enns showed promise. At 14, he won the West Coast Championships for surfing, and by 17 he had won two divisions at Nationals. Soon after, he joined the professional circuit and began traveling to places like Brazil, Japan and Hawaii for surfing contests.

This open-ended travel provided Enns with the opportunity to explore other cultures and create a stockpile of paintings depicting images he encountered around the world. "The energy of each individual location he has traveled to really comes through in his paintings," said Nicole Enns, Christian's wife. "You can really see that every place instills a different feeling." Enns spent about seven years on the professional surfing circuit. "You have to sacrifice your entire life for surfing to be on the pro tour," he said. "It was constant competition — everyone is always waiting to see you fail. I saw the guys that made the money and how much they needed that win. Surfing is so much more than that for me. I didn't want to spoil that.

The transition from pro surfer to artist was a relatively smooth one. Enns has received a tremendous amount of support for his work and has been able to establish clientele through art shows and local exposure in restaurants and surf shops. "I feel like I am at the forefront of the contemporary art movement of the Central Coast," Enns said. "My interpretations are vibrant and free, and I think this has generated a really positive response.

The Morro Bay Surf Company commissioned Enns to create a mural on the side of the shop, which co-owner Anthony Randazzo said has definitely attracted customers.

"Chris' art is in a class of its own," Randazzo said. "I've seen a lot of art traveling around the world, but Chris' truly comes from the soul. It just gives you this special feeling. You can look at his paintings for hours and just notice new and different things you might not have seen before. It's like you can't get enough. Your eyes just drink it up." Rich, spooling colors and waves are common themes in Enns' paintings. "The wave is my church... sort of my link to spirituality," he said. "It definitely has an energy and I really tune in to that.

In the past, a typical art show for Enns came in the form of an 800-person kegger. The party atmosphere was the perfect atmosphere to showcase his paintings and surf films to friends and acquaintances, but yielded little income.

Taking into consideration the advice of his business manager, Enns has recently decided to change his approach in order to attract a more affluent clientele. Enns said it is often a struggle to balance sales and style. "I like to let there be a little bit of randomness and a sense of freedom in my work," he said. "I know images that have sold in the past, but I have to sacrifice that to do something new. You have to go with your dream so that you can wake up every day and be amped. I don't want to sell out.

A custom original by Enns ranges from $600 to $1,000. Enns' biggest dream at this point is to break into a large gallery and gain worldwide exposure. He would also like to have his artwork featured in Surfer's Journal.

"At age 60, I would like to say that I am a multifaceted guy," he said. "I could say I have done my own films, sold tons of paintings and touched the world with art. I would hope it just keeps getting better and better."
Making beautiful music choices together

By Chris Welke

KCPR music directors Adam Leff and Paul Sittig sort through 100 to 200 CDs each week. Stuff they like makes it to the airwaves.

It's Monday afternoon and once again Adam Leff and Paul Sittig have their hands full, a large box of CDs to listen to and a pile of other chores.

The pair of fifth-year seniors are KCPR's music directors. Each week it is their job to sort through a volume of new music and decide what will receive airplay. Their volunteer efforts require up to 20 hours per week and a skilled ear for music. The two must select anywhere from 10 to 20 new albums, depending on the week.

"We don't listen to every single minute of it," said Leff, an economics major. "We sort of skip through tracks and just try to get a feel for everything." Record promoters and record labels send new CDs to KCPR in hopes that their artist will get some play on the station. Each new CD is reviewed by Sittig and Leff and filed under "rejects" or "currents."

The rejects get shelved and the currents get put into rotation. These albums are logged into a database to remind Leff and Sittig what they thought of the CD and how much play it got.

This is done often, since promoters tell them which tracks to play, but the "hit songs" requests are ignored. What gets played is entirely up to the DJs. So long as they play the currents, DJs can then select any track they want from KCPR's voluminous selection of compact discs and vinyl.

"[Leff and Sittig] both have a very tough job," said Justin Robinson, KCPR DJ and host of "Slyankan Carnage," a hardcore music show. "I admire the hours they put into the station. We get 100 CDs each week and they pick 10 or 20 to add. Not only what they think are good, but ones that'll fit into KCPR's format."

That format is to provide a forum where the general public can hear artists outside the mainstream. KCPR doesn't carry advertising, so they are not bound by the ratings game that forces commercial stations to play top-40 and feature chart-topping hits. "As far as commercial radio, anything you hear too many times just hurts," Leff said. Part of their job is to monitor what DJs are playing so they can ensure that a volley of music gets played, he said.

