Friends remember life of Cal Poly student
Jennifer Hall 
ACCENT DAILY
Richard Spencer Wood planned to graduate from Cal Poly winter quarter with degrees in history and political science. But his plans were cut short.
Wood, 22, was found dead on July 25 in Avila Beach after attending the 311 concert the night before.
"He was a short guy but he was so tall in terms of his personality," said AJ Rikli, an environmental engineering junior and Wood's fraternity brother. "Everybody respected his words so much."
Wood, originally from Newport Beach, was an avid surfer and skateboarder and was vice president of Lambda Chi Alpha where he had been a member for three years.
"He was basically in charge of making sure we were all still buddies and making sure we were all hanging out," Rikli said. "There was nobody better than Spencer who could do that, because he was everybody's buddy."
Memorial services were held last week in Shell Beach, and a vigil and funeral were held in Newport Beach.
Friends and family gathered to share memories of Wood.
"His family was surprisingly really strong, and there were never tears with them," said Matt Hiranaka, an environmental engineering sophomore.
Wood had been drinking with friends at Mr. Rick's bar in Avila Beach after the 311 concert when he stepped outside to make a phone call. He was never found.
Rikli said: "He'd just bring everything together."
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Even with a lack of preparation and supplies, faculty like Decker remain unfazed by scientists' warnings of the next major earthquake strike. "If Cal Poly appears severe- ly unfazed by scientists' warnings of the next big earthquake, "We know we have about three days' worth of food and water not enough for all 18,000 students, faculty and staff, but enough for normal student traffic." She then quickly changed the subject back to the completion date of the updated emergency plan. "Stover said that "bird flu is a whole different type of emergency and people are definitely very worried about it," while agreeing that the school should be prepared for it. She knows that the main reason for this sort of attention and preparation is that people get really interested right after a major disaster," but she also worries that "since we haven't had an [earthquake] in a while ... people have stopped worrying." She says that she is working hard to keep awareness up and communication flowing so that Cal Poly can handle the next big earth-

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the campus were involved in design review sessions," Sandy said. "Multiple suggestions have been incorporated into the application to facilitate usability problems that were encoun-
tered with POWER."

The ITS Application Management group is responsible for the technical programming and maintenance of the system, but there has also been a significant student effort to help get the two new additions to the still- forming Cal Poly emergency pro-

PASS up and running. Business students in Patricia McNaul's BUS 295 class performed quality assurance testing on the sys-
tem as part of a class project. Agriculture business senior and student assistant at the Office of Academic Records, John Garnin, attended CPR/Reg review sessions with administrators from several departments.

"I was able to learn to use the system in about 20 minutes," Garnin said. Sandy said more than 5,000 users have accessed the PASS system and 2,000 students have already saved schedules, showing a positive response to its ability to find classes using GE and USCP requirements. However, the Office of Academic Records has been unable to make associates on the new systems in order to assist students in case they don't take to the system as easily.

Students can access the PASS sys-
tem now and CPR/Reg on Aug. 4 through the MyCalPoly portal.
Briefs

National

CHICAGO (AP) — Elderly residents were evacuated from back-door apartments Tuesday and public officials urged people to conserve electricity as a stifling heat wave spread across the eastern half of the nation, sending temperatures toward potentially new all-time highs. Temperatures were likely to soar to around 100°F in Washington, New York and other cities along the East Coast, as well as on the southern Plains, with readings in the 90s elsewhere.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted late Tuesday on expanding oil and gas drilling in the central Gulf of Mexico, setting up a confrontation with the House, which plans even more drilling in coastal waters that are now off-limits.
The Senate bill would limit energy companies to using 8.3 million acres in the Gulf while creating a "zone of protection" for Florida that would stretch 125 to 300 miles from the state's beaches at various points.
The House already passed a bill that would lift the 25-year-old drilling moratorium on Outer Continental Shelf waters on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, while allowing states to decide whether to continue the drilling ban.

International

HAVANA, (AP) — Cuba's Communist government tried to minimize speculation about the state of Fidel Castro's health by releasing a statement Wednesday that he died in 47 days without Fidel Castro in charge. Businessmen and workers rallied in support of their ailing leader, who temporarily handed power to his brother Raul.

Fidel Castro, the island's acting president, was nowhere to be seen as Cuban state television showed clips of what came near El Zabalo in Miami that showed a development the people had sought the death of a dictator. Cuban residents kept a low profile while watching for signs of Castro's return.

