Hotwheelz screech through U.U.

Power to make profits

By Michelle Boyle
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly Foundation's first for-profit venture is powering up. PowerHouse Media began about a month ago as an extension of Cal Poly's non-profit Visual Education Productions (VEP) operation. Both organizations are run by Foundation - the non-profit body that runs commercial operations on campus, such as El Corral Bookstore and Campus Dining. All the net profits help pay for improvements to the school.

For more than 40 years, VEP put out a catalogue to provide educational and instructional materials for high schools, colleges, vocational schools and industry. Its services have been reduced over the years by budget cuts, so one of the reasons Foundation created PowerHouse Media was to help fill in these gaps, and also as a means to serve instruction in fields ranging from landscaping to mitosis to horse care. It has also produced a six-part series called "America the Bountiful," about the history of agriculture in the U.S.

Foundation lends its support to a multi-media company that employs several students. PowerHouse's services include web page development, CD-ROM production, print media design, video production and marketing services.

"We produce videos for government agencies, and help entrepreneurs put together a complete marketing plan and promotional package. We can put together a simple logo design or develop a CD-ROM brochure," said Rick Smith, director of VEP and PowerHouse Media.

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Foundation is the first investor in the business and put up the initial capital for it, but cannot run it exclusively because it could hurt Foundation's tax-exempt status. Robert Griffin, associate executive director of Foundation, said eventually there will be other investors for the business, but until then it runs with the same goal in mind.

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Reading with elementary schoolers promotes literacy

By Andi Joseph
Daily Staff Writer

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The fourth division of America Reads at Cal Poly is the Liberal Studies program. In this area, ASI puts off action on last year’s overspending

By Amanda Keller
Daily Staff Writer

It was business as usual at Wednesday's ASI board meeting. The crowds that had packed into U.U. room 220 during the sports complex debate diminished, leaving only the board and a few attendees. Although the mood was quiet throughout the duration of the meeting, the issue of ASI's 1996-97 fiscal year-end budget drew board members' concern.

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Along with erasing the books of the debt, Geis suggested an addition to the board's action. "We just want to forgive this move on, and write a policy so this doesn't happen again," Geis said.

However, not everyone found the issue that simple. After taking an action earlier in the meeting to inactivate clubs around campus that had overdue paperwork and freezing their funds, some board members saw the action on the table as biased.

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For 21-year-old Jessica Denisse Rodas, her time at Cal Poly has cul­tivated learning that does not always come from books.

"I've learned time-management and organization, since I'm so busy. But I also learned to value the sacrifice of my parents and my whole family to send me here. I really appreciate all they have done for me," Rodas said.

Rodas, an architectural engineering junior from Fairfield, has attend­ed Cal Poly since fall 1994. Her new­found time-management and organi­zation skills have helped her keep up with a busy schedule. She has been an officer for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) for two years, last year as sergeant-at­arms and this year as treasurer.

Some of her duties include orga­nizing visits to club meetings by company representatives, tutoring high school and elementary stu­dents, and holding study hall twice a week for the SHPE mem­bers.

She said her fellow officers also organize an annual trip to a Florida cancer conference, a Christmas toy drive and a Thanksgiving dance, raising scholarship money for the members. She also plays soccer for SHPE's coed intramural team.

Her family has contributed to her success in school. She said the sup­port she has received from her par­ents, her brother Erick, 27, and her sister Milly, 25, have made her more determined to complete her goals.

Although she is very attached to her parents, she did not get homesick when she came to Poly because she got involved in activities and made many new friends.

Her favorite food is pupusas, a Salvadorian dish she said her mom specializes in, which is a thick, cheese-filled tortilla. She admires her mother for more than her cook­ing ability.

"Her values and morals are just the way I want mine to be," Rodas said. She always looked to her mom when she was younger to help her distinguish between right and wrong, and continues to turn to her for advice.