On Tuesdays, Leff conducts a meeting with the DJs. He shows them the new current albums, plays some tracks off of each and describes them in detail.

They have as many terms to describe music as a mechanic has to describe engine parts. For instance, at the meeting, Leff shows the DJs the first new current music from James Chance that he describes as "no-wave avant-garde '70s punk offshoot with experimental performance art that inspired such bands as 'Sonic Youth' with a late-'70s funk influence."

Most others would just call it '70s funk.

Sittig describes "Rain Marias" as a whiny, emo-punk band with more rock sounds, but not like Weezer.

"The reason we're required to play new stuff is because that's how we describe engine parts," Leff said. "Because we play new music and get it out there and get it played, labels and promoters keep sending us stuff that they know will get aired."

But there are still administrative tasks to take care of.

"The rest of it (the job) is a lot of bookkeeping," Leff said. "We spend a lot of time on the phone and answering e-mails."

Both Leff and Sittig are emphatic about their jobs, but neither wants to pursue a radio career. They prefer the low-pressure environment of non-profit radio.

"If I could do this job and get paid for it, I'd do it for the rest of my life," Leff said.

To hear them talk about music, tune into the new releases show from 2 to 3 p.m. Mondays.
The ins and outs of dealing with ADD

Sometimes I have a hard time paying attention in class. Could I have Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)? How do I find out if I do and what can I do about it?

Identifying ADD can be tough, especially this late in life. ADD is a learning and movement problem at the elementary school level. A diagnosis may be unmentioned now than it was when we were youngsters. Consequently, many of today's college students could be running around with this disorder and not even know it. Thankful times of interest and help is crucial for those out there to help you decide if you show signs of ADD and what kind of treatments would work best for you.

Identification: Contrary to popular belief, ADD does not have to be accompanied by hyperactivity. People with ADD are often times passed off as daydreamers who just don't care to pay attention. According to the Attention Deficit Disorder Association Web site, one of the greatest indicators of ADD is inattention. A person with ADD may show the ability to "hyper-focus" in areas of interest to them, and then have a reality check. They may also have difficulties comprehending details they find uninteresting.

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Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADD). Many feel like the disorder is over diagnosed and medication is being prescribed unnecessarily. A comprehensive treatment program is necessary to fully combat ADD.

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**Letter to the editor**

**Editor,**

This is in response to the letter published in Monday's Mustang Daily regarding the on-campus GLBU booth. Some students feel that more students need to "grow up." (Feb. 14). I am sure most of Cal Poly's students and faculty will agree with the author that all have been given the right to speak; however, I would like to invite a few comments.

Your comments were a lot to take in on a Monday morning seeing as how I was still working off my hangover from Saturday night of C S P A N and drunken fraternity beacur. But please don't judge a book by its cover, because even though I am a ... wait had you state it, "White, Republican, upper-middle-class drunk first" boys, "don't be the same respect for my individual differences than you do or it is not possible for a minority to discriminate against the "supposed" majority!

Your letter was flawless until you did the one thing you were pleading against; you stereotyped me for my choices and background, for being white, middle-class, and possibly intoxicated at this time.

Alex Wooley is a mechanical engineering senior.

**Opinion**

**More letters to the editor**

**Editor,**

I was fully supported a U.S. attack in Iraq once solid proof was shown.

Saddam, his family and his entire regime are dangerous people. However, the current basis for the attack is that Iraq is developing weapons that are banned by the United Nations.

For anyone who thinks the on-campus GLBU booth is "too much," you are wrong. If you look at the facts, the majority of people who are responsible for the attack, both directly and indirectly (financial backing), were either small Arab or Afghani.

So if the United States wants to remove Saddam and his com­rades, from office, change the justification. Use Saddam's numerous attacks of Sept. 11 as justification to invade Iraq, you are wrong. If you look at the facts, the majority of people who are responsible for the attack, both directly and indirectly (financial backing), were either small Arab or Afghani.

Carole Joy, 49, is serving a life sentence at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women in York, Neb. She is also dying of liver disease. Doctors told Joy if she gets her weight under control, she could be put on a waiting list for a transplant.

When it comes to choosing who's added to a transplant list, and the even more delicate task of selecting who gets the transplant, the worst thing we can do is choose based solely upon character. Doctors don't do this, and neither should we.