BOURJ AL-MULOUK, Lebanon (AP) — Heavy ground fighting raged Tuesday near a Lebanese border village, and Israeli soldiers reported that they were taking a fresh and intensive airstrike after it decided, in a major expansion of its offensive, to send thousands of troops deeper into Lebanon. The soldiers will go as far as the Litani River, 18 miles from Lebanon's border.

Rafic Hariri, a former prime minister who was killed in a spectacular explosion in Beirut last year, has been buried in a heavy memorial service at his alma mater, the American University of Beirut.

Cubans in Florida speculate effects of Castro's health, power relinquishment

MIAMI (AP) — Celebration in the streets of Little Havana gave way Tuesday to speculation about the state of Fidel Castro's health and what would happen in Cuba if he were to die, while country officials acknowledged a rumour and said the president was well.

Castro remained out of sight Tuesday after undergoing intestinal surgery and temporarily transferred power to his brother Raul. Some in Florida speculated that the leader who has defied the American government and built one of the world's largest economies in the past 40-something years in power will begin,” said Miami-Dade County commissioners, who was born in Cuba.

“With the recent rains and the warm weather, there is a greater chance of having mosquitoes breeding around your home,” said David Swerdlow, head trustee for the Orange County Vector Control District.

In Hialeah, Orlando Hno said he was worried about the mosquito population, and he said he was giving up on his plans to head off any possible mass exodus from Cuba by sea in case Castro loses power.

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“Fidel Castro, left, temporarily relinquished power to his brother Raul Castro, right. This is the first time in 47 years that Fidel Castro has not held power in Cuba.”

THE BIZARRE

Mom tracks down teen toilet paper pranksters

NORCO, Calif. — Teenagers who toilet-papered and damaged a home now face felony vandalism charges because of a mother's extraordinary sleuthing.

Katja Bae, mother of six, was unwilling to let the teens get away with it, saying she tracked them down to teach her kids about accountability.

Bae awoke one February morning to find her front lawn strewn with two-ply toilet paper. She and husband Ken also found damaged landscaping and light fixtures as well as ruined finishes on two cars.

Dog food and flour also covered the lawn.

Realizing the sheriff's department has better things to do than track down teen pranksters, Katja Bae decided to do some detective work.

"There needs to be accountabil­ity," she said. "Mainly I pursued this as a lesson for my daughters. I don't want them to ever come to me and ask why I didn't do anything about it."

Bae persuaded supermarket man­agers to tally daily toilet-paper users for the week and a Sater Bros. manager said there was a run on bath­room tissue a few days before her home was vandalized.

At 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17, someone bought 144 rolls of toilet paper.

"My hope for Cuba would be for it to grow as the power it used to be," she said. "I want my parents to see Cuba back to the way it was when they left — the beautiful beaches, the growing economy and the happy people."

In Hialeah, Orlando Pino said he wanted to return to Cuba when Castro dies.

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Hot dice and cold drinks: What happens in Vegas...

Jemma Wilson

The bright lights, the late nights and the constant flow of alcohol are what consumed my weekend as I ventured to the 21-and-over Disneyland. Yes, I was in the fabulous city of Las Vegas.

For my best friend's 21st birthday, five of us ladies traveled to Nevada in hopes of an unforgettable weekend. Needless to say, it definitely was. While the motto "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" is present in my mind, I don't mind sharing with you a few of our adventures.

Our first night there, we partied at the club Tao in the Venetian hotel. A friend of mine who lives there knew a guy who knew a guy who let us all go straight in, ahead of the endless line of girls waiting at the door and skipping the $20 cover fee. The night was amazing and we danced the night away, making our first evening in Vegas my favorite.

The next day we awoke from our drunken slumber and made our way to the "lazy pool" at the MGM where the current just flows you around. When some men from Salt Lake City approached us and offered to buy us a drink, we couldn't refuse. I mean, as much as I don't agree with women using men for money, I've learned that rules are very different in Vegas. Plus, when drinks are $9 apiece and you're there on a budget, any free drink is very welcome. Five margaritas and a Corona later, I was feeling good as I sunbathed with a smile on my face.

