Students are sometimes confused by the hierarchical structure of Cal Poly’s student government. This graphic intends to clarify how Associated Students, Inc. functions. Voting for next year’s leaders begins May 5 at 7 a.m. and ends May 6 at 7 p.m.

**Executive Director**

ASI/UU Executive Director

All ASI policies (unless prescribed by law) are adopted by student governing boards and are subject to their oversight and authority. Staff may administer them, but they are created by students for students. All of the ideas that ended up becoming facility projects have come from students. For example, the original Recreation Center concept and the Sports Complex were both senior projects. The UU Plaza redesign was a landscape architecture design studio class project.

**Chair, Board of Directors**

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“Board is the direct voice of the students,” Rugani said.

**Chair, UUAB**

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The University Union Advisory Board manages ASI facilities including the UU and adjacent plaza, Sports Complex and Recreation Center but not Campus Dining facilities or Mustang Lanes.

Torbitt said, “UUAB’s goal is to improve facilities to meet students needs,” which are determined via referendum.

**Chair, UUAB Student Members**

UUAB Student Members are nominated for two-year terms by the committee.

**Chief of Staff**

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Patton works directly under ASI President Kelly Griggs and is the ASI Executive Cabinet chair, which focuses on student outreach.

**Executive Cabinet**

“Foot soldiers of ASI” whose goals vary year-to-year based on structural goals determined by the ASI president and chief of staff.

Members can serve multiple terms. Griggs said it’s a good thing because it offers consistency. Basically, she said, “we don’t have to reinvent the wheel.”

**Bylaws/Policy Committee**

Bylaws/Policy Committee

Keeps policy manuals, writes new policies and bylaws

**Elections Committee**

Elections Committee

Ensures election rules and handles registration packets, handles everything to do with elections

**ASIB Budget Review Committee**

ASIB Budget Review Committee

Approves the ASI spending guidelines (with guidance from full-time staff)

**Personnel Committee**

Personnel Committee

Oversees all ASI employee matters, changes and positions

**Co-Sponsorship Liaison**

Co-Sponsorship Liaison

Reviews club funding applications

**Universitywide Committees**

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A sub-committee that decides university and student educational goals

**Academic Senate Committees**

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Similar to the ASI Board of Directors for students, but comprised of faculty members who evaluate curriculum. The committees formulate policies such as furloughs.

**Compensation**

ASI President

100% of tuition, living and other school expenses

Chair of Board

75%

Chief of Staff

75%

Chair of UUAB

75%

Vice Chair of Board

25%

Vice Chair of UUAB

15%

**Corporate Responsibility**

Corporate Responsibility: approving the approximately $12 million budget so the “machine can keep moving,” according to Rugani, who said this should provide assurance that student fees are administered according to non-profit laws and under a professional structure and provides protection for assets of the corporation and members of the ASI

**Official Voice of the Students**

Official Voice of the Students - “Getting students involved and presenting a clear picture,” Rugani said. “If students want to come in, express concern, we serve them.”

Requirements: minimum 3 quarters left at Poly, 2.0 GPA

**Lobby Corps**

Lobby Corps

**Executive Staff**

Executive Staff

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Biotech exec discusses pharmaceutical innovation at Baker forum

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Dr. Walter Moos, a biotech executive, presented "The Dallas and Sense of Pharmaceutical Innovation: Saving Lives Through Drug Discovery" Sunday in Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre as part of the biennial Baker Forum.

Dr. Moos has published five books and more than 150 manuscripts and medical research papers. As vice president of the biosciences division of SRI International, one of the world’s largest independent nonprofit research and development organizations, he leads a team of more than 300 people and has access to all of the resources necessary to take research from initial discovery to the start of human clinical trials.

Dr. Moos’ main point in the hour-long presentation was to raise public awareness about a very important and very neglected topic. A quote by Dr. Sean was highlighted at the introduction and conclusion of the lecture. "If you convince me that you care a whole lot, nothing will happen, it won’t."

Throughout the lecture he emphasized the lack of despite significant efforts by certain non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other groups, there is not enough being done in the field of drug discovery. "Standing still is going backwards... exponentially," Dr. Moos said. "Cancer will kill 50 people in the course of this lecture. This is unacceptable."