Rodas said that as a child she was "hyper and really talkative." She graduated in 1994 from Justin-Siena High School in Napa, where her favorite extracurricular activities were dancing and drama. She was involved in most of the school productions, especially the musicals. Her two favorites were West Side Story and Grease, in which she played "the oversexed Cha-Cha."

When considering colleges, Rodas looked at other schools like UCSB, St. Mary's and College of Notre Dame. She chose Cal Poly because of its small-town environ­ment and its reputation for having a good architectural engineering pro­gram, which she chose as a major because it incorporates art, creativi­ty, design and math.

Her favorite Cal Poly instructors are Harvey Greenwald, whose step­by-step approach to teaching calcu­lus helped her better understand the subject, and Abe Lynn, with whom she has taken three classes.

"You can communicate with him very easily in and out of the class, and he brings lots of enthusiasm to the department. He's very approach­able," Rodas said of Lynn.

In her free time, Rodas enjoys a variety of activities. She has played piano for about six years, although she has not had much time to play lately. Her favorite genres of music are salsa and house. She likes to hang out at Fresh Choice with her roommate Lisa and go shopping with her and another close friend, Marie.

"She doesn't have a boyfriend right now, but said an ideal husband is someone who 'could lead a family, who loves God, is caring and patient and knows how to respect a lady.'

She plans to graduate in June 1999, and wants to live and work in the San Francisco Bay Area to be near her family.

Rodas is happy with her life, but if she could change one thing it would be to have a better relation­ship with God.

"My mother has always told me to put God first, which I try to do, but it gets really hectic sometimes," she said. "I want to try to spend more time with Him because He is an important part of my life."

Rodas said her best traits are that she is easily approachable and is always herself. She says her parents trust her and often come to her for advice. She does not get mad easily, but said that she can't stand liars. She also said she is very tough with herself, and gets angry with herself when she does not meet a personal goal.

Rodas said the best way to suc­ceed in college is to strike a good bal­ance between school and fun, and to get involved in campus activities.

"I encourage everyone to find a group you want to be associated with and get involved. A bachelor's degree doesn't mean anything until you know how to be a leader."

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Campus medical experts
give their take on fen-phen

By Jessica Boiselle
Special to the Daily

Every few months the "per­
fect weight-loss drug" comes out onto the market, attracting peo­
ple who wish to lose some weight the easy way.

Not so long ago, many com­
panies in America and Europe claimed to have the "break­through" solution for the over­
weight called fen-phen. So it came as no surprise when the prescrip­
tion drug - a combination of fenfluramine and phenter­
mine - drew so much atten­
tion from the those in the U.S. and many Eu­p­ean countries who wanted to drop some pounds.

This combi­
nation drug came out with a popular bang in the last few years, but was recently taken off the market because the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found it to be a harmful, in some cases nearly fatal, combination.

The cousin to fen-phen, dexfetramine or Redux, released a little over a year ago, has also been proven by the FDA to have similar side effects. According to a September, 1997 "Time" magazine article the FDA had known that Redux could lead to the nearly fatal lung condition known as prima­
ry pulmonary hypertension when the drug was released onto the market. Redux has not been taken off the market.

According to Dr. Andrea Brauninger of the Cal Poly Health Center, fen-phen is a combination of an amphetamine that suppressed appetite and an anti­depressant which affected the neurotransmitter in the brain that controls depression. Taken together in one pill, some patients lost an initial 20 pounds, but there were few cases of weight loss greater than that.

In addition to little observ­able weight loss, the drug became addictive and negative side effects such as nausea and depression took over in many patients.

One Cal Poly student who took fen-phen and wishes to remain anonymous explained that she experi­enced irritabili­
ty and slight depression when taking the drug.

"I did lose 15 to 20 pounds, but there would be days where I would only eat one meal, or sometimes nothing in a day because I wasn't hungry," she said. She only took it for about six months.

