Mechanical engineers take flight in Air Force internship

Jennifer Gongaware

Mechanical engineering seniors Jessica Ulvin and David Guerrant are gaining insight into the military aspect of their major by interning at Edwards Air Force Base this quarter. The base is located on the western edge of the Mojave Desert about 90 miles north of Los Angeles.

Ulvin and Guerrant both grew up near the base, but for both it was not the reason why they decided to intern there or study mechanical engineering.

"It's funny because I grew up around the base, was surrounded by it and I didn't even...

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Cal Poly is Cow Poly for some

Karen Velie

In the predawn hours of the morning with only the stars to light her way through the eerie silence of Cheda Ranch, Kate Rector heads to the dairy in her stockinged feet. She pulls a pair of knee-high rubber boots from the trunk of her car and looks down at her watch. It's 3:30 a.m. and time to milk the cows.

She first flushes water out of the pipes, then sets up the equipment and residents of the Cheda Ranch and dairy regularly rise hours before the sun.

"Come on ladies. This way," Rector repeats with no impatience.

With nimble fingers, she cleans the teats of the first row of cows and dips them in a sterile iodine solution. Then she attaches a vacuum suction milking apparatus to each.

"Come on ladies. Come on ladies," agriculture science freshman Rector says, her potential flying.

The rest of the herd files into the milking parlor. A small, tan Jersey cow looks around and attempts to head out. Rector turns her around and gently taps her on the rump.

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In a world that seems far removed from that of most Cal Poly students, residents of the Cheda Ranch and dairy share routines regularly rise hours before the sun. They schedule their classes around the requirements of the dairy and deep units.

At Cheda Ranch, seven students are divided between two cabins. Students have their own rooms and share kitchens, living rooms and...
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think of it as a job field," Ulvin said.
Guerrant comes from a military
family, but said he has liked planes
and rockets since he was little.
Before attending Cal Poly, he said
he was not aware of military
opportunities within his major.
With two quarters left, Ulvin
became aware of internship oppor­
tunities at the base after attending a
career fair on campus where they
looked for summer interns. She
found her current position on
Mustang Jobs online.
Ulvin works with a variety of
people, from Cal Poly students and
graduates to civilians and military
personnel.
"It's great because I get to work
with people from all over the
country," Ulvin said. "Also, a lot
of civilians from California and
aerospace engineers." Guer­
ant said it's interesting to see
some of his peers come to work
in their camouflage uniforms and
watch the 21-gal vats honor­
ing those who have fallen in the
Middle East conflicts.
The security issues have been
one of the most prominent differ­
ences about working on a military
base for Guerrant. He has to wear
a color-coded security badge every
day, drive through a checkpoint at
the front gate and walk past guards
carrying M-16 rifles. He can take
home documents from his work
desk only if he places them in a
locked drawer at home.
"The seriousness really hit me in
a meeting where there was a big
presentation," Guerrant said. "I felt
the people had to leave because it
was dealing with proprietary infor­
mation, which is lower level, but
still a national security issue." Both
said Cal Poly's mechanical
engineering program has definitely
helped prepare them for their posi­
tions at the base.
"It's a good school and I'm using
everything I learned and more," Guer­
ant said. "My department is
not missing around, they tell you
what you need to know." For
Ulvin it's not what she
learned in her program, but also
the program's reputation that she
feels will help her in the mecha­
nical engineering field.
"A lot of senior leadership says
very good things about Cal Poly," Ulvin
said. "I've gained a lot more
confidence knowing I am coming
from Cal Poly and knowing it has a
good reputation for it's mechanical
engineering program."
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and laundry facilities.
At the dairy, one student resides
in an apartment located in the
barn and two students live in a
nearby trailer. Someone must be
available 24 hours a day.
They sign a contract to work 30
free hours per month. In compen­
sation, they are charged approxi­
ately $750 in rent per quarter
and are not required to purchase
dining plans. They earn wages for
extra hours of work, said Jay
Wheeler, herd manager.
"When you're a dairyman, it's
like having a baby. If some­
ting happens in the middle of the
night, someone has to be there," Wheeler said. "I have a fantastic
team this year."
Even though the dairy works
with a skeleton crew on
Christmas, Thanksgiving and dur­
ing spring break, workers are
required to commit to working
through one of the university's
holiday breaks.
The herd consists of 213 milk­
ing cows. The dairy employs
around 26 part-time student
employees while providing a prac­
tical lab for dairy science students.
Cal Poly has one of the largest
dairy science departments in the
United States. There are currently
125 undergraduates and 18 gradu­
ate students studying husbandry
and processing related topics.
"This is a unique place," said
Leanne Beaming, a dairy science
professor. "It is an important
opportunity for students to get
hands-on exposure."
Back in the milking parlor, the
milking machine goes sound
more like a heart monitor than an
electronic milk extractor as milk
rushes through the rubber tubing.
An electronic instrument moni­
tors the amount of milk extracted
from each cow and displays the
quickly growing numbers on
black digital screens.
"The Jerseys produce around 20
to 30 pounds of milk each," Rector
says. "It takes 8.6 pounds to
produce a gallon of milk."
For up-to-date news beginning at the start of the
school year, visit the Mustang Daily's Web site at:
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Diablo
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be rendered uninhabitable."
According to the press release,
the NRC refuses to consider any
design measure that could mini­
mitigate the impacts of a terror­
ist attack.
Curran said that there are many
feasible alternatives from minimiz­
ing these impacts and the NRC
had no lawful basis to ignore the
requests.
Jill ZamElk, project director for
Mothers for Peace, said in a press
release that the NRC consistently
shuts out citizen groups like
theirs, even though they routinely
discuss measures for protection
against the threat of terrorist
attacks.
The NRC only listens to the
nuclear industry, which has a vested
interest in minimizing the cost
of environmental protection," said
ZamElk in a press release. "The
NRC must protect the environ­
ment and consider our views on
how that can be best accom­
plished. We have come to the
Court of Appeals to vindicate our
legal right to participate in gov­
ernment decisions that could dra­
cically affect our lives and the
health of the environment."
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Favorites
- Book: N/A
- Musician/Artist: Keith Green
- Movie: N/A
- Magazine: Surfer

