HP donates workstation

By Lauren Nowenstein
Mustang Daily

The College of Science and Mathematics’ new computational chemistry lab was recently upgraded. One of the largest additions to the lab was made possible by the Hewlett-Packard Co., which donated a $21,500 workstation at the beginning of fall quarter. An identical workstation arrived last week and was purchased by funds generated by the Cal Poly Plan.

According to Chemistry and Biochemistry Department Chair Al Censullo, the workstations are helping students study molecules in a new way.

“These workstations help students visualize what molecules are like in three dimensions,” Censullo said. Before the equipment was brought to Cal Poly, students had almost no way of doing computerized molecular modeling.

“The equipment opens up new possibilities for things we couldn’t do otherwise. They were too tedious to do below,” Censullo said. He added that the computers allow students to manipulate molecules, see energy changes in them and view their most stable forms.

Gary Bowdich, Director of Advancement for the College of Science and Mathematics, said that other modifications to the lab came from resources within Cal Poly. The College of Science and Mathematics supplied the Macintosh Power PC computers and the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department purchased the software.

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BIG CHECK: American Vineyard Magazine’s Dan Malcolm (left) presents a check for the Central Coast Grape Expo’s proceeds — $16,000 to fruit science professor Keith Patterson (center) and Vine to Wines Club president Russ Myers (right).

Magazine endows Poly wine program

American Vineyard Magazine donates $16,000 to aide budding vintners

By Jen Stevenson
Mustang Daily

Funds are flowing like wine to Cal Poly’s viticulture program.

The program received $16,000 in proceeds from the first Central Coast Grape Expo, held last month at the Mid-State Fairgrounds in Paso Robles by American Vineyard Magazine. The donation to Cal Poly is the largest single contribution ever made by the magazine.

The money will be used for scholarships benefiting students going into the viticulture program, assistant fruit science professor Keith Patterson said.

The program is a cooperation between the food science, crop science, and agricultural business departments and incorporates the business side of running a winery with the agricultural aspects of cultivating a vineyard.

A $1,000 scholarship will be awarded in Fall 1999, another $1,000 is designated for Fall 2000, and Cal Poly’s Vines to Wine Club received $1,000 as compensation for its contributions to the Expo, Patterson said.

The remaining $13,000 will be invested with the Cal Poly Foundation. The interest earned will be used for future scholarships, said Paul Fountain, head of the crop science department.

The Expo in Paso Robles was the first of its kind on the Central Coast and attracted 80 exhibitors and more than 700 guests. It included educational seminars, farm advisers, and speakers from Cal Poly.

The keynote speaker for the luncheon was Cal Poly alumnus Ken Volk, owner of Wildhorse Winery in Templeton.

Dan Malcolm, publisher of American Vineyard Magazine, currently puts on three similar shows in Sonoma, Merced, and Caruthers, near Fresno. Malcolm said the expo are an opportunity for grape growers to gather and attend seminars and check out exhibits from nurseries and varietal.

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Poly students go to exotic places with Peace Corps

By Joellen Smith
Mustang Daily

Some Cal Poly alumni are making the world better by serving as Peace Corps volunteers.

Devoting two years to foreign service, 31 Cal Poly graduates ventured to far-off countries like Poland and Nicaragua to fight poverty, famine and illiteracy.

“The volunteers serve for two years either in a town, city, or village,” said Eric Hasham, a Cal Poly graduate student who runs the Peace Corps office at Cal Poly. “So they go right to where the problem is — depending on their work assignment.”

Hasham worked in a forestry unit in Nepal during his time in the Peace Corps.

“You can imagine the first night being in a foreign country. It can probably be a little stressful, but exciting too,” said Ann Gretter, public affairs manager for the Los Angeles Peace Corps Recruitment Office.

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Chairman Julian Bond says blacks are still at a disadvantage to their white counterparts.

DURHAM, N.C. (UPI) — Closing the lingering economic, social and political gaps between the races will be the challenge for a new generation of leaders, and civil rights activist Julian Bond, during his keynote address Sunday at the Duke University's 10th annual Martin Luther King Jr. service.

Bond, chair of the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the divide between the races could remain America's greatest problem in the 21st century, as it has been in this one.

Although the current civil rights scene is "an echo of the past," Bond said, Americans must acknowledge that many obstacles persist.

"One hundred years ago, black racism is worthy of condemnation while white racism is business as usual," he asked.

Bond cited a number of statistics, which he believes demonstrate that black citizens remain at a disadvantage to their white counterparts.

