Employee killed in car accident

By Jessica Hoffman
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

A Cal Poly employee was killed Sunday when his 1992 Ford Explorer rolled over after he entered a curve on Old Creek Road.

John Eugene Martin, a Cal Poly employee for 30 years, was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the Explorer. He died on the scene after becoming trapped under the vehicle for about 30 minutes.

Martin began his long history with Cal Poly as a student. He was hired with custodial services and worked up to his most recent position of assistant director of custodial services.

"Just this year he received his 30 years of service recognition," Mark Hunter, interim director of facilities services said. "He had just filed his letter of retirement and was going to retire on Oct. 3."

Besides managing and coordinat­ing daily custodial services for cam­pus, Martin was instrumental in the removal of custodial services.

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Poly student names Foundation in suit

By Abbey Kingdon
SUMMER MUSTANG CONTRIBUTOR

An 18-year-old Cal Poly student will be the third person to file suit against the distributors of the E. coli-infected sprouts that she ingested last summer.

Tammy Lee underwent surgery last August to remove an E. coli-infected section of her intestine. She was first diagnosed with E. coli last August to remove an E. coli-infected sprout.

Lee was unavailable for comment Wednesday. Lee, along with Cal Poly sopho­more Ashley Adams, is suing Fuji Natural Foods, All About Produce and the Cal Poly Foundation for an undisclosed monetary value. Lacey Welborn, a California State University at Fullerton student, has filed suit against both Fuji Natural Foods and All About Produce but has not named the Foundation in her suit.

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Ephedra events have repercussions locally

By Cathy Ayers
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Consumers who once sought supplement­ containing the herb ephedra for weight loss or energy are finding it more difficult to obtain such products in recent months.

After the death of the Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler earlier this year, the already controversial herb has come under more scrutiny.

General Nutrition Centers pulled all supplements containing the herb from their shelves at the end of June. Other drugstore chains, such as Walgreens, the Eckerd Corporation and CVS Corporation soon followed their lead.

The sole reasoning behind pulling these supplements was a decrease in consumer demand. GNC spokesman Stephanie Margan said. Part of the decrease in consumer demand for ephedra-based products was the avail­ability of alternative products that are ephedra free.

In a press release dated April 8, the ephedra industry reaffirmed that the supplements are safe and have significa­nt health benefits for consumers.

In the same statement, the industry argued that the adverse event reports were not useful in assessing safety, and they do not establish that ephedra has caused serious adverse effects.

MG Sports Supplements in San Luis Obispo is one of the few stores that continue to carry ephedra-based sup­plements.

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UC students sue Regents over fee increase

By Micah Paulson
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Eight University of California students are seeking a preliminary injunction after accusing the Board of Regents of ignoring statements in university documents and imple­menting illegal fee increases.

With the California economy in shambles, many college students are frustrated that budget cuts could not have been resolved without putting such a substantial burden on stu­dents already reeling from high stu­dents fees.

"Raising fees was a last resort. It was one of the many things done to deal with the budget cuts," said UC council Christopher Patti. "We had to cut programs and lay off employ­ees. If we didn't raise fees the quali­ty of education would have eroded."

The California constitution gives the 26 member Board of Regents, of which the governor is president, absolute authority when it comes to raising student fees. The only way the fees would be reduced is if the student's lawsuit prevails.

The regents have authorized a 25 percent fee increase, with an extra 5 percent if necessary. The average in-state undergraduate fees are now about $4,800; with additional campus fees, the average rises to $5,274, according to the Associated Press.

This state average is in sharp con­trast with Cal Poly annual fees, which are between $2,800 to $3,513, depending on fees deter­mined by the individual colleges.

"The CSU for increases are uneven because of the different fund raising amounts gained from private donors," said Paul Zingg, Cal Poly vice president of academic affairs.

"Cal Poly has been at it longer than most, and President Baker makes it a priority to pursue non-state resources."

The state is the biggest fund-rai­ser for Cal Poly, providing about 80 percent of the budget.

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The inside scoop on health happenings at Poly

The summer months bring hours of daylight and outdoor activities that bring high temperatures that threaten to spoil students’ fun. Even the walk from the Cal Poly parking lots to class is enough to make one break a sweat.

