Hurlbutt remembered as more than an infectious smile

Family and friends of late industrial engineering junior Matthew Hurlbutt attended a memorial service in Phillips Hall at the Christopher Cohen Performing Arts Center Tuesday morning. Hurlbutt’s photo was displayed on a projector behind a podium where speakers talked about Hurlbutt’s personality, shared memories and mourned his loss.

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“T’ve never experienced a (more) heart-wrenching pain. I was more prepared to lose my grandparents, but you are never ready to lose your best friend,” said Brad Taylor, Matthew Hurlbutt’s roommate, speaking about the loss of his friend.

Life can be captured in a smile. According to family and friends at Hurlbutt’s memorial at Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohen Performing Arts Center Tuesday morning, his smile did just that.

“You are the kind of person that touches people in a way that impacts them their whole lives,” a friend wrote on Hurlbutt’s Facebook wall. “You could walk into a room and make everyone smile by just being around them ... I believe you came into my life for a short time to show me what a truly beautiful person was.”

Before the proceedings began, tearful spectators dabbed their faces with tissue, eyes fixed at Hurlbutt’s profile picture that portrayed his infectious smile beneath reflective aviator sunglasses. But laughter overshadowed intermittently crying throughout the memorial. Speakers

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Cal Poly’s Fire Protection Engineering (FPE) will be the only master’s program of its kind on the West Coast, and the third such program in the nation.

“With the approval of the CSU chancellor and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, FPE will be offered through the College of Engineering starting fall quarter 2010,” said Fred Mowrer, acting director and visiting professor.

“This interdisciplinary program is unique because all of the courses will be offered both on campus and online,” he said.

FPE is in high demand, said William Durgin, an aerospace engineering professor and university executive for research and external support.

“Fire protection engineers who come from the East Coast to the West don’t stay for very long,” he said. “Students who train with Cal Poly will most likely stay and work in the west.”

The number of open positions for fire protection engineers in California alone is 600, he said.

“Companies that need fire protection engineers are hiring mechanical and civil engineers and do on-site training with them,” he said.

FPE will have three different tracks, he said. Fundamentals, dealing with the physics and chemistry of fire, along with the simulation of fire in buildings and flammable materials. An applications track, which covers the design of different fire protection systems, system analysis design, forest and fire protection as well as an electives track.

In tradition of Cal Poly’s “learn by doing” approach, FPE students will adopt a fairly complicated building on or off campus and do an analysis of the fire safety, he said.

“Students will know how people get in and out a building, how fires develop within the building, and how the building will survive the fire,” he said.

Cal Poly FPE wants to research the propagation of wild fires into urban areas, Durgin said.

“We have no research being done and we don’t know how to design effectively,” he said. “If we learn how to develop interface, where the forest ends and buildings begin, we could help spread the many of fires into urban areas.

Fire protection engineers mainly work in fire departments, he said. Employers are consulting firms who do work with architects and government agencies, Mowrer said.

“I’d like to see a lot of graduates work in fire departments,” he said. “They’d have a hard time hiring them because there hasn’t been enough engineers. We’ll graduate more people and the fire departments can compete to hire them.

There are a host of federal programs that provide a solid background for FPE, Durgin said.

“Civil or mechanical engineers are the main bachelor’s programs,” he said. “Industrial and manufacturing, electrical and aerospace engineering are all acceptable. As well as sciences like chemistry and physics.

According to the schools on the East Coast, the average income for fire protection engineers is $60 to $70,000, Mowrer said.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts and University of Maryland are the only other schools in the nation with FPE.

New master’s program awaits approval

Jonathan S. Landay and Margaret Talev

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama’s nuclear summit of 47 world leaders met two goals as it ended Tuesday: reaching international consensus on the need to keep weapons-grade nuclear materials out of the hands of terrorists, and re-establishing U.S. leadership on nonproliferation.

Several nations agreed to dispose of weapons-grade uranium and plutonium production, tighten port security and other voluntary steps. All participants endorsed Obama’s call to secure vulnerable nuclear materials in four years, and agreed to seek further cooperation even as they stopped short of any enforceable international agreement.

“We have seized this opportuinity,” Obama said in a news conference closing the summit. As a result, he said, “the American people will be safer, and the world will be more secure.”

Obama conceded that when it comes to enforcement, “we’re relying on good will.”

