Baker appointed to national IT board

By Grant Shellen

Cal Poly President Warren Baker's history of involvement in information technology earned him the role as leader of a national commission dealing with the topic.

Baker was recently appointed to the board of the National Association of Land-Grant Colleges, and now chairs the association's Commission on Information Technology.

He has served on the commission for two decades, said Jerry Hanley, the group's current president.

"He is a good head honcho," Baker said. "He has worked with the commissioners for over two decades,'" Hanley said. "They're also aware that he has the knowledge and ability to help others. Who they go to on a weekend has no effect on how the week's performance went."

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Alumni, donor celebrated in Swanton Pacific Ranch

The College of Agriculture is host­ ing the 15th annual Al Smith Day Sunday in Swanton Pacific Ranch. The event runs from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tickets to the event will include tours of the ranch, railroad roundhouse and car barn, train rides and a Santa Maria-style barbecue lunch. Al Smith received both his bache­ lor's degree and his master's degree at Cal Poly.

He is also a President's Medal recipient and former mayor of Los Gatos. In 1987, Smith donated his Swanton Pacific Ranch — 3,200 acres of land north of Santa Cruz — to Cal Poly.

The ranch is home to an operating one-third scale Pacific-type steam locomotive railroad that was part of the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

Smith bequeathed the ranch to Cal Poly when he died in 1993 and was appraised at $22 million. It was the largest individual bequest to a California State University campus. Cal Poly students work at the ranch each quarter under an intern­ ship program. More than 300 stu­ dents have completed internships at the ranch and faculty members regu­ larly use the ranch for field trips.

Tickets for Al Smith Day are $15 for adults and $8 for children 8 years old and under, if purchased before April 4. After April 4, reservations will be $25 for adults and $15 for children.

The event is open to the public. For details and reservations, contact E.J. Carnegie at ecarneg@calpoly.edu.

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commission in Washington, D.C., last month. The alliance meets there annually to set an agenda for that year. This year's agenda includes issues such as network technology, cyber research, intellectual property and broadband availability for universities, Baker said.

"Those are really tough issues," Hanley said. "You need a clear under­ standing of them to make any kind of policy decisions.

The committee also deals with issues outside the alliance. Recent law­ suits against universities stemming from illegal mp3 trading and other copyrighted files have caused consid­ erable alarm, Baker said.

"There is significant concern about pirating that is occurring on university campuses," he said. "We're trying to come up with a resolution that would avoid a lawsuit that would be pretty damaging to fair use."

Another topic of interest is the Internet2 consortium, of which Cal Poly is a member, Baker said. Internet2 is an ultra high-speed net­ work linking about 200 universities and more than 60 corporations. According to a Cal Poly news release from January 2002, a data file that would take most Internet users from six hours to seven days to download would be received in 39 seconds by an Internet2-enabled computer.

"It's basically a way of getting more dedicated bandwidth for research," Hanley said.

Cal Poly is one of only three California State University campuses — and one of the first overall — on the network, he said.

"We are well-positioned to stay in the group for a number of years," Hanley said.
Building Permits left Required For All Construction Work

Facilities Planning & Capital Projects would like campus departments to be aware that all construction projects — big or small — must go through Facilities Planning & Capital Projects. It takes more resources. A building permit is required for all departments, according to Facilities Planning Web site from the Cal Poly Home Page.

False calls on casualties upset military spouses, they issued a warning where family members can call to reports of casualties. They wish that Iraqis would once, dead persons are reported to go through a crisis response center.

Civilian casualties were reported over the past week by Iraqi authorities. We have a crisis response center to serve as a model for reconciliation that was neither immediately recognized after the violence. Two Islamic clerics were hacked to death by a mob in Najaf at one of the setbacks.

Censorship presses Freedom House and Senate earlier. The House stand-alone Amber Alert bill, have reported over the past three days that all calls from purported family members were reported to serve as a model for reconciliation that was neither immediately recognized after the violence.

