The four students met with insurance agents on Monday to determine their losses. But Mullarkey said almost nothing was salvaged.

The CSU Board of Trustees has requested a 24 percent student fee increase, but CSU spokesperson Colleen Bentley-Adler said the California Legislature will probably whittle that number down to 10 percent.

The petition comes as the Trustees are faced with yet another financial shortcoming for the 1994-95 school year. "State law says 10 percent is the maximum fees can increase each year," Bentley-Adler said. "That law can be overridden by the Legislature, but with this being an election year, I don't think that's going to happen."

"The 10 percent will be a minimum, though," she added. If approved, the 10 percent increase would translate into a $48 per quarter jump in tuition for Cal Poly's full-time students and an increase of $27.80 for students taking six or more units.

When fire struck the home of four SLO students, midterms took a backseat to simply being alive. John Bangert, an astronomer at the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, says "this one is attracting a lot of attention because of its path of visibility" across the United States. "There are a lot of major cities in the path."

The moon's orbit isn't exactly circular and it's now near its farthest point from Earth.

All of North America will be able to view at least a partial eclipse - perhaps a spectacular event - if not as dramatic as a full eclipse when the entire sun is covered.

Heavenly bodies - or some of them, anyway - have been in the news lately. The day before the eclipse, a meteor shower appeared. And a day after it, a comet became visible, the first since 1846.

The best viewing will occur in a path ranging from 140 to 190 miles wide crossing the nation from southwest to northeast during the middle of the day.
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1994

TODAY'S WEATHER
Morning low clouds and fog;
mostly sunny
Expected high/low: 73 / 50

TODAY
County Gov. • Board of Supervisors meeting; Board Chambers, County Government Center, 9:30 a.m.
Campus Gov. • Academic Senate meeting, U.U. 220, 3 p.m.
ASI • Outgoing Committee Leadership workshop, U.U. 306, 11 a.m.
Man of Color Forum • "Time to do Right," Le Mantia, U.U. Board Lounge, 9:30 a.m.

ASU • Outgoing Committee meeting, U.U. 220, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
ASI • Board of Directors meeting, U.U. 220, 7 p.m.

CIVIL RIGHTS AWARENESS WEEK
May 10
"Poetry and Short Stories of William Martinez," U.U. 219, 11 a.m.
"The Icon of Dylan and Image of Simon: "When Do Stars Cast Shadows?" Dr. Craig Russell, U.U. 219, noon
"Cars, Judaism and Involuntary Your Mind!," Panel discussion, U.U. 219, 10 p.m.
"Environmental Expressions of the Civil Rights Movement," Raul Grant, U.U. 219, 2 p.m.
"What Does Civil Rights Mean to You?" Open forum, Business 3-213, 5 p.m.

May 11
"Liberate and Speak," 3B, San Jose State, U.U. 220, 11 a.m.
"Miracle Anti- Hate Literature for Young People," workshop, U.U. 219, noon
"May Angels," performance by Debi Mason, U.U. 220, 12:30 p.m.
"Views from Outside," foreign Cal Poly students, U.U. 220, 1:30 p.m.
"SATs and IQ Tests: What Do They Really Measure?," Patrice Fung, U.U. 219, 2 p.m.

May 12
"Farm Workers: The American Dream, the American Nightmare," Mike Back, U.U. 219, noon
"Civil Rights, Sexual Harassment and Title VII," Roundtable, U.U. 219, 2 p.m.
"Civil Rights, Sexual Harassment and Title VII," Roundtable, U.U. 219, 2 p.m.

CAMPUS CRIME
If you know of any information dealing with these crimes, contact Public Safety at 756-2281

SAY WHAT?
A lawsuit by Stanford students may rein in attempts to limit free speech at universities.

By Len Arends • Daily Assistant Managing Editor

On May 2, Stanford University became the latest PC battleground when nine students filed a lawsuit in Santa Clara County Superior Court claiming the university's speech code is unconstitutional.

And despite the countercurrent against political correctness striking so close to home, Cal Poly's administration seems unconcerned of any challenges to university regulations.

The Stanford group's spokesper-son, law student Robert Corry, said
Preventative safety measures could reduce deaths among children

By Lauran Neergaard

WASHINGTON — It took weeks of Kimsey’s parents finally listened to their 11-year-old and installed a smoke detector. That very night, the alarm saved the family when their house burned down.