It’s no wonder the guy next to you at the gym is huffin’ and puffin’ as he runs, his T-shirt soaked with sweat and his legs barely moving. He might just be out of shape, but he’s more likely suffering from heat illness.

Students who exercise in hot weather face a handful of heat-related risks that, for the most part, can be avoided. According to American Fitness Magazine, there are four major heat-related dangers lurking when you step out onto the treadmill or the trails this summer: dehydration, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

When the body gets too hot, it can’t carry heat from exercising muscles to the body’s surface fast enough. If the air is humid or the heat that evaporates doesn’t cool the body, internal organs start to overheat too. This is heat exhaustion; a condition characterized by weakness, dizziness, nausea, profuse sweating, headaches and eventually, collapse.

In the most extreme cases, the trapped heat starts to “cook” the brain and internal organs and the condition progresses to heat stroke, a potentially life-threatening situation. Heat cramps result when fluids aren’t replaced quickly during exercise in hot environments and the muscles start to spasm.

Many heat illness victims can’t tell when they’re dehydrated or overheating and continue exercising until they’re sick.

William O. Roberts, a sports medicine specialist at MiralHealth in White Bear Lake, Minn., said heat is not something you can always measure instinctively.

“People often don’t realize how hot and humid it is until they are already in trouble,” he said in a Web MD article. Experts like Dr. Roberts recommend drinking plenty of water, eating well and picking a safe time to exercise in order to avoid heat illnesses.

“I try to exercise early in the morning,” computer science junior Matt Brown said. “The heat can make you kind of lazy and tired.”

Roberts also suggests wearing light, absorbent clothing, exercising moderately and choosing indoor workout facilities when temperatures skyrocket above 90 degrees. Drinking sport drinks like Gatorade, which have electrolytes and carbohydrates, can also help athletes resist dehydration, the depletion of bodily fluids, according to a study in Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise.

Even exercising in the campus gym won’t necessarily ensure a safe summer workout. Students have to take responsibility for their own heat protection. There is no air conditioning in the Rec Center. Instead, it uses ceiling fans for ventilation and provides ice water on exceptionally hot days, said Nicole Hagen, kinesiology graduate student and graduate assistant of fitness at the center.

The staff also makes announcements and posts signs to encourage safety. Still, temperatures rise quickly inside the building when things heat up outside.

“Sometimes it’s like, whoa, why am I sweating?” social sciences senior and exercise room attendant Kellene Massie said. “I’m just working, I’m not even working out.”

Masse said the staff are trained in CPR and First Aid to handle heat exhaustion problems, but she has never had to apply her skills.

“We go over the signs and symptoms of heat illnesses,” Safety Coordinator Greg Avakian said. “If people start showing those symptoms, we try to intervene with a basic interview and encourage them to stop their activities.

If the heat does get to you while working out or playing this summer, stop exercising and do everything possible to cool down quickly, including applying cool, wet cloths, sipping water and finding shade.

The idea is to lower the temperature as quickly as possible to stop the cooking process,” Dr. Roberts said. “It’s temperature vs. time.”

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Episcopalians approve openly gay bishop, moving church closer to a possible split

MINNEAPOLIS — Episcopal conservatives protested the election of the denomination's first openly gay bishop by walking of the floor of their national legislative meeting Aug. 6, as they called on Anglican leaders worldwide to intervene in what they called a "pastoral emergency."

Some delegates turned in their convention credentials and left for home. Others refused to attend voting sessions. Another group dropped to their knees and prayed as one of their leaders denounced the continuation of the Rev. V. Gene Robinson.

Robinson was confirmed Tuesday after he was cleared of last-minute misconduct allegations that threatened to delay the vote.

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Muheer "Mike" Haroon, one of the so-called "Portland Seven," will serve at least seven years in federal prison under the deal, which was approved by U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Haroon pleaded guilty to conspiring to provide services to the Taliban. Prosecutors agreed to drop charges of conspiring to levy war against the United States and conspiring to provide material support for terrorism.

In March, federal agents seized Haroon's HVC, from a parking lot out­side Intel Corp., where he worked, and simultaneously searched his home. He was held as a material witness until charges were filed five weeks later. In what supporters called an abuse of civil rights, federal officials did not publicly confirm he was being held during those five weeks.

