Cal Poly seeks student feedback in online survey

Genevieve Loggins  
MUSTANG DAILY  
Students have the opportunity this week to take an online survey that could benefit their learning experience at Cal Poly and provide the university with information to make improvements.

The survey, held every 10 years by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) will be online until Feb. 26, and student answers will help determine the accreditation status of different colleges and allow students to give input on issues related to their major and career choices.

The survey has four sections: curriculum, co-curriculum, on-campus employment and off-campus employment. The school wants to research these areas to see what students are learning outside of school and what is needed to improve Cal Poly’s learning process.

Furthermore, the survey will review each major and concentration, which can help the school make real improvements, architecture professor and director of the WASC survey Bruno Giberti said.

“The survey is focused on trying to use the resources that we have to provide Cal Poly students with the best kind of education that we can,” he said. “The whole point of the exercise is to improve the education that you receive here.”

Students played a large role in designing the survey. Associated Students Inc. helped design the survey while focus groups looked for problems debated whether or not the questions were relevant to them or not, he said.

ASI President Angela Kramer, who oversaw the creation of the survey, said she made sure the structure and format would be easy to understand and the overall layout effective.

“WASC asked some students from student government to help them make it student-friendly, and we wanted to make sure the questions were understandable and that they would get the answers to the questions they were looking for,” Kramer said.

The two-part survey is also designed to get feedback from students about subjects connected to Cal Poly, specifically how students declare a major.

“I really like the survey and for what they’re trying to accomplish, and a good quality of education in regards to diversity and getting the most out of the programs they’re a part of,” Kramer said. “I think it’s really accurate and applicable to students at all colleges and majors.”

Many students invest time and effort in other extracurricular activities that take time and involvement off campus, and a whole new learning process is developed there. The school wants to understand students to the annual National AIFD Symposium in Palm Desert.

“That team worked really hard to get us where we are. We were blessed to go,” Lemm said.

Lynch has been taking to her students about their design students and the flowers, and the students will travel to Boston, Mass.

“I try to have my students go and work with these top designers in the nation because they are going to learn. I want my students to work with these fabulous designers,” she said.

Cal Poly won the award for the Medieval Myths and Tales competition at the National AIFD Symposium in Palm Desert. The team used chicken wire, ribbons, and chicken feathers to create a medieval character. The team was awarded $45 billion in bail-out money, plus guarantees to cover losses on home mortgages.

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Jeannine Aversa  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The government on Monday moved toward dramatically expanding its ownership stakes in the nation’s banks — with Citigroup, the struggling titan of the industry, apparently at the top of the list.

Wall Street responded as it has with the rollout of almost every other plan to fix the financial crisis, taking a big drop and sending the Dow Jones industrials to its lowest level in a dozen years. The Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve and other banking regulators said they could convert the government’s stock in the banks from preferred shares to common shares.

The strategy, which could be applied retroactively to banks that received money in the first incarnation of the bailout, carries risks. But it avoids, at least for now, having to tap more taxpayer money or resort to full-fledged nationalization.

Citigroup Inc. — perhaps the biggest name in American banking — has approached the regulators about ways the government could wind up holding as much as a 40 percent stake in Citigroup by converting preferred stock it has purchased in the bank in recent months into common stock.
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Change the Status Quo is designed to educate and network activists on multiple issues, bringing together people who share a passion for making a difference in their community and the world.

Registration is now open in UU 217 at the Student Life & Leadership Office.

Economists did not seem to be too worried by the news.

"We realize that we really don't have any hard information about what Cal Poly students do other than going to class," he said. "There's a whole variety of experiences students have within the curriculum that we don't know about."
50 jobs, 50 states in a year? 1 man gives it a try

Daniel Seddiqui packs cubes of cheddar for processing at Widmer's Cheese Cellars in Theresa, Wis. Seddiqui is trying to work one week at each of 50 different jobs in all 50 states. Wisconsin is his 23rd state.