If You Could...
- box any celebrity, who and why?
  Aretha Franklin, because we are both of the same stature.
- be any appliance, what and why?
  A refrigerator, because I'd be full of good stuff.

Other
- Who is your favorite cartoon villain?
  Gaston, from Beauty and the Beast.
- Who should be the next president?
  Arnold Schwarzenegger.
- What is your favorite jelly bean flavor?
  Green apple.

Briefs

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — Relatives filed a $6 million claim against the city and county of San Luis Obispo for the alleged wrongful death of a woman who died in custody.

If city and county authorities reject the claim, Suzanne von Slomski's parents will file federal court lawsuits, family attorney James McKiernan said.

Assistant County Counsel Jac Crawford said he hasn't seen the claim, but based on investigations he believes the county would most likely reject it.

The 40-year-old woman was arrested on April 22 by police and she was taken to a county Mental Health Department facility. The woman's car, which she was bringing in, ran out of gas and was blocking an intersection.

Slomski was taken to French Hospital Medical Center, where she died May 1.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mayor Gavin Newsom is planning to install surveillance cameras at several crime-plagued intersections around the city.

Newsom said he is encouraged by the success of a pair of cameras that were installed three months ago outside a dangerous public housing development.

The cameras, which are installed atop utility poles and are protected by bulletproof casings, have deterred illegal activity and won the support of residents, Newsom said.

"I want to focus where we're seeing hot spots of violent crimes," he said.

NORTH CALIFORNIA (AP) — Once widely scorned for a simple decision that sparked a revolution, when a white man demanded she give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., bus, the then 42-year-old seamstress said no. At the time, she couldn't have known it would secure her a revered place in American history. But her one small act of defiance galvanized a generation of activists, including a young Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and earned her the title "mother of the civil rights movement."

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations is launching a global campaign to combat the rising threat of AIDS among children around the world.

An estimated 15 million children have lost one or both parents to AIDS, but less than 10 percent receive any public support.

Every minute a child under the age of 15 dies because of AIDS, the report said.

IRAQ'S CONSTITUTION ADOPTED

Iraqi soldiers celebrate at the end of their graduation ceremony in Najaf, Iraq, Tuesday. Iraq's landmark constitution was adopted by a majority of voters during the country's Oct. 15 referendum.

Thomas Wagner, Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's constitution was adopted by a majority in a fair vote during the Oct. 15 referendum, as Sunni Arab opponents failed to muster enough support to defeat it, election officials said Tuesday.

A prominent Sunni politician called the balloting "a farce."

The U.S. military announced the deaths of two Marines in fighting with insurgents last week in a village west of Baghdad, bringing the total to 1,999 the number of American service members killed since the war started in 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Iraq's most feared terror group claimed responsibility for Monday's suicide attacks that targeted hotels housing Western journalists and contractors in central Baghdad, as well as two suicide bombings in a Kurdish area of northern Iraq on Tuesday.