In the introduction, Dr. Moos outlined the need for creative distribution of drugs, innovation of new drugs, the importance of NGOs and nonprofits in the industry and the need for scientists and researchers to continue to "learn and do."

The second portion of the lecture focused on pharmaceutical math and was meant to give the audience a clearer understanding of the numbers involved in the industry. Dr. Moos explained the difficult process of getting a new drug into the market and how essential it is to saving lives.

He said at least 40 percent of the dramatic rise in life expectancy of people in the United States during the last century can be attributed to the discovery and mass distribution of new drugs.

Unfortunately, the process of getting a new drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is extremely long, costly and difficult, but to get a single drug to the point of human testing, it generally costs a minimum of half a billion dollars, and these costs have been steadily rising. The cost of the entire process for a single drug, from discovery to release, is an estimated $1.8 billion and takes between 10 and 20 years. So far in 2010, about $65 billion have been spent on research and development of drugs.

Walter H. Moos presented on drug research and costs at the biennial Baker Forum on May 2 in the Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre.
Would you rather be attacked by a shark on land or a lion in the ocean?

- Ashley Che, S a t e
- Michael Lacalle, English junior
- Tala Eilotahazeh, landscape architecture sophomore
- Max Pakiccoti, computer engineering junior
- Rachel K兄弟, architecture sophomore

"A shark on land, it might evolve and have four legs." - Max Pakiccoti

"A shark on land, it might evolve and have four legs." - Michael Lacalle

"A shark on land, I'm a way better walker." - James Staton, recreation, parks and tourism sophomore

"A shark on land, so someone can see and save me." - Ashley Che, liberal studies freshman

"I don't know how much a shark can move on land." - Michael Lacalle

"I'm glad I don't live near a lake. It's terrifying for Sinai." - Tala Eilotahazeh

"I don't know why they don't create a prime source of revenue for the Nashville周边的景点, restaurants and bars were flooded or closed. Floodwaters covered the playing surface of LP Field, home of the NFL's Tennessee Titans, the Garland Opryland Hotel and Convention Center and the Opry Mills Mall also were flooded.

Country musician Marty Stuart, one of the mainstays of the 85-year-old Grand Ole Opry, country music and comedy variety shows, had two words Tuesday to describe flood damage to the Opry House: "It's biblical." As Opry member since 1992, Stuart said he was told by Opry officials that water was chest deep. "They're just through it in a car now — I think that tells you all you need to know," Stuart said. "It's a profound sense of loss," said Stuart, who took over the backstage dressing room assigned to Porter Wagoner after the longtime Opry star died in 2007.

The first floor of the Music City Center building and four floors of the Acuff Theater were covered in water. Floodwaters also contaminated the Grand Ole Opry, and 1 inch of water reached the event level of the Bridgestone Arena, home of the Nashville Predators NHL hockey team.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen declared 52 of the state's 95 counties disaster areas after an artful tour of Nash-ville and western Tennessee.

Of the 10 flooding victims in Nashville, police said four were found in their homes, four died outdoors and two drowned when their cars were trapped by high water. Six people died in storm-related incidents in Mississippi and four in Kentucky.

The Cumberland River, whose many tributaries also spilled over their banks, crested at 51.96 feet late Mon-day night, the highest level since 1937, according to the Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service of the National Weather Service.

The river was projected to drop below 50 feet by Tuesday evening but was not expected to subside below the 56-foot flood stage until mid-morning Wednesday.

"Nashville will fully recover," Nashville Mayor Karl Dean told reporters.

If you're from out of town, you'll receive a vote by mail. If you're from the region, please vote at the polls. Happy voting.

The voter guide for the ASI elections has citizens' rights of concern on a list and prioritizing in campaign activities, which is routine in opposition.
Times Square bomb suspect admits involvement in plot, officials say

Tina Susman and Alex Rodri­
guez

NEW YORK — A Pakistani-born man accused of trying to blow up a car bomb in Times Square, officials said Tuesday as additional arrests were reported in Pakistan.