Opposition forces crumbled in northern Iraq, Tikriti was hit. According to press reports, Tikrit was the likely site of a last stand by Iraqis in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit.
Definition of etiquette changing with the times

In a perfect world, we would all know how to set the table for a five-course meal. We would wake with ease and never forget to say "please" or "thank you." Yet, as many have already figured out, this is by no means a perfect world. Most of us have never even eaten a five-course meal, much less care to set the table for one.

So is etiquette really necessary in today's society, or is it just for the elite and the likes of Martha Stewart? Believe it or not, many could benefit from proper manners, yet it seems to have become a dying art. What used to be an important part of social life now consists dust with poofly skirts and "Leaves It to Beaver" returns. Or so we thought. Although its roots are deeply set in the past, etiquette continues to change and evolve.

Proper conduct once included not getting involved with other people's business, that women should always have a male escort and that a proper lady never talks to strangers.

Etiquette today applies to taking cell phone calls and the correct way to write an e-mail, and every current social situation in between.

The present concept of etiquette started in the French Royal Courts. The word "etiquette" is a term that actually means get the hell off of the lawn. Well, not really. The birth of etiquette began with King Louis XIV. Tired of people tromping through his gardens, he posted rules on a placard. His guests were to obey these rules when visiting his estate. He even figured out, this is no means a perfect world. Most of us have never even eaten a five-course meal, much less care to set the table for one.

Take, for instance, the handshake -- we all know it is a proper greeting, but why? Many of us have learned that during the Middle Ages, men were usually armed with a weapon of some sort. Extending an empty hand to another showed you were unarmed. The other person, in response, would extend his own hand, showing that he too did not carry a weapon. It was their way of showing that they wanted to talk, not fight.

Then there is the rule that children everywhere seem to have etched in their brains: Keeping their elbows off the table. Why is it so a crime? Back in the Middle Ages, people ate at long tables where every inch of space was used, forcing those dining to squeeze together like sardines. Basically, there was no room for elbows, unless you chose to put them in someone else's plate. Again, let me remind you that most American society is a vast ball of trash that accumulated living organisms over time. Human beings are relatively new at this point in time. While that is true, we are greedily consuming our resources like they replenish.

How can you use World War II as an example of how war is never the answer? Are you suggesting that we should've stood by and watch the entire race become wiped out from the face of the earth? Yes, it would have been much better if someone COULD have convinced Hitler to stop his practices of religious gentrification. It would have been wise to convince someone COULD have convinced Saddam to stop showing his own people into human meat-grinders simply because they spoke out against his leadership.

No matter how strongly you may believe that war isn't the answer, Bush has taken action to give the people of Iraq a chance of building a peaceful future for themselves -- something that no amount of letter writing or protests by well-intentioned citizens would ever accomplish. You called upon the readers to demand proof of WMD's. Is that it? The United States is doing exactly that, except we aren't willing to let a fiance detective in our quest for peace.

Josh Gruning is a civil engineering senior who loves the United States of America. Soldiers fight for freedom, not death

Editor,

According to the media and their correspondents, it would be understandable to think our future will not be a military build-up. Fortunately for us rational thinking Americans, we know better. My question is: How can journalists be military experts one day and econ- omic experts the next? It boggles my mind. It is all right to have an opinion, but isn't it the job of the journalist to bring an objective view?

The truth is, the coalition has dominated the Iraq forces but that is too boring, so the media has to focus on the little insignificant skirmishes. The death of coalition forces in little skirmishes is not insignificant, but the big picture (victory) will not be changed by these skirmishes.

I believe it is still too early to be overly optimistic because of the chaotic, tragic and unknown nature of war. The things we can be sure of are that we are in Baghdad, we limited civilian casualties on the way and limited our own casualties if it is thought of in perspective to the large scale of the operation and the brutality of the enemy.

The world claims that America is selfish, greedy and overpowering, but when has America ever fought a war outside our borders in which we weren't fighting for someone else's freedom? There are more than a quarter-million men and women in the Persian Gulf region willing to give their blood so much more to enjoy the freedoms we take for granted every day. God bless them.

Greg Matsa is an industrial engineering senior.