For example, Bond said, a black child is one and a half times more likely to grow up in a family whose household income is below the poverty level, two times as likely to be born to a teenage mother, and nine times as likely to be a victim of homicide as a toddler or young adult.

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Graphic communication kicks off printing week

By Andy Castagnola

Graphic communication majors are learning the latest in printing technology this week straight from industry leaders.

Universities and printing companies around the world have declared the first week in January as the Printing Week, an annual event that falls around the birthdays of Benjamin Franklin, the United States' first printer.

Cal Poly marks printing week by scheduling lectures, new equipment dedications and a graphic communication department banquet.

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was helping.

"I was able to share in the humor, share in their successes and their joys. I lived with a family that considered me to be their son," Hasham said.

More than 500 Cal Poly graduates have served with the Peace Corps since 1961. Applying what they learned while at Cal Poly, these Peace Corps volunteers are able to help citizens with certain projects in the host country. Such projects include business advising in Ukraine, Paraguay and El Salvador; agricultural training in Guatemala and water resource engineering in Mauritania.

"Cal Poly, for the past 30 years, has been a great recruiter for the Peace Corps," Hasham said because of Cal Poly's emphasis on engineering, architecture and agriculture. "People need clean water, and the food supply is still the most important thing on people's minds everyday."

The Cal Poly office serves not just alumni but also local residents. Hasham placed residents from all ages and backgrounds into the Peace Corps. A 23-year-old architect from Atascadero just recently joined the Peace Corps, Hasham said.

The first prerequisite to join the Peace Corps is to have a desire to help people. The next steps are filling out an application and having a personal interview with Hasham or another Peace Corps representative. A prospective Peace Corps volunteer should begin the application process about nine months before wanting to leave for the host country.

The return to the United States can also cause a culture shock to a Peace Corps volunteer, Gretter said. "You have to remember that some of the volunteers are serving in places that don't have electricity or running water. Gretter said. "When they come back and experience the plenty that we have in the United States, it can be a real shock to them."

A returning Peace Corps volunteer also obtains many privileges, Gretter added. A recommendation allowance of more than $5,000 is awarded upon completion of a Peace Corps assignment.

These returning volunteers also obtain noncompetitive eligibility when applying for federal jobs and can also have their student loans deferred. These benefits may be appealing, but some Cal Poly students are not sure if the Peace Corps will be the toughest job they will ever face.

"I want to get right into the workforce right after 1 graduate," said Laura Holt, a fruit science freshman. "I have too many student loans, and I want to start paying them off. But people that can afford to join the Peace Corps and have that much time... that's cool."

According to Gretter, nine out of 10 returning Peace Corps volunteers say if they had the opportunity, they would serve again. Even if they do not go back to the Peace Corps, many returning volunteers serve in their local communities as teachers, mentors and public officials.

Hasham feels his experience in the Peace Corps was very fulfilling. "Every day was stimulating and somehow intense living in another country, but I cherished it," Hasham said. "The Peace Corps is so far the toughest job I will ever love."

Upcoming events hosted by the Cal Poly Peace Corps office include an informational meeting in the University Union from 2:19 on Jan. 26 at 11:10 a.m. Information tables will also be set up in the University Union Plaza on Jan. 26 and Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at Farmer's Market on Jan. 25. A slide show, entitled "Mid-Life Adventure," featuring a married couple's Peace Corps experience in Papua New Guinea will be at the San Luis Obispo Public Library on Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Peace Corps applications are available in the Cal Poly Peace Corps office, located in the Science Building, room C29.
Iron Mike, Y2K, and a few cowboys

So much to do, so little time. The age old adage stands true, even in the context of a semi-independent college student in the brink of self-realization. “Self-realization,” you ask? “Has this guy lost it or does he just need to open a window?” Neither! It’s a Monday of all days. Sitting reluctantly in front of my once advanced computer, with the sounds of3:00 a.m. alarm ringing in my head, I’m staring at a blank white screen. Dances Matthews lingering about three things come to mind: Mike Tyson, the Y2K bug and the cowboys house just off campus on Grand Avenue near the parking booth.