Faizal Shahzad, 30, was due in federal court in Manhattan later Tuesday in connection with last Saturday's failed attack and was expected to face terrorism-related charges that included an attempt to use a weapon of mass destruction, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said.

"He has been talking to us and providing us with useful information," Holder told a news conference. Asked if Shahzad, who became a U.S. citizen in April 2009, had admitted involvement in the plot, Holder replied, "He has done that."

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Shahzad was arrested at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York shortly before midnight, on a jet bound for Dubai and then on to Pakistan, which he had last visited a few months ago.

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take another flight rather than get back on the plane, which left sev­eral hours late without Shahzad. "Clearly the guy was on the plan­e and shouldn't have been. We got very lucky," said Mayor Michael Bloomberg at a news briefing Tues­day.

But Holder and Homeland Secu­rity Secretary Janet Napolitano, rather than portraying it as a close call that might have allowed a sus­pected terrorist to slip away, cast his arrest as a sign that the system had worked. "I was never in any fear we were in danger of losing him," Holder said.

Cannons and Border Patrol of­ciers discovered Shahzad's plan to leave the United States based on their surveillance and went to the airport to stop him, a law enforce­ment official said. Napolitano said officials could have turned the plane around even if it had already taken off.

A Department of Homeland Se­curity official said Shahzad had not previously been on a no-fly list and was added only as a result of late-breaking developments in the inves­tigation, so his name did not raise an automatic red flag as he passed through airport security.

Investigators had been focus­ing on finding the person who had bought a Nissan Pathfinder used in the Times Square incident since Saturday night but did not know the name of the person they were looking for until Sunday night. They were able to obtain it through records of e-mail messages sent be­tween Shahzad and a Bridgeport, Conn., resident who sold the Path­finder to Shahzad last month.

In the working-class neigh­borhood of Shelton, Conn., north of New York City, where Shahzad had lived for several years, neighbor Brenda Thurman said Shahzad had a wife and two children and stayed in a house for a few months after it fell into foreclosure.

From there, Shahzad apparently moved to nearby Bridgeport, where FBI agents early Tuesday began searching a building in which he had an apartment, looking for clues to determine if Shahzad had links to international or domestic terror­ist organizations.

Holder has indicated more ar­rests are likely.

"This investigation is ongoing. It is multifaceted," he said shortly after Shahzad was detained. "We will not rest until we have brought everyone responsible to justice."

He described the failed bombing as a "terrorist act" intended to kill Americans.

An official in Washington who

Major flooding in 3 states kills at least 29

David Zucchino
Los Angeles Times

The rain-swollen Cumberland River began to subside Tuesday, but not before the death toll from wide­spread storms and flooding rose to at least 29 in Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi as emergency crews sloshed through receding waters in search of bodies.

Worst hit was Nashville, where such iconic Music City landmarks as the Grand Ole Opry House and the Country Music Hall of Fame were inundated by murky brown floodwaters. Power was out through much of the historic downtown area, and one of the city's two water treatment plants was badly flooded and knocked out of service.

Emergency crews found the bodies of a couple who drowned in their home and a woman whose car was submerged on a flooded road­way, said Telia Perry, a spokeswoman for the Tennessee Emergency Manage­ment Agency in Nashville. Other bodies were found in a private yard and in a wooded area near a super­market in Nashville.

Eighteen people died in Ten­nessee from flooded homes or cars — 10 of them in Nashville, accord­ing to Calabrese-Benton. Another victim was killed in Tennessee by a tornado spawned by storms that dumped 13 inches on Nashville in two days over the weekend.

Authorities found that reced­ing waters from the Cumberland, which crested overnight at almost

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Jan Karon's small town novel makes the reader feel at home

Some might call San Luis Obispo a small town, but compared to Mitford, we live in a metropolis. Jan Karon's "At Home in Mitford" offers something better than cheap thrills. While there are several unexpected events, this novel could never be described as an adventure tale. But it is exactly this mellow, small-town feel that creates this book's charm.

Father Tim, the 60-year-old rector of Lord's Chapel, is Mitford's cornerstone in many ways. He is an eccentric but unfailingly endearing townsperson who relies on Father Tim for every sort of potluck contributions to life advice, and it is his inability to say no that leads to many of the novel's developments.