At a time when some people are having trouble finding one job, Dan­sel Seddiqui is lining up 50 — one in every state.

Each job symbolizes the state's most famous industry, and each lasts one week — just long enough for the 26-year-old to appreciate the labor and explore the region.

He's been a park ranger in Wy­oming, a corn farmer in Nebraska and a wedding coordinator in Las Vegas.

Last week, in week 23 of his year­long saga, he was a cheesemaker in southeast Wisconsin. He mixed in­
redients, hoisted slabs of cheddar —

"I would say this was as hard as lifting," he said Friday, referring to his stint as a logger in Oregon three months ago. "Everything here is done by hand so there's a lot of heavy lifting."

Seddiqui, who grew up in Los Alto, Calif., insists his job-hopping isn't a gimmick. It's a legitimate ef­

tort to travel the U.S., learning about cultures across the country and de­

veloping a respect for what other people do.

"That's the problem with stereo­
types. People think farmers aren't educated, but probably every one was more educated than me," he said. "That's the kind of thing you learn when you do this."

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State

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A San Joaquin Valley company is facing steep fines after two of its workers died last year in a pipeline near Paso Robles.

State safety officials cited A. Teichert & Son Inc. this month, saying "serious and willful" safety violations led to the deaths of Jacob Gaines and Manuel Villagomez in October. The company has been fined $40,000.

SALINAS, Calif. (AP) — Two men are hospitalized in serious condition after their single-engine plane apparently struck a power line and crashed into the Salinas River.

Firefighters say the 29-year-old pilot and his 46-year-old passenger were aboard a yellow Cessna plane that crashed Sunday afternoon shortly after takeoff from Salinas Municipal Airport.

Fire Division Chief Kevin Kannikar says Salinas Rural Fire District responders crashed across lettuce fields and through treetops to get to the victims.

Briefs

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats unveiled a $410 billion spending bill on Monday to keep the government running through the end of the fiscal year.

The measure includes thousands of earmarks, the pet projects favored by lawmakers but often criticized by the public in opinion polls.

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International

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's storied National Museum reopened Monday with a red-carpet gala in the heart of Baghdad nearly six years after looters carried away priceless antiquities as American troops largely stood by in the face of the city's fall to U.S. forces.

The ransacking of the museum became a symbol for critics of Washington's post-invasion strategy and its inability to maintain order as Siddiqi Hosein's police and military unraveled.

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WORD ON THE STREET

"Upon graduation, how likely is it you'll find a job in your respective field?"

"I'm not worried at all because I want to be a math teacher and will be going into a scholarship plan that you commit to. They assign you to a school right after you graduate but you don't get to pick the location."

-Jason Del Aguila, industrial engineering sophomore

"Very likely, I'm architecture major and we have a good program, one of the best. (Architecture majors) are getting jobs and the whole green movement with sustainability building methods is crucial for architects to be a part of."

-Brandon Herbst, architecture junior

"I'm just going to do my best to look for jobs. I'm asking my professors in my major for assistance. I think people in my industry are getting jobs but I haven't been able to find too much around, especially on Mustang Jobs."

-Julie Stokes, industrial technology senior

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The hardest job so far was toiling in a meatpacking factory in Topeka. "I'm an unemployed welder," said Seidiqui. Promoted (with DEE-kii) he said his employer gave him the option of slaughtering a cow with a rifle shot to the head, but he couldn't bring himself to do it.

"That was a little too extreme," he said. "But they didn't really expect me to do it. They just said I could if I wanted."

The goal of his project, which he plans to write a book about when he's done, was to force himself out of his comfort zone. By daring himself to try all sorts of crazy jobs — rodeo announcer, border-patrol agent, archaeologist — other people might be willing to follow his example, he said.

At least one person has already been inspired, according to Seidiqui. After a news crew in Kansas City, Mo., reported on his stint as a boilermaker, an unemployed dentist who saw the story decided to break off his old welding skills and apply. The next day the man had a $40-per-hour job, Seidiqui said.