"I bugged and bugged," Misty said. "They said, 'We'll get it later,' but they kept forgetting." Misty's father installed an alarm on Nov. 7. That night, its beeping awoke the family minutes before their blazing ceiling collapsed.

"My parents are a plus and Woodside is bigger than I expected them to be," said Misty's mother, Karen Kimsey.

Misty is one of 102 children who will tell Congress this week about their brushes with death from preventable injuries — the No. 1 killer of children — as part of a campaign to make injury prevention a national priority.

The bottom line is that preventable works. It saves families untold suffering as well as millions of dollars," said Heather Paul, director of the National Safe Kids Campaign. "No one can tell that better than the kids themselves."

Some 8,000 children under 15 die from what officials say are preventable injuries every year, more than die from all childhood diseases combined. An additional 50,000 suffer permanent disabilities. Treating the 13 million children injured each year costs $13.8 billion.

Simple strategies, from bicycle helmets and car seats to anti-scald faucets, could prevent 90 percent of injuries, but they’re not used enough, experts say. For example, only 10 states mandate bike helmets. But when New Jersey did, child deaths dropped 80 percent in the first year.

Congress will hear today from a Minnesota girl who suffered head trauma when she fell off the back of a pickup truck. Oregon boy whose bike helmet saved his life even though it cracked in half when a car hit him, and a Rhode Island boy shot while playing with a gun and left partially blind.

And they’ll hear from Misty, the Black-lung, S.C., girl who saw a school film on fire safety last October and immediately asked her parents to install a smoke detector.

"I bugged and bugged," Misty said. "They said, 'We'll get it later,' but they kept forgetting."

Misty's father installed an alarm on Nov. 7. That night, its beeping awoke the family minutes before their blazing ceiling collapsed.

"I basically never thought anything like that would ever happen," said Misty's Black mother, Karen Kimsey.

"I bugged and bugged," Misty said. "They said, 'We’ll get it later,' but they kept forgetting."

Misty's father installed an alarm on Nov. 7. That night, its beeping awoke the family minutes before their blazing ceiling collapsed.

"I basically never thought anything like that would ever happen," said Misty's Black mother, Karen Kimsey.

From page 2

Stanford’s speech code — called the Grey Interpretation — violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

But Corry said it isn’t as clear-cut as it seems.

The sheet depicted a black stick figure with dreadlocks peering over a globe.

"The bottom line is that preventable works. It saves families untold suffering as well as millions of dollars," said Heather Paul, director of the National Safe Kids Campaign. "No one can tell that better than the kids themselves."

Some 8,000 children under 15 die from what officials say are preventable injuries every year, more than die from all childhood diseases combined. An additional 50,000 suffer permanent disabilities. Treating the 13 million children injured each year costs $13.8 billion.

Simple strategies, from bicycle helmets and car seats to anti-scald faucets, could prevent 90 percent of injuries, but they’re not used enough, experts say. For example, only 10 states mandate bike helmets. But when New Jersey did, child deaths dropped 80 percent in the first year.

Congress will hear today from a Minnesota girl who suffered head trauma when she fell off the back of a pickup truck. Oregon boy whose bike helmet saved his life even though it cracked in half when a car hit him, and a Rhode Island boy shot while playing with a gun and left partially blind.

And they’ll hear from Misty, the Black-lung, S.C., girl who saw a school film on fire safety last October and immediately asked her parents to install a smoke detector.

"I bugged and bugged," Misty said. "They said, 'We’ll get it later,' but they kept forgetting."

Misty's father installed an alarm on Nov. 7. That night, its beeping awoke the family minutes before their blazing ceiling collapsed.

"I basically never thought anything like that would ever happen," said Misty's Black mother, Karen Kimsey.

"I bugged and bugged," Misty said. "They said, 'We’ll get it later,' but they kept forgetting."

Misty’s father installed an alarm on Nov. 7. That night, its beeping awoke the family minutes before their blazing ceiling collapsed.

"I basically never thought anything like that would ever happen," said Misty's Black mother, Karen Kimsey.
Religious fanatics: Shut the hell up

By Andy Price

Religious fanatics make me laugh, though my amusement is usually cured by annoyance. I have watched you make fools of yourselves for years, and my patience with you is finally exhausted. This letter is for you, friends.