Typically, life in Mitford carries on with "a slow, sweet peace ... a certain harmony of mood and feeling." But when an attractive neighbor moves in next door to Father Tim (a perennial bachelor), a dog the size of a couch bounds into his heart, and a parentless 11-year-old boy pops up in need of a home, things start to get complicated and infinitely more interesting for Father Tim.

Couple these circumstances with the convergence of some long-forgotten stories, a mysterious visitor to the church and heartbreaking diseases of some key characters, and life in Mitford begins to speed up.

As the town reporter exclaims in frustration when looking for an angle on the latest news to hit Mitford, "This town is full of human-interest angles. I'm lookin' for hard news." Though human interest is indeed unceasing in Mitford, it is surprising how much "hard news" also takes place in this tranquil little town.

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Art and design chair sells photographs for charity

Sky Bergman, local photographer and chair of the Art and Design department at Cal Poly, will sell her photographs this Saturday. All proceeds will go to ARTS Obispo and the Cal Poly Photography Lab.

The prints capture years of Bergman's travels, from around the globe and include shots Bergman took for a 2001 Smithsonian cover shoot about greenhouse gases in Belgium. Also included are pictures she took for a Peruvian hotel and photos from a cruise through the Panama Canal. Along with commissioned work, various prints from travels to places such as Paris, Vietnam and Holland will be available for purchase.

Bergman will open her home to the sale and said she wants it to be a fun and informal showing. Using blank walls and blue tape, she plans to display her photographs inconspicuously, even though the images encased by the blue tape are anything but ordinary.

The sale will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1265 Mill Street in San Luis Obispo.

Katie Bruce contributed to this article.
Firestone's limited offering hits the mark

So there I was, browsing the Mustang Daily's website, when low and behold I see that the Cal Poly Brew Crew now has their own column to rival mine. No big deal, I thought as I read the column, which was packed with information and knowledge well beyond my scope of comprehension.

Eventually I got scared enough to text the head honcho to make sure that I hadn't been fired. "No sir, the Cal Poly community loves your brand of irreverence and idiocy," the text said, "We'll run both."

OK, so maybe it didn't say that exactly, but I was happy to know that I was going to remain (un)的最后一行
Billy Murray says 'no way' to 'Ghostbusters' sequel

Patrick Goldstein

LOS ANGELES—You could argue that Hollywood's sequel mania really began in earnest in 1989, when the box-office gravy started flowing for both "Ghostbusters 2" and "Lethal Weapon 2." Proving that there was no good reason—other than end of the equation—why you had to come up with an original idea for a blockbuster movie when you could just milk something that had already worked. "Lethal Weapon" went on to a long and happy sequel life.

But Sony has never been able to mount another installment in the "Ghostbusters" franchise—though you can't say it hasn't been for lack of trying. It feels as if every time I turn around, I read a story about how sequel efforts are moving ahead with another round of screenwriters at work, trying to figure out how to spin something off from the land­mark 1989 comedy that ushered in an entire era of "Men in Black"-style spin something off from the land­mark 1989 comedy that ushered in an entire era of "Men in Black"-style.

"I tried a couple of different ideas, but I think the only one that worked was the idea of Billy Murray saying 'no way' to a new "Ghostbusters" sequel," said Jesse James.

"I was always more dutiful than inspired. In the end, he is such a captivating, una(x>lo­ish scxretary to his big-hearted dixtor character, from Father 'Tim's outland­ unfailingly carefully worded and exe­lent articulation. It is hard to under­stand why half the town speaks as if they were educated at Oxford and the other half as if they never graduated from the country school, but in the end, it is all about personalities as much as that it matters to me.

The steadfast small-town charm provided by the novel's cast and their comedy was —  to get an agent, to get a LINE. The idea of me de­livering a pizza basically encompassed me getting a one-line part, a part on a show. I thought two years was a rea­sonable amount of time for that role."

"I always set goals for myself and my goal when I came out here was to deliver a pizza on TV within the first two years. I knew how hard the busi­ness was — to get an agent, to get a part, to get a LINE. The idea of me de­livering a pizza basically encompassed me getting a one-line part, a part on a show. I thought two years was a rea­sonable amount of time for that role."