The referendum results, announced after a 10-day audit following allegations of fraud, confirmed previous indications that Sunni Arabs failed to produce the necessary number of "no" votes they would have needed in at least three of Iraq's 18 provinces to defeat the constitution.

The charter is considered a major step in Iraq's democratic reforms, clearing the way for the election of a new, full-term parliament on Dec. 15. Such steps are important in any decision about the future withdrawal of U.S.-led forces.

Some fear the victory could encourage many members of the minority and fuel their support for the country's Sunni-led insurgency.

Carina Perrelli, the U.N. elections chief, praised a "very good job" with the audit of results by election officials and said "Iraq should be proud of the commission."

Iraq's top two coalition partners, the United States and Britain, also welcomed the results.

"The Iraqis are making inspiring progress toward building a democracy," President Bush said. "By any standard or precedent of history, Iraq has made incredible political progress, from tyranny to liberation to national elections to the ratification of a constitution in the space of two and a half years."

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Claassen the Creepster

He’s also done unique commission work for fans in France and an ill-fated exchange student from Denmark; she paid him to paint her favorite jacket. (Unfortunately, it was stolen, so Claassen’s Web site now features a picture of the garment and encouragement to beat up whoever snatched it.) In December, he’ll be part of “Wish You Were Here,” a prestigious underground group show in Hamtramck, Mich.

This rapidly growing base suits him, as he ultimately wants to leave San Luis Obispo largely because of the weather — during our billboard excursion, he made numerous complaints about hot afternoons. Otherwise he is overwhelmingly, almost politically, upbeat and witty. He has to think hard when I ask what he dislikes; his ultimate response is “broken promises” (the first, unprintable answer involved monkeys). This cheer even extends to the conservative San Luis Obispo art environment, in which he is the most visible wild card.

“I think there’s a lot more young artists here, but they have no place to show their stuff,” he said. “The other galleries are busy showing landscapes ... and they can charge up to 50 percent commission, which is why the prices are so high. And that deters buyers. But it can change.”

The solution: Claassen’s going collective. His gallery’s first group art show, “Creepster,” runs on Halloween and features unusual pieces from some lesser-known alternative artists in the area. The event comes on the heels of the successful “Lost Souls of Forgotten Love” (closing Saturday) and is one new step in many. He’s also moving toward more functional art, including apparel, furniture and pillows.

But like any real student, he knows his education is far from over. “I never, never feel accomplished for my age,” he said. “I do feel now that I finish things I want to get done. But there’s never enough time, nor if there were nine days in a week I would have nothing to show for my time.”

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Student fees and the future of higher education

A t the crossroad between reality and ideology, the intersection between vision and ability, and the boiling point between satisfaction and outrage, student fees exist as a necessary source of revenue and an inevitable source of contention within the CSU system.

We are faced with today is a significant shortfall in higher education funding. From reality, the legislature unwilling to provide increased cost of higher education. How do you feel about the rising State University Fee? Is it an unnecessary burden on students? Is it a necessary sacrifice to preserve the quality of our universities? I encourage you to share your opinion at middles@calpoly.edu or on AIM at “CPASI President.”

There’s a battle to be fought to preserve the integrity of higher education in the future, but unfortunately it’s a lonely one for those on the front lines. What those of us in the trenches are realizing is that we can’t do it alone. We need students to join us in our efforts to keep the CSU affordable. We need to work together to showcase the value of the CSU to our communities, our families and our legislators so that decision-makers understand that higher education is a priority for the taxpayers in California.

The time to speak up in support for higher education is now, and the people who will make a difference are you, your classmates, your parents and members of our community.

Are you willing to do what it takes to keep the CSU affordable for future students? Or will this fight join the rest of the forgotten initiatives left to collect dust on legislators’ policy agendas because the public failed to respond at a critical juncture in time?

The choice is ours, time is the essence!

Tyler Middlestadt is the ASI President and a Mustang Daily columnist

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Los Angeles Times stirs up the pot

New topic already, jeez. Hmm... politics, religion, SLO repression! As catchy as those topics are they have been done before. Let’s try a new topic and see how it goes.

The Los Angeles Times a few weeks ago reported that a Southern California school district, Alhambra, was experiencing a huge difference in performance between its two prominent minorities. The Latino kids were scoring far below the Asian students. Their income brackets were very similar, and they both have near equal numbers and opportunity in the school. The question I propose to you is what caused this disparity?

