Congress debates preferential funding for students

Sarah Winter

LOS ANGELES — College students who have an interest in math, science or certain foreign languages and who demonstrate financial need may soon have a new source of federal aid.

Apparent at the same time as a proposed $12.7 billion cut in federal student loans, a budget bill awaiting approval by the U.S. House of Representatives would allocate $3.75 billion for college aid to low-income students who have completed a certain course of study in high school.

The new program, dubbed the Academic Competitiveness Grant program, would grant federal financial aid to eligible students based on their performance in certain high school courses considered "rigorous" by Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, a designation that has not yet been defined.

In an attempt to decrease the budget deficit and redirect federal spending on education, the House Committee on Education and the Workforce has suggested reforms aimed at making student loan programs more efficient and awarding grants to high-achieving low-income students.

For students' first two years in college, their eligibility "is based on their performance and the rigor of their high school program," said Steve Forbes, spokesman for the House committee.

As they advance toward earning a degree, students pursuing studies in math, science, engineering and certain critical foreign languages will be eligible.

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Ringing in the Year of the Dog

James Mellor

It's 2006, which means it's time to bring in the Year of the Dog. Cal Poly's Chinese Student Association will celebrate its 49th annual Chinese New Year banquet this Saturday. At 6 p.m. in the Bob Mathias Auditorium, the CSA will bring in the Year of the Dog with a traditional seven-course Chinese meal and live entertainment provided by the Cal Poly Lion Dance Team, the Ribbon Dance Team and the Umbrella Dance Team. There will also be a special performance by the Wu Shu Tai Chi center.

The event is open to all Cal Poly students and the San Luis Obispo community.

"We have a display of what Chinese culture is all about for that event, and bringing in the new year with good food and good entertainment," said Christopher Ho, president of CSA.

As we become more assimilated into the American culture, we lose a sense of what our traditions are, but in that sense we also break those barriers and form our new culture." —Christopher Ho

James Mellor

Discover his own culture is something Ho has been trying to figure out since he has been at Cal Poly.

"It's hard to describe one's culture," Ho said. "Yes, we take off our shoes when we go into a house, we eat food with chopsticks, we eat rice during dinner time instead of rolls... it has to do a lot with family. Going back to tradition, there is a great bond between parents and their children."

"My own parents gave up everything to put their brothers and I through college," Ho added as he described his own experience growing up as a Chinese-American.

"It's just the sacrifice Chinese families have for themselves. They look for our own, we look out for our people within our family. Since Chinese families do a lot for each other, "A lot is expected of us in return," he continued. "It's an obligation we have to fulfill for our parents." Being at a university and earning

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able to receive an Academic
Competitiveness Grant.

Low-income college freshmen
and sophomores who completed
rigorous course of study in high
school and are eligible for Pell
Grants could receive between
$750 and $1,500 per year.

Eligible junior and senior
pursuing a degree in the physical
sciences, engineering or certain
foreign languages would be
awarded $4,000 on a year-to-
year basis.

Applicants must also have at
least a 3.0 GPA and be a U.S.
citizen to be eligible for the
grants.

Because students’ eligibility
would be based in part on the
quality of their high school edu-
cation, concerns have been
raised over the availability of
federal financial aid for lower-
income students who attend
high schools that do not offer
courses deemed by the
Department of Education to be
sufficiently rigorous.

“I think it will present a lot of
challenges because it’s taking
the emphasis off the individual
student and putting it onto the
school,” said Penny Summers,
coordinator of College Partnership
and Curricular Enrichment for high
schools in the Los Angeles Unified
School District.

“I’m concerned that if financial
aid for higher education is
awarded based on the school,
rather than the individual
student’s needs, our students
are the most needy will
have to sacrifice the most.”

—Penny Summers

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and Curricular Enrichment for high
schools in the Los Angeles Unified
School District.

The U.S. Constitution does not
define a role for the government in
education, and some educators have
challenged the merits of its poten-
tially expanded role.

The Constitution implies that
“the control of the schools is the
responsibility of local governments
and the state, and this legislation
is going to change that,” Summers
said.

By increasing the emphasis on
the study of math and science, officials
are hoping to keep America promi-
nent in the global competition in
those fields of study.