Here at Cal Poly, there is an overabundance of you. Bible-thumping students and visitors who impose your dogmatic judgement relentlessly upon the "lost souls" who say have yet to see the light. I implore you: shut the hell up and get a life.

You stand on overturned buckets, wide-eyed with nervous excitement, calling people sinners and proclaiming their fiery destinies. You talk about sin, but have you ever thought about the nature of evil? What is sin but a refusal to live by a book which has been written and rewritten from language to language and which originated from oral tradition?

You use the word "sin" as a unit of moral standard to instill a sense of fear in your fellow "subjects." A fear of consequences. You say you live according to "God's" law, which might have one time served a social function of societal organization and conformity. But the human notion of obligation to compliance with that law has been distorted and prostituted to serve the perverted will of ascaphic fools like yourselves, and it is now utterly worthless.

"You are like infections. First, you infect weak minds with promises of eternal damnation, just as bacteria infest weak minds. Then, when your victims have reached their weakest conditions as uncertainty sets in, your disease overwhelms them. The question is: If they are so easily won, are they worth winning?"

"In your arrogance, you forget to consider the faculties of reason and spiritual substance which most people possess, whether or not they "believe in the word." Somehow, you have the audacity to think God has chosen you for its spokespeople."

"People have suffered long enough from the fear you inflict upon them. When Pope John Paul II formally recognized the death of God, he did so as a recognition of the horrors of a powerful church run by bloodthirsty psychopaths under which Europeans lived in oppression during the Catholic Inquisition."

Galileo, upon discovering that the earth was not the center of the universe, was threatened with torture and the stake. But it was forged to remember theory not. Fanatics like yourselves were the prevailing voice of the day. Fortunately for the rest of us, nobody takes your kind seriously in today's world.

"Rational minds need to rethink Judeo-Christian values entirely... The suggestion that Judeo-Christian values are the only legitimate values worth having is absurd."

Simply not giving you any serious consideration is not enough. Rational minds need to rethink Judeo-Christian values entirely, forgetting about the self-righteous values they perpetuate, and start thinking about how we can improve the quality of human life in general. The suggestion that Judeo-Christian values are the only legitimate values worth having is absurd.

Anyone who has ever opened a history book knows that religion has caused war, strife, instability and general misery for thousands of years, but it is not religion itself which has facilitated those problems. It has been the activities of people like yourselves, who are so insecure with your beliefs that you have to show down everyone else's threats, which tends to spark resentment among your ganging, unthinking audiences.

As offensive as they are, your words are not the sole source of the inherent problems of religion. Another, not so obvious criticism of faith must be recalled in Friedrich Nietzsche's proclamation of the death of God. In Thus Spoke Zarathustra, he argued that religious followers like you are "the despisers of the earth," who trash this world, wallowing in your nihilistic bitterness and disillusioned by the promise of heavenly reward."

"If we simply cannot know the truth about where we are headed when our bodies die, should we deny ourselves the worldly pleasures condemned by the Bible and follow you? Every time you point your judgemental fingers at us, you alienate yourselves from the real world that much faster."

"You seem to think you have been afforded the divine privilege of communicating God's message to the spiritually deaf-mute, but you rarely have anything valuable to say. Yours is not even a reasonably accurate representation of the Christian message. It is nothing more then a pathetic cry for attention, and you are more transparent than you think. Are your audiences really interested in what you have to say, or are they laughing at what they think is nothing more than a big joke?"

"In your arrogance, you forget to consider the faculties of reason and spiritual substance which most people possess, whether or not they "believe in the word." Somehow, you have the audacity to think God has chosen you for its spokespeople."

"Exploring human fears has long been a practice of both monotheist and polytheistic religions. Religious fanatics like yourselves are no strangers to that approach."

"People have suffered long enough from the fear you inflict upon them. When Pope John Paul II formally recognized the principle of heliocentrism... discovered by Galileo centuries ago... his admission was a stark reminder of the horrors of a powerful church run by bloodthirsty psychopaths under which..."
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1994

MUSTANG DAILY

AFTERMATH: Students sift through rubble

From page 1
ages in the back of a cupboard. Damage caused by the fire weighs heavily on the mind of each of the four men. But Mullankey and Johnston, members of Cal Poly's men's tennis team, also face a national competition this week in Kansas City, Mo.