Mike Tyson is back, or did he ever really leave? Sure, he lost his license, but hey, the man was just hungry. He’s back in the ring swinging, wildly it seems, amidst more media scrutiny than he has probably ever received. Just once I’d like to see a heavyweight walk out to “I’m Gonna Knock You Out” by LL Cool J. Here’s a man that has it all figured out. He knows what he has and what he can do with it. People backed Bono, that non-Git-excape South African who once was good at what he did. Or was it the steadfast Minnie Murusu—precedes Tyson’s fight to the effect of mildly buzzed meat heads stating they would get in the ring with the world proclaimed “Baddest Man” for a few million. Talk of taking a few hits—quickly subsides when Tyson sends his 6’5” philistine of a “Battling Bull” to the mat with one punch. Yeah, I’d get in the ring too.

On an equally challenging front, computer geeks across the planet toss the idea of an entirely new style of working on their own nights of a fight, and the scrutinizing media is eating it up. Their heavyweight contender doesn’t really weigh anything or play a simple life. These gus have two worries: do you go with, or does he just need to open a window?” Neither! It’s a Monday of all days. Sittin’ Y2K and a what he did. Or was it the stenroids? Moronic banter usu­non-Oil-esque South .African who once was good at

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Laws need better enforcement

Skateboarders and bike riders on this campus need to be whipped — and not nicely, either. What is going on with the skateboarders and bike riders on campus? Has there been an outbreak of some brain disease among skaters and bike riders? Or have they just lost all respect for man-made law?

Since when is skateboarding even allowed on campus? Last time I checked (right before I wrote this), it was against the rules posted all over campus, yet there are countless skaters who routinely ride all over campus, yet there are countless classes. Not only are the people flying down the pathways between the math and engineering buildings, and wasn't paying the slightest bit of attention to those around him, I was surprised into action, quickly stepping back onto the curb before he could send me flying, but did he apologize, or even acknowledge me? Take a wild guess — no.

The very same day, two bike riders covered the crowded ramp leading to the library — through a crowd of students, almost knocking down a couple of them in front of me. Neither of them acknowledged the people they were close to hurting, either.

Seriously, what is going on? What will we have to happen before this problem is even noticed? I can't be the only one on campus who is annoyed with this.

The campus police have no problem running down parking tickets on our harmless parked cars — why don't they give more tickets to the people who are actually endangering other's lives? Campus safety needs to wake up and demand compliance with university policies. What's the point of rules if we don't follow them?

Sara Henrikson is a Mustang Daily staff writer and a journalism junior who would never be as rude as campus bike riders and skateboarders.

Microsoft needs to break apart, act responsibly

By Trey Csar

Independent Florida Alligator (U-WIRE)

With the Department of Justice's case against software mogul Microsoft wrapping up last week, it is time to look back at the case and into the company's future.

The case is the latest in a series of lawsuits regarding Microsoft's alleged monopoly of the PC operating system market.

Earlier, the company had been accused of breaking its license agreement with Sun Microsystems over the Java programming language and had its merger with Intuit, the maker of Quicken, stopped because it would have given the company a monopoly in the personal finance software market. The government claims Microsoft's 89 percent share of the operating system market enables it to require computer makers to pre-install various Microsoft software along with its Windows operating system.

The case in question now revolves around Microsoft's licensing agreements, which require computer makers who install windows on their systems to distribute a CD-ROM with Microsoft's Internet Explorer 4 Web browser with every computer they sell.

This comes after the software maker was instructed in a previous case not to require an Internet Explorer icon to appear on the desktop of any machine sold with Windows. The company seems content in simply delaying the process — while it continues to sell copies of Windows at a lightning pace. Microsoft needs to accept public responsibility for its monopolistic practices and break itself apart before the Department of Justice does.

First of all, the operating system division needs to be spun off, and the new company needs to open the source code for Windows in the same way Netscape did with its Navigator browser. The spinoff company would instantly have an enormous army of computer programmers working pro-bono, designing program improvements and correcting errors to be integrated into the next version of Windows.

Next, the hardware and software divisions of Microsoft could be split, with the software division living off the popularity of the Office suite and the hardware division making Microsoft's current cash cow, the Microsoft Mouse.

These three new companies, while still dominating sales, would no longer be able to control the computer market as it is now.

The result would be a more innovative market — where technology is consistently improved and sales are determined by the quality of the product instead of consumers who have no choice but to follow the status quo.

Trey Csar is a student at the University of Florida, and a columnist for the Independent Florida Alligator.
West Coast college smoking behind national average

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Stanford Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention program director

PALO ALTO (U-WIRE) — Cigarette smoking on college campuses has increased nationwide among all student demographic groups, according to information obtained by the Harvard School of Public Health's College Alcohol Study.

While Stanford University's smoking rate is not as high as that of other schools, the self-reported smoking rate at Stanford has risen over the last four years.

