Author and activist talks to Poly students

**Speaker addresses problems in all levels of education system**

**Poly professors frustrated with furloughs**

**Program needs volunteers**

**I’m 73 years old and I’m too old to bite my tongue.**

—Jonathan Kozol

Author and activist
"Threading students admission and access to the CSUs is one of the worst things that can be done during the recession when students want to go to school but we cannot educate the same amount of students with half a billion dollars less," Rees said in a telephone conference call with a CSU newspaper.

The goal for the CSU this year was to decrease enrollment by a total of 10,000 students. Already this fall, 4,000 fewer students were admitted to the CSU system and an anticipated 6,000 fewer students will be admitted in the spring.

Hoffman said that the reduction in the number of students to be admitted is disappointing.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (MCT) — Cuesta College President Donald Bethell has resigned, effective immediately, the school announced Monday evening.

"Dr. Bethell, who has served as president of Cuesta College since 2004, being from his position being filled," the school said in a statement.

Bethell's resignation was effective immediately, the school said.

Bethell has been the president of Cuesta College since 2004, serving as the college's leader since then.

Bethell's resignation comes after the college board of trustees approved a settlement agreement with Bethell in December 2018.

Bethell has served as the college's president for 14 years.

National

WASHINGTON (MCT) — Democrat John Edwards tried to eat a dinner deal with Barack Obama and perhaps Hillary Clinton during last year's presidential primaries, offering his endorsement in exchange for the vice presidential nomination, according to a new book by Obama's campaign manager.

Edwards' campaign made the offer shortly before the South Carolina primary, when Obama and Clinton had split early contests and Edwards apparently believed he had "maximum leverage" to help deliver Southern white votes to whoever would give him the No. 2 spot on the ticket, according to David Plouffe in his book, "The Audacity to Win."

Plouffe said that Obama ruled out any deals. Obama went on to win the South Carolina primary anyway and got Edwards' endorsement in May 2008.

SEATTLE (MCT) — Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen was diagnosed earlier this month with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer similar to the one that led to his early retirement from the software company in 1983.

"This is tough news for Paul and the family," his sister, Jody Allen, said in an e-mail Monday, disclosing the illness to employees of Vulcan, Allen's holding company. "But for those who know Paul's story, you know he beat Hodgkin's lymphoma a little more than 25 years ago, and he is optimistic he can beat this."

The son of a University of Washington librarian became one of the richest people in the world after he and childhood pal Bill Gates started Microsoft in 1975.

International

SAN`A, Yemen (MCT) — A Japanese technician and his Yemeni driver were abducted Sunday by a tribal group in Yemen, according to the Japanese Embassy in Yemen.

The two were abducted in Marib, a city close to the nation's capital, San`a. They are said to be in good health and the Yemeni government has begun negotiations with the group for their release, the embassy said.

According to a Japanese government source, the 65-year-old technician works for an architectural design office in Tokyo.

The man and the driver were abducted Sunday afternoon while on their way to a school construction site located northeast of the capital.

Later in the day, the embassy received a phone call from the man saying he had been abducted. The embassy is able to contact the man via cell phone, the embassy said.

There has been no ransom demand. However, according to Fumiaki Masuhara, a former Ministry of Foreign Affairs official, the group demands that the Yemeni government release a member of its country's security forces who has been detained for four years without trial.

KABUL (MCT) — On the eve of Afghan President Hamid Karzai's wearing-in for a second term, speculation continues that he could be forced to step aside before he finishes his next five-year term.

The challenges before him are monumental: Regain the trust of voters disenfranchised by the fraudulent election that returned him to power; assure fractured world leaders that the billions of dollars spent trying to stabilize Afghanistan haven't been wasted or stolen; and, with the help of U.S. and NATO forces, recover control of large parts of the country from Taliban fighters.

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Obama wins no concessions from China on key issues

Margaret Talev
WASHINGTON (MCT) — BEIJING — President Barack Obama on Wednesday wraps up a three-day visit to China that has left him keenly aware of the limits of his administration's leverage over the economy, powerhouse on issues from currency exchange rates to human rights.