"It's tough right now, because we have to leave for Nationals on Wednesday," Mullankey said. "My roommates are being more helpful," Warren said. "They found a mission in life now."

For now, all four are staying at the home of agribusiness senior Shawna Warren, Mullankey's girlfriend. "They made them cookies. They made them keys for the house. They washed all of their clothes for them and folded them."

Mullankey, Johnston, Garcia and Achak lost nearly all their belongings in the fire. But Johnston said the Red Cross responded quickly with money for clothing, food, toothpaste and other items.

The four students have spent most of their time since Thursday making lists of their belongings for the insurance companies. "The landlord's insurance doesn't cover renters," Garcia said. "We have to go through our private insurance companies. Hopefully, we'll be covered."

Achak had his clothes, wetsuits, snowboard and other possessions laid out in his room. But even if the items were salvageable, he would never be able to get rid of the smell of smoke.

Sara Mullankey, mother of David Mullankey and owner of the house, said she plans to rebuild. But first, everything must be torn down. "The insurance agent said there is no furniture worth fixing because you will never get the smell out," she said. "They're going to get a dump truck to clear everything out."

In the short run, at least, the ban on weapons that are capable of being fired rapidly has generated heightened interest in them—an irony not lost on gun control advocates.

"In my opinion, Bill and Hillary Clinton and Janet Reno are the finest gun salesmen in history," said Jim Hulingher, owner of Jim's Military Collectibles in Plano, Texas. "Magazines, ammo and weapons are selling as fast as we can get them in."

"The White House pushed for the ban because the guns on the hit list weren't made for hunting.

"But critics such as the National Rifle Association say assault-style weapons were used in less than 1 percent of this country's murders. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms says there is no accurate figure on how many people are killed by assault-style weapons."

Shop owners, like their customers, don't believe the ban will put a dent in crime because lawbreakers will buy guns on the black market or switch to other models.

"This is just a waste of time. Criminals will just go to the next gun that's available," said Ed Nivaly of Ed's Gunsmithing in Southern Pines, N.C.

In the short run, at least, the ban on weapons that are capable of being fired rapidly has generated heightened interest in them—an irony not lost on gun control advocates.

LOOKING FOR A GREAT PLACE, CLOSE TO CAL POLY, THAT'S AFFORDABLE?

We have it! Apartments for 2, 3, or 4 persons, furnished or unfurnished. Rents starting at $600.00 per month. Call 543-6819 for information.

COLLEGE CHALET
320 Kentucky Street
BOND STREET APTS.
1239 Bond Street
UNIVERSITY GARDENS
766 Boysen Avenue

You may even get paid for reading it. After all, this book from MasterCard offers lots of useful tips on finding a real job, and it's written for students by students. To order your copy for $9.95, call 1-800-JOB-8894. MasterCard.

It's more than a credit card. It's smart money.
MUSTANG DAILY

HENTOFF: U.S. in no Rush to derail racism

From page 1

that disparate educational facilities are inherently unequal. This overturned the contem-
porary Supreme Court's doctrine but equal," Hentoff said, and brought about desegregation of public schools throughout the nation.

Hentoff argued the impact of the 40-year-old case has slowly been eroded by later Court decisions.

He cited a recent case, Freeman vs. Pitta.

The March 1992 case involved a ruling in favor of a Georgia school district which was accused of operating a segregated system. Hentoff said the Court determined that the neighborhoods of the district were heavily segregated to begin with and the charge was dropped.

Hentoff said although he felt the future of equal education for minorities looks bleak, some solutions could be administered.

"Some of possible solutions he mentioned included development of charter schools and programs set up to counteract racial imbalance. He said these programs could be set up on a regional, state or federal level."

Hentoff also called for thecreation of "magnet schools." These are high-quality schools built in lower-income areas. The goal is to use them to attract a variety of students to those areas and provide more integrated education.

On the whole, Hentoff seemed to be addressing a receptive audience. There were a number of people of different races from the crowd, but few arguments.

Political science professor Phil Fetzer orchestrated Hentoff's appearance.

Fetzer said he has read Hentoff's articles for more than 20 years, including one book he assigned in his civil liberties course.

Fetzer said although he felt the future of equal education for minorities looks bleak, some solutions could be administered.