Bennett doesn't think there will ever be a weight-loss drug that will be effective doing work. Instead he believes that individuals need to deal with weight-loss needs by eating properly and exercising.

"The only weight control is eating more and exercise less. Instead, they often rely on other sources to control their weight, such as Jenny Craig. Weight Watchers or low- and non-fat foods sold in grocery stores.

Relying on such strategies could actually backfire, accord­ing to Bennett.

"The key to weight loss and control is within each individ­
ual, certainly not the commer­
cial industry with advertise­ments of low-calorie foods, which one will eat more of and thus nothing is accomplished," he said.

Happy Halloween
from Mustang Daily.

(Don't forget to check your candies.)
Halloween is a strange holiday. People dress up in disguises and go trick-or-treating. Maybe that’s why some Baby Boomers like to avoid Halloween costume parties. For me it brings back vivid memories of those lost years in the sixties and seventies when I dressed weird and spent a lot of time being scared. When I wear a costume, I tend to become that persona, at least for a while.

The costume I ever had as a kid was my Hoppington Cassidy outfit. Hoppington Cassidy was the bravest cowboy who ever rode across my flickering black and white TV screen in the late fifties. No bad guy could ever leave town without dealing with Hoppie.

I started practicing my Hoppie impersonation sometime in August of 1953. I’d put on my black shirt and pants, strap on the fancy and Fanner 50 cap shooter and strut up and down the street waiting for trouble to hit town.

Hoppie always wore black and rode a beautiful white horse. Oh, how I wanted that horse in my backyard and how I wanted to be just like Hoppie.

When I wore that outfit I felt like I could do anything. I could save the damsel in distress and bring the bank robbers to justice. It was powerful. It was the most powerful I’ve ever had. I’ve never had it since.

When I was eight years old my mother informed me that I was a girl and should stop playing cowboy and become involved in girl activities. She also expected me to dress as a girl and to wear a Halloween costume that would identify my gender. I know now that this irrational craziness was the result of an argument she had had with my grandmother over my new short hair.

I was an only child and had spent the past summer at my grandmother’s farm. Because I had no playmates, I learned to amuse myself. I climbed trees, learned to shoot a BB gun and build a great tunnel under the chicken coop which caused the building to collapse a few years later. This one unpleasant experience during the summer was caused by the case of head lice I got from playing under the chicken coop. The cure was considerably worse than the condition.

Grandmother cut my braids off and brushed what was left with a mixture of kerosene and lye soap. I remember my scalp stinging like crazy, but most of all I remember the Old Gold unfiltered cigarrette clenched between her teeth and a sick feeling that I might become a human torch.

I’m sure this is the reason my parents thought it would be a great idea if I dressed as a fairy princess on Halloween. The fairy princess brainwash was clearly my Mom’s idea. I know this now because over the years she has proven herself to be a genius at public manipulation.

Since I’d recently been a flower girl in a wedding, I already had something close to a costume. She reasoned that all I needed was a magic wand. A straightened wire coat hanger wrapped in aluminum foil would complete the outfit.

I was crudely enough to be expected to do girl things like play with dolls instead of climb trees. Now I could only do anything in my private fantasies. My one night of public fantasy was being trashed. I talked her into letting me wear a witch costume which wasn’t as good as Frankenstein but was a lot creepier than the fairy princess. I also reasoned that it was better to be a witch than to stay home alone while the rest of my friends stuff ed lost in their pit­

or less cases.

As a witch I disappointed myself. In those days witches were supposed to be bad. I just looked like a little girl who had gone to the local Woolworth’s store for a ready-made costume, some green face make-up and a black wig.

After that, dressing up was never as fun as before and soon I passed along the Tootsie Rolls and candied apples and stayed home on Halloween.

I saved my desire to dress weird for the more exciting days of my early twen­

ties. Some of those occasions became his­

loric than Woodstock and concerts at the infamous Fillmores in San Francisco. More often I expressed myself through my appearance while protesting America’s tragic involvement in Vietnam.