Obama has little leverage over China, in part because the U.S. depends on the Chinese to finance the U.S. government's growing debt, and because of the perception in China, for which years was an economic necessity, that the U.S. is troubled and China is ascendant.

Administration officials said that the China stop, part of a four­nation Asia tour that will continue Thursday in South Korea, was a success because it laid the groundwork for a more focused U.S.- China alliance to tackle everything from global warming to nuclear weapons proliferation.

China gave no evident ground on the points at issue, however.

"The meetings and the focus from a substance standpoint really have been aimed at coordinating like never before on the key global issues that together are headline issues for the United States," said Jon Huntsman, the U.S. ambassador to China.

"White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said: "I did not expect, and I can speak authoritatively for the president on this, that we change the course of the war and everything would change."

Obama summed it up this way in a joint appearance Tuesday with President Hu Jintao: "The relationship between our two nations goes far beyond any single issue."

Hu and Obama announced potentially significant new agreements on advancing clean energy and scientific research. Both committed to work toward global warming initiatives and reiterated a mutual desire to contain the nuclear ambitions of North Korea and Iran.

In two areas in which the Unit-
**WORD ON THE STREET**

"What issues would you like the Mustang Daily to cover?"

"I think they should advertise more about cultural and art events because I feel like a lot of people don't really know about them."

- Brooke Hamilton, earth sciences senior

"On campus I would like to know more about how crowded it is and how hard it is to get classes. Nationwide I would like to see more awareness about other states, not just California."

- Bridget Loper, English senior

"I would like to see a look at the budget and see a breakdown of all money and where it is going. Fees are going up but they are crying they don't have enough money."

- Justin Hansen, social sciences senior

"I would be interested in advising tips and knowing what to register for especially as a freshman."

- Cassie Becking, liberal studies junior

"I would like to see a club spotlight in terms of any type of club. (An article on) how to start a club."

- David Van Muyden, civil engineering junior

"It would be nice to actually see where money goes to. We know our tuition is going somewhere. It would nice to know exactly where."

- Johnny Conner, kinesiology junior

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Other aspects of Obama’s visit also were sobering. Even as he arrived Sunday night, human rights organizations reported that the Chinese government was rounding up and arresting dissidents to ensure that they couldn’t reach out to the US. The following day, Hu allowed Obama’s town-hall meeting, the first such event for a Western leader in China, to air on local television in Shanghai—but not nationally.

Hu didn’t agree to any news conferences at which reporters could ask questions. Chinese authorities even detained a Beijing-based reporter for CNN for displaying an "Oba-Mao" T-shirt that depicted Obama dressed as the late communist founder of the People’s Republic of China.
Memoir tells of author’s unorthodox childhood

Do you find yourself complaining about midterm exams? Don’t want to write those term papers? Tired of putting yourself in someone else’s shoes. Imagine life outside of your college education. Many people would be happy to complain about taking finals, yet we take them for granted. Now I’m sure that this isn’t the case for all of us, but sometimes we need to add a little perspective to make us appreciate exactly what we do have.

One person whose story certainly adds some perspective to my life is author Jeannette Walls. She grew up without many of the comforts most of us take for granted every day. Although she was able to get herself out of a hard and heart-rending life, she had to go through a lot to do so. Instead of complaining about what she didn’t have or what she had to do, she found a way to transform her circumstances and inspire others along the way.

The opening scene of her memoir “The Glass Castle” depicts Walls riding in a taxi in downtown New York City, on her way to a party, when she sees a homeless woman digging through a trash can on the side of the street — her mother. How did she end up digging through a trash can? And why doesn’t her daughter say anything about it? The answers to these questions aren’t the ones you may expect, but through a deeply moving narrative, Jeannette Walls explains how her family came to exist in this split-up state, and why it continues to be this way.

Rex and Rose Mary Walls, Jeannette’s parents, were very eccentric people, which had much to do with influencing this scene of events. Though they loved their children greatly, they were often distracted by their outlook on life from providing what was best for them. Despite the many hardships Walls overcame, many caused by her parents, she does not sound at all like she is simpering about her situation and how they hurt her; rather, she speaks of them with great affection and respect.