Seidiqui tries to line up jobs only three to four months in advance. Following his work in Wisconsin, he has his next eight weeks charted, starting with a position at the John Deere headquarters Monday in Moline, Ill.

"I'm hoping I will. I'm an industrial engineering major and it's a pretty tough job field right now."

-Connie Chou, industrial engineering sophomore
Breaking the dry spell

It may be the middle of winter, but some Cal Poly students are suffering from a personal love drought. Not due to a lack of water, but because of a personal love drought. It is true that everyone has their down times. Maybe you’ve just been spending a lot of solo nights in your Smiggle at home. Sometimes you just can’t find anyone to smooch at a party, text inappropriate things to late at night, or ask to a movie (because it’s just kind of weird to go alone).

In order to find someone to kiss or knock boots with, you must play the game right. However, in your attempt to get back in the game, you have to be careful not to overdo it. Nothing reeks of loneliness like bathing in Abercrombie cologne and shoving fruity drinks at innocent partygoers. And nothing says desperate more than wearing a shirt bordering on a wardrobe malfunction. Remember, breaking a dry spell means you need to attract people, not repel them. Showing you’re available in order to end a sexual slump is totally understandable, but use some tact. You need to be the cutest, nicest version of yourself.

Now, while being the best version of yourself, make sure to surround yourself with a similarly amazing crowd. I’m not recommending going out with only attractive friends, because that may inadvertently make you look less attractive. I’m saying to go out with people who know your intentions; to get some. This means, don’t go out with an ex or some awkward former hook up and expect to meet someone new. This type of company is a buzz kill. You will either be distracted by their presence or your night will be monopolized by conversation about ‘what could have been.’

The ideal situation is to go out with close friends, specifically those of your same sex. Bringing opposite sex friends along may be fun, but you have to be careful; you don’t accidentally ward off welcome company. Same-sex friends are ideal, because whether or not you meet someone you’ll probably still have a great time.

Also, everyone needs to remember liquor is a frenemy. Sure, you and alcohol are friends when you are only a few drinks in, you’re confident, possibly even funnier, but drink with caution. That frenemy boozes is waiting to screw you like a friend that hooks up with your ex. You’re dancing one drink and falling the next. No one wants to listen to you slur, stare into your drunken lazy eyes or risk being the one to get you water while you puke. So whatever you are searching for, pick the appropriate weapons to lure in your object of desire.

No matter how long you’ve gone without someone, regardless if it’s a kiss, date or sex, being with a person just to get someone isn’t going to help. Well, maybe it will make you feel a little better, but you would feel a lot better if the next day you realized that the you were seen with the night before was awesome or way hot. Being at least semi-interested in your fortunate partner means that you may have an opportunity to get a second shot with this person. Maybe then you can ditch your Smiggle or at least prevent a second dry spell.

Denise Nihm is a journalism senior and the Mustang Daily’s sex columnist.
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Live exhibit adds perspective to world hunger

Chelsea Bieker
Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Are you hungry? Are you worried that you won't be able to remedy your hunger with a trip to the grocery store or a restaurant? For most of us, especially in an affluent town such as San Luis Obispo, the prospect of being unable to satiate our most basic need for survival is not a valid concern; we don't fear a lack of food, and even if we are low on cash, things are not so dire that Top Ramen will suffice. Food is a given, not a worry. Or at least, that's how most of us think.

It might be shocking to learn that the Food Bank in our own town is struggling to meet growing demands to feed the hungry in need. Cathy Enns of the Food Bank Coalition in San Luis Obispo said that although the community has been generous with donations in the past months, there is still a need for help.

In this case, help is coming in an unexpected form: an interactive sculpture. "Hungry Planet," the exhibit in the middle of the San Luis Obispo Art Center's current exhibition, Hungry Planet, is a cacophony of cans and non-perishable goods. Visitors are encouraged to fill the empty rings on the ground with food, symbolizing the feeding of an empty belly.