Iceland to begin scientific whaling: U.S. others disappointed

WASHINGTON — Iceland said Wednesday that it plans to begin hunting whales for scientific purposes, drawing criticism from conservation groups and other governments.

"We oppose it. We're disappoint­ed," said Richard Ned Hammer, U.S. deleg­ate to the International Whaling Commission. "It's not relevant sci­ence, it's not necessary."

In London, Britain's fisheries min­ister, Ben Bradshaw, said the govern­ment regarded Iceland's move as unnecessary. "Iceland's claim that data are needed on the amount of fish that whales eat is wholly unjustified," he said.

Della Green of the International Fund for Animal Welfare also criti­cized the decision, saying, "There is absolutely no scientific basis for these whales to be killed."

While there is an international moratorium on commercial whaling, countries do not need permission to conduct scientific whaling, intended to learn about the health and abun­dance of the marine mammals.

However, they usually present their plans to the commission, and when Iceland did so this summer commis­sion members voted disapproval.

Pakistan approves openly gay Muslims as members of parliament

KARACHI, Pakistan — Pakistan's parliament approved for the first time a member of the Islamic militant Hamas movement, a step seen as a sign of a new openness toward religious minorities. The Hamas leader, leader of the militant Islamic Hamas movement, was approved as a parliamentarian in the West Bank city of Hebron, was arrested 13 months ago.

Marine team deploys in Liberia's capital, marking first U.S. placing of ground

MONROVIA, Liberia — U.S. mil­i­tary helicopters shuttled a seven-member Marine team into Liberia on Wednesday, putting the first American troops on the ground in what Washington stresses will be only limited support for a West African peace force.

A few dozen excited children on Monrovia's Atlantic beaches pointed and waved as the olive-green U.S. military helicopters swept in from U.S. warships far off shore and settled onto a tarmac pad out of sight behind the U.S. Embassy's high white walls.

"We feel happy because we're tired of what is happening. We expect them to bring peace for us," said Andrew Sara, a 32-year old refugee, and one of the few adults among the clustered children.

Within minutes, the Marines rolled out in four-wheel drives and sped away to meet with leaders of the 3-­day-old West African mission at its temporary base at Liberia's main air­port. There, the Marines, in green camouflage uniforms and armed with automatic rifles, entered a Libyan military installation for talks with the "peace force."

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service Summer Mustang editor in chief Andy Coberley.
Summer camp with a splash of maturity

By Caroline Lindahl
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Summer camp may not have been enjoyable for many youngsters. In fact, many even cringe when thinking back on it. Mosquito bites, sleeping on cots, nature trails that never seem to end and who can forget the camp crush, or maybe you blocked out that awkward relationship. However, if you experienced something like staying at the new cabins in Avila Beach, you might have been a happy camper.

Ocean Canyon Resort in Avila Beach just opened up a dozen new cabins to the public. Each comes furnished with enough beds for four people and a television with a VCR. They are a great spot for friends looking for a nearby retreat or a romantic spot for couples to spice up their relationship because after all, the Avila Valley Hot Springs Spa is right next door. They are also kid friendly with plenty of toys in every cabin.

The first thing many people notice when walking into the cabins is the smell — well, once he or she gets past the sulfur stench of the hot springs. The cabins have the greatest width and a television with a VCR. Another great feature is guests get free passes to use the hot springs, pool and water slides. I bet that was not an option at everyone's summer camp.

During the summer season, hotel rooms can be hard to come by. That is, if you don't know where to look.

It is so hard to find a hotel room on the coast and on the weekends, and (Ocean Canyon Resort) gives more opportunity for people to travel and also use the hot springs," director of sales and marketing of Ocean Canyon Resort Zack Zard said.

Renting a cabin for one night is $95, but a $50 discount is available by taking an hour tour of the Ocean Canyon property. That means $45 for a night in "the kegerator" or Avila, Zard said.

These cabins give people a getaway with their families. If you get past the delightful smell of sulfur and the sounds of cars from the coast, you might feel pressure to be one with nature. Then again, some people would be unable to sleep if they could not hear the cars and semis racing past their window.