Walls was raised, along with three siblings, in a very nomadic fashion for most of her young life — her parents moved the family from place to place quite frequently. While this may not sound overly strange, the odd thing about it is that her parents didn’t always have an actual place for them to move to; they often lived in a hotel or out of their car.

Often distracted by a high-flying fantasy world, Rex Walls frequently brought his children into a world of make-believe to escape real life problems like rent or proper meals. Rose Mary Walls was often more concerned with creating a piece of art than a meal for her family, which often led to the children feeding for themselves rather than being taken care of.

Although these attitudes may seem like neglect, Walls does not condemn her parents for making poor choices while raising her and her siblings. Rather, she speaks about her parents with great respect and love for the good things that they were able to pass on while raising them. She reinterprets their behavior in much more positive ways.

Rather than seeing her father escaping reality, she praises him for giving her a sense of imagination and hope that there might be magic in the world. Instead of blaming her mother for not providing food for her and her siblings, she appreciates the importance of the art that her mother put so much into creating.

Through an incredible series of events, Walls tells her life stories and explains how she overcame extraordinary circumstances to be where she is today: a successful author who uses her talents with words to come to understand her difficult childhood.

Melinda Truelsen is an English graduate student and Mustang Daily book columnist.

Boy meets girl.
Art students submit designs for hospital symbols contest

Katie Bruce

Seventeen Cal Poly students are currently waiting to see if the designs they created in conjunction with Hablamos Juntos last quarter will grace the hallways and directories of hospitals nationwide. Hablamos Juntos, Spanish for "We Speak Together," is a program sponsored by Fresno Center for Medical Education and Research at the University of California, San Francisco dedicated to bridging the language gap steadily growing in the United States, especially in health care. The organization believes that hospital-affiliated symbols should be free of any sort of language dependency, which is why no foreign language fluency was needed to design the symbols or to interpret their meaning.

"Symbols are visual images that represent a reference, a word or a real world object, place or concept," according to the program's Web site. The purpose of the project is to design a set of symbols that can be universally recognized and reach speakers of all languages. Hablamos Juntos designed 28 original symbols in 2006 — illustrating common places around hospitals such as the chapel, surgery wing and waiting room, and are looking for another 15 symbols from college design students. This is where Cal Poly art and design assistant professor Katherine McCormick entered the scene. She and a previous design class helped Hablamos Juntos with the design of the original 28 symbols, and she believed her students were ready to take on more. She sent a detailed application to the program, fighting to become one of three universities chosen to design more symbols based on the originals.

Graduate student program from the University of Cincinnati and Ohio State were chosen, along with the undergraduate program from Cal Poly. McCormick’s students spent the past spring quarter dedicated to the project to create symbols that meshed with what Hablamos Juntos had already created. "The new symbols had to fit into the old design language," McCormick said.

By meshing both design languages and actual languages, the students collaborated on 12 new symbols, including designs for ophthalmology, nutrition and respiratory services. Each student was given individual assignments that were then assessed by the class, who, as a whole, decided what worked.

Multiple designs, some for the same symbol, were sent to Hablamos Juntos in late September. Testing for each of the 15 categories, including the 12 that Cal Poly submitted to the contest. See Contest, page 8

Art and design senior Sara Hamling created a children’s book containing various symbols that could be used in hospitals.

"Good Night, and Good Luck," director and Academy Award-winning actor George Clooney teams up once again with screenwriter Grant Heslov for Heslov’s feature film directing debut, “The Men Who Stare at Goats." A comedic spoof on a U.S. Army research program dealing with a psychic phenomena in which soldiers are trained to kill goats simply by staring at them, this film succeeds not only in making you laugh, but also makes you question your own gullibility.

Is it really based on a true story? Well, according to the opening credits, "More of (it) is true than you would believe." The movie begins with an introduction from Ann Arbor to newspaper columnist Bob Wilton, portrayed by Ewan McGregor ("Star Wars" Episodes I-III). Viewers follow Wilton as he interviews an oddball who informs him that he was a member of the NEA, or New Earth Army, a top-secret team of paranormalists who were being trained to use their minds as weapons. According to the source, their powers included spying from incredibly long distances and the use of a lethal stare.