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Chelsea Bieker
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"The purpose of the sculpture is to increase the interest in people donating food to the food banks which are very much in need," Plow said. "It's a wonderful synopsis for what is going on in the world and how important food is in everyone's life."

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GE requirement would educate informed choices

In response to the letter to the editor "Personal choice should be an option too!"

Eric, at the end of your letter you said "People voluntarily put themselves in situations they believe is in their interest, so inform our beliefs!"

People must first be informed/educated about something before they believe in that something. What if we were not aware/educated/informed of the consequences of our actions? Then we would probably do things the way we have since we were born.

I see your point of choosing education. However, the purpose of education is to make us aware of our choices, and to help us make wise decisions. If we were not aware/informed of something before we acted, we would simply follow the path of least resistance, and make decisions based on our limited knowledge.

The Sustainability General Education Requirement will allow a space to be created where students will be informed about the inter-connection of our actions. After this course is over, the students (who are the little people) will be able to decide what is best for them create-student-led research groups, engage in door-to-door conversations, start composting, share a meal with somebody ethnically different, etc., or they can keep doing things the way they have done them in the past while knowing the consequences of their actions.

Jorge Montezuma

**Editorial/Opinion**

**UU Plaza renovation is cultural vandalism**

The University Union Plaza "extreme make-over" is an appalling act of cultural vandalism against the best piece of modern architecture on the Central Coast. It replaces something of great value with banal, mediocre, insipid, dysfunctional, and lacking in human qualities. The UU, including its plaza, was an exciting 1970s design made by one of California's most distinguished architects, John Esherick. This design emerged in an age of Modernism that was falling apart. Many architects were abandoning Modernism. Others, like Esherick, sought to reclaim its original utopian humanism, and we see this in the UU's focus on abundant opportunities for unscheduled human interaction and improvisation.

The plaza design was an inspired one. Faced with a sloping site, its designers realized they could create a wonderful sunken outdoor living room separated from the noisy road-at its side. Like great Italian piazzas (probably its inspiration), this outdoor room provides a place of repose and a place for action. Its pathways to the street pass between asymmetrical walls of seating (reminiscent of passage along streets leading to a piazza) — places to smoke, talk, sit on buses, instead it proposes a pedestrian freeway, lacking human scale and amenity, linking road and building, a pompously monumental outer wall to its parking lot entrance. Everything good about the current plaza is being destroyed.

The proponent maker of this outer wall to overburden these human qualities need not obfuscate the outdoor room by opening its outer wall to the sky. To read the Mustang Daily's recent article on the plaza renovation, go to http://tinyurl.com/UUplaza

-- Jorge Almonte

**Commentary**

Colin, you seem to be warning us of the treacherous consequences which will ensue the passage of the $787 Stimulus Package by Obama and harness the new age of American socialism.

You take time to point out that money is being allotted to such scourges as unemployment benefit (we have a higher unemployment rate than Kazakhstan), medical assistance (I hate being able to afford treatment), food stamps (yeah, who cares about the people who can't afford to feed themselves... the free market will take care of them), and EVEN housing assistance programs (one million people lost their homes last year... pretty negligible).

I think that increased social spending may help us climb up the ranks on the Human Development Index. But who cares about life expectancy, literacy rates and other socio-economic factors of a country's standard of living? I would sure hate for us transition into a quasi-socialist "welfare" state in which we have better access to healthcare, housing, and education. Reasonable people believe that the reason for bailouts and stimulus packages are to account for the failures of private enterprise, not government. And more than one thing: the Constitution was written by a bunch of elite, slave-owning white men; can we really expect it to be applied literally in any sort of functional way?

-- Cedar Lamp

Response to "Stimulating the growth of a welfare state?"