The unanimous communiqué expressed support for security agreements “that will not infringe upon the rights of States to develop and utilize nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and technologies.” Representatives of participating countries plan to reconvene in December for an update. Another leaders’ summit is planned for 2012 in South Korea.

The gathering provided Obama an opportunity to recast how other nations see the U.S. on nuclear issues, in contrast to the Bush administration, whose strategy had included developing new nuclear weapons and expanding circumventions under which they could be used.

It also was a chance for Obama to show U.S. voters another side of his leadership.
Memorial

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maintained an upbeat tone through humorous anecdotes and the occasional joke because that is what Hurlbutt would’ve wanted, his sister Karin Hurlbutt, 24, said. “Life has to go on; stay happy,” she said. “We don’t want people to be sad, we want it to be a celebration.”

Hurlbutt’s friend Lucas Rossmerz organized the event. “I’m your checker at environment management and protection senior remembered Hurlbutt introducing himself as if he already knew him. “Do I know you?” Rossmerz asked as Hurlbutt sat in his favorite recliner. “I’m your checker at Albertsons,” Hurlbutt replied with a smile. “The phrase we would use for him could improve if they view him as effectively exerting leadership. As short as it was, he accomplished a lot and generated a lot of love.”

Summit

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of him. The public’s impression of him could improve if they view him as effectively exerting leadership on the world stage. The summit featured imagery of Obama surrounded by nearly four dozen other world leaders at the largest international conference since the World War II era, and produced results.

China said it would work with the U.S. and Europeans on new U.N. sanctions against Iran for its nuclear program. Last week Obama signed a new U.S.-Russia arms reduction treaty.

Gary Samote, the arms control and nonproliferation coordinator for the National Security Council, said all of the agreements. “We used the summit shamelessly as a forcing event to ask countries to bring house gifts. Almost every country came with something new.”

“This event has some political dimension to it above and beyond the actual content,” said Leonard Spector, the deputy director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies. “There’s a solidarity, a recognition that we are all confront and we should do our best.”

More than 2,000 tons of plutonium and highly enriched uranium for civilian and military use are in dozens of countries, summit documents said, with 18 documented cases of theft or disappearance.

Obama said Thursday that only an apple-sized amount of plutonium in the hands of terrorists could kill or injure hundreds of thousands of people. “Terrorist networks such as al-Qaeda have tried to acquire the material for a nuclear weapon, and if they ever succeeded, they would surely use it,” Obama told participants Tuesday. “Woe to them if they do so, it would be a catastrophe for the world.”

The president described “a cruel irony of history,” two decades after the Cold War, in which “the risk of a nuclear confrontation between nations has gone down, but the risk of nuclear attack has gone up.”

The nation of Georgia disclosed its nuclear arsenal.

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Lexus GX is a ‘Don’t Buy,’ Consumer Reports says

Problems grow

Toyota has recalled more than 8.8 million vehicles in recent months because of growing complaints about safety issues.

*06 Sept. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) opens investigation on reports of 'tugging' in Camry; closes investigation a year later.

*07 March Toyota receives reports about accelerator pedal glitch in Toyota trucks.

*07 Sept. Toyota recalls some Lexus and Camry models to secure floor mat that could trap gas pedal, cause acceleration.

*08 Jan. NHTSA investigates unintentional acceleration in Toyota Tacoma pickup; probe closed in Aug. after no defect found.

*09 Aug. 28 Off-duty Calif. Highway Patrol officer, family killed after gas pedal stuck in Lexus that is caught under floor mat.

*09 Sept. 29 Toyota issues recall for 3.8 million vehicles due to risk of gas pedal becoming caught under floor mat.

Nov. 4 NHTSA accuses Toyota of providing owners with "inaccurate and misleading information" about floor mat recall.

Nov. 25 Toyota recalls at least 4 million vehicles to reconfigure gas pedals.

Jerry Hirsch

LOS ANGELES — At a time when Toyota Motor Corp. is trying to re­

"tain consumer confidence after a series of large recalls and federal in­

vestigations into safety defects, Con­

sumer Reports on Tuesday warned

shoppers not to purchase one of the

company's upscale Lexus models be­

cause of a rollover risk.

The magazine, which for years has

recommended most Toyota vehicles,

said the Lexus GX 460 SUV failed a

key emergency-handling test and is "not accept­

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Michael Gareau, economics sophomore.

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National

ARIZONA (MCT) — The Arizona legislature on Tuesday is expected to pass a sweeping law that would make illegal immigration a state crime and require local police to enforce it.