While skeptical, Wilton is curious to see where his new story might take him and begins searching for answers. He eventually finds his way to Kuwait, hoping to interview the man in question. In the end, the film is an odd ballad of a film with a final question: Are those goats really that good? Or is it all just a bunch of bull? While the story is interesting, one thing that does leave a sour taste in one’s mouth is the tagline: "Meet the men who stare at goats." Is it really worth the time and money to see this film? Well, it certainly is fun to laugh along with it.

The Men Who Stare at Goats [2009]

Director: Grant Heslov
Starring: George Clooney, Ewan McGregor, Jeff Bridges, Kevin Spacey, Stephen Root, Stephen Lang

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Poly students submitted is now in progress. Testing will rely on surveys of both health care workers and designers to get feedback before making a decision about which symbols are chosen. Results should be known soon after testing wraps up in December.

Now that the symbols are in the process of being tested, are the students simple holding their breath, waiting for response? No way.

While the other two universities have dedicated their fall quarters to “research method” classes concerning the symbols, Cal Poly has been working on a project that would allow a hospital visitor to become familiar with the design.

One student created a series of posters that explain each symbol, while another made flash cards that could be placed in the waiting room and another designed a directory that would feature each design in multiple languages.

Art and design senior Sarah Hamling started laughing from the group when, during her presentation of her children’s book illustrating the symbols, she realized her yellow shirt perfectly matched the cover.

“Watch out,” McCormick said. “When you’re working on a project you will subconsciously start to dress in the color purple.”

This sense of immersion seems to affect every student in the class, the dedication came forth first in the designs and now in the application.

“I wanted to show the symbols in a very simplistic way. That way, the reader can learn about them but have it be interactive as well,” art and design senior Adam Winkler said of his project.

While Hablamos did not petition the class to create these projects, McCormick came up with the idea as another way to present the symbols to the program while simultaneously allowing students to create another professional piece of work to add to their portfolios.

“I think it’s good for Hablamos to see their options. From what I know of dealing with them before, they will be really excited to see these,” she said.

McCormick and her students are now partnering with the local French Hospital to work both the symbols and the application projects into their facilities, which would be step one in Hablamos’s mission.

The unique design team at Cal Poly has not only taken on an influential project but also finished it. They have also have begun to implement it locally.

“Eventually, every hospital and health facility in the nation will adopt these symbols,” McCormick said. “It should be able to be part of the solution of something in such a large context.”

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nature into hostile regions. To both his and the audience’s delight, he runs into Lynn Cassidy, played hilariously by Cloney. Cassidy was referred to Wilton as a “legend” by his first source and is said to be the best of the New Earth training.

After a few questions, Wilton learns about a depot out Vietnam. Yet named Bill Django played by seasoned actor Jeff Bridges (“Iron Man,” “The Big Lebowski”), who delivers one of the film’s most enjoyable performances. Django has convinced the military that his idea of “psychic soldiers,” would prove to be effective in the long run. Fans of the Coen brothers’ cult hit “The Big Lebowski” will probably find his portrayal the most pleasing, since Bridges plays Django in almost the same way he played the Dude.

The movie moves back and forth inside a 20-year window, during the beginning of which we see Cassidy’s entertaining training under Django to become, as he explains, a Jedi Warrior. One of the plot’s most satisfying points is realized when Cassidy and Wilton foolishly journey into an Iraqi war zone, where Cassidy attempts to deal with the hostility they encounter by using his paranormal training.

Cloney is in top form as Cassidy, and his performance surprisingly isn’t over the top or excessively silly, a trap which would have been easy to fall into. Kevin Spacy, who has recently been missing from the big screen as a result of obligations to the British theatre scene, returns in a good role as the skeptical Larry Hooper, who later everything about the NASA. The film is also complimented by a skilled ensemble cast that includes Stephen Root (“Office Space”) and veteran Stephen Lang (“Public Enemies,” “Avatar”).

The movie is based on the 2004 novel by Jon Ronson of the “Guardsmen,” who labels the IDEA as an authentic program that has unfortunately not been exposed to the American public. In my opinion, it doesn’t matter if the book is factual or not, because the film is funny enough either way.

