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By Donna Haines

Within the building, tragedy cobwebbed the cubicles of the stunned reporters who learned Ann and Jeff Fairbanks had been killed in a car accident after watching their daughter Courtney compete at a cross country meet in Fresno.

Ann Fairbanks taught journalism classes at Cal Poly for 10 years, as well as working at the Tribune.

Flags fluttered at half mast on a typically beautiful sunny day outside the Telegram-Tribune office in San Luis Obispo, belying the somber atmosphere inside.

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Both Ann, 45, and Jeff, 46, had dedicated their lives to serving the San Luis Obispo community and began working at the Telegram-Tribune in 1978.

One daughter, Galen, 8, survived and is in the Intensive Care Unit at Twin Cities Hospital in stable but guarded condition, according to hospital officials. Fairbanks was currently teaching Journalism 304 — Reporting Contemporary Issues.

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"Ann was by far the most sincere of the teachers I've had in the journalism department," said journalism sophomore Franco Castaldini. "She was friendly with students and didn't enforce a strict student-professor relationship.

Journalism graduate Michelle Murphine said that Fairbanks was her favorite professor. "She was the one journalism professor that was really behind me in my writing and made it known," Murphine said.

Telegram-Tribune city editor Mike Stover spoke highly of Jeff, the Editor In Chief, and Ann, who in the past worked as a court, health and general assignment reporter.

"Ann worked as a reporter for the paper three days a week," Stover said. "She could get done in three days what some people do in five days.

Ann volunteered at her girls' schools, doing all the things that a mother of three girls has to do at home, he said. "She was the epitome of 'super moms,'" Stover said.

"It's hard to believe two of these tragedies could happen so close together," Reporters who came into the Telegram-Tribune office on Sunday talked about Ann's contribution to the staff.

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A head-on motor vehicle accident on the road called 'blood alley' — Highway 46 — took the lives of Cal Poly journalism instructor, Ann Jeff Fairbanks, and four others.

Fairbanks, her husband Jeff, editor of the San Luis Obispo County Telegram- Tribune, and her 12-year-old daughter, Siena, died when their Volvo collided with a motor home. The accident occurred at 4:50 p.m. on State Route 46 — approximately 22 miles east of Paso Robles.

The family was returning from their 15-year-old daughter Courtney's cross country meet in Fresno.

Officers from the California Highway Patrol, who responded to the scene, said the 30-foot motor home crossed into the opposing west bound lanes and struck the Fairbanks' car head on.

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A proposed limit on schools that may participate in the Direct Loan Program will not affect Cal Poly students who receive federal loans.

The Direct Loan Program removes banks and savings and loans as lenders, replacing them with direct transfers from the federal government to participating schools. Removing the lenders gets rid of origination fees to 2.5 million students from more than 1,300 schools that participate in the direct lending program.

The limit, part of the Senate's proposal to balance the federal budget in seven years, does not apply to Cal Poly students receiving financial aid from the government because this campus does not participate in the Direct Loan Program, said John Anderson, director of the financial aid office.

Subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans, which are a part of the Federal Family Education Loan Programs (FFELP) are unaffected by the proposal, Anderson said. Only the newer, Direct Loan Program would be changed.

Because this campus does not participate in the Direct Loan Program, "absolutely nothing changes in the Stafford situation," Anderson said.

Interest rates on loans will not go up and grants will not be reduced.

The Senate's proposal would limit the number of schools that could take part in the direct lending program to 10 percent of the total number of schools that offer financial aid.

"We don't believe there should be a cap," Anderson said. "Let them compete against each other. It benefits students more when there is competition between agencies."

While Cal Poly's financial aid officials watch the new direct lending program and how it works at schools like the University of California in Irvine, the option to participate appears to be vanishing.

"If that bill is passed, the decision will have been made for us," Anderson said.

In "The College Democrat," a fact sheet distributed to college campuses across the country, Mark Nevins commented on the Direct Loan Program.