Armed with one name, that of a casting assistant on the "Dharma & Greg" show, Stonestreet started with her. "She said, 'Send me your head shot and I'll call you when they're right for something.'"

Four times he called to try out for a small role on "Dharma & Greg" and four times he didn't score. Finally he staged a one-man as a prop­posant in 

"I was at the point. I had to make some more try to get out of the business now and try to start a busi­ness. I've always wanted to have a sandwich shop or a hot dog stand or a restaurant-bar. I have been in the business long enough to make enough traction!"

He decided to stick it out.

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You deserve a break.
Barefoot is better

Let's rewind your morning routine. Let's say you don't put on your shoes, you leave them right where they are and you go barefoot. Could you survive the day and would you be better for it?

This is a question I wanted to find out: why go barefoot? After all I've read, I'm convinced that barefoot running, hiking and walking are better for your feet and entire body if done correctly and persistently. By losing the shoes out the window I think we can decrease repetitive stress injuries such as shin splints, ripped hamstrings, Achilles tendinitis or heel pain such as plantar fasciitis.

You see the shoes these days flat tops, platform pumps, stilettos, wedge... they even sound painful. Stilettos remind me of a switchblade and wedges of a golf club or a jagged deep-fried potato.

A few weeks ago I saw a guy lounging on the grass in front of the library without his shoes on. I asked him if he goes barefoot very often.

Earth science junior Zach Smith said he walks and runs barefoot around his neighborhood all the time and also hikes barefoot with friends.

"It's more comfortable and natural," Smith said. "It's how it should be.

He also mentioned that one of his favorite books is about running barefoot.

He said, "Born to Run." by Christopher McDougall, is about running hundreds of miles at a time with no shoes.

"Born to Run" is about the Tarahumara Indians who live in Mexico's Copper Canyon. McDougall chronicles his encounters with this hidden tribe, their super-athletes and what he calls their "super nature." His book documents his encounters with this hidden tribe, their super-athletes and what he calls their "super nature.

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Enkleton says some of his students are even more excited about going barefoot than his. High school sophomore Tony Nino de Rivera started the "Troy challenge" in Dec, 2008, in which 10 students agreed to go shoeless everyday during school hours for six months.

Nino de Rivera said he gets sore arches and weak ankles from wearing shoes all the time and already feels relief after being barefoot.

His words and my favorite take on running barefoot is that your foot is sitting in a mold and (therefore) your muscles don't get used.

"It's more comfortable and natural, " Brian Enkleton, a Cal Poly alumnus and marketing manager Life Fitness, says are just "a chunk of rubber and a plastic bag," he said. "Walking around in them is like a foot massage, like an extra pair of eyes can see what the ground looks like with your feet.

"I love being barefoot," she said. "I feel more grounded and like the earth is taking all the stress.

She says she has special peddles on her bike for biking barefoot and the only time she does wear shoes is at work, in the lab or maybe if it's raining.

"Everywhere I go I feel like I get an extra sense of my surroundings," Blackwell said. "I can know smells and tastes. Barefoot I know what I feel like it.

The popular lyric from country singer Kenny Chesney "no shoes, no shirt,... no problems" may hold more truth than just a catchy phrase. A point many barefoot activists argue is that there are no recorded foot problems before the creation of shoes.

I asked Bishop Peak a couple weeks ago barefoot and I have to say I have a completely new appreciation for the mountain. My feet were deny of course at the bottom, but they left erudite and alive. Like it was the first time I really used them.

I don't expect you to cut shoes out of your life today, but maybe walk barefoot at school we all know that's not a reality, but try going barefoot every now and then. You may just discover something new about the surface you walk on every day or your own body.

I hope you find out more about barefoot living there is a Facebook group called the Association of Barefoot Walkers and a group called the Barefoot Society. Living established in 1994 and also check out the barefoot hiking club.

Sidneon: California is the only state that doesn't legally allow barefoot driving.

Katherine O. Grady is an animal sci­ ence senior and Mustang Daily science editor.