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George Cloney plays Lynn Cassidy, one of the members of a controversial division of the Army whose soldiers were trained to kill goats by staring at them. The movie was released Nov. 6.
The cycle of liberty always comes back around eventually

President Obama's deep bow to Japanese Emperor Akihito this week was a shocker, for Americans, considered a sign of weakness. It was more than a simple sign of respect. The near-90 degree tilt taken by our chief of state symbolizes a growing American-Japanese relationship. Though I would not go so far as to call this treasonous, as some bloggers have, I would say that the expression of an equal relationship between America and Japan would be much more acceptable. However, this deep bow could have been accurately directed at His Jutaka, China's head of state.

The Wall Street Journal reports that Obama's endeavors in China have been less than successful due to a strong and emerging government, which is tightly restricting the president's plans. This overbearing position taken by the Chinese government should be expected. Shi Yinhong, a professor at People's University in Beijing summed up the issue well when she said, "The U.S. is not able to force its agenda on China anymore." Debt has undermined our position of power. Sri Sreenivasan of CNN News reports that the U.S. owes China about $800 billion dollars, and Stephen Green, head of research at Standard & Poor's, has said that China is left in Shanghai stated on NPR in 2008 that this number was probably closer to $1.3 trillion. Either way, China has one of the largest stakes in the U.S. debt.

The U.S. has become subject to a communist country that has little respect for basic human rights, children and women. Consumerism has driven governmental and personal spending out of control. Thus, in turn, has led to the loss of international influence, which was once used to better the condition of humanity. America is not able to keep a nation compliant, if not downright submissive or dependent, in the world stage, as seen in the case of our president's bow.

Alexander Frer Tyler, a noted historian, postulated the nature of government as the tyranny-liberty cycle. This cycle describes government in five sequential stages that repeat on an approximately 200-year era: liberty, complacency, dependency, reaction, and tyranny.

It appears from recent events in China and the general climate of American politics, including the current social policy of the left, that we exist between the stages of complacency and dependency. By the nature of our government, individuals who make different incomes are not treated equally. Individuals in higher tax brackets, and subsequently under greater government control, tend to believe we are further along in the cycle. These individuals say we are drifting into the realm of tyranny. Whether we are in a stage of dependence or nearing tyranny, this nation is far away from the stage of liberty.

I'm not advocating a revolt and I oppose tyranny. If Tyer is right, however, the only path to a return to freedom is by way of the dark side of liberty, through tyranny and revolution. Their key to successful government in the tyranny-liberty cycle is to move quickly through the painful stages and prolong the good stages. Since we have moved beyond the stage of liberty, it is crucial that we move quickly through the remaining stages, to bring us back to freedom. At this point, I am a progressive in the most literal sense. Let tyranny come to the masses. Let that end, the liberty shall return.

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Bad neighbors do more than just make noise

A few weeks ago, I began to get ready for bed in my Poly Canyon Village apartment. That's when I heard a lot of moaning and banging coming from outside my open window. My next-door neighbor was having particularly loud sex. It took even less time to close my window and turn up my volume. That was going to do to combat the large amount of noise.
In his adult years, Linus became a fan of the Snuggie.
ed Pitcher, Notre Dame High School

Amundtazic posted a 2.61 record with three saves and a 1.62 ERA as a junior. Hh hit .333 with seven doubles, 17 RBI and nine stolen bases. Amundtazic was named his school's freshman and sophomore Athlete of the Year, played on Area Code teams in 2000 and 2001 and was a member of the Milwaukee Brewers Scout Team as well as the Professional Base-<br>ball Scouts of Southern California All-Star team, also in 2000 and 2001. "I feel Cal Poly is a great school, has great coaches and a great baseball program," Allen said.

Jordan Brower, First Base (L/R),
Notre Dame High School

Brower hit .424 as a junior with six doubles, 25 RBI and six stolen bases. A left-handed hitter, Brower also pitched for the Panthers, compiling a 5-4 record with three saves and a 2.66 ERA. He earned first-team All-Marmonte League honors last spring and helped Newbury Park to a 20-10 record. "I heard great things about the baseball program and in coaches. It's a good school in a great location," Brower said.

