It only took five months for the construction management department to become $250,000 richer.

By Susan Malanche

It began at a recent home building competition and conference in Las Vegas. The Cal Poly team placed second among 29 universities and captured the attention of Pulte Homes, a Fortune 500 company. Less than six months later, Pulte signed a contract to fund a new residential construction lab and form a partnership with Cal Poly.

"We believe strongly in the Cal Poly construction management program and it’s students," said Igor Noriega, Southern California area president for Pulte Homes. "We believe that the future of our company is to hire well educated students, and the construction management program at Cal Poly is highly recognized throughout the country."

Richard Zweifel, interim dean of College of Architecture and Environmental Design, said this partnership is a great asset for the department.

"We are grateful for the association with the firm," Zweifel said. "This is definitely opening new horizons for students."

Pulte Homes will not only donate money, but will also participate in guest lectures, job fair recruitment and allow Cal Poly students to have job-site access, office tours.

-- emily laubacher

A self portrait of art and design senior Keith Bomuith was painted on a suitcase. The piece was part of the university's most prestigious art competition held every two years.

"It's terrific," Hauck said. "The university has done a great job of promoting Pulte Homes and how we can build stronger bonds with the university."

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Association was the first cultural club established on campus, over 50 years ago. They will continue to use this event to make their culture visible to the community, Hassin said.

Multicultural Center coordinator Mark Fabiour works with students to develop events such as Culture Fest and programs regarding diversity issues.

"There's definitely a need to engage in more dialogue and awareness on campus and in the community," Fabiour said. "This provides a good starting point in a very fun setting.

The Multicultural Center serves as a working center for students to study and get cultural resources, Fabiour said. Throughout the year students can participate in cultural awareness events, speaker series and cross-cultural leadership training.

"The center is a space where all students can interrogate issues of cultural diversity and feel comfortable on a campus that is not very diverse," Fabiour said.

This is the second year Culture Fest will take place at Mission Plaza.

Students and Culture Fest committee members said they want the community to benefit from this event as much as students.

"It gives the public a greater awareness that there is a community of color at Cal Poly," Metz said. "Although there is not a lot of ethnic diversity, this shows what diversity does exist."
National/International News

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Lawmakers say Saudi attack was hard to prevent
WASHINGTON — No level of security can guarantee protection against attacks by terrorists willing to die for their cause, the Saudi ambassador to the United States said Thursday.

"But what we can do, however, is pursue them vigorously and when we get them, we bring them to justice, try them and punish them swiftly and harshly," said Prince Bandar bin Sultan.

Bandar once again defended his country's response to a request by the United States for improved security in an area of Riyadh where Westerners live. Speculation about the attacks would have been difficult, and other suspects could still be identified, Eaves said.

"We want to get every bit of justice for those guys," Eaves said. "I want this intelligence for these 18 people_ that they did not do it in vain. I want an accounting." Williams likely will also face state charges, Eaves said.

"Williams' wife, Karen, told the Houston Chronicle in a story for its online edition that her husband normally hauls watermelons from the border to the Northeast. She said he told her the trailer was hijacked and that he dropped the trailer "for his own safety and rumor.""

Putin threatens to execute people who intentionally spread SARS virus
BEIJING — The SARS emergency worsened in Taiwan, which had its biggest one-day jump in cases Thursday, while China threatened to bring criminals to justice.

"Try them and punish them swiftly," Putin said. "We are trying to build devices that will protect everyone in the world."

Williams said his office was unable to contact foreign embassies to learn about the American criminal. "But what we can do, however, is pursue them vigorously and when we get them, we bring them to justice, try them and punish them swiftly and harshly," Williams said.

"Putin and Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov told talks in Washington next week, a senior U.S. official said.

"Two people believed to have carried SARS was arrested for allegedly breaking quarantine and spreading the virus and they did not do it in vain. I want an accounting," Williams said.

"The Iraqis want an accounting. They want an accounting," the official said Thursday.

The Pashina police are concerned about nuclear weapons and terrorism, including a possible death penalty for even nonviolent offenders.

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Letter to the editor

IT decision ignored the people involved

Editor,

Management lesson No. 1: People are not parts—they aren't interchangeable, they perform differently and produce different results. Once management begins to treat people as parts, the process breaks down. People begin to realize they are unimportant to management and apathy sets in. With apathy comes poor quality and low production.

People are unfortunately hard to quantify or qualify numerically. In American business or education systems, it is impossible to quantify or qualify. This means that unless it is a matter of life or death, feelings are on the line. Having some is better than having none. Plus, if you are only a few bits, 60 (or 60% of) won't kill you.

Remember, you are what you eat, but you should always be a friend first. So basically keep your diet to yourself and don't share advice that isn't requested. That way you can keep the pounds off while keeping your friends.

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'Reloaded' needs to be replaced

By David Germain

Andy and Larry Wachowskis should double-check their ammos. The brothers behind 1999’s visionary “The Matrix” are shooting blanks with “The Matrix Reloaded,” the first of two sequels due this year.