“We are trying to improve our
foundation for technology and
innovation as we compete with
other countries around the world.”

President Bush stressed the
importance of math and science in
the nation’s education system in a
speech he gave on Monday at Kansas
State University.

“I think that the key on educa-
tion is to make sure that we stay
focused on how do we stay com-
petitive into the 21st century,”
Bush said.

“I plan on doing some talking
about math and science and engi-
neering programs so that people
who graduate out of college will
have the skills necessary to com-
pete in this competitive world,”
he said.

If neither math nor science
is of interest to some students, a major
in certain foreign languages
would qualify students to
receive the new grant.

“The secretary of education
would consult with the director of
national intelligence to determine
foreign languages of importance
to national security,” Forde wrote
in an e-mail.

If the bill passes, the
Department of Education
would implement the aid programs.

However, education officials
are still unsure how they will determine
which high schools offer rigorous
coursework, as well as which stu-
dents qualify for federal financial aid
from those high schools.

“We haven’t decided yet how
we’re going to talk to the states
about their schools,” said Jane
Glickman, public affairs specialist
for the secretary of education.

“We’ll have to talk to states
and local school districts about
their programs, and I’m sure it will
be based on a set of standards they’ve
established,” Glickman said.

“The only thing that’s certain
are, but in that sense we also break
those barriers and form our new
culture,” he said.

People can still join the CSA,
which meets every other Tuesday
at 8 p.m., in building 53 room 202.

To get tickets for Saturday’s
event, “Longevity Lotus,” call (805)
543-4021, or e-mail
cutieknives@hotmail.com. Tickets
are also available at Imperial China
Restaurant on 667 Marsh St.,
Friday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 4:7
p.m. The price for admission is $16.

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a degree is part of the role Chinese
students are expected to undertake.

“Education is always stressed,” he
said. “A lot of Chinese parents put
a lot of emphasis and stress to do
well... our means to make
ourselves better is through an educa-
tion, and that’s what a lot of people
are here for, not necessarily
Chinese-American.”

A strong orientation toward
family is something the president
of Lambda Phi Epsilon, Vincent
Kwong, also mentioned about
Chinese culture. Kwong said his
fraternity leaves that weekend open
so Chinese members can go home
to visit family.

“In our fraternity, over 60 per-
cent of our guys are Chinese,”
Kwong said. “A lot of them are sec-
ond-generation and we let them
go home to celebrate with their
family.”

The Chinese Student Alliance
started at Cal Poly in the 1920s as a
transitory support group for first-
generation Chinese immigrants.

The original intent of the club was
to carry on the Chinese traditions
the students were born with. In
1959 the club was formally found-
ed at Cal Poly as the Poly Chi
Club.

Today, the CSA is comprised of
50 members and serves as a way for
second- and third-generation Chinese
students to discover their
original culture.

“We’re trying to figure out what
our culture is,” he said. “We’ll have
a vibrant display of lion dance, rice
dance, umbrella dance and martial
arts that’s deeply engrained into
our traditional background.”

Club members do this by
trying to figure out where their
culture is headed.

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ed into the American culture, we
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WHO SAID THAT?

Remember that as a teenager you are at the last stage of your life when you will be happy to hear that the phone is for you.
— Fran Lebowitz

If there is anything the nonconformist hates worse than a conformist, it’s another nonconformist who doesn’t conform to the prevailing standard of nonconformity.
— Bill Vaughan

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CORRECTIONS

The Mustang Daily staff takes pride in publishing a daily newspaper for the Cal Poly campus and the neighboring communities. We appreciate your readership and are thankful for your careful reading. Please send your correction suggestions to editor@mustangdailynet.

1. The Fact of Cal Poly personal response section, which ran on Thursday, Jan. 26, incorrectly stated Andrew Hurstman’s favorite song. It was supposed to read “Final Countdown” by Europe.

Wordly Wise

Grandee: A man of elevated rank or station; a nobleman.