Taylor Chris, Left-Handed Pitcher, Gilroy High School

Recruited as a southpaw pitcher, Chris posted a 5-2 record and 1.18 ERA as a junior. The Mustangs were 16-12-1 in 2009 and Chris earned MVP honors as a sophomore and junior, and also was the program's scholar-athlete for the last three years. He is a two-time first-team All-Tri-County League selection and was named a California Baseball Coaches Association Northern California All-Star last season. Chris also played in the outfield and hit .385 with 12 doubles and 27 RBI. "I chose Cal Poly because of its excellent baseball program and outstanding engineering program," Chris said.

Nathan Gonzalez, Right-Handed Pitcher, St. Mary's College/Mered College

Gonzalez already has some familiar-<br>ness with the Cal Poly baseball program. As a freshman at St. Mary's College last spring, he pitched 7 1/3 innings against the Mustangs in Baggett Stadium and allowed two earned runs and five hits with two walks and three strikeouts. Gonzalez, who will play his sophomore season at Merced College before transferring to Cal Poly, was 3-3 with a 4.78 ERA for the Gaels last spring, starting 10 games. He struck out 25 batters in 58 1/3 innings and opposing batters hit .281 against him. As a senior (2008) at Pitman High School in Turlock, Gonzalez compiled a 6-3 record and 1.01 ERA with five saves, 104 strikeouts and just 19 walks in 69 2/3 innings. His performance on the mound included six complete games and four shutouts. Gonzalez also hit .325 with 22 RBI. Twice he earned first-team All-Central California League honors.

Chris Hoo, Catcher (R/R), St. Francis High School

Hoo plays for former Cal Poly Di-<br>vision II All-American and assistant coach Mike Oakland at St. Francis High School in Mountain View. As a junior, Hoo hit .315 as a sopho-<br>more and earned honorable mention All-West Catholic Athletic League honors. He has been invited to letters in baseball, and was the team's Kyle Spraker Golden Glove Award winner last spring. Hoo has played on both the San Francisco Giants and Atlanta Braves scout teams as well as the North-South and All-Star Scout teams. St. Francis was 26-9 a year ago and finished in a three-way tie for first place in the West Catholic Athletic League.

Chase Johnson, Right-Handed Pitcher, Fallbrook High School

Despite missing several games due to injury, Johnson posted a 3-2 record and 2.94 ERA as a junior. He struck out 30 batters in 52 1/3 innings. In his sophomore season (2008), Johnson threw a no-hitter against El Camino and earned second-team All-Avocado League honors. He earned his team's Cy Young Award, was named San Diego Union Tribune Player of the Week and played on the Area Code Grey Team. Johnson also played in the Tommy Lasorda Dodgers Elite Games and is a scholar-athlete award winner. "(Cal Poly) has an excellent combina-

Don Medlinger, Right-Handed Pitcher, San Jose, CA (Pioneer High School/San Jose CC)

In his freshman season at San Jose City College last spring, Medlinger posted an 8-1 record and 2.97 ERA with 62 strikeouts in 38 2/3 innings. Opponents hit just 104 off the righthander, who started 11 games, ap-<br>eared in relief in three others and earned five complete games. Medlinger was a first-team All-Coast Conference Golden Gate Division selection as a pitcher. Medlinger was 8-3 with a 1.97 ERA as a sophomore in 2008 with five complete games and 77 strikeouts in 74 2/3 innings. He threw a three-<br>ball shutout with 14 strikeouts against Piedmont Hills. Medlinger also was a shortstop in high school.

Tim Wise, Outfielder (R/R), Westlake High School

Despite injuries, Wise hit .380 with four home runs, 14 RBI and 15 stolen bases as a junior at Westlake High School last spring. He earned first-team All-Marmonte League and second-team All-Ventura County honors.

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Cal Poly Women's Tennis Invitational Friday, Sat. and Sunday - All Day
Mustang Courts
For the love of the game: Men's club soccer

Nikol Schiller
SPRING 2010

After a difficult season last year playing in the upper division of the West Coast Soccer Association, Cal Poly's men's club soccer advanced to the 16th National Campus Championship Series.