Natural resources need to be saved

Editor,

The world has changed now. Things are not just like the way it used to be. Food, drugs, communication, the way of a life as a whole has changed. It is in many ways a better life. It is unnatural. Grass is green where it's not supposed to be. Planes are flying to where humans have never been before. Pollution increases exponentially as our population does. All over the world, people are reusing things. In the past, we would throw away and use new ones."uaool iople	ut the
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While all these are made possible, I ask, are we ready for it? Earth is a vast hulk of rock that accumulated living organisms over time. People are being related newly at this point in time. While that is true, we are greedily consuming our resources like they replenish.

As a student who recently discovered the very tail tip vision of the Mustang Daily, I would like to make it possible, at least for myself, by giving out this simple but meaningful message to you all. Love the earth.

Paola Sangiquesto is an environmental horticulture junior.

Giants back on track to greatness

Editor,

I am writing in response to Josh Reynolds' letter on Apr 7 ("The Real Debate: Dodgers or Giants"). The answer to that question is quite simple. The Dodgers are a truly solid team, and I think with each year that passes they get better and better. I am an L.A. Dodger fan and I enjoy the team every year. In my opinion, the Giants are not the team to watch this year.

OK, so the Giants won the pennant. But don't forget who was at the helm managing. Dusty Baker, a former Dodger ... and do the Giants have anyone as wonderful as Hall of Fame Broadcaster Vin Scully? I think not ... GO DODGERS!

Cori Matterhy is a liberal studies junior.
The music has the furious beat and driving bass guitar of classic punk rock, but when a vocal chorus cuts in, it is surprisingly harmonious and emotionally evocative, reminiscent of The Beatles or The Everly Brothers. This is a sonic contradiction that works to stunning effect. It is also a sound that has come to define one of the world’s most original rock bands, Bad Religion.

To call Bad Religion simply a punk band is akin to labeling the Who, a mod band, or Pet Sounds era Beach Boys, surf music. True, these bands were each defined by a time and a place and you can definitely hear echoes of the Los Angeles punk scene in Bad Religion’s melodic and energetic music. But like the other bands, Bad Religion has both honored and yet completely transcended their roots. Their newest effort “The Process of Belief” is no mere hardcore revivalism; it is, in fact, the complete evolution of punk music, a record that successfully redefines a genre the band helped popularize. If you love punk rock, this disc will satisfy your thirst like no other, and if you’re simply looking for an incredibly vital and inspiring rock record, the same holds true. Bad Religion will appear with punk bands Sparta and Radioactive at 7:30 in the Cal Poly Rec Center. Advanced tickets are available at Boo Boo’s and all Vallitix outlets.

**Scarlet’s Walk’ continues headline tour**

Following a brief jaunt overseas, ‘Scarlet’s Walk’, Tori Amos’ critically acclaimed头lining tour in support of her Epic Records debut ‘Scarlet’s Walk’, has returned to U.S. soil — it kicked off Feb. 20 in Boise, Idaho. Fans liken Bad Religion’s influence on the punk scene to that of the Beach Boys to surf music.

**Clichés call in Colin Farrell’s phony ‘Booth’**

They say that in the film business you need to have a line to pitch that is clear, concise and to the point in order to get your movie made. In Joel Schumacher’s new film, the pitch line need only have been, “Man can’t leave phone.”

“Phone Booth” stars up-and-coming Colin Farrell as Stra Shepard, a brazen high octane New York publicist who, as the movie opens, is making his way through the bustling and bustling of Times Square, all the while chattering wildly on his cellular phone. As he does every day, Stra makes his way over to a phone booth at 33rd and 8th streets, removes his wedding ring, and makes a call to client Pamela McFadden (Katie Holmes) with whom he would very much like to have an affair. Stra has to
Jack Nicholson and Adam Sandler star in "Anger Management.'