The Face of Cal Poly

Name: Leah Groppo • Year: sophomore
Hometown: Sunnyville • Major: nutrition

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Song: It depends on my mood. I like all different kinds of music.
Place in SLO: Montana de Oro
Pastime: Running, riding horses and hanging out with friends.
Time of day: 12 p.m. or 10 p.m. because that’s when I have the most energy.
Dessert: Everything, unless it has raisins.

If You Could ...

— travel anywhere, where would you go and why?
— meet anyone, who and why?
My mom’s parents. Because I never have.
— have any superpower, what would it be?
To be anywhere in the world in the blink of an eye.
California becomes first to declare secondhand smoke a pollutant

Don Thompson

SACRAMENTO — California became the first state to declare secondhand smoke a toxic air pollutant. Experts said the decision may shift hand power toward bans on indoor smoking. The decision comes as a report found secondhand smoke to be a serious health risk.

The unanimous decision relied on a September report that found a sharply increased risk of breast cancer in young women exposed to secondhand smoke. It also linked long-term exposure to asthma, heart disease, other cancers and numerous health problems in children.

"If people are serious about breast cancer, they have to deal with secondhand smoke," said Dr. Stanton Glantz, director of the Center for Tobacco Control, Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco. He reviewed the science behind Thursday's decision. "This is a seminal, international document. It's impossible to underestimate what a big deal this is."

The report by scientists at California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment draws on more than 1,000 other studies of the effects of passive smoke. It established secondhand smoke for 4,000 deaths each year in California, including lung cancer in smokers, secondhand smoke.

The most significant new finding is that young women exposed to secondhand smoke increase their risk of developing breast cancer between 68 percent and 120 percent to declare it an air pollutant. California scientists say their research is more current than the Surgeon General's report. The California report went through an exhaustive review that delayed its release for nearly a year but ensures it is based on sound research, said Dr. John Frosini, director of UCLA's Center for Occupational and Environmental Health and head of the scientific review panel.

Reynolds' spokesman David Howard said regardless of the dangers from passive smoke indoors, no research supports regulators' decision to declare it an air pollutant. "No studies exist that show that exposure outdoors leads to any increased risk of tobacco-associated illness," he said.

Next, the air board must consider regulatory steps to reduce exposure, a process that could take years.

"This is no longer some crazy, California, Left Coast way of thinking," said Cynthia Luijet, executive director of the Berkeley-based American Nonsmokers' Rights. She cited smoking bans that have been enacted or are being considered across the nation and in other countries.

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Hamas shocks Palestinians, world by winning majority in parliament

Ravi Neuman

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Hamas, the Islamic militant Hamas' landslide victory in Palestinian elections unsettled the world Thursday, darkening prospects for Mideast peace and ending four decades of rule by the corruption-riddled Fatah Party. The parliamentary victory stunned even Hamas leaders, who mounted a well-organized campaign but have no experience in government. They offered to share power with President Mahmoud Abbas, the Fatah chief, who said he may go around the new government to talk peace with Israel.

Underestimating the tensions between the secular Fatah and fundamentalist Hamas, some 3,000 supporters of the militant group marched through Ramallah and raised their party's green flag over the Palestinian parliament. Fatah supporters tried to lower the banner. The two sides fought for about 30 minutes, throwing stones and breaking windows in the building.

Abbas, who was elected last year to a four-year term as president of the Palestinian Authority, has yet to decide how closely to work with a group that built its clout through suicide bombings. But his Fatah Party decided not to join a Hamas government, Fatah legislator Sabah Erekat said. "We will be a loyal opposition and rebuild the party," Erekat said after meeting with Abbas.

Hamas won a clear majority in Wednesday's vote, capturing 76 of the 132 seats in parliament, according to official, near-complete results released Thursday. The results of the popular vote were not announced.

Four independent candidates backed by Hamas also won seats. Fatah, which has dominated Palestinian political life since the 1960s but alienated voters because of rampant corruption, got 43 seats. The remaining went to smaller parties. Palestinians across the Gaza Strip and West Bank greeted the election results with joy, setting off fireworks and firing rifle in the air.

But leaders across the world demanded that Hamas, which is branded a terror group by the U.S. and European Union, renounce violence and recognize Israel.