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It's a dark, deep, cool place, one that can be a small refugium, full of little moments of goodness. Or, it can be a frightening place. One week it is a species of deadly fungi spawn and pungent odors overpower the most determined of visitors. The next week it is a college refrigerator, and it is a haven to every house and apartment as are the occupants. From the fraternity house to the home filled with girls, and all the shades of cleanliness in between, the student refrigerator is a virtual mascot to those living the life of the annual apartment.

"Last summer, when we finally cleaned the kitchen, the rest of the house was doing the dishes and a more run out of the sink and down by the dishwasher," said Eric, an Oregon State student and Lambda Chi Alpha member living in the house of the Cal Poly chapter for the summer. "I'm sure at that point this summer we'll get our share enough and clean the kitchens, we'll see."

The half dozen fraternity members living in the house for the summer have become innovative in their ways of avoiding the kitchen. Citing overpowering odors, stolen food and general non-kitchen etiquette, Arie created her own music. "It's from the Billboard chart. Soon after, she released her second album, "Voyage," which describes her emotional and spiritual journey, according to www.mtv.com.

In 1999, Arie was scouted by Motown Records and Acoustic Soul, a label founded by prolific songwriters who encouraged her as a solo artist. Simultaneously, Essence announced, Arie was acknowledged in seven categories, including Best New Artist by Vibe, MTV2 and Billboard's Video Awards in addition to nominations from the NAACP Image Awards and Soul Train Lady of the Year. She also received a nomination from Entertainment Weekly on their Top 100 "Entertainment, according to www.hollywood.com.

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even if we just invite a few people over each, it's much less expensive than buying packs of beer. Basically, buying a keg of natty ice and throwing parties is so much cheaper than going to the bars." Roommates, construction management senior Adam Thomas agrees. "Really, all it's about the economics," Thomas says.

While most refrigerator owners may think of their kegerator as simply a great place to hold food, a tour of San Luis Obispo kegerators has shown a much deeper bond. Whether holding accidental biology experiments, or displaying Martial Stewart zeal-observational, the fridges is a window into the college student's mind.

There is nothing better than a well stocked refrigerator.

India.Arie is sure to make the crowd roar

By Stephanie Ikkel
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

India.Arie is a rising star who was undoubtedly one to watch this year. Arie's music will have the chance to make its way to the US and over to the UK. The Billboard chart. Soon after, she released her second album, "Voyage," which describes her emotional and spiritual journey, according to www.mtv.com.

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In the first single from Voyage to India, "Little Things," Arie sings about her continuing self-discovery and thanks her fans who have seen her through her not only enjoyable, but also musical journey. Arie's fans will certainly be thanking her next month as they listen to songs from her latest album, "Can I Walk With You?" The Truth and "Beautiful Surprise.

"I actually have never heard of (Arie)," liberal studies senior Jenn Or said. "I think I once heard her described as 'up and coming.'" Those who aren't familiar with Arie's music will have the chance to listen to her sum up her never-ending "voyage" in "Grows." The only thing certain in the world is change/That's why today I take life as it comes."
Student gets a different kind of high

By Micah Paulson
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Many Cal Poly students have once, or possibly twice, wrestled their way free of comfortable couches, climbed through sweat, tears and shortness of breath up one of the hills surrounding San Luis Obispo to fully take in the place they live; I have found a better view.

For those who love the freedom of flying, the San Luis Obispo Airport is host to a hands-on flight training school, Victory Aviators, offering an introductory flight for under $50.

With the expert assistance of co-owner Adam Verdin, I found out for myself what it is like to maneuver 1,800 feet above freeway traffic — making my way from the airport past my workplace in Pismo Beach, in mere seconds.

“Our ultimate goal is to teach our students how to be completely self-sufficient, to deal with any problem that could arise. The actual flying of the airplane is one of the easiest things to do. It’s not rocket science.” — Adam Verdin, Co-owner of Victory Aviators

About 25 to 30 percent of the clientele are Cal Poly students, Verdin said. Flight instructors at Victory Aviators said college students are extremely receptive to flying instructions, and learn with ease. Wanda Strassburg, an employee at the San Luis Obispo Airport since the 1960s, said Victory Aviators uses the time-tested Jeppesen flight instruction technique, a system developed by an airmail pilot, which teaches instrument use.

