

CAL POLY RECEIVES RECORD NUMBER OF APPLICANTS

CAL POLY RECEIVED A RECORD NUMBER of undergraduate applications for the 2010 fall quarter – a total of 40,904 applications, up 12.1 percent from 36,489 in 2008.

Of the nearly 41,000 first-time freshmen who submitted applications, 4,744 were submitted as early decision applications, or applications for students who made Cal Poly their

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first choice. The early decision pool increased by more than 32 percent from last year, a sign of the increasing number of students considering Cal Poly as their first choice.

“The number of applications we received this year is a testament to the hard work of our academic departments in helping my unit build relationships with our prospective students and parents long before the application process ever begins,” said James Maraviglia, assistant vice president of Admissions, Recruitment and Financial Aid. “We are really pleased with the result, especially given the tough economy and state budget cuts to higher education.” □



CAL POLY ARCHITECTURE STUDENT RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

CAL POLY ARCHITECTURE STUDENT John Vierra won first place and took home \$2,500 in the 2009 Bohemian Flats Boathouse Student Design Competition. The competition was sponsored by the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) in conjunction with The Vinyl Institute.

Vierra, a senior in Cal Poly’s Architecture Department, won for his design “Boat on Board.”

Judges noted the technical exploration, as well as the “ingenious way of dealing with the river’s ebb and flow.” It was considered one of the most respectful designs with regards to the site and the river.

This year’s competition focused on rewarding design excellence at a small-scale, highlighting the unique aspects of designing a boathouse and building knowledge about materials, products and assembly contributing to a sustainable and safe environment. The competition site was The Bohemian Flats, a historic parcel of land on the bank of the Mississippi River in Minneapolis.

Vierra was also the first place winner of the 2008 AIAS Student Competition. □

WHERE’S MUSTY?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE CAL POLY CAMPUS?



OUR MINI-MASCOT, MUSTY THE MUSTANG, went exploring recently and came back with photos from his adventure. Can you tell where on campus he’s been?

We’ll run one of Musty’s photos in each edition of Cal Poly Magazine and let you tell us where Musty is. Send your responses to mlazier@calpoly.edu. Be very specific in your answer.

The correct answer and the name of the first person who submitted it will be printed in this space in the next edition, along with Musty’s next photo.

ASI staff member **Brittany Tomasko** was the first to guess the correct answer for our Winter 2009 edition: Musty was in the Natatorium across from Alex G. Spanos Stadium.