"If your platform is the destruction of Israel, means you're not a partner in peace, and we're interested in peace," President Bush said in Washington. Activating Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel will not negotiate with a Palestinian government that includes Hamas members, and senior Cabinet officials held an emergency meeting to discuss the repercussions of the vote. Acting Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni asked the EU not to deal with a "terror government." Hamas leaders immediately took to the international — and even Israeli — airwaves to send out a moderate message.

"Don't be afraid," Ismail Haniyeh, a Hamas leader, told the BBC. Mahmoud Zahar, another Hamas leader, said the group would extend its year-old truce if Israel reciprocates. "If not, then I think we will have no option but to protect our people and our land," he said.

At a victory news conference late Thursday, however, Haniyeh said Hamas will "complete the liberation of other parts of Palestine." He did not say which territories he was referring to or how he would go about it.
Nintendo DS takes racing to new levels with ‘Mario Kart’

Tyler Stewart
THE REFLECTION (MISSISSIPPI STATE)

MISSISSIPPI STATE, Miss.—“Mario Kart” series set its skids in gaming history over a decade ago on the Super Nintendo console, but the latest installment, “Mario Kart DS,” has paved its way into near-perfection with more than its familiar faces and exciting tracks.

“Mario Kart DS,” for the Nintendo DS handheld, is the first of its kind. For the first time ever, the wireless connection can take a trip over to local hotspots to get their online with others from around the online service for DS owners. Nintendo WiFi, a free wireless access point.

The game itself feels familiar, but it’s distinctly different from its predecessors. “Mario Kart DS” is more of a fusion of downgraded “Mario Kart: Double Dash!!” visuals and upgraded “Mario Kart 64” gameplay (including the coat-ed hop), using other elements from both titles and adding its own to create a unique racing experience. An impressive 32 tracks, including 16 throwbacks from the Super Nintendo, Nintendo 64 and Gamecube “Mario Kart” titles make the DS racer one to keep playing into the night, though some of the tracks aren’t available online.

Original tracks, namely “Waluigi Pinball” and “Airship Fortress” really utilize the DS’s graphical capabilities and further enhance the gaming experience. Another new feature, though somewhat borrowed from “Double Dash!!” is the ability to choose from several karts. The initial cast of eight can choose between a standard kart and a personalized kart, each with its own signature tuning. As players progress, they can unlock more karts, a total of 36 to be precise.

Which leads to the next incentive of playing “Mario Kart DS.” All the way through. Players can unlock an extensive cache of hidden features including tracks, race classes, characters and those aforementioned karts.

Players aren’t limited to standard racing either. The classic balloon battles, shine catching and new mission mode make the game infinitely replayable to most, but for some odd reason Nintendo decided not to make these features available online. What a bummer, too. There’s nothing like knocking your buddy off the map with a red shell and bursting his rubber bubble.

Despite “Mario Kart DS”’s lack of online options, gamers won’t be disappointed in what the game has to offer. Being the flagship title for the WiFi system and taking advantage of the DS handheld’s offline technical capabilities, “Mario Kart DS” is a mushroom trip worth taking over and over.

The average “gamer parent” spends 19 hours a month playing video games.

Survey: One in three parents play video games

May Wong
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE, Calif.—In a sign that video games are becoming more popular as family entertainment, a national survey released Thursday indicates joysticks aren’t just for the children in the house.

Thirty-five percent, or about one in three parents, say they play, too, and 80 percent of that segment play video games with their children, according to the new survey commissioned by the Entertainment Software Association, a video game industry group.

The average “gamer parent” spends 19 hours a month playing video games, and spends roughly half that time playing alongside kids, the survey found.

Two-thirds of the gamer parents said they feel that playing video games has brought their families closer together.

According to Andrew Bub, "It makes us all laugh at each other," said the Milwaukee stay-at-home father of two.

As the founder of GamerDad.com, a Web site with game reviews and a discussion forum for parents, Bub has promoted the idea of video games as a family-bonding tool for years.

"Kids are going to play what they want to play, and parents are better off getting involved instead of sitting on the sidelines," he said.

The survey of 501 parents with children between the ages of 2 and 17 was conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates in November 2005. The margin of error was plus or minus 4.4 percent.

