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Centennial Council. This group of alumni and friends is committed to raising the funds needed to complete the project.

The projected cost of the stadium renovation is $8.5-10 million. With no state funding available, this project can be accomplished only through private funds. Each of four segments will be completed as funding is identified.

To date, Athletics has raised more than $2.4 million toward the project, thanks in large part to a generous gift from Richard O'Neill (ASCI '48). This will enable the university to proceed with the first phase, which will include the addition of permanent seating on the west side of the stadium.

For information on how you can get involved with this historic project, contact Mike LaPlante, associate athletic director for advancement, at 805/756-2144.

Sports Roundup

By Jason Sullivan

Football

The Mustangs finished the season 6-5 under first-year head coach Rich Ellerson, led by Seth Burford's 1,610 yards passing and Adam Herzing's 51 receptions. Burford was recently drafted by the NFL's San Diego Chargers.

Baseball

At mid-season the Mustangs were led by Bryan Gant's 57 hits and Kyle Wilson's seven home runs. The team posted early wins over Fresno, San Jose, and Fullerton.

Softball

Coach Lisa Boyer's squad entered week four of the season with a 9-6 record in non-conference play, going 3-2 in each of three tournaments. Junior Holly Ballard led the team with a batting average of .284.

Men's Basketball

Cal Poly finished the season 15-12 after losing to UC Santa Barbara in the first round of the conference tournament. The Mustangs were led by Varnie Dennis's 15 points per game and Brandon Beeson's 12.4 and 7.6 rebounds per game.

Women's Basketball

Odessa Jenkins led the team with 10.8 points per game, while teammate Kari Duperron added 71 steals on the season. Jenkins was honored as an All-Big-West-Conference Second Team selection. Cal Poly finished 11-17.

Men's Golf

As of press time, sophomore Zack King led the Mustangs with a 72.44 stroke average, including two top-10 finishes. The team has consistently finished in the top 20 in its outings this year.

Women's Golf

The Mustangs captured first place in their own Cal Poly Spring Invitational in February. Ann Marie Costello led with an 80.7 stroke average and two top-10 finishes.

Men's Soccer

Barrymore Matthews received several conference honors for the season, including Co-Defensive Player of the Year and First Team. The team finished 4-13-1.

Women's Soccer

Megan Schlegel finished as the team's top scorer, with six goals and a pair of assists. Brooke Flamson was honored as Big West
Defender of the Year. The Mustangs finished 7-9-4.

**Volleyball**

Freshman Jessica Diepersloot earned honors as the 2001 Big West Freshman of the Year and was selected to the 2001 All-Freshman Team by sponsors Asics and Volleyball Magazine. The Mustangs finished 15-11.

**Men’s Cross Country**

The men’s team finished third in the Big West, with junior David Jackson coming in third and representing Cal Poly at the NCAA Championships. The team also finished first in the Cal Poly Invitational.

**Women’s Cross Country**

The women’s team took first at the conference championship for the second straight year. Jessica Dahlberg finished second, with Kathryn Schlegel fourth. Coach Terry Crawford was honored as the conference Coach of the Year.

**Men’s Track and Field**

All-American Andrew Badger looks to defend his conference title in the triple jump after setting a personal best of 53-1.75, while Tyrone Ward posted the second-best mark in school history in the long jump at 25-9.25.

**Women’s Track and Field**

Junior Stephanie Brown returns as an All-American in the shot put and discus, while defending 400-meter conference champion Maggie Vessey returns.

**Wrestling**

Senior Cedric Haymon finished third in the Pacific-10 Conference Championships, while Steve Strange was 35-7 and a runner-up in the finals. David Schenk captured the 197-pound title at the conference meet.

**Men’s Tennis**

Doubles competition was particularly strong, with the team of Nick Carless and Erin Carroll posting a 2-0 record at No. 1 doubles.

**Women’s Tennis**

Freshman Chelsey Thompson owned an 8-6 record at the halfway point of the women’s tennis season. Angie Bagheri also played well, posting a 7-6 record overall.

**Men’s Swimming and Diving**

Led by Kyle Power and Matt Patane, Cal Poly set three school records and finished fourth at the conference championships.

**Women’s Swimming and Diving**

Mary Thomas and Stacy Peterson combined to break four school records as Cal Poly placed fifth at conference championships.