Proponents believe it is the only bullet that will drive hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants from the state, while foes insist that the law virtually requires wide-spread racial profiling.

NEW YORK (MCT) — The Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday it is taking a long expected step and phasing out the production and sale of asthma inhalers using chlorofluorocarbons as a propellant.

Chlorofluorocarbons, which is commonly known as CFCs, were once widely used in a variety of applications, especially as refrigerants, because of their inertness, but they have been shown to damage the Earth’s ozone layer, which protects life from the damaging effects of the sun’s ultraviolet rays. Most uses of the chemicals have already been abandoned. Medical devices employing them are among the last to be affected.

The agency cautioned against buying any of the banned products over the Internet because they are often mislabeled or do not contain effective ingredients.

March this year. The summit produced a number of concrete agreements, including a decision by Ukraine to dispose of all of its estimated 90 kilograms of highly enriched uranium by 2012, and an accord under which the U.S. and Canada will help Mexico construct a research reactor to lower enriched fuel. Chile also has said it is giving up highly enriched uranium.

Russia announced at the summit that it will shut down its last plutonium production reactor.

The U.S. and Russia signed on Tuesday a long-awaited agreement under which the former Cold War rivals each will dispose of 34 metric tons of weapon-grade plutonium and seek to get rid of additional material.

The initial combined amount, 68 metric tons, represents enough material for approximately 17,000 nuclear weapons, said a joint announcement of the agreements signed by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. Both countries aim to begin actual disposition by 2018, after the necessary facilities are completed and operating.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev called the nuclear summit “a complete success.”

Warrner F. Stohel contributed to this article.

International

TOKYO (MCT) — Japan’s Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry has announced a strategy that calls for boosting eco-friendly vehicles’ share of domestic new car sales to as high as 30 percent over the next decade.

This strategy aims to increase the combined market share of such gasoline vehicles and next-generation vehicles to as high as 80 percent over the next decade.

The ministry also aims to increase the spread of use of alternative fuels, such as natural gas and electricity.

Measures to achieve the targets, it intends to consider offering support, including tax breaks and subsidies for people who buy such vehicles. The ministry is aiming to increase the speed of innovation and the police are considering other possibilities.

State

SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — The country’s largest employee association has filed former Assistant County Administrator Carl Wilson on a contract basis to conduct a job classification and compensation survey. Kimim Daniels, general manager of the 1,400-member San Luis Obispo County Employee Association, declined to say how much Wilson would be making.

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — Two students at California State University, Stanislaus, said Thursday they found documents in a trash container outside an administration building relating to an upcoming fundraising appearance by former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, including arrangements for accommodations and security and “air travel for two between Anchorage, Alaska, and the venue city.”

Ashli Briggs and Alicia Lewis, who previously had spoken out against the Palin visit, said they were informed of “suspicious activity” taking place at the administration building last Friday. Inside, they said, they found shredded and intact documents, including part of the contract between the Washington Speaker’s Bureau, which represents Palin, and the university foundation that is hosting her.

Nuclear

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that Georgian authorities last month prevented an attempt by a criminal gang to smuggle highly enriched uranium.

“The Georgia Ministry of Interior or has filed eight attempts of illicit trafficking of enriched uranium during the last 10 years, including several cases of weapons grade enrichment,” an anonymous source said. "Criminals associated with these attempts have been detained. The most recent case of illicit trafficking was an attempt that failed of highly enriched uranium in

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Twitter to allow ads in popular search feeds

Twitter has emerged as one of the most popular networking sites.

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Jessica Guynn

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Twitter is banking that 140 characters can turn into advertising gold.

Biz Millions of Twitter users will begin seeing paid advertisements appear on the site Tuesday as Twitter attempts to trim its money from the growing popularity of its service.

Twitter is going to allow businesses to place ads next to Twitter search results. Later this year, Twitter will place ads within users’ Twitter feed that it says will be relevant to them.

"We will be called ‘Promoted Tweets’ and Best Buy, Red Bull, Sony Pictures and Virgin America will be the first brands to try them." Expectations are high for Twitter, which raised more than $135 million in venture funding at a $1 billion valuation last year. The company has agreed over how best to commercialize the site without upsetting some of its 100,000,000 users.

The company clinched deals with Google and Microsoft to put in real-time updates in search results last year. That brought in enough money to make Twitter profitable on an operating basis.

Twitter is assuming that advertising will give the company an even bigger boost.