The study, published in the Nov. 18 Journal of the American Medical Association, examined changes in cigarette smoking among different types of college students and colleges between 1993 and 1997.

Using data from 116 nationally representative four-year colleges, with a total of 15,101 randomly selected students in 1993 and 14,251 randomly selected students in 1997, the researchers found that between 1993 and 1997 the prevalence of current cigarette smoking among college students increased by 28 percent. The number of students who smoked in the last 30 days increased from 22.3 percent to 28.5 percent. Of the 116 colleges in the study, 99 reported increases.

More than one-quarter of the smokers in the 1997 survey began smoking regularly while in college. Although the increase extended across all student demographic groups, the findings indicate that smoking prevalence was higher in white students than black, or Asian students; higher in freshmen, sophomores and juniors than seniors and fifth-year students; lower at private than public schools; and lower at highly competitive schools compared with less competitive schools as differentiated by standardized test scores and percentages of applicants accepted.

The study also revealed that schools in the Northeast, North Central and Southern regions had higher smoking rates than schools in the West and that smoking prevalence did not differ between rural and urban schools, between women's and coeducational institutions, or between schools with and without a religious affiliation.

Carole Pertovsky, director of Stanford's Health Promotion Services, and Elise Lenox, who was director of Stanford's Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Program from 1991 to 1998, illuminated Stanford's own cigarette condition.

Lenox said, "The number of Stanford students who self-report smoking (tobacco), is below the national average."

According to Pertovsky in 1993, 18 percent of the 1,100 students who responded to the Stanford Student Health Needs Assessment self-reported that they smoked.

In 1997, 25 percent said they smoked. Of that 25 percent, more than half rarely smoked - 13 percent smoked only once or twice a year - and less than 3 percent smoked more than once a week.

"What is important to consider is how students smoke. It has been my observation during my seven years at Stanford that most of the students who smoke do so 'recreationally' rather than in an addictive manner," Lenox said.

"Most students don't smoke on a daily basis. They wouldn't 'qualify' as pack-a-day smokers," she said. "They tend to smoke occasionally or 'recreationally,' they like to have a cigarette when they drink."

Pertovsky warned of the danger of too quickly labeling "recreational" smoking as benign.
Firemen on snowboarding trip killed in crash

CORONA (AP) — Four off-duty firefighters on a snowboarding trip died in California's Inland Empire after a small plane crashed Tuesday and burned, officials said.

The crash was reported at 4:54 p.m. by a nearby resident who heard the plane and spotted a fireball on impact, Kidd said.

The crash left the plane's tail section intact and snowboards and other snow gear littered the crash site. A small brush fire was extinguished by Corona firefighters.

The plane crashed at the 1,200-foot level in a remote area a half-mile west of Highway 71 in San Bernardino County. There were no homes in the area, about 60 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

The department has 102 firefighters and was described as a family by Lynch.

"We feel such a profound grief. We know who these firefighters were. They are not strangers to us," Mayor Jim Rudman said.

"They had their hands here in the station a couple of nights ago," he said. "They were really proud of them."

Prior to an afternoon news conference, fire Chief Mike Warren said he had talked to the men's families. It was the first loss of active firemen in the Corona department's 100-year history, he said.

"I would fly with Mike in a minute. Anybody would," Ponn said. "He was a fantastic pilot. He was meticulous with everything he did."

The four had just bought new snowboards and were looking forward to the trip, Ponn said.

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Representatives of Arco, Chevron, Shell and Texaco had no comment or did not return telephone calls.

The suit also names Tosco, Ultramar Exxon, World Oil, Beacon, Mobil, BP Oil, Therties and USA Petroleum.

Drury said most of the 3,500 named sites are underground storage tanks at gas stations, but the largest source of ground water pollution has been leaks from oil refineries.

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The suit seeks penalties of $2,500 per day for discharge of each substance over a four-year period, and damages equal to the amounts oil companies saved by allegedly failing to fix or prevent leaks. Drury said the damages would be in billions of dollars.

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Exxon, World Oil, Beacon, Mobil,
BP Oil, Therties and USA Petroleum.

Drury said most of the 3,500

named sites are underground storage

tanks at gas stations, but the largest

source of ground water pollution has

been leaks from oil refineries.
Parents look for details in daughter's drug-related death

EAST LANSING, Mich. (U-WIRE) — Susan and James Leslie want to know the truth about what happened to their daughter. Rumors and marital facts surrounding Christina Leslie's Dec. 17 drug-related death have been difficult to deal with, James Leslie said.