After having a necessary nap, we headed out to Pure nightclub at the Caesar's Palace hotel. Again, with my friend knowing someone there, we got our VIP stamps and headed straight through the doors. The DJ wasn't as good and my hangover was starting to kick in, so Pure wasn't so fun for me. Especially when I asked the bartender for a glass of water and she responded by serving me a tiny bottle for $8, I was starting to get over it.

Soon we headed to Shadow, the lounge bar at Caesar's, where we were approached by some men in town for a bachelor party claiming they had an amazing suite that we should check out. We felt like we were living large, getting a taste of what it's like to "be someone" in the sin city.

As we headed home on Sunday for what turned out to be a horrendous 11-hour drive, I realized the city had taught me some valuable lessons:

1. Always pre-drink before you go anywhere because drinks are at least $10 each.
2. Always accept free drinks, but know that the person buying it is generally after something, and more often than not, they are crazy.
3. Status is everything! Prepared to spend some serious cash if you don't have any connections (yes, even if you are a girl).
4. Skip the drive and fly, trust me! After moving five miles in three hours, I would have paid any amount for an airline ticket.

And finally, enjoy yourself! You are in one of the most visited cities in the world, and it is truly spectacular; live it up while you can.
Tasty treats and yummy eats at the Mid-State Fair

Tyler Wise
MUSTANG DAILY

For those of you lurking near or around San Luis Obispo this summer, be sure to make a trip to the California Mid-State Fair, the premiere joint to hang out with friends while digesting good music, good vibes and, of course, good food.

Once again, it's time for another delectable edition of Cal Poly's own "$40 A Day: Mid-State Fair Style" — an episode high on grease, loaded with salt, packed with sugar and smothered in nothing but good taste, topped off with only the best domestic beers on tap.

After weighing down on some of the grub and brew that the Mid-State Fair has to offer, here's what you need in order to experience some good old belly bliss.

Corn Dogs — Golden Fair Food Standards

If it's the popcorn or cotton candy, there's no other fair food staple like the corn dog. It's a must. And at the Mid-State Fair, the vendors are strategically placed near your favorite bar, ride and the baseball game with a carnival that keeps suckering you out of your money. And they offer up some appetizing corn dogs at a reasonable price.

Not too overcooked and crunchy, and nowhere near soft and chewy like a soggy microwaveable one, the corn dogs at the fair are a tasty medium. For a lightly salted dog with a fluffy cornmeal crust, splatter on some ketchup and mustard and you're golden.

You can find the typical corn dog at any fair vendor for $3, or at a little joint near the main stage, you can get the "foot-long" for $5.

Chinese Food — Good & Greasy Grub

With a buffet list full of Americanized classics, make sure to hit up the Chinese food vendors near the main stage and the fair rides if you're looking for a little sweet n' sour and teriyaki.

The skewers, either beef or chicken, are served piping hot on a foot-long stick and glistening in a teriyaki base. Equal parts salty and sweet, with a dash of pepper, the teriyaki skewers are a Mid-State must and at $4 a pop, not too shabby, price-wise.

Other notable Chinese appetizers include egg rolls, fried rice and chow-mein noodles.

Funnel Cake — Knockout Punch to an Awesome Evening

When the concerts are through and the night is winding, be sure to top off your Mid-State Fair experience with some epic funnel cake.

Sugared heavily with powdered sugar and served up warm either plain or topped with strawberries, funnel cake is the perfect ending to a night (and a belly) full of good eats whether you're with your friends, a date, or rocking it solo.

If you're looking for a smorgasbord of sweet taste, try the funnel cake topped with caramelized strawberries dripping with sugar for $8, which is guaranteed to make you comatose from the flavor and send you sleep-walking back to your ride for the trip home.

This is just a taste of the good eats that the Mid-State Fair has to offer, but reason enough for you all to get off your butts and head north where the music, lights, and the ladies are.

So put down the remote control, stop playing endless hours of Halo online, give the Chapelle's Show Box Set a much-needed rest, and grab your friends for an awesome road trip and a night of grubbing.

'The Cable Guy' makes a house call in Paso Robles

Nicole Small
MUSTANG DAILY

Larry the Cable Guy installed two hours of laugh-out-loud comedy to Mid-State Fair-goers on July 28.

While every minute may not have been stomach-hurt good, he put on a full show that included chaps about poop, making fun of his own jokes and, ending on a high note, a string of jokes while he struggled away on his guitar.