He suggested in the publication that Republicans chose to eliminate 90 percent of the directly-lent funds because they "cut into the huge profits the banking industry recieves from covering the rest.

Nevins added that by cutting the number of schools allowed to participate in the direct loans, "banks win and students lose."

Currently, lending institutions who grant Stafford loans charge an origination fee of 3 percent of the total loan, plus a 1 percent insurance fee to cover defaulted loans. For a loan of approximately $5000, the fees amount to $300.

Conversely, the Direct Loan Program bypasses lenders and other middlemen who form the backbone of the older guaranteed loan system.

This program places in jeopardy all the middlemen that make up the old system," according to U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley.

The budget proposal is now in the hands of President Bill Clinton, who has until Dec. 15 to approve or veto it.
When a 60-year-old re-entry student teams up with a 44-year-old English teacher in a mentoring relationship, who teaches whom?

"Hindsight is 20/20. We learn so much living our daily lives. And if it would be nice to share," said English lecturer Melody Demeritt. 64, about the new mentoring program at Cal Poly.

Demeritt said she looks up to older women and wonders what she did in her middle years, can teach the 20something-generations.

From the 20-year-old perspective, journalism junior Erin Dodge said "this program is an easy way to get involved, because it will give me a familiarization of the Women's Studies Program.

"When I turned in my application, I hoped for more personal relationships to bond with another woman, not just talk about which class to take," Dodge said.

New students at Cal Poly wouldn't have anyone to turn to like they do in a community college, she added.

This is what the Women's Mentoring Program is all about, she said. "We need students who support and sharing campus 'know how among female students.'

"We have had a great response so far from (female) faculty and staff and we want to thank you," said Pat Harris, coordinator of Women's Programs and Services.

For the 20 student and mentor matches already made this quarter, the goals are to build positive relationships with women on campus, to receive their expert guidance and support for women in the same field and to share networking resources. Body language education graduate student Tamera Aguinidalo, student coordinator for the current mentor program.

Between six and eight students signed up last year for the pilot program. Even though there were more students, the students don't get out of it, Harris said.

"In big business they have formal mentoring programs just for females because it's too traditional for males to be managers," she said. "There aren't enough females around. On campus, (mentoring) gives students someone to help with the bureaucracy."

Harris said Cal Poly's mentoring program got its start after she received a grant to develop a professional staff mentoring program among professors and community leaders at Cuesta College.

Aguinidalo, who participated as a student last year, chose to include it in her work toward her master's degree in education, specializing in counseling and guidance.

"It's a really valuable experience. There's a lot of potential to get the most out of our education," said. "This is of special value to nontraditional majors."

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Women value mentoring program

By Donna Halles Daily Staff Writer

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English lecturer

Administering the mentoring plan involves matching female students and faculty. Initially, names and phone numbers are exchanged.

The two matched women informally talk or meet until the first group social, held on Jan. 13 in Poly Canyon. The social includes a Chompas Challenge Ropes Course, an all day trust building exercise. Following the ropes introduction meeting, there are pot lucks and coffee breaks planned three times during each quarter.

Journalism junior Shari Coffenbury said that although she hadn't heard of the program, she thought it was a good idea.

"It would have helped me if I hadn't had friends here or if I'd come as a freshman," said Coffenbury, a transfer student from Diablo Valley College in the Bay Area.

The mentoring philosophy was summed up by Demeritt. "I'm very committed to breaking down the barrier between ages because we 're all humans," she said. "Underneath the labels of age, there's an essential human spirit that can connect."

"One of the best parts of my mentoring experience last year was sharing Mexican-American culture, values and food with Helen Ramírez," Demeritt said. For more information on the mentoring program or to request a mentor, call Aguinidalo, Harris or Linda Carson at 756-2600.
She had a great bawdy streak. She was always a good person to ask questions. (he said. "She was always available for those who needed to talk about the tragedy and to let them know the community is praying for them."

"I looked at Ann and saw a colleague; I never saw her as Jeff's wife," he continued. "I react personally to her loss; I react to his loss professionally."

Reporter Jerry Bunin also spoke highly of Ann.