"I just want to make sure that this is not a question of running around the state of Michigan or elsewhere for their daughter's death," he said.

"We know she used drugs, and we've done our best to cooperate with everybody who's trying to find the truth," Christina Leslie, an English senior, was active in the community, serving as an Associated Students of Michigan State University representative, and worked with developmentally disabled adults in Lansing.

Police reports said Leslie and a friend purchased heroin the night before she died, and the friend purchased heroin the next morning and injected it at a friend's house in Pontiac that night. Upon returning home, the friend called paramedics because Leslie was unresponsive, according to police reports.

East Lansing police Capt. Louis Muhln said there is no investigation into Leslie's friend for using or distributing drugs.

Dr. Daniel Maxwell, who attended to Leslie at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, said she never regained consciousness and was brain dead the morning of Dec. 17.

"When she came in, she was pretty well gone," Maxwell said. "By the time she hit the door, there was nothing that could have been done."

An autopsy report stated the cause of death as drug abuse and its complications. Traces of cocaine and opiates, which could have included heroin, were found in Leslie's system. Because of the time elapsed between the drug use and Leslie's death, the amount of drugs could not be determined.

There was no evidence of other trauma or injuries.

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Rutgers joins new virtual universities in cyberspace

Web site offers distance-learning classes to New Jersey students

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (U-WIRE) — Rutgers University joined Gov. Christie Whitman's initiative to create a Virtual University, which joins New Jersey's colleges and universities to help residents who want to earn college credits but are unable to attend a traditional college.

"A lot of courses that are available through continuing education are now available through the Virtual University," George Lukacs, University executive director of computing and information technology, said.

The site offers an index of all existing online educational offerings from the state schools into one network that can be accessed at www.njvu.org.

The site offers an index of more than 800 credit and non-credit distance learning courses at the state's 50 institutions of higher learning.

Distance learning programs take advantage of computers, videotapes and interactive television programs to create a "virtual classroom for students scattered at locations around the state and the country."

However, some students said the distance-learning programs cannot compete with a traditional classroom experience.

University College first-year student Mike Winner said he would not have taken advantage of the programs if they existed when he decided to go back to college last fall.

"I like the old-time stuff better, I like teachers and classes. You need more interaction with teachers. But for people who have problems getting to a college, it is a good thing," Winner said.

Los Rose, who recently obtained a graduate degree from the New Jersey Institute of Technology via distance learning, said the programs were helpful in attaining her degree.

"The big thing for me was being able to catch up if you missed a class because they were videotaped. They were a godsend when I had to travel for business," Rose said last week in a prepared statement.

"Distance learning will never replace the traditional classroom, but it can bring higher education to those who can't get to the classroom," Whitman said in the State of the State address last Tuesday.

"But it can bring higher education to those who can't get to the classroom. And by helping our institutions reach beyond our state's borders, the Virtual University will put New Jersey at the forefront of distance education," Whitman said.

In the address, Whitman proposed $500,000 to help faculty members learn how to incorporate distance learning courses into their curriculum.

"The New Jersey Virtual University builds upon the state's wealth of high-tech corporate and academic resources, providing flexibility and increased opportunity to meet diverse workforce training and education needs, as well as the needs of recent high school graduates and adults seeking lifelong learning opportunities," Alfred J. Cade, chairman of the New Jersey Commission of Higher Education, said in a prepared statement.
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NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — Relatives of a former Stephen F Austin basketball star who had a brief stint as a professional player were struggling Tuesday to understand why Katrina Price could kill herself.

The 23-year-old basketball star apparently took her life with a shot­gun early Monday in the apartment she shared with her younger sister, police said.

Glenda Shead, one of her eight sisters, said a desperate Price called her family shortly before the incident. "She talked to one sister six yesterday morning," Shead, 40, said. "She just said she was deeply depressed, and we offered to come and visit with her and help her. But an hour after she hung up, it happened. We had no idea she was that depressed."

Price never told her family what was wrong with her, Shead said.

A neighbor called 911 after hearing screams. A minute later, a shot rang out. Police found Price dead, slumped over a shotgun. There were no signs of struggle, and it appeared she shot herself, Sgt. Paul Peterson said.

Price's sister, Lucy Price, told police she had cut off her sister holding a shotgun. Peterson said it appears Lucy, who lives SFA, tried to talk her sister out of killing herself. Police got a 911 call from Lucy at 6:08 a.m. saying that her sister had shot herself.