I was a first-time Larry viewer among at least 500 people carrying around blanking boot cups filled with who-knows-what drink sold at the many booths around the fair. ( Literally, if you never have been to the fair, understand that food concessions are limited and margarita and fruity drink stations are placed at every other corn dog stand.)

It may have been the beers or just the delight of being at the fair, but the audience was getting a good impromptu Larry impersonation, but there is still more.

The best part of the show was the end when he played some great hits on his guitar. For example, he performed a song about a friend who got herpes in the eye titled "Love in All the Wrong Places."

Larry put on a good show, although probably not a show for the prim and proper wives of senators. But for a summertime fair, nothing is better than a low-quality beer for seven bucks and a good laugh.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bush's veto shows Republican disunity

Dealing with the wishes of a majority of Americans and their representatives, President George W. Bush vetoed a bill allowing federal money to go to embryonic stem cell research. Although this veto was deviating to the millions who are familiar with the pain associated with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, diabetes, cancer, and spinal injuries, the veto was also indicative of the palpable division present in the GOP.

Even before the President's veto, there were hints of disagreement between the Republican-led Congress and the president over national security, as the president threatened to veto legislation challenging the Dubai Ports Deal. These disagreements between Congress and the President became even more apparent when the two parties could not agree on remedial legislation dealing with the illegal immigration issue.

If that wasn't enough, Indiscretion Chairman Aric Speerter (R-Penn) said he plans to introduce legislation this week that would give Congress the right to bring a lawsuit against the president's signing statements. — Bush's practice of chanting a right to ignore or not enforce sections of bills that he signs into law. You might remember that Mr. Speerter was also very critical of NSA's warrantless surveillance program.

Once noted and admired for their incredible ability to maintain a unified front, the intense spotlight associated with the difficult issues is finally beginning to reveal rifts amongst the GOP.

Patrick Mohlar
Business adminstration senior

Battle to stop global warming not hopeless

The year is 2050. The number of deaths per year has more than doubled within the last 44 years and more than a million species worldwide have been driven to extinction. The ice has completely melted in the Arctic Ocean and the world is engulfed in frequent heat waves, droughts and wildfires. Sound like another sci-fi movie? Think again. As it is in 2006, Earth has changed drastically within the last century alone. Glaciers are melting, natural disasters are becoming more frequent, plants and animals are struggling to survive. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, there is only much more to come.

When I bought my ticket for "An Inconvenient Truth," a movie featuring Al Gore's presentation on global warming, I expected some Michael Moore-type propaganda from the former vice president. But the presentation, which Gore has been giving for the last two decades all over the world, was so much more. To put it simply, Gore knows what he's talking about. Everyone is familiar with the phrase "global warming," but not everyone knows what that entails. Gore lays out the facts, which he has compiled after decades of work with scientists and researchers. The evidence is there; it's up to us to do something about it.

Rather than ending the movie on a doomsday note, Gore provides the audience with a sense of hope and lists several solutions that Americans can act on. He points out that in utilizing solutions for global warming, jobs are created and money can be made — it might not be cheap at first, but the financial benefits are there.

As college students, it's a lot more difficult. Most of us don't have the money to buy an electric car (though with gas prices these days, I would hope most would want to) and we can't afford to install solar panels on our roofs. But we are fortunate to go to a university that cares.

In June 2006 alone, Cal Poly was recognized several times for its contributions to environmental protection. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ranked Cal Poly as one of the best workplaces in the nation for commuters, based on the efforts to improve air quality, save energy and reduce plastic congestion in the community. Additionally, the university also received a 2005 Best Practices award for conserving energy, and by the end of the summer, the Engineering West building will boast a brand new solar roof.

The issue of sustainability was of great importance to former ASI President Tyler Middlestadt, who even created a handbook on the subject. It will be interesting to see what the new president, Todd Maks, does to continue or discontinue — Middlestadt's environmental outreach.

As Gore pointed out in the movie, it's extremely motivated — when he wants to be. Throughout history, Americans have ended segregation, ended world wars, and even helped end the destruction to the ozone layer, which should be fully recovered by 2050. The battle against global warming isn't all that different, but it requires that we each have the resolve to change our habits and have the mindset that something CAN be done. Even as a college student, difficult it is to recycle, carpool and keep electricity use to a minimum! All three help to keep carbon dioxide to a minimum, not to mention the fact that you'll be cutting back on gas/electricity costs.