Stephanie, I am a moderate Democrat and I agree with the Republicans on this stand against taxes. California is one of the highest taxed states and to add to the tax burden in a recession is very irresponsible. It will burden middle class families already barely getting by and it will prompt many businesses to leave California. For years California's spending has grown exponentially in a booming economy; now that the economy is down, the spending level is unsustainable. Enough is enough of wasteful spending. It is time to cut the spending to realistic levels. Hypothetically if you or I found ourselves in a huge mortgage short, we couldn't just go to our bosses and demand huge raise. We would cut out all the non-essential items from our budget and stay within our monetary bounds.

-- Mark Response to "Avoid hypocrisy: Don't just talk it, walk it"

Lukas, while you are trying to make a valid argument here, you're missing nothing. The Federal Reserve "creates" money by purchasing Treasury Securities on the open market. They print the money, buy the securities, and the money enters the economy. The problem here is that with the government spending and spending, the value of the dollar is declining. When we keep spending money we don't have (in a sense, creating money), it devalues the currency. How can we even trust the currency?

-- David

**Letters to the Editor**

In response to the letter to the editor, "How to destroy the dollar column" I need more research

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Let's take a look at the five goals of President Obama's energy plan, The New Energy for America Plan is designed to:

1) Help create five million new jobs by strategically investing $150 billion over the next ten years to catalyze private efforts to build a clean energy future.

   With a recession in full swing and the recent announcement of thousands of job losses at major companies within the United States, creating jobs has become mission No. 1 of the Obama administration. In the meantime, the collapse of the stock market has made raising capital the number one problem for the alternative energy sector. The primary goal of the Obama plan is to bolster the alternative energy sector of the economy by injecting $150 billion of capital into alternative energy companies/programs, and in doing so create 5 million (permanent) jobs.

   Any alternative technology with a reasonably high energy return on investment (EROI) is usually profitable, and if something is profitable it will not have trouble sustaining growth long after the $150 billion is spent. For example, the growth of wind farms in the United States has outpaced every other country in the world for the past four years, and in 2008 the United States passed Germany for the world's largest installed wind power capacity. With a little help to bolster new wind power companies in these tough economic times, I believe that the moderately high EROI of wind power could translate to sustained profits and this industry should grow into the distant future, and as a result create long-lasting jobs.

2) Within 10 years save more oil than we currently import from the Middle East and Venezuela combined.

   Decreasing the amount of oil we import from unstable regions is always a good idea from a political standpoint, but that may not hold true from a net energy perspective. It is a good idea from the net energy perspective if the decrease in imports from Venezuela and the Middle East is met by a similar decrease in consumption within the United States. It is a bad idea if the decrease is compensated by an increase in imports from "friendly" countries, that have generally, at least when compared to the Middle East, poorer quality resources that emit much more CO2. For example, Canada is the largest foreign supplier of oil to the United States, and much of their future oil production resides in the tar sands of northern Alberta. The EROI of developing oil from the tar sands is between 2 to 5:1. Compare that with oil from the Middle East, which has an EROI of roughly 20:1.

3) Put 1 million Plug-In Hybrid cars — cars that can get up to 150 miles per gallon — on the road by 2015, cars that we will work to make sure are built here in America.

   Plug-in hybrid cars are an efficiency improvement for our transportation system as a whole, and matched with the production of electricity from renewable technologies, they represent a large step away from a fossil-fuel intensive transportation system. Electricity has a higher quality than oil or gasoline in that it can be converted into mechanical work at higher efficiencies than can internal combustion engines, and it can be transported long distances much easier than oil or gasoline. Most important is that electricity can be produced from wind, solar and geothermal plants. Currently, much of the electricity in the United States is produced from fossil fuels, and without a switch to renewable sources of electricity, a move to electric vehicles will only shift the emission of greenhouse gases from the tailpipe to the smokestack. Electric vehicles make sense as they increase efficiency, but the biggest variable in this equation is making the electricity grid technologically capable of effectively transmitting wind and solar power to car batteries without large transmission losses.