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Frankly

The game is scheduled for 1:07 p.m. in Davis. This is the 31st first meeting of the two teams, and it will be broadcasted live on KXYT FM 91.1 in Davis. "Officials are going to be against us, the crowds going to be against us and the rain going to be in our eyes," Ellerson said.

Davis, which is known for hiking, surfing and defense, defeated Stanford and No. 16 North Dakota State last weekend.

"If Peyton Manning came in we would still have a chance against them," Ellerson said.

Garnett said the team might not have the room to take him to the game in UC Davis.

But he will try to get there somehow to provide advice on the sideline.

Bertoni to play in All-American Classic

College All-American Golf Classic was ranked at the No.1 tournament in the country according to the Golfweek/Sagarin performance index.


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Cal Poly starting quarterback Anthony Garnett is out for the season with a torn left ACL and meniscus, according to assistant media relations director Eric Burdick.

Garnett threw for 210 yards and two touchdowns against UC Davis, according to coach Rich Ellerson. Ellerson could not comment on the health of Garnett.

Garnett, who took the starting position five games into last season, has thrown for 1,021 yards and seven touchdowns, and ran for seven touchdowns this season. Garnett is the second overall scorer on the Mustangs, according to assistant media relations director Eric Burdick.

We don’t like some of the cards on our table, but we have to play them,” Ellerson said in a press conference Monday.

With Garnett out, redshirt freshman Brennan will have his first regular season start for Cal Poly this weekend.

“All the excitement about what Matt can do,” Ellerson said, but added that Brennan’s lack of playtime is a factor.

Brennan, before Saturday’s game against Montana, had only played in the preseason game against Troy in which he took 10 snaps, made six attempts, completed six and was intercepted once.

“I feel a lot more confident this week than I did at the start of the season,” Brennan said.

Brennan, who entered the Montana game after Garnett’s injury, did not complete his only pass attempt.

“We’re pretty banged up,” Ellerson said of his team’s overall health. “He look like a team that has played six or seven weeks.”

Ellerson added that although Cal Poly is dealing with injuries during this part of the season, health issues aside, Cal Poly plays with one game remaining?

The Mustangs would leapfrog Pacific and Northridge for the final playoff spot, meaning the Mustangs have a chance at making the playoffs with just one game remaining?

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Frankly Speaking

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The women’s soccer team suffered a heartbreaking 4-3 loss in overtime to Cal State Northridge to start the weekend, meaning the Mustangs’ playoff hopes would be on the line playing at home against Pacific on Sunday.

The Mustangs have a chance at making the playoffs with just one game remaining?

Cal State Northridge (3-4-0) kept their playoff hopes alive in beating Cal Poly Friday.

Health issues aside, Cal Poly plays rival UC Davis in Davis this weekend, and the whole team is going to have to step up to make up for lost players Ellerson said.

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Volleyball fans get their groove on

Left, this volleyball “super fan” drove the hour and a half to watch Cal Poly take on the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos on Saturday while the fan on the right supported the Mustangs against the Gauchos at home on September 24. 

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With Garnett out, redshirt freshman Brennan will have his first regular season start for Cal Poly this weekend.

“We are excited about what Matt can do,” Ellerson said, but added that Brennan’s lack of playtime is a factor.

Brennan, before Saturday’s game against Montana, had only played in the preseason game against Troy in which he took 10 snaps, made six attempts, completed six and was intercepted once.

“I feel a lot more confident this week than I did at the start of the season,” Brennan said.

Brennan, who entered the Montana game after Garnett’s injury, did not complete his only pass attempt.

“We’re pretty banged up,” Ellerson said of his team’s overall health. “He look like a team that has played six or seven weeks.”

Ellerson added that although Cal Poly is dealing with injuries during this part of the season, health issues aside, Cal Poly plays with one game remaining?

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Frankly Speaking

Well, last weekend sucked, to put it frankly.

The football team should have won, the volleyball team could have won and the men’s soccer team has not won (a Big West Conference game). The lone bright spot is that the women’s soccer team still has a shot at making the Big West playoffs.

The women’s soccer team suffered a heartbreaking 4-3 loss in overtime to Cal State Northridge to start the weekend, meaning the Mustangs’ playoff hopes would be on the line playing at home against Pacific on Sunday.

Senior leadership shined as the defense muffled the Tigers’ attack, leading Cal Poly to a 1-0 victory.

The win puts Cal Poly back in the mix in the Big West, but only the top four go to the conference playoffs. You might ask, how in the world do the Mustangs have a chance at making the playoffs with just one game remaining?

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