"Studborn insistence on a slow and thoughtful approach to monetization — one which punishes first, amplifies existing value, and generates profits has frustrated some Twitter watchers," Biz Stone, Twitter’s co-founder, wrote on the company blog.

"The company is taking a cautious approach. Promoted Tweets will deliver relevant information, and those that do not draw interest from users will disappear," he said.

"We strongly believe that Promoted Tweets should be useful to you," Stone said.

"In what we hope Promoted Tweets lets brands place short messages at the top of search results. One ad will remain at the top of each page of search results. Advertisers will be charged on a cost-per-thousand basis. Twitter will also play around with other payment possibilities.

"Of all the places Twitter could include ads, this is the least obtrusive and the most relevant. People will not desert Twitter for this," Forrester analyst Josh Bernoff said.

Twitter has also discussed adding business accounts with additional features. Twitter’s efforts to make money will be closely watched. In all, Twitter has raised more than $150 million. It hired Al Borglum as its first chief financial officer in February. An initial public offering is not in the immediate cards as Twitter focuses on boosting advertising revenue.

"Believe me, when your name is Biz and you’re a co-founder of Twitter, it also means putting yourself at the mercy of folks like Stephen Colbert who host home runs with lines like, ‘So, I assume that ‘Biz’ in ‘Biz Stone’ does not stand for ‘Business Model,’” Stone wrote.
FDIC prepares a plan to assess higher fees to risky banks

Ronald D. Orol
MARKETWATCH

WASHINGTON — The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. on Tuesday voted to propose assessing higher fees on large, risky financial institutions and lower fees for some less-risky small and big banks for the agency's deposit insurance fund.

"The intent is to assess risk during the entire credit cycle," said FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair. The proposed system is faster and less prescriptive because it charges for risk when it is assumed, and it provides incentives for institutions to avoid excessive risk during economic expansions.

The proposal, which will have a sixty-day comment period, will eliminate the FDIC's reliance on credit rating agency scores when considering assessments and replace it, in part, with one that uses a new methodology that takes into account whether an institution can withstand financial stresses as well as whether each institution's collapse would be more or less costly to the economy. The agency expects that, should it be approved, the new assessment basis would go into effect in the first quarter of 2011.

"About 100 institutions with more than $10 billion in assets will be considered under the proposed program. That includes nine banks with more than $50 billion in assets owned by institutions with more than $500 billion in assets that would have even more considerations that could result in higher fees."

The new risk-based methodology comes as lawmakers on Capitol Hill consider legislation that would base deposit insurance on an institution's total assets, rather than the existing system that uses domestic deposits as its measure. A provision approved by the House in December would reduce the assessments for 98 percent of financial institutions, but would raise it for some large banks that have a larger percentage of their assets in securitized financial products and foreign deposits.

The agency also approved regulations extending its unlimited deposit insurance for business checking accounts by six months through December 2010. The program was set up in late 2008 to forestall business depositors at smaller banks from closing their accounts and moving them to larger institutions as the financial crisis widened.

About 4,600 banks are currently participating in the program, which is known as the Transaction Account Guarantee and guarantees $266 billion in deposits above the regular, pre-crisis deposit insurance cap of $250,000 for each account.

"Small banks particularly are reeling on this program to support rebuilding of earnings and capital," said Diane Ellis, associate director for the FDIC's Division of Insurance and Research.

The new proposed risk assessment approach would still rely on so-called CAMELS ratings performed by each financial institution's primary regulator, which takes into account a bank's capital, asset quality and management, among other measures.

The agency proposes to combine the CAMELS ratings with its own financial ratios to create two scorecards for big banks that the assessments would be based on.

The FDIC's financial ratios would seek to identify risk during good economic times when risk is being accumulated and make institutions pay more at that time rather than facing large assessment increases when conditions deteriorate.

"In no doing, they should provide incentives for institutions to avoid excessive risk during economic expansions," according to the FDIC proposal.

One score card would examine an institution's ability to withstand financial and asset-related stresses as well as whether the institution will be more or less costly to the economy if it were to fail. An institution that the FDIC determines would be more costly to the markets if it were to fail would be assessed a higher amount.

The financial ratios would be combined to create an assessment rate, but the FDIC would have the discretion to adjust scores up or down for factors not included in the score cards, enabling the agency to consider new risky financial instruments.

Some small and big banks could have lower assessments than with the existing system if the agency considers their actions to be less risky.