Ending global warming is not a hopeless cause, but one that should be taken seriously. Our generation has the potential to leave this world a better place than it was when it was handed down to us — or things could get worse. But we are not only destined for failure if we choose to be.

For more information on what you can do, check out www.globalwarmingisnotaninconvenience.com or see "An Inconvenient Truth," for yourself.

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"I've been playing with my space blanket for too long."
Devan McClaine
MUSTANG DAILY

Last installment, I gave you game ball movies. This week, we hit the hardwood. The ball scenes of basketball movies are hard to fake, much more so than baseball; you can’t cut away while someone is dribbling; that’s making it look awkward. When it is faked (“Frenzied!”), you end up with a ball scene of movies very cheesy and uncomfortable to watch.

On this advice side, we are looking for a plot here; it can’t be all dishes and dishes and dishes. I was a kid. Filmmakers Steve James and Arthur Agee and William Gates. The only documentary on the list, it actually made me cry when I was a kid. Filmmakers Steve James and Frederick Marx (no relations to Engels or Karl) follow the lives of two inner city Chicago teens, Arthur Agee and William Gates.

Both aspire to prove in the foot-steps of Chicago-born NBA star Isiah Thomas and make the NBA. Gates and Agee both enter St. Joseph’s Prep (Thomas’ alma mater) from middle school. Gates joins the varsity and garners comparisons to Thomas as a freshman. Agee has finished struggles and joins a public school.

Agee’s family struggles are apparent. He suffers with a crick in his back. Addiction. One of the heroes of the film, the struggles, to keep the light on and Arthur in line. Gates goes through a knee operation, which threatens his career. Both move on to their destiny, by the end; the stories of each are equally heartbreaking and amazing to watch.

James and Marx literally follow these kids for six years, and you realize that you to know and love them. The basketball action is as real as it gets. Look for cameos from Chris Webber, Jawann Howard, the legend that is Eric Montross, Dick Vitale and Spike Lee. Basketball side, this is one of the most moving documentary ever filmed. Gates actual goes on to a college scholarship, while Agee finds his way to a junior college.

3. “White Men Can’t Jump”

I’m pretty sure this movie was the genius of three major discoveries for me. One, I am white and cannot jump. Two, I am white and will forever be underestimated on a basketball court. Three, trash talking is absolutely necessary in basketball.

Woody Harrelson takes off the bar apron, but still continues the autocratic white guy role as hustler Billy Hoyle. Wesley Snipes makes his second appearance on the list as Sidney Drane. Hoyle takes advantage of street players by doing typical ethnically white guys thing like stretching before a game. Snipes, who was immi­grant, is helped by Woody, taken on as a partner, cultural boundaries are crossed (Woody takes a trip to the hood). The Wyoming cownphad the Joshit of the film when Woody bets Wesley (they are the Newman and Redford of the early 90’s) that he can dunk. The bartender from “Cheers” lives up to the title of the movie and loses the money from a previous tournament.

Ron Shelton (“Bull Durham”) does an amazing job with the exchanges between Snipes and Harrelson. Snipes is a pretty good ball player, and to no one’s surprise, Woody can hit a jump shot.

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Cowboys saddle up in So-Cal

Abreu signed with the Yankees for $21 million dollars, while Philadelphia acquired four minor league pitchers.

The last big trade of the weekend was Milwaukee Brewers’ outfielder Carlos Lee traded to the Texas Rangers for outfielder Kevin Mench and Laynce Nix Lee, a two-time All-Star, is hitting .292 with 28 home runs and 82 RBIs.

Lee looks to enhance a lineup which features All-Stars Michael Young, Hank Blalock and first baseman Mark Texiera.

Trade talks also fell through for A’s starter Barry Zito, who was rumored to be going to the Mets. The A’s were reluctant to trade their ace with such a slim lead in the AL West.

Former A’s shoothot Miguel Tejada was mentioned in trade talks with the Texas Rangers. Tejada would be a great addition to a team that has the trade gone through. Tejada had stated his refusal to play third if the trade gone through.

The Nationals take the risk of Soriano signing elsewhere this season in a salary gain. The A’s ran the same risk with Zito, who should receive fairly lucrative contract offers from various teams in search of starting pitching.
Round two: meet the Mustangs

Katie Hofstetter
MLTIONS-DAY

Fret not, Poly player lovers; there are more incoming athletes to be highlighted. And if the following player summaries still don’t satisfy your fix, lucky you; there’s another installment still to come.