Price was not only a college basketball standout at SFA but played briefly in the new defunct American Basketball League after going undrafted in the WNBA. She was a member of the Long Beach StingRays and later the Philadelphia Rage, but that league collapsed after filing for bankruptcy in December.

"Her career in the ABL was cut short, but she seemed to be OK with it," Shead said from her home in Kilgore, where the family gathered to prepare for Price's funeral. "She was just looking forward to working this spring at one of the schools in Nacogdoches and going overseas in September."

Shead said her sister was working with her agent on a deal with a European basketball team. "I think she had so many mountains to climb, with us losing both of our parents," Shead said. The women's father died a year ago and their mother died in 1993.

"She was not busy playing basketball anymore, and I think she had some time to think about everything that had happened to her. We just didn't know something like this was going to happen."

Police told the family that Price left a note, but Shead said she has not seen it. Lt Ralph Ervin would not confirm there was a note and was tightly lipped about the investigation.

"We're still trying to piece it all together. We're contacting all the witnesses to try to find out what happened," he said. "We're also waiting for lab results."

Price was a third-team All­America player last season when she averaged 22.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. The 6-foot guard was the Ladyjacks' all-time leading scorer with 2,278 points and she's among the SFA top 10 in seven other categories.

She was the Southland Confer­ence's marathon player during her four years at SFA.

The Waco native played in all but one of the 123 games in her career and over 120 of them. She was the first four­time member of the league's all-tourney team, was a three-time all-con­ference player and a two-time winner of the SLC player of the year award.

Kristy Sims Curry, a former assis­tant coach at SFA who helped recruit Price, said Price excelled both on the court and in the classroom. She was enrolled in graduate education cours­es for SFA's spring semester, which began last Wednesday.

"She was an outstanding student athlete," Curry said. "Katrina, no doubt, was interested in getting her degree, and I know she certainly want­ed to play basketball as long as she could. She could have played overseas, she could have been picked up by the WNBA. This kid had talent."

Shead said Price was someone her family looked up to, especially her seven nieces and nephews.

"She was like a Michael Jordan to them. She was their hero," she said.

"Tina loved the game of basket­ball. Tina, bless her heart, has always loved having something in her hand — I can remember her at the age of three picking up the ball."

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**SPORTS**

**Family copes with suicide of college star**

NEW YORK (AP) — Dennis Rodman retired, Antonio McDyess deliberated, Red Strickland wavered and the NBA labor settlement was delayed again once again.

It was another day of waiting, wonder­ing and waffling Tuesday, with the dead­line for the NBA's collective bargaining agreement Tuesday.”

"I'll get it done. It always gets done," agent David Falk said. "This just gives us more time to talk to people and refine our numbers."

Falk's free-agent client, Rod Strickland, was reportedly upset at the offer being made by the Washington Wizards. Falk refused to comment on the status of Strickland's negotiations, but talk around the league was that the point guard was considering sign­ing with another team.

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"Some people are focusing, and some people aren't focusing, and it's those who aren't focusing that are too tense," Finnan said.

Cal Poly's men and women tied Davis in the 1,000-meter freestyle, but then the Mustangs pulled away and won their next five events.

Freshman freestyler Brian Vandermaas added to the lead with an early scare in the 1,500-meter freestyle. Vandermaas thought the team would probably pull through with an overall win, but individually felt a bit tired.

During the first break the diving team hit the boards. The Aggies won both first and second places, which put them in the lead.

Cal Poly senior backstroker Kyle Woodbridge knew what it would take to win. "We need to get first in the 200 IM," Woodbridge said. "Maybe even first, second and third."

The Aggies remained in first for the 100-meter freestyle and the 100-meter backstroke, and then the Mustangs retained the lead in the 200-meter breaststroke. The men's team swept the meet, winning all three places in the breaststroke, while the women's team also did well, taking both first and second.

The men's swim team couldn't hold onto first. Three Davis swimmers — Ted Austin, John Welch and Tadashi Kinkel — proved to be too fast for the Mustangs. They took eight first-place finishes in the meet's 14 events. For five events until the entire meet, Davis slowly pulled away and won.

The Mustangs' women's team wouldn't go down without a fight. Davis won the 500-meter freestyle, but then lost the lead again in the 100-meter fly. Cal Poly stayed in first until the final event, the 400-meter freestyle relay, where both of Davis' relays took first and second.

Cal Poly's swim team won one and lost one in its dual meet last Friday against Bakersfield State and Boston College.

