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Geringer teaches courses in strategic management, international management, joint ventures and alliances, and mergers and acquisitions.

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• Natalie Jewell, biological sciences major from Santa Maria, and mentor Soncia Lilly, executive director of the Associated Students Inc.
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Johnson is chair of the ASI Board of Directors. His activities include serving on the Homecoming Committee, being a representative for the Association of Student Advancement Programs, working with the homeless shelter and food drives, and volunteering in elementary schools and as a firefighter. His most memorable college experience was being crowned 1999-2000 Homecoming King.

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STATE: For a complete listing of employment opportunities for state staff and management positions, you can:
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FOUN DATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 6-7807). All Foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 p.m. of the closing date. (No faxes.)

Administrative Support Assistant II
Planned Giving and Endowment Office, $12.42-15.51/hr. Closing date: June 16.
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Van Belleghem, a senior in history, works in the Institutional Planning and Analysis Office. “She is a role model I deeply admire,” Chin said. “She is highly motivated, determined and willing to go the extra mile...”