Madeline Fletcher — Women’s Golf
Los Alamitos, Calif. native Fletcher, 18, has been golfing competitively for six years, after her grandparents introduced her to the sport. In that six years, Fletcher earned accolades in her high school district and surrounding areas.

She was named the Southern California PGA Player of the Year in 2003 and was placed in the Lakewood Hall of Fame, honoring top athletes in the district.

Fletcher is looking to further hone her golfing skills and make a significant contribution to the team.

Geoff Gonzalez — Men’s Golf
Like Fletcher, Gonzalez’s grandfather was his first link to the sport of golf, which he has been playing for 12 years. The Most Valuable Player in his high school league in Diablo, Calif., Gonzalez, 18, chose Cal Poly because of its academic reputation and successful golf team.

He is looking forward to meeting new people and contributing to last year’s Big West Conference champion men’s golf team.

"I just hope to add something to the team because they’ve been good, so I hope I can add something," he said.

Kyle Maddux — Football
Maddux, 18, comes to Cal Poly from Camarillo, Calif., where he played for the three-time-in-four-years CIF football championship team at St. Bonaventure High School.

In his time at St. Bonaventure, Maddux was named All-CIF and All-State, and played with fellow Mustang footballer and future UCLA great, Gillopoulos and Ryan Fink. Maddux said his goals for his time at Cal Poly are to "play football and have a good time, but more importantly, to get my education.

He is prepared to red shirt his freshman year in order to prime himself for the following four years.

Krysten Cary — Softball
At her high school in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., Cary led her team to the CIF playoffs with 6 home runs and a .450 batting average for the season.

Cary, who plays first base, was named First-Team All-League her junior year.

She said her decision to come to Cal Poly was aided by current Mustang softball player Stephanie Tam, who Cary knows from traveling softball teams. She said she is hoping to start in her first year at Cal Poly and "to be a good asset to the team as a freshman."

Brittany Blalock — Women’s Tennis
Brittany comes to Cal Poly with the aim to "go as far as an individual and help the team as a whole." If her high school performances are any indication of what’s yet to come, Blalock should be in good shape.

The IH-year-old was named First-Team All-League her freshman year in order to prime herself

For the following four years.

Trade deadline fails to live up to hype

Tyler Wise
SPORTS-DAY

As Monday’s 4 p.m. deadline for mid-season trades in Major League Baseball came to close, some big-time rumors became reality, while others never lived up to the hype.

In the aftermath, the biggest news of the week saw Greg Maddux bound for tinsel town, Bobby Abreu head for the Big Apple, and Carlos Lee out to Texas, while Mr. Soriano stayed in Washington.

With 20 years and four-time Cy Young award winner, Greg Maddux, was traded during the rumors fueled to the Los Angeles Dodgers who were the most active traders in the mid-season.

Wrangling free of the Chicago Cubs, with whom he began his epic career in 1986, Maddux said he had mixed feelings about his departure.

"I am very surprised, to be honest with you. I’m excited to go to L.A., but at the same time, sad about leaving Chicago. I need to get right with my team and try to pitch well for them," said Maddux as he was leaving the Cubs.

With a 4.69 ERA, a 9-11 record this year, and 327-200 record overall, Maddux was traded for infielder Cesar Izturis in the hope that he would bring some star power to a troubled Dodgers’ pitching staff.

Izturis, a Gold Glove winner in 2004, and All-Star last year, said he was enthusiastic about the trade.

"I want to play every day. I can’t wait to get there," Izturis said.

Hitting .252 with 12 RBIs and 1 home run in 32 games, Chicago is hoping that Izturis can add some clutch hitting and fielding to the Cub’s inconsistent offense.

Other trades in the Dodgers’ organization include the acquisition of Julio Lugo from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays who is hitting .308 with 12 home runs, 27 RBIs and 18 stolen bases, and Vladimir Betemit from the Atlanta Braves, who in his first game with Dodgers, hit 3-4 with two doubles against the Washington Nationals.

The Dodgers also made a bid for coveted Washington outfilder Alfonso Soriano, who has 123 hits, .32 home runs, and 66 RBIs but were unable to acquire the All-Star slugger.

Instead, the Nationals chose to keep Soriano, squashing the hype and crushing the hopes of see Deadline page 7