One of Hollywood’s most anticipated movies, “The Matrix Reloaded” is possibly the worst sequel to a really good film ever made (“Jaws: The Revenge” excluded).

Hunting and padding with ponderously self-important notions of reality, destiny and cause and effect, the movie barrage viewers with “Matrix”-type action and style, which has been copied so often that it’s become monotonous. The images are intense and turgid, but so underwrought and over-the-top, they’re almost a caricature of the original.

The sequel is virtually devoid of the first film’s sly sense of film-noir intrigue and apocalyptic mythologies. The sharp dialogue and gradually unfolding revelations are replaced by a juvenile middle of cryptograms and babbling philosophy that sound significant but really are just vacuous jabber between action sequences.

There’s no sense of the layered unmasking of “The Matrix,” where the answer to one question raised three more intriguing ones. The ques-

It’s Jack; it’s John. No, it’s Jason

COURTESY PHOTO

Keana Reeves stars in “The Matrix Reloaded,” the disappointing sequel to the1999 box office hit, “The Matrix.”

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Grappolo is really kinda crappolo

By Valerie Angelo

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Every now and again, students search for an ideal food destination that will impress and appeal to the dating community. The restaurant of choice this week is The Grappolo.

Grappolo will appear to have a romantic appeal; however, please make sure you and your date have reached a high level of intimacy within your con-
versations. Service does not come cheap, and you may have to wait 15 minutes for the server to bring you your meal, another 10 for your wine and by the end of the hour, it is possible that you may have your food. Perhaps if we had skipped him a twenty, he would have remembered our wine.

Aside from the elongated stretch of time between sitting down and actually being served, the small, modern, Italian restaurant does have a unique style that screams out “Here is a touch of Italy.” There are dozens of light fixtures attached to the ceiling, outdoor seating along the corridor and soft melodies tinge playing in the background. Located underneath the restaurant is the under-
ground lounge, where customers can relax with a wide assortment of cocktails and live entertainment. The setting would impress and women with style and class, but if you are starving for a delicious, well-rounded meal then I sug-

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Jason Mraz will play at the Cal Poly Rec Center next Thursday.

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MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

ASI Events presents Jason Mraz in concert at the Cal Poly Rec Center Thursday at 8 p.m. along with special guest Chantal Kreviazuk.

Mraz, a 25-year-old Virginia native, moved west to pursue his music career. After partnering up with percussionist Toca Rivera in 2002, Mraz started gaining momentum in the San Diego and Los Angeles music scenes.

He has toured with Tracy Chapman, Jewel and Dave Matthews Band. His debut album, “Waiting for My Rocket to Come,”

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Huck said the student response has been extremely positive. “Those students that are interested in residential construction are very pleased to see that Polk has chosen Cal Poly,” Huck said. “We think this is going to completely revitalize the way we can teach residential construction.”

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participating multicultural clubs. Organized by Sigma Omicron Nu, a Latina-interest sorority, the event includes performances by Alpha Kappa Delta Phi, Nu Alpha Kappa, Alpha Pi Sigma, Xicano Commencement Committee, Gay Lesbian Bisexuals United, Salsa Club and Latinos in Agriculture.

“We try to get as many clubs as possible to participate,” said Maryama Cordova, event coordinator and kinesiology junior. “Then we can be aware of each other and get to know each other better.”

The purpose of the event is not to point out the cultural differences, but rather to celebrate their unity. “We are all members of the Multicultural Center family, and we want to make students and community members part of that family too,” said Evelyn Blanco, event coordinator and architecture junior. “It’s about forgetting our differences, breaking down barriers and just celebrating our unity.”

Admission for the show is $6, which will go toward attendees’ admittance. Door prizes include a Sony PlayStation, PlayStation games, Disneyland tickets, Magic Mountain tickets and gift certificates from local stores.

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Wreck,” Clark said. “After I finished reading it, I saw that my own poetry could change.”

Clark said Rich’s work had a directness and inventiveness that he had never seen before. Rich has received the Bollingen Prize, the Lannan Lifetime Achievement Award, the Academy of American Poets Fellowship, the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, the Lenore Marshall Prize, the National Book Award and a MacArthur Fellowship.

She made a controversial move in 1997, when she rejected the National Medal for the Arts presented to her by President Bill Clinton. Rummell said Rich did not accept the medal because she believed that no political party in the United States has worked for the people or the arts. Rich wrote in her letter of rejection, “There is no political leadership in the White House or the Congress that has spoken to and for the people who, in a very real sense, have felt abandoned by their government.”
Sports

Cal Poly Track and Field: Big West Conference Preview

Eyes on the prize

MotorCity Daily

Mustangs seeking first Big West Conference team title this weekend

By Graham Womack

TODAY'S SPORTS

Cal Poly is looking to capture its first team title at the Big West championships this weekend and Saturday at Cal State Northridge. Utah State is the early favorite to repeat as champions, although Idaho and Cal Poly are also seen as threats. Cal Poly is looking to build on its second-place finish last year at the Northridge Tri-Meet and Santa Barbara Dual Meet. Individually, the Mustangs are thrust on several levels at the conference.

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