The Entertainment Software Association, which is challenging various state laws banning the sales of violent video games to minors, noted that about two of every three parents surveyed agreed it is not the role of the government to protect kids from violent games.

Funeral (Boyfriend Box)

Three days ago this died tragically
Now it’s time I put you away
Force some logic and closure
Inside the box where you’ll stay

The black flowers line your casket
Where I lay you to rest
Though I love to burn you down to ash
I find this preservation best
My poems act as eulogies
Of the good times we had spent
I pray silently over the wicket
Remains of the bouquet that you sent
I’ll keep it safe, a secret

Tear not, you visit your grave
For this in treasured fear I carried
Inside the shoe box and away from me
Into my closet where you’ll be buried
Fear not, I will visit your grave
In times of morose desperation
But for now I let you die

With a final incantation
Even though you still live and breathe
A thousand miles away
Somehow I must confine you
Inside the box where you’ll stay

— Robyn Kentco
JOURNALISM ALUMNUS
For the Mustang Daily reader, the view of the Mustang Daily is a largely conservative student body at Cal Poly, among the most conservative student bodies among California State schools. I am then to expect pornographic and other alleged letters of the papers of other California State schools, if they are supposedly more conservative.

Imagine a 17-year-old, which is about the age of a freshmen student who just entered Cal Poly this fall quarter. He or she opens the paper to come across for too few explicit descriptions of sexual positions and appalling analogies to methods of sexual gratification, and more specifically, in big bold letters, "in sex workers, a hang-up cancels out a finger-fucking.

Be just a little creative, and consider how this could lead to damaging the reputation of nationally-ranked Cal Poly, let alone the mind of a young student.

Yes, this is a free country, and you may do as you wish, but certain activities are to be reserved for private. We all have sexual desires, and that is a fact no human can deny, however, the way we communicate these desires, shows class which appallingly you lack.

Daniel, I hope that the next Mustang Daily reader. If you see a man with a heart of something richer than gold, like Supergold, then you might handle this dilemma.

To the Editor:

My name is the body of the Mustang Daily, and it seems that I have to make an argument about the major issues facing the environment. I am angry about the lack of respect that is shown toward the environment. This is not to say that the responsible behavior of protecting Mother Earth less only

In the hands of government, life might be a lot better. Recycling and other sustainable practices are a low cost for you might think.

Environmental Justice junior

Review is an embarrassment to the English language

Gino Macaluso's piece in Monday's Mustang Daily was the most offensive thing I have read in months. I do not think that Gino has ever been a big fan of Pete Sampras. If the man has two children, then should he be able to enjoy his music, or are we supposed to be ashamed of it?

Before Gino Macaluso attempted to pen such an absurd disapproving, I can't help but wonder, "Is he feeling Smitten?" It might have been wise to first consider that everyone who gives a tinker's damn about music has already fallen in love with this masterpiece.

In my native language. As I said, my voice is the hang-up, steadfastly refusing the act of dealing with that guy's voice. I was just curious, what were the words for ever on the lips of every Los Angeles, who一轮 Bob Dylan, and the Violent Femmes?

To be "quite blunt," Gino, those kind of people (you shouldn't be) be writing about music. In fact, as you say, your article is not even a review at all, but rather a "biased opinion.

"This is more than you come to overcome, perhaps you should have written a piece on the 2004 US re-release of Camera Obscura's "Underneath the Milky Way."

Please Try Harder." It is a bit more earnest than the recent, and as a fellow CO fan, So we brushed aside the man's mind of a young student.

But it runs around in the business building, and we also predicted that the band play during the break. UH Hour would be "not that great last week,

on our way for simulating tennis, compteurs, and skydiving with rebel billion­

with the stature of Sampras. He noticed in noticing him and turned to leave We asked him, "What are you doing in our lives, Pete Sampras?"

We were wondering why he whispered his own last name, especially since it didn't answer our question. We headed to the administration office, and surely enough, Gino the editor Daily reader. If you see a man with a heart of something richer than gold, like Supergold, then you might handle this dilemma.

Don't comment how but his wife was in "Billy Madison."

If he looks ready to attack, So there it is, faithful Mustang Daily reader. If you see a man with a heart of something richer than gold, like Supergold, then you might handle this dilemma.