4) Ensure 10 percent of our electricity comes from renewable sources by 2012, and 25 percent by 2025.

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5) Implement an economy-wide cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050.

   A successful cap and trade program is vitally needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We can learn from Europe's successes and mistakes when customizing the program. A prominent research company, New Carbon Finance, said its calculations showed that the largest cause of a reduction in emissions in the European Union last year was attributable to the trading system — because it had encouraged greater use of gas in power generation rather than dirtier fuels like coal. European emissions dropped by roughly 3 percent in 2008. So it took a little while, but Europe's cap-and-trade system is having the intended effect; by putting a price on carbon emissions, it's made a meaningful dent in climate-disrupting pollution.

   The Obama energy agenda focuses on — and these are not mutually exclusive — efficiency, electrification, and the promotion of alternative energy resources. Its five main goals are set up in a way so that success in any one of the five individual areas will reinforce the other four, helping the overall agenda achieve success. For example, creating 25 percent of American electricity production from renewable resources (goal No. 4) will aid in decreasing the U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent (goal No. 5). This plan is certainly not the only answer to all of our ailments, but it's a damn good start.

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tions opportunities for high school graduates (or enrolled seniors age 17+) with certification in First Aid and CPR. Title 22 (or ability to obtain same) to serve as Lifeguards in Avila Beach. Candidate must be able to pass a 500 me-
ter ocean swim test in 10 minutes or less. Provide safe conditions for users of public beach by watching over beach activities. Advise of dangerous sea conditions and provide first-aid assistance. Use emergency equipment, keep logs of incidents, investigate and maintain cleanliness of beach areas. Prior experience desirable. PAY RANGE: $11.56 - $15.26/hr. Minimum training required: 58.00 hrs. SWIM TESTING: Saturday, March 14, 2009 (Avila Pier at 9:00 a.m.); Obtain application at the Harbor Office, 3950 Avila Beach Dr., in Avila Beach, Mon-Fri from 8:00 a.m. - 12:noon and 1:00-3:30 p.m. or by email: Port San Luis Harbor District, P.O. Box 749, Avila Beach, CA 93424 or online at www.portsanluis.com. Deadline: Thurs-
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The New York Times Crossword
Across
1 Pickle flavoring
5 Shovel of cookies
10 Eight-Pin
14 "The" (Love) (hit by 42-
15 Nasty virus
16 Setting for an Inaugural Address
17 Representation of a state on the U.S. flag
18 Silent actress
19 Jane Austen novel
20 Book by 52-
Across, with
23 Test for collision
24 Opposite SSW
26 Sufficient, once
28 Transmitted by
31 Hobbit's enemy
32 The "Bells" poet
33 Frozen waffle brand
36 See 29-Down
38 Winter forecast
39 With 36-Across,
40 Hobbit's friend
41 52-Across once passed it, with
42 Rock band founded by Michael Stipe
43 Collector's item
44 You can dig it
50 CB Michael
51 Veteran's container
52 Coast of office
taker on 1/20/09
53 Not of the cloth

Down
1 Medicinal amount
2 Through regular succession
3 52-Across, staring 1/20/09
4 Old Italian money
5 Valentine candy message
6 Lets up
7 For "Batch of "Twelfth Night"
8 Nile queen, informally
9 Not fully ridiculed
11 52-Across line with John Milton
12 City just before Paris
13 Build a rock
21 "Mad Money" network
22 Chop
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27 Passed it, with
52-Across's number two

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away 10 years ago and he really be- came a father figure for her children and actually gave up what he was doing to move back to Los Angeles to help raise their children. He was always about doing things for other people." During his time with the Redskins, Kaufman was the team's volunteer director of the minority internship program and a training camp. He also worked with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Washington, D.C., served on the board of directors for the American Lung Association Northern Vir- ginia chapter and worked with chil- dren and adults as a spokesperson for the FBI, Drug Enforcement Adminis- tration and the U.S. military.