One assessment rate the FDIC uses charges banks between 12 basis points and 45 basis points. Instead, the agency proposes charging banks between 10 basis points and 50 basis points, which would result in lower fees for less-risky banks and higher fees for high-risk banks.

With a 10 basis-point charge on its U.S. deposits, a bank pays a maximum of 10 cents for every $100 of domestic deposits, with a 50-basis-point charge, the bank would pay 50 cents for every $100 of domestic deposits.

The agency would have the discretion to adjust the charge by 15 basis points up or down to capture risk that the score cards don't capture.

The agency would also create a new category of "highly complex institutions" that have $50 billion or more in assets owned by institutions with more than $500 billion in assets. These institutions are considered structurally and operationally complex and pose "unique challenges and risks."

These institutions could be charged a greater fee depending on four additional factors, including how much they rely on short-term, market-based funding for their operations and their tangible common equity ratio.

In 2008, two of the bank failures were the mega-collapses of IndyMac Bank and Washington Mutual Inc., both of which would have been assessed higher fees had this system been in place during the build up to the financial crisis, one FDIC staffed said.

FDIC staff said that the agency may consider combining this proposal with one the agency introduced in January that could require banks with riskier pay practices to pay higher fees to the agency's insurance fund.

Jaret Seiberg, analyst at Concept Capital in Washington, argued that this proposal represents a negative for big banks and a positive for small and mid-sized banks. He said that policymakers will force bigger banks to bear more of the deposit insurance burden, but that the plans will evolve over the coming months as the FDIC considers the proposal.

"Higher assessments will reduce pre-tax income and could further strain big-bank profitability," Seiberg said in a report. "On the flip side, small and mid-sized banks could see their assessment levels drop under some of these plans. That could provide some upside to their bottom lines."

The intent is to assess risk during the entire credit cycle.

— Sheila Bair
FDIC Chairman

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Elvis Costello plays at Cal Poly for first time in 30 years

John McCullough
MUSTANG DAILY

Elvis Costello commanded the stage Monday night, playing songs spanning his entire career as well as covers of some of the first rock 'n' roll artists for his nearly sold-out audience at the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center (PAC).

The sound was nearly deafening, the crowd was moving excitedly, singing and laughing at jokes, and this was just in the lobby while people were waiting for the show to begin. Men and women converged to talk about the rock legend that many have listened to for more than three decades.

People lined up to get their drinks, many of whom were not getting carded, showing that rock 'n' roll does not have an age cap.

Chuck Barber, a San Luis Obispo resident said he's seen Costello 10 or 11 times.

"He was kind of a jerk when he was younger. But you know what? We all were. I was just out of high school when I started listening to his music and you know what? I was kind of an asshole back then too. I'm 53 this year and part of the reason people my age love him so much is we've grown up with him, we've matured with him and his music," Barber said.

The crowd was mostly between the ages of 30 and 50, one of the box office attendees said. Some of the crowd made it a family event.

Allison Agrusa, a 22-year-old woman from Grover Beach, Calif, went with her dad.

"I love Elvis, I grew up listening to him because of my dad," Agrusa said. "It's great he came to (San Luis Obispo)."

As the lights dimmed in the lobby, the crowd finished drinks and filed into the 1,289-seat auditorium. At 8:15 Costello walked across the stage to the first standing ovation of the night in a three-piece suit, his signature glasses and a cowboy hat. He bent over, picked up one of the six guitars he had onstage and began to play "Blue Chair" off of his 1986 release, "Blood and Chocolate."

As he began the intro for "Blue Chair" an audience member yelled, "Looking good Elvis." The dimly lit PA'ed cheered as Costello finished the first verse of the first song. As soon as he started the second verse, the crowd went silent. All that could be heard was Costello's guitar and the lyrics ringing clearly throughout the entire room.

After the second song, Costello addressed the crowd for the first time of the evening.

"This song is about a man that tried to rid the world of alcohol," he said, pausing. "By drinking," he finished.

This interaction between Costello and the crowd continued throughout the night. Later, right before his Billboard Top 40 hit "Every Day I Write the Book" off of his 1983 release "Punch the Clock," Costello spoke about how he felt about the song.

"Here's a song I really used to hate," he said. "But then my friend told me how to sing it properly and now I really like it."

For "Every Day I Write the Book" Costello belted the song's high notes, singing some of the loudest vocals of the entire night. He changed the song's intensity and color constantly, just as the stage's backdrop color was changing throughout the night, almost as if to match the feel of the song.