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— Brian Enkleton

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Shame is...
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Patrick Willis becomes NFL's highest paid linebacker

Matthew Barrows
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers held a press conference Tuesday during which one hall-of-fame middle linebacker introduced another middle linebacker with hall-of-fame potential.

The news of the day was Patrick Willis’ new contract extension. Willis had been signed through the 2011 season. His new, five-year, $56 million extension makes him the highest-paid inside linebacker in the history of the NFL.

The subtext of the day was that the 49ers, who won five championships with crisp passing and offensive ingenuity, believe they can win a sixth through grit, hustle and blue-collar defense.

Willis is the embodiment of all those things and more.

Since entering the league in 2007, he has led the NFL in tackles twice and has made the Pro Bowl three times. He sent a strong signal that he would be a special player when, as a rookie, he played half the season with a broken hand, never missed a snap and ended up with a league-best 174 tackles, the highest total in the past decade.

Coach Mike Singletary, who was entering the league in 1998, said that when teams reward players with colossal contracts, they typically worry about whether the big money will change that player. Will he remain as hungry? Will he play hurt? Will he be the same player?

Willis’ work ethic, his desire, is ingrained. Singletry said, that those questions are no concern at all.

“This is one of the most unique individuals I’ve ever been around,” Singletary said, that those questions are no concern at all.

“If you didn’t know who he was, you’d think he was just this special teams player. He’s a guy that’s very unnerving. Said Willis: “I feel like what I’ve done the last three years is only the tip of the iceberg. People think they’ve seen the best I’ve had to offer and they haven’t—it by far.”

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Linebacker Patrick Willis was drafted by the 49ers in the first round of the 2007 NFL draft, since then, he has yet to record a season without 100 tackles.

The news of the day was Patrick Willis, who was cut out to be a 3-4 inside linebacker and was frustrated early on that he wasn’t in the 4-3 scheme he had played in at Ole Miss.

Three years later, however, both teams reward players with colossal contracts, they typically worry about whether the big money will change that player. Will he remain as hungry?
Senior outfielder Luke Yoder succeeds at a ‘failing game’

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As senior outfielder Luke Yoder said, baseball is a mental game, where successful players must never let the fear of the bat get the best of them. There are few elements a player can control to make it in the game. “Baseball is the only sport that when you’re on offense, you don’t have control of the ball. You can only control your swing and the pitches you swing at. But you can’t control how it hits the bat,” Yoder said.

Success on the diamond is all about learning how to fail and move on. Yoder credits Bakersfield Baseball Academy Director Bobby Maitia for teaching him this mindset and helping him develop defensive and offensive strategies. Yoder said he hopes to carry these lessons with him into the minor leagues after college.

“Baseball is such a failing game and we worked on trying to handle the grind of the game. Luke fails seven out of 10 times, but if you fail seven out of 10 times you are a hall of famer,” Maitia said. Last year Yoder did just that, re- cording a .301 average with 12 doubles and nine home runs. The year before, he missed seven of 46 games due to ACL surgery, hitting .350 as a lead-off hitter. In the past he has been scouted by professional clubs like the Dodgers and Red Sox, but declined their offers to attend Cal Poly to pursue a degree in business administration.

Maitia said Yoder possesses a combination of strength and power that he has never seen before. Maitia said and Yoder’s parents thought his capabilities stemmed from his lea- vity in gymnastics. When Yoder was about 12-year-old, several parents were taken aback by his talent and signed their kids up for gymnastics hoping that their children would become better baseball players. However, when Yoder was 15-years-old, he suffered an injury in gymnastics, and the parents quickly removed their children.

Yoder said he would never have expected himself to go far in a game that he didn’t take seriously. He said gymnastics has always been his favorite sport since he was 3 years old, but after suffering from Osgood-Schlatter in his knee and tearing the lumbar muscle in his shoulder, he realized he would have to give up the sport. “I love (gymnastics),” Yoder said. “I honestly think it is the best sport ever because it’s really just you competing against the event. You control your own destiny by however well you prepared and you hold the keys to your own success.”

Yoder said that after his shoulder injury, he began channeling the same energy and focus into baseball. He soon started visiting the baseball academy located next door to the gymnastics cen-

ter and just down the street from his home in Bakersfield.