That was a lot scarier than Halloween.

Christine Spane is a jour­

nalism major.

By Nate Pontious

Beware of Mustang Village

Editor,

I am writing in regards to the article in the Mustang Daily “Complaints crop up about living at Mustang Village.” I am a current resi­

dent at Mustang Village and I have had my problems too.

Just this past weekend, I returned home from taking care of some personal businesses around town to find the door to my apartment open and the lights on. I found one of the employees of Mustang Village in my bathroom checking the condiments for the breakfast 

or procedure of a former room­

ate. They are allowed to do

this, however what disturbed me was that I was not given any notice, not even 24 hours, of the need to enter the premises. Without knowing someone was in the apart­

ment, I felt violated finding someone in the place I call home. As many may know, finding out that someone has been in your home in this situation is very disturbing. Giving 24 hours notice is writ­

ten into the lease contract, so entering into the apartment is breach of contract. This is something I did not take very lightly. I spoke to the lady who I found in the apartment and told her that it was a situa­tion of breach of contract.

She did say that she was sorry, but I felt that I had to inform the management as well, so I wrote a letter to the manage­

ment. They should have read the letter on Monday morning, but I have not received any comment or official apology from them to date. I have heard of others situations where the management of Mustang Village has not been a credited agent in the leasing process. These situations have ranged from late pay back or excess of reduction of the deposit from natural wear and tear to the habitation of insects to charging the tenants for the removal. I hope in the future, Mustang Village apart­

ments can be fair in situations of this nature, or the people who move in are as well informed about this topic as I am. I would thing again before leasing from Mustang Village and I hope the readers of Mustang Daily remember these violations before they choose to live here as well.

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Halloween to Christine Spane

By Christine Spane

The best costume I ever had as a kid was a horse costume at a costume party. I was the little camera in the AL TO MAKI 'T.

From the days of Sesame Street when three and one half Walts shrugged on costumes and showed up to the party, to the days of “haunted” buildings and people in the place I call home, only the people who move in are as well informed about this topic as I am. I would thing again before leasing from Mustang Village and I hope the readers of Mustang Daily remember these violations before they choose to live here as well.

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solely by Foundation.
The idea for PowerHouse began about a year ago and the business plan was approved last summer. It was the first outside investment Foundation considered, putting in $350,000.

By making PowerHouse a separate entity, Foundation’s liability is limited, Griffin said.

It is similar to taking that amount of money and buying stock in Microsoft, but we will become members in a limited liability company,” Griffin said of Foundation’s investment.

Griffin said VEP is likely to become a client of PowerHouse. In the past, if VEP received a request for an instructional piece it didn’t have, it would contract out to the faculty or the private sector to create it. Now, PowerHouse can do that for VEP.

This is a real opportunity if we are able to keep up with the technology, and structure it to protect the university and Foundation. We just have to be selective, and keep the risks commensurate with the likely profits,” Griffin said.

The profits Foundation receives for its investment will be shared with the Board of Directors discretion, but mainly used to add to President Baker’s discretionary fund, Griffin said.

Bailey said PowerHouse’s plan of growth lies in its marketing to get large businesses and associations that would benefit from its multimedia services.

“We have to market ourselves well. We’re not about resumes and wedding videos. This is a hot area, but has lots of competition,” Smith said.

PowerHouse has about 12 people on staff, five of whom are students. The students are part of the design staff and the video production department. The ‘web master’ and receptionist are also students.

“We are always looking for talented web designers. We’ll have more opportunities for students as we grow,” Smith said.

Dan Harrelson is a graphic communications senior employed at PowerHouse. He worked at VEP for three years and said he enjoys working at PowerHouse because he has access to so much state-of-the-art equipment.

Harrelson, as an assistant administrator, is involved in web and other multimedia design, and assists in setting up equipment and maintaining the 20 networked machines.