Costello even provided his own backup singing for the song, moving his mouth back and forth near the microphone creating an echo.

Near the middle of his set, Costello unplugged his guitar and sat down at the edge of the stage to play. During the song Costello's hands touched every inch of the guitar's neck, holding chords almost as high up as where he was strumming.

For one audience member, a highlight of the show was Costello's use of effects to help showcase his playing ability. Harriet Kaplan, a 48-year-old resident of Los Angeles said his guitar playing and singing

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really stood out for her. She has seen Costello play three times before Monday's show but had never seen him play acoustically.

"I felt he didn't do everything right by the book. It was more improvisational to me. He used some different effects as to add tones, texture and color to the music," Kaplan said. "His voice was strong and passionate."

Another highlight for fans was when he introduced his special guest to the crowd, sat down in one of the two chairs on stage and gestured to himself. The crowd laughed at his antics once again and Costello broke into another song.

As soon as Costello broke into "Alison" off his first album, "My Aim Is True," which VH1 named the 12th greatest album of all time, the crowd erupted once again in applause. He finished the song backing away from the microphone to sing to the audience without amplification once again. Costello took a slight bow and walked off the stage to his second standing ovation of the night.

As Costello came back onstage after his final song, he blew a kiss to the audience, spread open his arms accepting the audience applause and exited the stage. The concert was over, but a couple remained standing right in front of the stage. Ed and Grace Kaplan drove from Orinda, Calif., to see him play. They said they would only do this sort of thing for Costello.

"We've seen him somewhere between 15 and 20 times," Grace Kaplan said. "He just keeps getting better every time."

Grace Kaplan said she liked the cover songs Costello sang even more than the originals. Costello's someone who really cares about where his music comes from and what his music influences as well, she said. She even compared Costello to the Beatles.

"Each Beatles song is unique but instantly you recognize it's them," she said. "The only other person I can think of that is like that is Elvis."

Ed Kaplan, said he is different from other rock bands that have been playing for years like Rolling Stones or Led Zeppelin. He said that while Costello is putting on a show for people, he makes his connection to every audience special and different.

"There's no bullshit moments with Elvis like when Mick Jagger took off his shirt and danced around. Elvis doesn't try to act like he's a kid still, it's authentic," Ed said. "It just seems like he loves what he's doing and that's such a pleasure to watch."
Now is not the time to be playing Ghandi

Surely, Obama wants to set an example, but why do we need to tell everyone that we will be unresponsive to attack? This is no time to mimic Ghandi; we are in the midst of an international crisis.

President Obama has promised to preserve all the tools that are necessary in order to make sure the American people are safe and secure. At the same time, however, he has blatantly advertised the fact that we intend to reduce our military prowess.

Obama seems more concerned with advancing his nuclear reduction agenda than with discouraging terrorists and terrorist-sponsoring countries.

Moreover, if we are setting an example for other nations to follow (as Obama hopes), we are likewise weakening our allies. On Monday and Tuesday, Obama held a Nuclear Security Summit with world leaders from 47 other nations to "raise awareness" about terrorist procurement of nuclear weapons, and to encourage countries to "lock down" their nuclear weapons. We indeed need to work together to keep nuclear weapons out of the hands of terrorists, but it seems counterproductive to concurrently reduce our defense technologies.

If this does not seem crazy enough, a large number of liberals have complained that Obama is not doing enough to reduce nuclear arms. I think we can all agree that we would rather live in a world without nuclear weapons, but quite simply, we don't.

We need to cope with the realities of the world and send a message to our enemies. America is fighting a war on terrorism; if anything, we need to build and maintain our defense shield — not deconstruct it.

Brendan Pringle is an English sophomore and Mustang Daily political columnist.
Kids like Peter come along very seldom in a coaching career ... he has always been full of incredible talent and work ethic.

— Kathy Hagu
Pete Kline's first swimming coach — Kathy Hague

Whether Pete is the golden child or not, he is clearly one of the best swimmers Cal Poly has ever seen, and still has a bright future in store.

"I know for a fact, he has not reached his peak yet," Milich said. "He dropped eight seconds last year alone in the 400 IM. If he does that again he'll be one of the top few in the nation."

Just missing the mark this year, Kline anticipates he will achieve Division 1 All-American status next year, as one of the nations' top eight in the 400 IM. After he finishes his career at Cal Poly he will likely continue to train under coach Milich, in preparation for his second Olympic trials in 2012.