The Cal Poly men's team didn't allow Boston College to receive any first-place finishes. The men's team took first in every event, crushing Boston College, 214-80. The men's team wasn't as lucky against Bakersfield. The Bakersfield team took an early lead, which it kept for the entire meet. Bakersfield won the meet, 186-116.

The Mustangs' women's team had an entirely different day. Instead of Bakersfield being the dominant force in the water, Boston College proved to be a tougher match. The women's team destroyed Bakersfield 199-91, but lost to Boston College, 176-115.

Finnan said the team needs to pick it up a notch and focus on the meet. Finnan thought the swim team had made dramatic improvements throughout the year.

"We're looking to bring it home strong at the end of the season," Finnan said.

The Mustangs have a dual meet this Saturday against UC Davis and Stanford in two Pac-10 matches on Saturday.

Cal Poly wrestling splits matches

The Cal Poly wrestling team split two matches last weekend — coming out on top of Brigham Young University and falling to Boise State.

An injured team, the Mustangs are still missing senior Mike French from their lineup.

Led by No. 1-ranked Kirk White (197), Cal Poly defeated over Cal Poly 22-10 on Sunday. White kept his perfect record at 23-0 until a 23-9 win over Morton High School's Ron Smith. Boise State took the early lead in the dual meet with take-downs in the final seconds with their own wins.

Cal Poly All-American Dave Wells at 197 pounds won a 6-5 decision over Chris Edwards. Heavyweight Dan McGuire also won a 3-2 decision over Rudy Cook.

Boise State finished the dual with three straight wins. Nationally ranked Larry Quisel started the string of victories with a fall over Davis' White's 14-point win was next before Kyle Klonz completed the victory for Boise State with a 4-3 win over freshman Steve Strange at 174 pounds.

On Friday, Strange (165) led the Mustangs to victory over the Owls in the first dual meet of the year. Strange defeated his opponent with a 11-point victory.

"Our team is a little bit out at right now, but the team did a great job tonight," head coach Lennis Cornell said.

Strange started his match with a win over senior Ken West with a score of 12-6. The Owls went on to win the next three matches. Wells moved up two weight classes to 197 pounds to defeat Brandon Ruiz, 18-2. He won gave Cal Poly an 11-0 advantage.

DOWN YOU GO: Jamie Garza attempts a take-down against a Portland wrestler.

McGuire also defeated his opponent, Chris Miller, 5-1.

"This is the best team I've won in the last couple years," Cornwall said. "We pulled off a great win despite the fact that we were missing Mike French and Mark Apolaza," Cornwall said.

The Mustangs fall to 4-5 on the season. Next, the Mustangs travel north to take on UC Davis and Stanford in two PAC-10 matches on Saturday.

Baseball players reveal salary requests

NEW YORK (AP) — Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado sought $6.5 million and Texas pitcher Austin Seil asked for $6.25 million, the top figures Tuesday when 38 players exchanged salary arbitration numbers with their teams.

Baltimore catcher Charles Johnson asked for $5.1 million and New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter asked for $5.5 million. A total of 62 players filed for arbitration last week. There were 14 settled Tuesday, led by Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte's one-year deal for $5.5 million.

The 38 players who swapped figures — down from 62 last year — believed to be the fewest since 1979.

Players who do not settle will go to arbitration hearings from Feb. 1-21, but no more than 10 cases are expected to go that far.

Delgado made $2.4 million last year, when he hit 292 with 38 home runs and 115 RBIs, and had been rumored to be thinking of asking $9 million.
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a good team, and we want the public to come and see what we’re all about.”

After opening the second half tied with North Texas, 39-39, the Mustangs took control and kept it for most of the half.

With eight minutes left, the Lady Eagles trailed the Mustangs 10 times, leading to 18 free-throw attempts. That, along with four missed 3-pointers by North Texas in the last 30 seconds, clinched the game.

Baker, another freshman guard, made three 3-pointers and played all but two minutes of the game.

“It’s a relief to win in conference,” Baker said. “There’s more pressure, but after tonight, we have more confidence. This (win) will help us go back on track for next week. We have the talent, we will be a formidable opponent, and we will do well.”

Minnagh was impressed with the Mustangs’ balanced offense.

“We had a balanced attack and made sure to share the all-time leading in assists (5.5 apg) and steals.

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Women's basketball picks up first Big West win

By Sara Henrikson
Mustang Daily

The Mustangs escaped with their first Big West win Friday, upsetting North Texas, 75-67.