While working with Maitia during his senior year in high school, Yoder hit .488 and stole 16 of 20 bases. That summer, he was scouted by the Red Sox and Dodgers, and got a taste for what life could be like if he went pro.

Yoder attended a pre-draft work-out at Fenway park in Boston. He said practicing on the field was one of the best feelings he has ever had. “The little kids would come up and be like, ‘Hey, can I have your autograph?’ They would ask, ‘Are you going to to be as good as Babe Ruth?’” Maitia said. “It was a great experience to feel like a big-leaguer without actually being one.”

Despite the attention, Yoder turned down both teams to attend Cal Poly to pursue a degree in business administration. “Out of high school it wasn’t worth giving up going to college and getting an education,” Yoder said.

Maitia developed a relationship with Cal Poly head coach Larry Lee after he coached the San Luis Obispo Blues from 1996 to 1997 and the Santa Maria Indians from 1998 to 2000. He recommended Yoder for the team if he wanted to make it big after college.

Yoder said his first reaction to the team was awe. “You are in a Division-I team and there had been guys who had been recruited here, like Casey Fien and Bud Norris,” Yoder said.

Lee said that since Yoder has joined the team, Yoder has been an integral part to its success. “He has a good combination of strength, speed and power,” Lee said.

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Six Women’s tennis players named to All-Big west honororee teams

Six Cal Poly women’s tennis players earned All-Big West selections Tuesday afternoon, marking the second straight year the Mustangs placed the first in program history to earn four all-conference first team selections. Brittany Blafink also earned All-Big West first team doubles honors with senior partner Suzie Matanenauer. herself named to the All-conference first team singles squad. Completing Cal Poly’s selections were senior Steffy Wong and freshmen Alex Lee, who earned second team doubles accolades.

Cal Poly’s all-time singles victory leader with 85-55 record, Blafink posted a 15-6 spring mark between the No. 1 (1.7-3) and No. 2 (8-5) singles positions. Blafink will play as a six-time Big West Athlete of the Week honoree.

It is a tribute to Britanny’s consist- ency and tremendous competitive spirit that she has been selected to the All-Big West singles first team for a fourth-straight year,” Cal Poly head coach Hugh Bream said in a release. “Both as a singles and doubles player, Brittany has been among the best in an extremely competitive conference.

Matanenauer, who also earned first team singles and doubles praise last season after transferring from Northwestern, posted a 15-7 mark in spring duals. Currently ranked No. 104 among Division I players, Matanenauer compiled 6-6-4 at No. 1 singles and 9-1 at No. 2.

Suzie has been a tremendous sin- gle and doubles player for us, both in Big West matches and versus nationally-ranked competition,” Bream said. “She comes to the court ready to com- pete every single time she has stepped up and has truly brought a spark to our program.”

Exposed to receive a doubles in- vitation to the May 26-31 NCAA Individual Championships, Blafink and Matanenauer finished undefeated against Big West opposition and posted a 17-5 mark in spring duals. With Blafink and Matanenauer, Cal Poly went the doubles point in a conference-best 78 percent of its 23 spring matches. In 2008, Blafink — then paired with Wong — became Cal Poly’s first individual selection to the NCAA championships.

“In singles play, both Brittany and Suzie had extremely strong years, but when combined in doubles, they were exceptional,” said Bream of the pair, who upset Stanford’s second-ranked doubles team on March 21. “We were excited for the NCAA selection and optimistic that they would be one of 32 teams from more than 1,000 Division I doubles teams to be selected for the individual championships.

Tuesday’s announcement marked Wong’s third all-conference doubles selection after claiming first team honors with Blafink in 2008 and 2009. Playing almost exclusively at No. 2 doubles for the Mustangs, Wong and Lee compiled a 17-5 record. The tandem were ranked as high as No. 59 in the March 2 edition of the ITA poll.

Cal Poly (16-7, 6-2), which finished in a three-way tie for second place in the conference standings, completed its regular season with a 4-2 loss against top-ranked Long Beach State during the semifinals of the Big West Championships on May 2.

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