For now, he continues his relentless training regimen with Cal Poly, and puts his mind to what he does best — swimming.

"My best suit is in a race to stay with the field the whole time, and know I have something left to kick at the end," Kline said. "Then I just black out everything, and do what I was trained to do."

Women's golf hosts conference championship

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly, led by defending conference individual champion Stephanie Yocum, will host the Big West Conference Women's Golf Championship, Sunday through Tuesday, at the San Luis Obispo Country Club.

A year ago, Yocum matched par 72 on the par-72 course. She finished with a nine-over 225 total, three strokes ahead of four golfers who shared second place — Jane Chin and Patty Chawalermetha of UC Irvine, Chelsea Stemmiller of UC Davis and Lee Loper of Long Beach State.

Stemmiller, also a runner-up in 2008, returns to challenge Yocum for the 2010 individual crown. Long Beach State captured the 2009 team championship by one stroke over both UC Irvine and UC Davis. Cal Poly finished fourth.

Other teams in the women's field are Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Northridge and UC Riverside.

Yocum is averaging 77.7 strokes per round this season while teammate Maddy Fletcher leads the Mustangs with a 79.3 average and seven top-10 finishes. Julia Puschek sports a 77.4 average with five top-10 finishes.

Yocum has won three tournaments in her Cal Poly career. In addition to last year's Big West Championships, Yocum has also finished atop the leaderboard in both the 2008 Lady Braveheart Challenge and the 2009 Firestone Grill College Invitational.

Fletcher finished tied for 15th place in last year's Big West Championships while Puschek was 29th.

Earlier this season, Cal Poly won the Cal State Bakersfield Spring Invitational, tied for first place in the Firestone Grill College Invitational, and placed second in both the Lady Aztec Fall Classic and Red Rocks Invitational.

Long Beach State, which snapped UC Irvine's four-year reign as Big West team champion in 2009, is led this year by freshman Simone Hoey with a 76.5 average. Her sister Kim Hoey tied for seventh in last year's Big West final as a senior.

Alice Kim of UC Davis placed sixth a year ago and currently sports a 74.6 average while Hillary Pickard of UC Irvine has a 74.7 average and hopes to improve on her seventh-place finish of a year ago in the Big West finals.

In the latest Golfweek/Sagarin polls, UC Davis is ranked No. 33 while UC Irvine is No. 45 and Long Beach State No. 78. The lone Big West golfer in the individual top 100 is Joy Trotter of UC Irvine at No. 92.

She did not compete in last year's Big West final but earned second-team all-conference honors and participated in the NCAA West Regional.

The women's regionals will be held at three sites, including the West Regional at the Stanford Golf Course, from May 6-8, with the four-day NCAA Women's Golf Championship scheduled for May 18-21 at the Country Club of Landfall in Wilmington, North Carolina.

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Scioscia said, "There are some things that happened this week that have been uncharacteristic of this team and some things have continued to snowball.

"We had two instances of guys maybe not doing things on the baseball we need (including Ken dry Morales losing track of the outs in the second inning Tuesday) and maybe some pitchers are getting a little tentative, a little indecisive in the pitcher-catcher relationship. ... We're feeling our way through some things. We have some younger guys maybe trying to find their way and some older guys trying to find some offensive chemistry."

Angels outfielder Torii Hunter called Scioscia's postgame address "a pump-up speech" and said the team just needs to "grind it out" through this poor start.

"Bad baseball for eight games," Hunter said. "There's no need to really chew anybody out after eight games. It's disappointing for all of us."

"No (I'm not too concerned). It's only eight games. Come back after 30, 40 games and if we're 2-28 then I'll be concerned."
Record-breaking swimmer Peter Kline strives for more

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Peter Kline has never been the biggest guy in the pool, but his impact and results in swimming have been enormous.

"Kids like Peter come along very seldom in a coaching career," said Kline's first coach Karby Hague, who has coached swimming for over 35 years. "He has always been full of incredible talent and work ethic, but was also half the size of the other kids at his level."

In three years, Kline has made a name as not only one of the best swimmers in Cal Poly history, but potentially as one of America's elite.

Kline's times currently place him among the nation's top 20 in the 400 individual medley (IM), and he is on pace to be Cal Poly's first Division-I All-American in his senior year. Last month, competing solo in the NCAA finals he was only two seconds shy of the All-American mark.