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Mustang comeback falls short

Cal Poly went on a 16-point run in the second half to take the lead 57-56 with 4:03 remaining, only to lose 64-62 in another Big West heartbreaker.

Frank Straunz
MUSTANG DAILY

Dawin Whiten came to life in the second-half again for the Mustangs, helping bring the Mustangs back from a 15-point second-half deficit, only to miss a last-second three-point attempt that would’ve given the Mustangs an upset victory.

The Mustangs received the ball after a five-second call against Pacific’s Johnny Gray for not advancing the ball while being pressured with 19.9 seconds remaining. Cal Poly coach Kevin Bromley opted to avoid using a timeout, which would allow the Tigers to set up on defense, and called Dawson’s number.

“It was a break down play, I didn’t hear the original call, so I didn’t know what we were running,” Whiten said. “I just broke to the ball, caught it and I had an ok look, thought I could make it, but I didn’t.”

With the loss, Cal Poly falls to 0-3 in Big West play and 5-12 overall. Pacific improves to 3-2 in conference play and 13-6 overall.

The Tigers were led by a balanced attack offensively with four Pacific players scoring double digits.

For Cal Poly, Whiten finished with 19 points, teammate Derek Stockalper had a big five-of-11 from three-point range, while offensively with four Pacific players scoring double digits.

The Tigers began to pull away early in the second-half, going ahead by 11 minutes in Anthony Esquerza hit his third three of the season to give the Tigers an 11-point lead.

Cal Poly cut the Tigers’ lead to four with 12 minutes remaining, but Pacific again went on a run, increasing their lead to 15.

However, the Mustangs weren’t done yet.

Trae Clark collected a loose ball near half-court and hit a three. On the other end of the floor, Cal Poly rebounded the ball and found Whiten two passes later for an easy lay-up.

Pacific coach Bob Thomason called a timeout to try and halt the shift in momentum with his team nursing a 56-46 lead. The ploy didn’t work.

Whiten found the range with a three from an area on the court an NBA announcer might describe as the three point area.

The Mustangs received the ball after a timeout. His second came from an area on the court an NBA announcer might describe as the three point area.

Cal Poly freshman forward Titus Shelton works for an open shot against Pacific’s Christian Maraker in the first half of Cal Poly’s 64-62 loss.

Baseball opens three-game series with Fresno State

Cal Poly opens the season ranked fourth in the Big West pre-season coaches poll after finishing third in 2005.

Cal Poly opens the 2006 baseball season this weekend, hosting Fresno State for a three-game series in Baggett Stadium.

Friday’s contest begins at 6 p.m., while first pitch for the Saturday and Sunday games will be at 1 p.m.

All three games will be broadcast on the Internet at www.GoPoly.com.

Larry Lee, entering his fourth season as Mustang mentor, guided Cal Poly to a tie for second place in the Big West Conference with Long Beach State, both 14-7 last year. The Mustangs finished just two games behind 2004 national champion Cal State Fullerton in 2005 and finished 36-20, but was denied an NCAA Tournament berth.

Cal Poly broke five all-time school records, produced three national top-10 leaders in individual statistics and has won 74 games since the last two seasons, but will lose five players this year. pitcher Garrett Olson, first baseman Bret Berglund and outfielder Brandon Roberts, and a pair of seniors, pitcher Jimmy Shull and catcher Kyle Blumenthal, to Major League Baseball’s Amateur Draft last June.

Ten other seniors, including closer Mike Bille, who signed a free-agent contract prior to the draft, also are gone.

Top returnees include pitchers Gary Daley Jr. and Bud Norris, second baseman Brent Walker, third baseman Josh Lansford and outfielders Matt Cooper and Jimmy Van Ostrand. Van Ostrand, who hit .345 a year ago with four home runs and 25 RBIs, moves to first base this spring.

Fresno State was 30-29 a year ago but has earned a couple of national rankings this preseason. No. 25 by Baseball America and No. 40 by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper. The Bulldogs, coached by Larry Lee, enter the weekend ranked 11th in the nation.

Cal Poly second baseman Brent Walker will return to action this season with sophomore Patrick Pezet backing him up.