Finishing second in league this season behind the University of California, Santa Barbara is an improvement for the team after taking last place out of eight teams last fall. Last season was the first time the team played in an upper division league; aerospace engineering senior and keeper David Babka said the team wasn't used to the senior and keeper 1. David Babka season behind the University of gaining themselves a second-place season the team came out knowing what to expect, he said, ultimately gaining themselves a second-place name in the league.

The men's team left for Phoenix, Ariz. on Tuesday to play in the tournament. Its first two pool-play matches are against the University of Minnesota and University of Illiniois. Cal Poly's team is one of 24 in the country who qualified to play in nationals.

Babka attributed the team's success to the fact that most of them have played together since the club was founded in 2007. Eleven of the first division players have played together for three years. Industrial engineering senior and midfielder Spencer Martinez thinks this is the most successful year so far because of the team chemistry.

"The team's clicking well. The level of commitment is really high," he said.

Coach Johnny Costa said that after the team "did horrible last year," economics junior and club president Matt Joano rallied the team to improve this year.

"Matt really gave us focus and gave us a purpose. If it wasn't for him we really wouldn't be going to nationals this year," Costa said.

Joano and industrial technology senior Alex Streih founded the club knowing the team would generate a large following but not expecting the turnout to be as great as it has been this season.

The level of dedication is high among the players. They're expected to train during Week of Welcome, pulling double days of practice. For the past seven weeks the team has trained three to four times a week and has played more than 10 games.

"All the guys involved have put in so much time and effort to get to this point. It's an exciting time for us. This is what we build the club to do. We want to always be a national competitor, a legacy. We hope will continue for years to come at Poly," Joano said.

He thinks the team has an advantage over other teams at national level because of the number of club players. With nearly three players for every position on the field, the team is prepared to play possibly six games in three days.

Since the club team is not a varsity team recognized by the Cal Poly athletics department, it has to run and fund their own team. Costa and Joano estimate the trip will cost around $10,000. The team's hotel rooms were paid for by an anonymous alumna donation and the players held a movie night fundraiser to pay for tournament fees and travel expenses.

Martinez believes the amount of time players commit to keeping up the business and athletic parts of the program pays off in the end.

"We have made a lot of sacrifices for the team, but it's so worth it. The climax is here and it's definitely worth it," he said.

Men's club soccer team (5-1-2) travels to complete in the National Campus Championship Series Wednesday.

COURTESY PHOTO

Larry Lee bolsters line-up

ROLLING OFF an NCAA Division I regional birth last year, Cal Poly is back with head coach Larry Lee announced Tuesday that nine recruits will pursue baseball careers at Cal Poly.

The recruiting class includes seven high-school players and two community college transfers, four fielders and five pitchers.

Cal Poly finished 37-21 overall, third in the Big West Conference at 14-10 and competed in the Tempe Regional hosted by Arizona State. The Mustangs open the 2010 campaign Feb. 19 with the opener of a three-game series against Southern California in Baggett Stadium.

"We will need a number of these players to give us an immediate impact with our program due to graduation and professional signings," Lee said in a release. "We made an effort to bring in as many quality arms on the mound as possible. We will take a big hit in the draft next spring and need to shore that spot up."

The Mustangs finished the 2010 season with five players chosen in the MLB draft from last year's team. Junior Adam Bechich, a starter at five different positions for Cal Poly in 2009, was the first Mustang selected in the 2009 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. Other departures included others chosen in the MLB draft.

These departures leave many holes in the Mustang line-up this season, holes Lee hopes his young recruits will fill.

"Poston-wise, we're hoping to get some immediate production from as many of our freshman position players as possible," Lee said. "We will also be thin in certain other areas besides pitching."

The nine recruits include:

Jimmy Allen, Infielder/Outfielder (R-R), Rancho Buena Vista High School
Allen, a middle infielder and outfielder, hit .387 as a junior with five home runs and 28 RBI. Named his team's offensive player of the year as a junior. Allen also has played two seasons on the Angels Elite Scout Team. "Cal Poly has a great plan and academic programs, and I love the San Luis Obispo area," Allen said.

David Armendariz, Right-Hand-
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