"She was a wonderful person; a friend for ten years," said Pastor John Payton of the Church of Nazarene, San Luis Obispo, stopped by the Telegram-Tribune to be available for those who needed to talk about the tragedy and to let them know the community is praying for them.

"Ann and Siena will be mourned by family, friends, coworkers and the community at large," said Julia Aguilar, publisher of the Telegram-Tribune. "It is insufficient to say that we will miss them. We grieve and mourn our loss and honor them thereby."

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

DAYTON TREATY IS 'NONNEGOTIABLE'

WASHINGTON — The Dayton treaty on Bosnia is final, senior American officials said Sunday in rejecting demands from Bosnian Serbs that provisions relating to the future of Sarajevo be changed.

"We are not going to renegotiate this accord," Defense Secretary William Perry said of the pact worked out last week in Dayton, Ohio, with the presidents of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia.

Perry, chief U.S. negotiator Richard C. Holbrooke and National Security Adviser Anthony Lake appeared on Sunday news programs as a prelude to President Clinton's Monday night speech in which he hopes to win public and congressional support for his Bosnia policy.

Congressional Republicans have led the opposition to Clinton's plans to contribute 20,000 U.S. ground forces to a 60,000-member NATO peacekeeping force. But two key Republicans on the Senate Armed Services Committee suggested that the traditional tendency of Congress to follow the president's lead on major foreign policy issues might again prevail.

Congress hasn't defied a president as much as it did on military matters since it cut off funding for the bombing in Cambodia in 1974, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "I think the president can make the case."

Thousands of Bosnian Serbs in the capital of Sarajevo have protested the peace accord, which cedes control of their sector of the city to the Muslim-Croat federation. Bosnian Serb President Radovan Karadzic said Sunday that a "new solution for Sarajevo must be found" and that in the meantime, Serbs would not withdraw their troops.

Perry, also appearing on CBS, said such protests were expected, but stressed that the terms of the treaty are final and that "we fully expect that there will be compliance" from the Serbs as well as other parties.

Holbrooke, an assistant secretary of state, also insisted on NBC's "Meet the Press" that the accord "would take place in mid-December and that U.S. troops could be in Bosnia a few days after that."

The three administration officials, echoing Clinton's Saturday radio address, were also united in their message that American values were at stake in the commitment to join NATO in keeping peace in Bosnia.

"Our values really are at stake here," Lake said, saying that in addition to maintaining the integrity of NATO and stopping the war from spreading to other countries, Americans can't turn their backs on the reality that half the people in Bosnia have either been uprooted from their homes or killed since the civil war began more than three years ago. "Throughout history American soldiers have been called upon to take risks, to protect those values."

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But he, too, warned that America must be prepared to accept the risks. "We cannot ask our soldiers to be courageous if our politicians are not."

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Opinion

All I really need to know I learned from writing for the Mustang Daily by Randy Davis

I knew school was for me when I found out that not everyone is amused when they read Kafka. I figured that if I intuitively connected with Franz years before I ever heard a lecture on the Absurd or modernism that there just might be hope for me in these hallowed halls, which were, when I first offered this column, figured it was not a wise idea to worry any more nails for wages. Jesus was a carpenter and he moved on to new things, and if moviegoers were good enough for the Guy from Galilee, then by golly it was good enough for me too. My back was sore and that ozone problem was not cool for carpenters.

I tend to take my own path, some claim, to my detriment. But hey, it is a certain path. Maybe people for their assistance (Dawn), and I often do, but there are no handy soupconets around when things go sour — and that is a good thing. Now, Franz Kafka had a lot to say. You don't need to leave your room. Remain sitting at your table and listen. Don't be quiet and solitary. The world will offer itself to you. To be unmuzzled, it has no choice. It will roll in ecstasy at your feet. I'm not so sure that most of us are capable of getting the world to reveal itself to us as Franz declares it will. Simply "being," as Franz suggests, is damn difficult.

Kafka spent many hours mastering the intricacies of the bureaucratic nightmare which was his life, and many more hours transmitting his reality to us via his timeless prose.