The flights are offered in single engine, two-person, Cessna 152s. Expect a tight fit, but it is well worth it for the thrill of navigating down the magnificent California coastline.

After the introductory flight, it costs $60 per lesson. Each lesson lasts about 2 to 3 hours. A large part of the lesson consists of training for what to do if something goes wrong, or if conditions are less than ideal. Students aiming for a pilot's license should expect to spend a lot of time in the air. The Federal Aviation Administration requires a minimum of 40 hours flight time.

“Learning to be a pilot takes time and dedication,” Strassburg said. “The students who do the best are those that harbor a love for flying.”

Learning to fly not only requires time but money as well. To get certified at Victory Aviations costs between $4,500 and $5,000, Verdin said.

Yet, for individuals between the ages of 15 and 21 with an itch to fly but do not have the money, a scholarship is available. Applications are being accepted for the San Luis Avionics Inc. and Honeywell International scholarship until Oct. 1, offering $2,000 toward a private pilot's license.
What's he smoking? Bush has 'pipe dreams'

A motion California voters. We would like to inform you that Mr. Schwarzenegger may be the next governor of California. He is not capable of restoring entire civilizations, and he is now taking on the task of fixing California's budget and crime. Along with Schwarzenegger, the candidate pool is filled with quasi-qualified yet highly enthusiastic contenders who have been solicited, etc., selected from your own backyard.

Yes, folks, this is what our gubernatorial election has come to. With $3,500 and 65 voter signatures, any Californian representing any political party can buy a place on the recall ballot. The lax restrictions placed on the election have created a political sideshow that would have the state founderBrother claming for a front row seat.

Among those attempting to collect signatures by the Aug. 9 deadline are 26-year-old resident Jerry Morrissette, a freeway rest stop executive, as the new First Lady or Gentleman of the Golden state from its impending dem.
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percent of the funds that operate the school. Zingg said.
If the San Francisco Superior Court grants the eight students class certification, they would represent the rest of the UC students, who qualify as unnamed plaintiffs.
"Hopefully the UC students are motivated by concern for the ability of schools to have academic success," Zingg said. "If they’re looking to make a statement and create concern, this is certainly a good way of doing it."
If the Aug. 13 injunction prevails, the university would be prevented from raising fees for professional stu-
dents by 25 percent. The UC would lose $12 million if the court grants injunctive relief, according to UC spokesman Brad Hayes.
The problem with canceling fee increases is someone else would have to assume the financial burden.
"If the CSU students win a lawsuit it would have to be funded by state revenues," Zingg said. "In an indirect way the taxpayers would have to pay; there is no other source of revenue."
Zingg and Patti said fees will not be lowered unless the California economy is healed or more private donors make contributions."
"There is no plan to lower student fees as long as the budget problems continue. This entire situation is driven by the budget," said Patti.

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"I believe that these products are safe and effective when used as directed," owner of MG Sports Supplements Matt Gaines said. "It’s when somebody says, ‘well if two did a good job, why not try six,’ that you run into prob­lems.
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Nancy Sullivan, a nutritionists and dieti­cian at UC Los Angeles, said although she feels that all medications have a place, they would be wise if such supplements were tested for safety before being sold.
"I think of these things like a Dumbo feather," she said. "A lot of people feel that they are magical when they are not. They need to take lifestyle management into account first."
Sullivan advises people choosing to use the herb ephedra for weight loss purposes should do so under the supervision of a physician, so that they make sure they are using it properly.
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her lawsuit. Adams and Welborn were also infected with E. coli while eating on campus.
The California Department of Health Services traced the tainted sprouts back through Campus Dining and All About Produce, a local produce distributor, to Fiji Natural Foods of Ontario, Calif.
According to a report filed by the CDHS, the outbreak infected Lee and four others between July 24 and August 2, 2002. The report stated inadequate decontamina­tion of alfalfa sprout seeds could have contributed to the outbreak.
An inspection of Fiji Natural Foods found the concentration of ephedra in the hyposcizolite solution far below the recommended minimum. This chemical is added to disinfect the alfalfa sprout seeds, which are referred to as “dirty, filthy sprouts in the environmental health field because they are famous for carry­inglisteria,” David Rapsdale, Cal Poly environmental, health and safety manager said in a Aug. 15, 2002, Summer Mustang article.
Poor communication at the farm likely contributed to the E. coli outbreak. Food and Drug Administration rules were broken because “management and workers did not share a common language,” according to the CDHS report.
Alfalfa sprouts are no longer a threat to campus diners because Cal Poly no longer serves alfalfa sprouts, Haddad said.
The public can better under­stand that sprouts are sometimes dangerous,” Haddad said.
But alfalfa sprouts are merely a minority among the carriers of the E. coli bacteria. Major players include ground beef, unpasteurized apple and orange juice, unpasteurized milk and water, according to a food safety Web site.
When the E. coli outbreak was linked to Cal Poly the initial sus­pect was beef. Immediately, Campus Dining removed 500 pounds of beef as a precautionary measure, according to the Aug. 13 2002 Summer Mustang article.