We looked into our hearts and thought about what we were supposed to be doing. "Let's make those transplants at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, to KETV. "We're supposed to be an advocate for everyone and not pass judgment," J.D. Pland wrote in the Northern Star (the Northern Illinois University newspaper) that Joy doesn't deserve treatment because she is a prisoner, not like the rest of us. "You and she on the bridge disease willing..."

Yeah, I'm sure back in the early 1980's Joy sat around shooting heroin and turning tricks with dreams of someday destroying her liver. Your letter was flawed until you did the one thing you were pretending not to do: treat her with the same respect that you would others, regardless of their ethnicity, sexual orientation, back­ground, religion or social affiliation.

Chris Welke is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Brandon Mc��arge is a computer science junior, a Neo-Pagan and part-time philosopher.

**Mystery meat mark-up benefits school**

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Campus food sucks. Having to eat campus food everyday is horri­ble. Not only is it the food unhealthy and gross, but it is also expensive. Most of the foods are boring, and are made with counted oils and other ingredients. For just the past week I ate at the 'Breezy Break­fast', and I ordered the "breakfast meat." This meat had the texture of chicken, looked like a hamburger patty and tasted like ham. To force students to eat food like this, and pay the high price of $ 50.00 for breakfast, lunch, late night and $7.70 for dinner is outrageous. The meal plan in another way for the school to make money off the students.

Granted, all students must eat and there are ways for students to eat healthy, but what about healthy living? Students can get a healthy sandwich at Sandwich Factory for lunch, but who stands in line for a half an hour! One can get a salad at Lighthouse or VG's (Vista Grande) but who should students be subject to pay so much money for a salad! Most items sold on campus can be purchased at a grocery store for a fraction of the price. It is totally unfair for the school to take advantage of students like this, and to make every single person living on campus buy a meal plan. Students living on campus should have the option to not purchase a meal plan, because they're forced to spend money on outrageously expensive products.

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administrators say drug convictions should not be a reason to deny financial aid, especially since people who commit other crimes are not held to the same criteria.

SDSU biology junior Nassera Saidani said it is not fair that students who have drug convictions are penalized, whereas other students with different convictions are not.

The new law puzzled financial aid administrators because they did not understand the intent of the law.

"It was a controversial measure when it was passed," Collins said. "What financial aid administrators didn’t understand was ‘what does this have to do with financial aid?’"

Some aid administrators questioned the reasoning behind singling out students with drug convictions as the only crime used to penalize students, Collins said. They pointed out there is no similar law for students who committed crimes like murder, child molestation or rape, he said.

"I think there has been a lot of controversy, and I think that’s one of the reasons that the new bill has been introduced by Frank to repeal the law, because many people disagree with its intent," Collins said.

If a student is denied financial aid and does not have other means of paying for school, there is a chance they will not attend college and may never return, Kovar said.

At SDSU, of the 41 students with holds on financial aid, nine attended classes during the 2001-02 academic year.

"Everyone deserves a second chance, and it shows effort if they are trying to go to a college," Saidani said.

Frank is not the only proponent of the bill — organizations such as Students for Sensible Drug Policy, the National Education Association, the NAACP, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and more than 100 colleges and university student governments support the repealing of the question from the FAFSA form.

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It was a well-played game in all areas for us. It was our best game of execution this year, but there was room for improvement.

Larry Lee
Cal Poly coach

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Nate Ybara earned a bid to the NCAA's with an 8-3 win over top-seeded Jeff Hoover of Harvard in the 133-pound division. He finished fourth in the division.

Matt Cox punched his ticket to Kansas City with a third-place finish in the 149-pound division. Cox won by decision in the semifinals over No. 7 Landon Seefeldt in the first round of the season and was named the Eagles' most valuable offensive player.

MARGARITA Catholic High School, Mission Viejo

HEIDI McQUITTY, Midfielder, 5-8, San Juan Capistrano... McQuitty played club soccer for the Chairman of the Board's award in 2002, leading the league in assists and rebounding and garnering a league honorable mention. Outside of school, McQuitty played club soccer for the California Legends.

JESSICA MURRAY, Goalkeeper, 5-9, Union
Mine High School, Placeville

A four-year starter at goalkeeper for the Sailors of Newport Harbor High School, Murray was named the Eagles' most valuable defensive player in soccer and most promising on the track team. In 2002, she was named the basketball senior team MVP. In 2001, she starred for the girls' basketball team and was named the Most Valuable Player in 2001-2002. She is a four-year starter for the Newport Harbor High School. Murray was named the All-California and two-time first team all-state at the Santa Clara University and Stanford University soccer camps.