"I've watched him consistently progress since he was 13," said Cal Poly swimming and diving head coach Tom Milich. "In the last two years he has made a quantum leap from a very good college swimmer to a great one, with potential to be one of the best."

An agricultural systems management junior at Cal Poly, Kline said he is a 20-year-old trapped in an 18-year-old's body.

"I've always been a late bloomer type of guy," said Kline laughing.

Nonetheless, Kline's swimming career at Cal Poly has been monumental. Last year alone, he broke four school records in individual events: the 200 IM, the 400 IM and the 100 and 200 backstrokes. Kline also shares four school records in the 400 and 800 freestyle, and the 200 and 400 medley relays.

Kline comes from a strong swimming background. His father played collegiate water polo, and his sister also came to Cal Poly to swim. Though he played the piano until he was 12, Kline gave up other sports when he was young, and has focused on competitive swimming since the age of 10 when he joined the Napa Valley swim team under coach Hague. Aside from the obvious talent, Kline has long been known among peers and coaches for his incredible work ethic and focus.

"His dedication to his sport is amazing," said Hague.

"He's the smallest one on the block," Hague said. "So, I nicknamed him Mr. Pete to make him feel big."

Kline's family moved to Fresno when he was 13, where he began to train under coach Milich at Fresno High School, who is now Cal Poly's head coach.

"I pretty much told him if he didn't come here, I'd kick his butt," Milich said. "He has always swam hard and fast for me, so our relationship works well."

Kline had a long awaited growth spurt in his senior year of high school which brought him to his current stature. His father stands 6 foot 5 and tall, so Kline understands the belief he still has some height to go.

"He was always one of the small kids when he was younger," Teammate Kline, his mother, said. "But, he swam with a big heart."

Heart is something Kline has never been short of.

"Knowing that I'm going to keep getting better keeps me going," Kline said. "I want to reach the point where I've pushed my body to its maximum limit, and I know I'm not there yet. Potential drives me."

Kline's raw talent coupled with discipline and work ethic is what makes him great.

"He puts 150 percent into every practice," said teammate and teammate Chasen Nick. "He's the only one who comes close to his personal records in practice, every time. It's insane."

Though swimming has been a major part of Kline's life since he was a child, it does not consume him. He is also a very focused student, and works at the farm shop on campus, where he fixes tractors.

"I want to make sure to initiate myself now, into the field I will be working in for the rest of my life," Kline said. "I like to work with my hands and fix things."

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 Angels fall in Yankees' first home game of the season

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NEW YORK — For most of the afternoon, the Angels played their role as awkward guests at a party not meant for them, until they nearly knocked over the punch bowl in the ninth inning.

The Yankees handed out their 2009 championship rings before Tuesday's home opener at Yankee Stadium then handed the Angels a 7-5 defeat. Only a ninth-inning grand slam by Bobby Abreu made the game look close.

The loss was actually a fairly good East Coast recreation of the poor pitching and lack of clutch hitting that made the opening week at Progressive Field in Cleveland look like a disaster.

The Angels fell victim to what was supposed to be an early-season trend that has thrown a serious monkey wrench into the plans of many teams, most notably the Yankees.

"We tightened some things up,"-info manager Joe Torre said. "We tighten up a 2-6 start. Sciuscia addressed the team after­ward and "bounced a couple things off them" — his euphemism for a team's effort or intensity. We're going to be O K ."

"There are definitely some things we need to clean up about the way we're playing this past week," Sciuscia said. "The running game is a real weakness. The offense is getting us more outs then we're getting them. We're hitting in the 2-5 area."

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Coming as it did eight games into the season, it might be the earliest Sciuscia has gone to the ser­vice. We're going to be O K ."

The pitching that was supposed to be the foundation of this year's team has been dreadful. The 5.83 staff ERA is the highest in the American League. Two more home runs allowed Tuesday by starter Er­vin Santana raised the season total to 14 (also an AL high). The 13 baserunners Santana allowed in his 5 2/3 innings included five walks, part of a nine-walk effort by Angels pitchers which raised the season total to 35 in eight games.

Offensively, the Angels continue to struggle in the clutch. They were hitless in six at-bats with runners in scoring position while the Yankees pulled away to a 7-1 lead through eight innings. They are batting .258 (16 for 62) with runners in scor­ing position this season but none of those 16 hits came in their two victories.

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Hidetoshi Mamoi (55) went 0-5 against the Yankees Wednesday afternoon. Last season, Mamoi won a world series with New York.