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set-up of such events as commencement, Open House and special events for campus clubs.
"He really enjoyed Poly Royal or open house," Robert Morris, equipment repairman said. "The director gave him that to set up. Everything would be up for two or three days then poof! It’s all back to pristine."
Besides being a well-known figure by faculty and staff around campus Martin was also noted for his interest in astrology and star-mapping.
"He was an astrology buff and was very tal­ented," Hunter said. "He made star charts for people all over the country. Astrology and pho­tography — those were his obsessions."
Manda Epstein, an information technology services staff member, was a personal friend of Martin. She and Martin often kept each other updated on the latest astrological happenings.

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One Giant leap for Correia

Former Poly pitcher makes majors debut a year after being drafted

By Samantha Weeks
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Former Cal Poly student and Mustangs’ pitcher Kevin Correia is living his fantasy.

Correia made his major league debut for the San Francisco Giants on July 10. He was the 127th selection in the 2002 First Year Player Draft for the San Francisco Giants on June 4, 2002.

="Everything has been happening so fast. I’ve been so surprised.”

Kevin Correia
Former Mustangs pitcher

Correia was called up to the Giants for a second time on July 25, but quickly sent back to the Triple A Fresno Grizzlies on Aug. 1. He originally played seven games for the team in his first stint on July 12 before being sent back down to Fresno.

“He recently pitched a game where he gave up one run on two bloop singles, and as a beginner on a prospect he didn’t get ripped too hard,” said Cal Poly senior pitcher Tyler Finch.

Things have rapidly been changing for the former Cal Poly ace pitcher as he settles into the lifestyle of a professional baseball player.

“Everything has been happening so fast,” Correia said. “I’ve been so surprised. I started off in AA, was in AAA for a day, and then in the majors.”

Since everything has been happening so quick he has had no time to really be nervous when pitching for the Giants. He just has to be ready for anything, he said.

“It’s been great to see a guy you grew up with doing so well,” Finch said. “It has been especially weird because at one time he was my roommate and now I’m sitting and watching him on TV.”

Correia said it has been incredible to meet some professional ball players that he has watched on TV for most his life.

“When I met Barry Bonds and all the other players, they all made me feel really comfortable,” Correia said. “It was great to meet Bonds, a player with such ability and talent and who is really hard to get out.”

Correia said that the majors are a lot different because everything is so catered toward the player, whereas in AA he had to bust himself everywhere.

“I throw a lot more innings and have to keep in better shape than I did playing for college baseball,” Correia said.

Kevin got his first taste of the big leagues playing against the Colorado Rockies in Coors Field. He pitched 1 1/3 innings of relief in front of an audience of 35,954 fans.

Being sent back down to the Grizzlies after seven games with the Giants did not discourage him, he said.

He said also being a professional baseball player comes with some risky territory.

“Anything can move me up or down, from injuries to my improvement and skill,” Correia said.

When Correia was dropped back down to AAA, he said he planned to continue working hard in hopes to be recalled in September when the minor leagues are done for the season.

Correia is the eighth Cal Poly player to make it to the big leagues since Ozzie Smith and Lee Hancock.