The supernatural. Her music blends art-rock sophistication, confession-al-singer-songwriter openness and good-old-pop-rock hooks." (Tampa Tribune - November 5)

Theater in San Francisco management'

Most viewers will determine that the movie is perhaps the most palatable mainstream comedy that has graced the silver screen in a good while. This is either a commentary about the mediocrity of recent box office monopolies or a reflection of the American audience's identification with the obvious sociopolitical commentary underlying the plot.

Mild-mannered New York businessman Dave Buznik (Adam Sandler) boards a plane, per orders for a Sunday night trip to his Florida town? "Where are drinks?" asks his traveling companion rums out to be a neurotic x? (Sandler) boards a plane, per orders for a Sunday night trip to his Florida town? "Where are drinks?" asks his traveling companion rums out to be a neurotic freak, who, compounded with gossipreneering about the facts of his life, continues to alter his plan. A stranger invites Buznik to head in the front row at a Yankees game, where he is introduced to "Anger Management" displaces therapy with a live action film that is to his character's benefit. The protagonist's performance is so self-indulgent that he is able to connect with his audience, which is described as the unsympathetic judge who obstructs his path with a $3,500 fee. A second wave of anger therapy with published anger specialist Dr. Buddy Rydell (Nicholson).

Now, a few years ago, a scenario like this would have merited a fair amount of laughs. Today, however, the theatre will resound with the desensitizing laughter of audience members who are all too familiar with the agonizing nightmare of post-Sept. 11 airplane rides. The comedy lies in the reality of a typical modem family's 'Journey of the Heart.' Buznik attends his first group therapy session, where he is introduced to "Anger Management" and "The Choirgirl Hotel." Each song represents a step along the way. Ten's critically acclaimed discography includes the 1992 multi-plat- rum breakdown album "Little Earthquakes." The album "The Pink," as well as the platinum successes "Boys For Pele." "From the Chub's of Hawaii" and "To Venus and Back." Her most recent "reinterpreted" record, "Strange Chicken," has also been certified gold. For her work she has received eight Grammy Nominations. Ten will perform Tuesday, April 15, in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at the Performing Arts Center box office.
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To prepare for the donation process, Bockhacker reserved a booth in the UU and distributed a survey to determine if there was adequate student interest in the idea. Feedback throughout the campus community was positive, she said.

Once the items have been collected, both volunteers only need to ship them off at one of the Operation Support Our Troops donation locations, Bockhacker said.

Liberal studies junior Cherie Fiess said her desire to help the troops moved her to contribute to Bockhacker's cause. With most Cal Poly students' exposure to the war coming from media outlets, the reality of the explosions and combat is hard to digest, she said. "A part of me wants to think it can't be real," she said. "But part of me knows that it is." The realization that others her age are facing that situation stirred a lot we can do as Americans to support our troops.

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Kristen Bockhacker
liberal studies senior

very different skills, like people who had never used a hammer or didn't know what a paintbrush was," Price said.

Club members learned a distinctive philosophy of building, in which the houses are built on raised foundations because of the high amount of rainfall. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, Christian organization that sells homes to partner families for no profit and with interest-free mortgages. The homeowners are selected according to need, ability to repay the mortgage and willingness to work with the organization.

The Cal Poly chapter has also built homes in Paso Robles and Portland, Ore.
Cal Poly Softball

Mission: Regroup at home

Cal Poly freshman Chelsea Green has raised her batting average 60 points in the last month to .350. What gets me most is that Sapi didn’t know he was coming into a no-hitter when he entered the game with one out in the eighth. "Man, you look miserable!" Riverside’s coach told me afterwards, as he looked me shivering softly. Still, I think it’s something else: These Mustangs seem to keep going and doing my job,” he says. Regardless, the cold tiM ik away from an other­

Cal Poly Softball

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At 20-14, they’ve fought through more than just inclement weather. Injuries to Quentin McGinnis and Andrew McDaniel have taxed an already thin bullpen. Potential prospect Kele Wilson has been relegated to the bench with a .250 batting average. The Mustangs have won six of their last seven, though.

Sure, Cal Poly has an upcoming series against nationally ranked Long Beach State and a series against Fullerton. But I’d say things are just starting to heat up, more than ever before, at Baggett Stadium.

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