Confused about the Poly Plan

By Randy Davis to an English Senior

Editor, Mustang Daily

Use some common sense. Your commentary had no substance. It was just a list of exotic ideas you conjured up in your mind. You don't tell us why you should denounce the plan. You just tell us that it is unacceptable. You don't tell us why.

You should also include hard evidence to convince me to denounce the Poly plan.

Many of us confused about the plan, and no one at the Daily has written a clear article on the plan. Many of us will be voting on this topic and a clear understanding should be made.

Elmer Barraga, Alex Environmental engineering senior

A software view of economics

by Bob Dignan

I was impressed with the letters from Kurt Horner and Foad Khosmood that appeared on Nov. 21. Both were well written and pretty well thought out. Each of the writers raised or suggested valid points in support of their positions. I must also admit that in a complex economy (and there are few, if any, in the world that are not complex) some medium of exchange must exist so that people don't have to provide all of their needs and wants for themselves, but can specialize in some way and share the wealth.

The last part is the tricky part. No one has been able to figure out a completely fair and efficient process. Most of the processes that have lasted any length of time have provided some measure of equity and efficiency.

Arguments over the merits of competing systems have been going on ever since someone figured out that there were competing systems. A lot of people think that our current system (whatever it is) is pretty unfair. One of the problems is that some people start out with too big an advantage over others, or else that something happens that takes away the economic abilities of some people. There are unanswerable number of examples, but the big ones are probably inherited wealth as an advantage and growing up poor, uneducated and/or unloved and unwanted as a disadvantage. The disparity in these starting points can go a long way toward determining potential for people with otherwise similar capabilities. Thrown in a birth defect or catastrophic accident, illness, and a giant leap in wealth can be over. The ability of families to pass on wealth to future generations perpetuates economic advantage (and disadvantage). Of course, it can be argued that it is only that parents are able to pass on the fruits of their labors and ingenuity to their children.

On the other hand, socialist states have had their share of problems. Some have prospered for a while and then fallen on hard times. Others have turned into totalitarian states, which have fallen far short of the ideals on which they were based. Of course capitalist states are not immune from the latter fate either.

In working with financial software systems it has been my experience that many vendors will claim to have a really good product that will make my life simpler. Sometimes the product really exists. Sometimes it does not. Sometimes it works pretty well. Sometimes it does not. There is no perfect software system, and even if it were perfect today, changes in technology or the processes for which the software was designed would eventually make it obsolete. When evaluating software, one of the key questions to ask (and to verify that the answer is where it is installed).

Other questions include how the users like it, and whether the processes it relates to are really similar to the ones we use at Cal Poly (e.g. commercial type financial software does not work for nonprofit or governmental accounting).

I think the same kind of questions can be applied to economic systems. Who is using the system? Is it working? Are the economic factors in the country in which the system is in place similar to those in this country? Would we like them there? The answers to these questions will go a long way toward answering the question as to whether we would like to change systems. An untried economic system may sound good, but if it were implemented and did not work as advertised, the resulting misery could be beyond imagination.

Change is evolutionary. Even changes that are dramatically usual affect only a small segment of our economic system.

This gives us many opportunities to evaluate change in macrocosm before considering wholesale change. Our own current opportunity for participation in this process is the Cal Poly Plan. We are all involved (either by participation or by leaving it to others) in the process of determining the future of Cal Poly. This is a process on which students, faculty and staff can have a direct effect, that will play a significant part in determining the futures of a great many students or others who might have been students.

I am encouraged by the thoughtful nature of the letters referred to earlier. I think that both writers have a sincere concern for the well being of all people, not just a particular group. My guess is that they could find a good deal of common ground if they chose to look for it. But even if they don't, they are both making healthy contributions to the discussion.

Bob Dignan is the director of financial services.
A four in Orange County not feeling pinched

By Deonna Cohn

SANTA ANA, Calif. - It's a troubling financial era for bankrupt Orange County, with a few businesses among the agencies overseeing California's first public toll roads are granting fat salaries, bonuses and perks to their executives.