He said he feels that working at PowerHouse is a great opportunity because he is working with clients and deadlines.

“I’m getting great hands-on experience without leaving San Luis Obispo, and I’m actually doing what I wish to do after I graduate,” Harrelson said.

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undergraduate students can take a course in community-based field experience in which America Reads is a part. In the course, LS 230, students are taught necessary skills and they are assigned to work with children at local schools.

Jim Bailey, liberal studies junior, is involved with the program through the course.

“There are some kids in enrichment programs, who are having a really hard time, but then there are some kids who aren’t quite at the level (they should be), but aren’t quite poor enough to be in enrichment programs,” Bailey said.

So that’s where we, in this program, step in and bring them up just through experience and exposure to reading.

Since the program is so young, those involved in the program have yet to determine if it is actually achieving its goal. But liberal studies lecturer Judy Gish said it all depends on how one views success.

“Do we have interest and do we get credit. But 80 percent of liberal studies students want to become elementary teachers, so they get professional experience too,” she said.

Although the UCTE and the liberal studies divisions are separate from each other, they both involve students and work towards the original goal of America Reads.

“What is really happening here is we have two concurrent America Reads, a very effective one and one that’s still being defined,” Gish said.

“But we have one for our undergraduate students and one for our graduate students,” Bailey said.

Bailey said that through the LS 230 course and the program, he was assigned to work with a first-grade class at Bishop’s Peak Elementary School.

“I have a list of students who are under where (the teacher) would like them to be,” he said. “I bring them back, read with them, and just spend time with them.

Bailey said the children seem to appreciate the general idea of a college student reading and speaking with them.

“You’re not the teacher and you’re not one of them, you’re this in-between. You’re an interface,” he said.

“Sometimes they’ll ask, Do you go to college?” And I’ll say ‘Yeah, I read books in college too,” and they get excited. They have somebody of college age and it’s like a big brother or sister program,” Bailey said he believes the program is effective for the children and also beneficial for the college students involved.

“These children need help with reading and if they can get an older student who is going to stop, a college-aged student who is going to stop and say, This is fun, this is an important thing to me, I think it’s really going to stick with them,” he said. And for students, it should stick with them to actually spend time with a child reading, because it’s an opportunity many of us probably don’t take in our busy schedules.

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Suit over videotaped spray in protesters’ eyes

By Rob Epstein
Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO — A dramatic videotape released Thursday showed police officers squirting pepper spray into the eyes of four female anti-legging protesters, then spraying one of them with it during a sit-in at a congressman’s office.

The tape played for reporters at a news conference announcing a lawsuit, showing protesters sitting around a tree stump, screaming as deputies pulled back their headgear, covering their eyes and applied the burning substance to their eyelids with cotton swabs.

After repeated demands that the women release each other, an officer is shown squirting the spray into a protester’s eyes at close range.

The suit said the tape was made by police on Oct. 31 at the Eureka office of Rep. Frank Riggs, R-Calif. A second tape also played for reporters showed similar events in the lobby of Pacific Lumber Co. headquarters in nearby Scotia on Sept. 25.

In both cases, demonstrators held their hands inside metal sleeves and refused to let go until the pepper spray was applied. The tape shows that the women were not chained together.

“It was like burning under your skin — the worst pain I’ve ever felt,” Maya Fortugal, 16, of Eureka, told reporters.

At one point in the tape, a demonstrator pleads with officers to stop torturing her and a deputy responds, “We’re not torturing you any more.”

Macon Cowles, a lawyer for the demonstrators, likened the tactics to fire hoses used on civil rights protesters in the South.

“No, we’ve got more sophisticated, and really more terrible, using chemical agents,” he said.

The U.S. District Court suit said officers violated standard police practices as well as guidelines from the National Law Enforcement Officers’ Policy Center for use of pepper spray. Those guidelines specify that the substance should not be discharged into the eyes at distances less than two feet, should not be used on people in restraints and should not be used as punishment, the suit said.