"He is an amazing guy, very quiet, a really selfless person who cared a lot about his team and players when he was coaching," Johnson said. "When the 50-year-old suddenly passed away, it stunned those who knew him.

"It was complete shock," Harper said. "We had no idea he had a med- ical problem and he probably didn't know neither." Kaufman agreed. "When you look at his appearance and the way he was, he didn't show any sign that he was ill. From what I know gathered, he had been complaining of having stomach pains.

The autopsy revealed the cause of death as an intra-abdominal hemor- rhage (bleeding within the abdomen) due to hemorrhagic pancreatitis.

The coach's time together was brief. Ward was hired in January to re- place Rich Ellerson who left to head coach the Army Black Knights of the U.S. Military Academy at WestPoint. Kaufman had been hired by Ellerson in 2008 to coach the linemen at his alma mater when Ellerson left. Kauf- man didn't go with him.

"He didn't get picked up on the next coaching staff for Cal Poly," Richard said. "He was telling me he was thinking about going back to re- creating for an NFL team, maybe the Saints or the Redskins."

Despite the limited tutelage Rick- ard received, he said the impact would last a lifetime.

"I'm just glad that he came into our lives, even if it was just for a year," he said. "He not only helped us turn into better football players, but better men."

During his time coaching at Cal Poly, the Mustangs went 8-3, won the Great West Conference title and made their second NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision playoff appearance.

"I joked around with him the last week of the season. I told him that everything he touched turned to gold. He won a national champion- ship in 1980, went to the Redskins and won two Super Bowls, and then he came here; his first year here we won the conference championship and we haven't done that in the last three years I've been here," Richard said. "That's kind of his legacy. All the things that he touched, everything that he left behind turned to gold."
Schmidt sharp in brief stint against teammates

PHOENIX — Admittedly nervous, Jason Schmidt had modest expectations for his two-repaired right shoulder in his return to the mound Monday.

"My biggest goal was to get out there and walk off in one piece," the Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher said. "I wanted to be able to come out knowing I don't have to ice. I think I accomplished that, as long as I don't trip on the way to the clubhouse."

Things couldn't have gone better for the 36-year-old veteran, who threw nine of his 11 pitches for strikes and retired three of the four batters he faced to begin a five-inning simulated game, belonging to the late Mel Kaufman, Cal Poly hall of famer, who passed away two weeks ago of natural causes. A man who accomplished what no other Cal Poly football player had, came back to his alma mater last year to coach Kaufman's impact reached beyond the gridiron

Former Cal Poly linebacker Mel Kaufman helped lead the Mustangs to a Division II national championship in 1980.

The '80s was, without a doubt, a winning decade for Kaufman. It started in 1980, when he helped the Mustangs defeat defending champion Eastern Illinois in the NCAA Division II national championship game.

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Kaufman's impact reached beyond the gridiron

Jim Larper

Tiger Woods returns to golf this week to begin making his case for the one award he never dreamed he'd be considered for: PGA Tour comeback player of the year.

Great. As if Woods wasn't intimidating enough, the man who had everything — 14 majors, a Swedish bikini-model wife, a daughter, a 155-foot yacht, two homes and a palace under construction on Jupiter Island — now has plenty of other things to play for.

Since limping off the 9th and 15th hole after winning the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines last June, Woods has gained a son, lost a sponsor, undergone reconstructive surgery on a chronically aching left knee and been reminded nearly every day how much the game is suffering without him.

"One of the great things coming back," he said last week, announcing the Accenture Match Play Championship in Tucson would mark his 2009 debut, "is my bones aren't moving anymore."

"It's a very comforting feeling hitting a golf ball without your bones sliding all over the place," Woods added. "That's been very exciting to play that way, and I feel really good about the season."

He is not the only one.

Woods has been called golf's one-man economic-stimulus package, but how he fares this year will affect every coach, every player and every fan of the sport. If he doesn't win a title, lesser talents have to step up and fill the huge void the world's No. 1 has left.

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