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—Legislation sponsored by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., to reshape the State Department; initially aimed at countries that are seen as aiding terrorism, has been effectively stopped by House Democrats concerned about the civil liberties aspects of proposed new search and surveillance authority for law enforcement agencies.

—An anti-terrorism bill rushed through Congress in April that would allow judges to issue search warrants based on less than probable cause, is also being blocked.

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—House-Senate negotiators are wrapping up work on the GOP Medicare overhaul, the welfare system, but that, too, faces a prolonged battle as Clinton has said he will veto a bill, or part of it, unless he is assured that the government will continue to pay for welfare recipients for whom it now pays more than $40 billion annually.

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Model's autopsy raises suspicions

By Robert Joblon
In-House Press

LOS ANGELES — Model Linda Sobek's injuries were in- consistent with an auto accident, refuting a photographer's claim that he accidentally ran her over and buried her in a panic, the coroner's office said Sunday.

But the cause of her death remains a mystery pending fur- ther tests, said coroner's spokes- man Scott Carrier.

An autopsy was performed on the body of Sobek, 27, a day after it was unearthed from a shallow grave in the San Gabriel Moun- tains, where photographer Charles Rathbun, 36, had led inves- tigators.

"None of the injuries that are found during this examination are consistent with being struck by an automobile," Carrier said.

Carrier, who saw the body ex- humed Saturday, said it did not appear that Sobek had been shot, stabbed nor suffered any obvious major head injury. There did not appear to be any visible signs that she was sexually assaulted, although a final conclusion must await results of tests by sheriffs forensics investigators, he said.

Sobek's body, clad in shorts and a top, was exhumed from a shallow grave near a rocky ravine in the Angeles National Forest, 25 miles north of here. Rathbun led investigators to the gravestone on Friday. He has told investigators he accidentally struck Sobek with a new Lexus sport utility truck as he demonstrated tight circles or "doughnuts" with the vehicle. He told police he tried unsuccessful­ly to revive her, then panicked and buried her.

Sobek, of Hermosa Beach, vanished on Nov. 16. A message left on her telephone answering machine that day said she was heading to a modeling assign­ ment, but it did not mention any other details of the shoot.

Friends identified the body Saturday from a photograph that showed Sobek with Rathbun. "It was very touching," Willette said. "I'm never going to see her again and that's hard," said a friend, Lance Zavella. "You just hope the other ... models will be more careful and always have somebody with them."

The Rev. Jim MacKings of Bayouite Community Church in Redondo Beach visited the fami­ ly to deliver a videotape of Sobek's baptism last summer in a pool in Terraca, Willette said. "She was at her baptism," he said. "It was very touching. Linda was a good person. She was thoughtful, caring. She ful­ filled a career that was a vision she had as a child."

Willette said a reward fund set up after Sobek disappeared was $50,000 in pledges and will become a mental fund to help battered women as well as "Linda's death with those positive changes."

Rathbun remained in custody Sunday at the Los Angeles Coun­ ty Men's Central Jail under suicide watch. He attempted to ... being held. He was treated for superficial cuts and then loaded into a helicopter to join the search for Sobek's body.

Friends and family said Sobek had worked before with Rath­ bun, who specializes in car magazine and calendar shots.

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kept them ahead by forcing 30 steals.
Cal Poly set a new America West Conference record, crushing the old mark of 17 steals. Every Mustang had a steal.
"That's one of the things the pressure defense does if you're not shooting well," said Head Coach Jeff Schneider. "(You) have to be able to get easy baskets off of pressure defense."
Cal Poly will travel to play the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks on Wednesday for its first Division-I game. The Lumberjacks faced California on Saturday night and lost 111-83.