"Some (students) probably went out of state, some went to private schools, maybe some stayed in the community colleges and others probably just went to work."

According to Institutional Studies reports, the university projects 15,305 students enroll-


From page 1

"Our budget is still being cut, so we don't know yet what the fee increase is going to do. We had hoped to be able to offer more classes this year, but the California budget is still looking so bleak, there's probably no chance of doing that."

The fee increases should come as no surprise, according to Bentley-Adler.

"The May (revision) will tell us more," Koob said. "And if it shows improvement, then we'll probably get the governor's budget passed and the 10-per-

Koob said with additional revenues generated from the fee increase, the 1994-95 budget should mirror this year's budget.

"The budget difference will be 1 percent or less if fees are raised," he said. "The worst case scenario is a constant budget with just a slight decrease."

"The first real indication of the future (budget) will occur in the third quarter of the year," Koob said, referring to the publication date of the governor's revision. The May (revision) will tell us more," Koob said. "And if it shows improvement, then we'll probably get the governor's budget passed and the 10-per-

Koob said with additional revenues generated from the fee increase, the 1994-95 budget should mirror this year's budget.

"The budget difference will be 1 percent or less if fees are raised," he said. "The worst case scenario is a constant budget with just a slight decrease."

"The first real indication of the future (budget) will occur in the third quarter of the year," Koob said, referring to the publication date of the governor's revision.
Jordans-less Bulls still have horns

From page 8 were retired from the single-elimination tournament. Sophomores Michelle Berkowitz and Allison Light both made the second round before bowing out. Berkowitz anni-

hiliated Cosille Santos of Cal State Los Angeles 6-1, 6-4 before losing to Cal Poly Pomona's Rebeka Horrung 6-3, 6-0. Light started with a 5-7, 6-1, 7-5 win over Maryann Raven of Francis Marion Univer-
sity (S.C.), but ended with a 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 loss to Mary Quaney of Saint Joseph's University (Ind.).

Freshman Christine Walter and junior Alissa Bailey lost in straight sets in the first round.

Freshman Gina Cheli did not play because of disciplinary measures im-
pacted by Head Coach Chris Epiphart. Epiphart said Cheli broke team rules, but would not specify what exactly she had done.

In doubles Berkowitz and Walters combined to defeat an Asphalt State duo 7-4, 4-6, 7-6. Cal Poly's other two teams lost in the first round.

Arnold and Bailey lost 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 to Stacey Moss and Barbara Paller of Rollins College. Light and sophomore Emily Schuch were eliminated by Michelle Palenthorpe and Ina Rutziunski of New York.

Doubles and singles competition continued through Wednesday.

NEW YORK — Under normal cir-
cumstances, teams coming off three consecutive championships are con-
sidered favorites until someone knocks them off.

The retirement of Michael Jordan changed everything for the Chicago Bulls, who spent the entire season proving he was the only reason they won all those titles. They've done a pretty good job of it so far, weaseling the Cleveland Cavaliers in the first round of the NBA playoffs.

Then the swaging New York Knicks came along, and the Bulls all but must have been resting on the laurels of beating Chicago three times in four meetings this season.

"We didn't respect them at first," Knicks guard John Starks said of the Bulls' 15-point lead that New York finally overcame for a 90-86 victory in the series opener Sunday. We took this team for granted. But they showed us they want to hold on to those rings. They're going to come hard at us. They don't have that iron (Jordan), anymore, and we're ever so confident because we beat them three out of four.

"We have no right to have any-
ting but the greatest respect for them," Knicks coach Pat Riley said Monday. "We have no room for any notion that we don't have to respect them. A lot of people seem to have the attitude that 'It's our turn' just because we've been through the playoffs with them for three years.

"They respect the fact that they've had three rings, and they respect the work they put in to get them," Riley said. "They came in prepared on Sunday. They are not going to admit that it's our turn to win and give it to us on a platter."

Riley does resent talk that his team was lucky to win after trailing 67-62 with 3:15 left in the third quarter, or that the Bulls took the game away from the Bulls.

From page 9 "The '94 Bulls will bring a real knowledge of the game and a lot of experience," Orrock said. "Softball and men's soccer also added to their first Division I teams. Softball announced Monday they received letters of intent from three players, including juniors, Laura Meredith and Gina Doglione.