Caroline Rowles led the Mustangs (7-7, 1-2) in scoring with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Odessa Jenkins added a career-high 16 points.

"Caroline really stepped up and stayed in the game," said Kristy Baker, who had 14 points. "Odessa helped by playing off the wing. She helped the big girls open it up.

The North Texas Lady Eagles (10-4, 2-1) were led by Christina Morris, with 16 points, and Nicole Thomas, with 12 points.

Though the Lady Eagles were first in the Eastern Conference going into the game, they met their match against the Mustangs.

"North Texas is a good team," head coach Faith Mimnaugh said. "We knew they were one of the most athletic in the conference. Our team was very solid both halves. We stayed focused, played confidently, and had a great game.

Rowles, a freshman forward, got the team rolling, scoring Cal Poly's first basket and adding nine more points and three rebounds in the first half.

"We're on a high now," Rowles said. "I enjoyed myself the whole game. It was exciting -- we're a young team, and it's incredible. We're just going to keep improving."

Jenkins, a freshman guard, had eight turnovers, but made up for it with four steals and five rebounds. She scored eight of her points on free throws, with seven in the last five and a half minutes of play.

"Tonight was just a glimpse of what's to come," Jenkins said. "We're on the move: Sophiees Chris Bjorkland heads for the hoop. The Mustangs snapped a seven-game losing streak with a victory Saturday.

ON THE MOVE: Sophomore Jeremiah Mayes leads Mustangs' defense.

Men's basketball faces Big West rival tonight

By Adam Russo
Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly men's basketball team broke its seven-game losing streak Saturday and now faces Big West Conference Western Division rival Santa Barbara at 7 p.m. tonight in Mott Gym.

The Mustangs are off a dramatic 75-73 win over Nevada Saturday, in which junior Mike Wood hit a running jumper with just 2.2 seconds left on the clock. Cal Poly trailed by 12 with less than five minutes remaining when the Mustangs' defense shut down the Wolf Pack offense.

The Mustangs did not allow another basket for the rest of the game, outscoring Nevada 14-1. "We played excellent defense," Coach Jeff Schneider said. "We're playing with a bigger lineup. That has really helped us," he said.

Sophomore Jeremiah Mayes led the Mustangs with a career-high 25 points and also grabbed 11 rebounds. Mayes is second in the Big West, averaging 8.4 rebounds per game.

"Jeremiah is such a valuable part of the team," Schneider said. "When he gets a double-double, you just can't replace that.

The win was the first for Cal Poly (6-9, 3-3) in nearly a month. The Mustangs hadn't tasted victory since the Dec. 17 Honour of Eastern Washington.

Cal Poly now focuses its attention on Santa Barbara (3-5, 3-3), which features 6-foot-7-inch forward B.J. Banton. Banton was named Big West Player of the Week on Monday for his performances last week in the Gauchos' victories over Utah State and Nevada on the road. In the game vs. Utah State, Banton nailed a three-pointer with only 0.7 seconds left in overtime, giving Santa Barbara the win.

*(B.J.) is one of the best players in the league," Schneider said. Once again, Cal Poly will look to feed the ball down low to Chris Bjorkland, who is currently second in the Big West in scoring, at 20.3 ppg. The sophomore has scored in double figures in all 15 games this season and has reached double digits in 40 of 45 career games, including 23 straight games.

The game against Santa Barbara should be a spirited contest, since both teams consider each other its biggest rival. Although Cal Poly trails the overall series with the Gauchos, 29-24, the Mustangs have three of the last four

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UC Davis Aggies drown Cal Poly's swim teams

By Burt McNaughton
Mustang Daily

University of California, Davis swam away with a 155-133 victory against the Cal Poly men's swim team Monday in the Rec pool.

Cal Poly's women's swim team won eight of its 14 events, but still fell short, 153-146.

The Mustangs led early in the competition, winning both the men's and women's 400-meter medley relays.

Cal Poly senior Eric Wyles swam the breaststroke in the men's 400-meter medley relay. Wyles said he felt good after his race, but in terms of winning the swim meet, he thought it would be close.

"They've got some guns, we've got some guns, so we'll just have to see what happens," Wyles said. Wyles thought the team was doing well at the beginning, but he wasn't sure of the meet's outcome.

"The Cal Poly men's swim record for dual meets is 3-2, while the women's dual-meet record is 1-4. Cal Poly head coach Rich Firman emphasized the need to focus to win.

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