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SPORTS

COLLEGE: Northwestern's in the Rose Bowl
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The Sugar will be played Dec. 31, the Orange on New Year's night and the Fiesta Jan. 2.
Ohio State's loss made Northwestern the outright Big Ten champion and the league's representation in the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1948.
The No. 3 Wildcats (10-1) will play No. 18 Southern Cal (8-2-1) at Pasadena.
No. 5 Ohio State (11-1) now goes to the Citrus Bowl, where it probably will play No. 4 Tenneesse (10-1).

Other announced or projected bowl matchups: Cotton (Colorado-Oregon); Aloha (UCLA-Kansas); Sun (Washington-Iowa); Holiday (Kansas State-Colorado State); Outback (Pitt-State-Auburn); Liberty (East Carolina-Stanford); Peach (Virginia vs. Arkansas, Alabama or Georgia); Gator (Clemson vs. Virginia Tech or Miami); Las Vegas (Nebraska-Tulsa); Copper (Texas Tech vs. Utah, BYU or Air Force); Alamo (Michigan vs. Texas-A&M loser); Independence (LSU-Michigan State), and Carquest (Syracuse-North Carolina).
SPORTS
Equaling their best

The Mustangs matched their win total from last year by defeating the College of Notre Dame, 94-51

By Franco Castaldin

It didn't take a three-point scoring spree late in the second half to do it like last year.

No heroics in this victory. Just a simple game of a Division-I team beating up a Division-II team. Like it should happen.

That's the difference from last year's inaugural season in Division I. Instead of straight losses before a win, Cal Poly is on top.

The Mustangs (1-0) trounced the College of Notre Dame (1-2) Saturday, 94-51, in Cal Poly's largest margin of victory since its 106-57 spanking of the Colorado Mines during the 1989-90 season.

How does it feel for Cal Poly to tie its win total from last year? "It feels great. We want to build on it now," said senior guard Colin Bryant. "Our first thing was to get the victory and now we are going to build on it by beating Division-I opponents."

Before a crowd of 1,213, Cal Poly jumped out to an early six-point lead and never relinquished it.

The Mustangs added to the early lead and never looked back at one point, Cal Poly built a 49-point lead after a 34-2 run during the second half.

Bryant's hot hand and the strong rebounding of junior forward Damien Levesque guided the Mustangs offensively.

Bryant scored 24 points, hitting four three-pointers, and Levesque, who had four rebounds during Cal Poly's exhibition game after only 11 minutes on the court, played 32 minutes and beat a career best in rebounding with 15 boards. He also scored 16 points.

"It's probably not expected from me, but I expect it from myself," Levesque said of his performance. "Coaches would say — rebound and play as hard as you can. I am going out there to do everything I can do."

But it was the up-tempo offense that won the game for Cal Poly. Its full-court press defense caused Notre Dame to turn the ball over 31 times.

While the Mustangs shot 49 percent from the field and a meager 21 percent beyond the three-point arch, their defense reigned supreme.

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Frazier threw for 128 yards and one TD and ran for 35 yards in Florida's 37-20 victory over Oklahoma, but he completed less than 50 percent and had a pass intercepted. George was held to 104 rushing yards, 48 below his average, as previously unbeaten Ohio State lost to Michigan 31-23 Saturday.

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SPORTS
Equaling their best

By Rick Werner

Junior guard Colin Bryant — a transfer student from Cuesta College — led Cal Poly in scoring with 24 points. Bryant hit four of his 11 shots beyond the arch had five assists and two steals. Bryant will have a interesting matchup when Cal Poly travels to play Northern Arizona Wednesday. He will line up against a friend who also was Cal Poly's student last year / Daily photo by Joe Johnston.

Heisman Trophy still a toss up; bowls almost secured

By Franco Castaldin

For Tom Lassiter, Unsigned Prep

While the national championship race may be down to two teams, the Heisman Trophy race is a three-man competition.

Barring a huge upset Saturday, top-ranked Nebraska (11-0) will play No. 2 Florida (11-0) for the national title in the Fiesta Bowl.

Florida usaide the matchup almost certain Saturday by beating No. 8 Florida State 35-24. The last readblock for the Gators in this week's Southeastern Conference championship game at atlanta, where they will be heavy favorites over No. 23

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