Rafael, from Delano High School, is listed as a pitcher and catcher. She boasts a 4-13 career pitching record and BHS, 46-14 for his career. "They're not going to admit that it's our turn to win and give it to us on a platter," Riley said. "They came in prepared on Sunday. They are not going to admit that it's our turn to win and give it to us on a platter."

Riley does resent talk that his team was lucky to win after trailing 67-62 with 3:15 left in the third quarter, or that the Bulls took the game away from the Bulls.
Poly's fall and winter teams add players to their rosters

Poly's fall and winter teams announced Monday the addition of one more recruit to bolster their squads for the 1994-95 season.

The men's basketball team added a fifth player, guard Enoch Dix, to its list of incoming freshmen.

Dix, a guard from Cardinal Newman High School in Santa Rosa, gives coach Steve Reason and his squad for the 1994-95 season.

Both the Cal Poly men's and women's basketball teams announced Monday the addition of one more recruit to bolster their teams. The men's basketball team added a fifth player, guard Enoch Dix, a guard from Cardinal Newman High School in Santa Rosa, gives coach Steve Reason and his team a boost for the upcoming season.

The women's basketball team added guard Christina Carrillo from Katella High School in Anaheim. Carrillo was a four-year All-California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section selection and was the 1992-93 Empire League Most Valuable Player.

"Christina (Carrillo) will be a very good guard at the Division I level," said Head Coach Jill Orrock.

"I'd be happy playing any team," Boyer said. "In the Regionals, you could be 50-0, but it doesn't matter what your record is. It's a matter of who plays the best in the two-day period."

Winning its first CCAA title in 1993, the Mustangs (31-16 and 17-3) who handed Bakersfield its only losses of the season, are due to the January earthquake, scheduled to be hosted by Cal Poly, but will play the earlier series at Sinsheimer Park.

And it was the bat of senior outfielder Joanne Nakai that contributed," Nakai said.

"I cannot expect it (a dramatic finish) to happen again, but I hope to contribute," Nakai said.

"I'd be happy playing any team," Boyer said. "In the Regionals, you could be 50-0, but it doesn't matter what your record is. It's a matter of who plays the best in the two-day period."

Boyer said the key is going to be a clear focus on the fundamentals of softball — hitting, pitching and fielding. She said once her team does that, "We have a one in four chance just like anyone else."

The rest of the five Mustangs competing in singles are due to the January earthquake, scheduled to be hosted by Cal Poly, but will play the earlier series at Sinsheimer Park.

"I'd be happy playing any team," Boyer said. "In the Regionals, you could be 50-0, but it doesn't matter what your record is. It's a matter of who plays the best in the two-day period."

The Roadrunners own a slight

"I'd be happy playing any team," Boyer said. "In the Regionals, you could be 50-0, but it doesn't matter what your record is. It's a matter of who plays the best in the two-day period."

Boyer said the key is going to be a clear focus on the fundamentals of softball — hitting, pitching and fielding. She said once her team does that, "We have a one in four chance just like anyone else."

"I'd be happy playing any team," Boyer said. "In the Regionals, you could be 50-0, but it doesn't matter what your record is. It's a matter of who plays the best in the two-day period."

Boyer said the key is going to be a clear focus on the fundamentals of softball — hitting, pitching and fielding. She said once her team does that, "We have a one in four chance just like anyone else."

"I'd be happy playing any team," Boyer said. "In the Regionals, you could be 50-0, but it doesn't matter what your record is. It's a matter of who plays the best in the two-day period."

Boyer said the key is going to be a clear focus on the fundamentals of softball — hitting, pitching and fielding. She said once her team does that, "We have a one in four chance just like anyone else."

"I'd be happy playing any team," Boyer said. "In the Regionals, you could be 50-0, but it doesn't matter what your record is. It's a matter of who plays the best in the two-day period."

Boyer said the key is going to be a clear focus on the fundamentals of softball — hitting, pitching and fielding. She said once her team does that, "We have a one in four chance just like anyone else."

"I'd be happy playing any team," Boyer said. "In the Regionals, you could be 50-0, but it doesn't matter what your record is. It's a matter of who plays the best in the two-day period."

Boyer said the key is going to be a clear focus on the fundamentals of softball — hitting, pitching and fielding. She said once her team does that, "We have a one in four chance just like anyone else."