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A four-eight tied with a Green error that brought another run in. Nevada would add two more runs in the fourth, one scored on a Carrie Schubert error.

Cal Poly scored in the bottom of the fourth on a Schubert single to score Roni Sparrey and threatened to tie the game in the bottom seventh when Todd tripled to score Gemma Dumela and Shelby Storit hit a sacrifice fly to score Sparrey. However, on the next play, Beldt grounded out to end the game.

The Mustangs next travel for Fresno to Hendrick Hallowell's Chevrolet Classic, beginning on Saturday.

Women's Soccer

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Women's Tennis
Singles play keys victory at UCSB
CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

SANTA BARBARA — The Cal Poly women's tennis team defeated Central Coast rival UC Santa Barbara 4-3 in a dual match Thursday at the Gauchos Tennis Courts. After losing the doubles point, the Mustangs came back and won four singles matches to take the team win.

In doubles, the Mustangs' Chezey Thompson and Kristen Orzenty paired up at No. 3 doubles to defeat Jen Kohle and Amy Vlahos, 8-2. The Gauchos won at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles to take the doubles point.

In singles action, Samantha Walter led the Mustangs from the No. 2 position by defeating Marielle Groenic, 6-2, 6-4. Kristen Orzenty captured a win over Leslie Dunton at the No. 4 position, 6-2, 6-2. At No. 5 singles, Sheila Lewis defeated Lindsay Burtwick in three sets, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2. Finally, at No. 6 singles, Kate Roman came from behind to defeat Jen Kohle, also in three sets, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. The Gauchos won at No. 1 and No. 3 doubles to defeat Jen Kohle as well.

The Mustangs women improved their record to 7-4 overall and are now 2-0 in Big West Conference action. Up next for the Mustangs women's tennis team is a two-match road trip at UC Davis on Friday at 1:30 p.m. and Pacific on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Softball
Mustangs, Nevada split doubleheader
CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The Cal Poly softball team split a doubleheader with Nevada Sunday afternoon at Bob Janssen Field. The Mustangs took game one, 2-1, before losing game two, 4-3. Cal Poly is now 13-13 on the season, while Nevada is 9-6-1.

The doubleheader marked the second and third times the Mustangs and Wolfpack have clashed. Earlier in the season, Nevada defeated Cal Poly 7-0. The two teams will meet again for a doubleheader on March 25 in Reno.

In game one, Cal Poly scored first in the bottom of the second inning when Amy Jo Naturtrenss singled to score Stephanie Payon. While the Wolfpack responded in the top of the third on a Brittany Lorenzen RBI single, the Mustangs regained the lead in the bottom of the fifth, when Holly Ballard singled to score Chelsie Green.

Jamie Gelbart picked up her fourth win of the season, going the distance allowing one run on three hits and striking out five batters. Candace Rainwater picked up the loss.

In game two, Nevada jumped out to the early lead when Lorenzen hit a two-run home run. Mustangs, Nevada split doubleheader.

Mustangs settle for 4th

BOISE, Idaho — Ryan Haley won the 184-pound division title, leading a group of six Cal Poly wrestlers placing in the top four of their respective weight classes as the Mustangs finished fourth at the Pac-10 Wrestling Championships Monday at the Boise State University Pavilion. The six Mustangs all earned berths in the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, to be held Mar. 20-22 at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo. The six qualifiers are the most Cal Poly has sent to the Division I Championships in the last 23 years.

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Offensive barrage

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Pac-10 Wrestling Championships

SANTA CLARA — Junior center fielder Sam Herbert hit his first two home runs as the Mustangs and junior catcher Cory Tallon added three hits as the Mustangs defeated Central Coast rival UC Santa Clara 9-6 in a non-conference baseball game Sunday at Buck Shaw Stadium.

With the win, Cal Poly took the three-game series against the Broncos to one and improved to 9-8 on the year. Santa Clara fell to 8-10.

The Mustangs scored two runs in the first and two more in the fourth to take an early lead. In the fifth inning, when Holly Ballard singled to score Stephanie Payan, the Mustangs doubled their lead to 4-0.

Cal Poly scored three more runs in the eighth, including a two-run home run by Jamie Gelbart to increase the lead to 8-0. But the Mustangs could not hold the lead as the Broncos plated four runs in the eighth to cut the lead to 8-4.

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