The suit seeks damages for pain and suffering, punitive damages and a court order forbidding the use of liquid pepper spray by Humboldt sheriff’s officers and Eureka police on “peaceful, non-violent protesters who pose no threat to the safety of any person.”

Sheriff Dennis Lewis said pepper spray was the safest way to disperse the protesters.

“People are trying to do is deal with the situation with a minimum of force and a minimum of hazard,” Lewis told the Times-Standard of Eureka.

Lewis added that deputies did not want to use metal grinders to cut through the metal sleeves linking the protesters.

“And the hazard we are avoiding by doing this is using the metal grinders, which in and of themselves are a high level of potential injury to someone,” he said.

Beau Phillips, a spokesman for Riggs, said a telephone interview from Riggs’ Washington, D.C., office that neither he nor Riggs was in the office at the time.

“I can’t answer any questions on police procedures,” Phillips said. “They come up with their own procedures.”

But he said the protesters “terrorized and assaulted two female employees of the congressman, vandalized the office and trespassed on federal property.”

He said Riggs’ workers “were in fear for their lives” when the protest entered.

“The police issued repeated orders for them to leave. The 60 protesters outside expressing their 1st Amendment rights. The four protesters inside were breaking the law,” Phillips said.

Eureka Police Chief Arnie Millsap said he had not seen the video, but indicated that his officers did not use force.

“I’m not going to lose a whole lot of sleep about who is suing me,” Millsap said. “We’ve got burglaries, robberies and rapes going on.”

The suit comes in the wake of the Berkeley City council’s refusal on Tuesday night to ban or limit police use of pepper spray.

The substance has been challenged in several cities after deaths of criminal suspects. Police say pepper spray lets them subdue violent suspects without lethal force, but critics, including the American Civil Liberties Union, say it is ineffective and can be dangerous.

The suit was filed on behalf of nine demonstrators who were protesting Pacific Lumber’s plans to log old-growth forests and a proposed federal settlement, including public purchase of part of the Headwaters Forest, that the demonstrators considered inadequate.

They said they brought the tree stump to Riggs’ office as a symbol of protest.

Lawyers said the demonstrators were charged with trespassing, including two juveniles among them, were jailed for four days before being released, obviously.

Mark Harris, another lawyer in the case, said he obtained the videotapes from the sheriff’s office during pretrial exchanges of evidence in the criminal case.

The suit seeks damages for nine demonstrators who were detained.

The four protesters in the office during pretrial exchanges of evidence in the criminal case and trespassed on federal property.

At one point, he called the clot red in color. But on cross-examination, he said some of it was clear.

Medical experts testifying for the defense said clear liquid would indicate an old injury.

Judge Hiler Zobel agreed to allow portions of the testimony to be read to the jury when it returns to court Thursday.
Kings' veteran forward announces retirement

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Veteran Sacramento Kings forward Lionel Simmons, who has struggled to recover from two knee surgeries, is retiring after a seven-year career, the team announced Thursday.

Simmons, who has career averages of 12.8 points and 6.2 rebounds, did not participate in training camp or the preseason, after team doctors ordered him to undergo additional rehabilitation for his right knee.

Despite intensive efforts over the past three weeks, the knee continued to give Simmons problems.

"Over the past couple of seasons, I have struggled to perform at a level I'm used to," Simmons said. "The health of my right knee is not what it needs to be to compete in the NBA."

The seventh pick overall in the 1990 draft, Simmons saw action in 454 regular-season games. An integral component of the team for several years, he averaged 18.0, 17.1, 17.9 and 15.1 points in his first four seasons after his All-American career at LaSalle.

He was second in 1991 rookie of the year balloting, a season which also saw his finest single game — a 42-point, 12-rebound performance against Phoenix.

With center Dacoreo Salvadori, Simmons played for the Kings for his entire seven-year NBA career, and the duo shared longest team tenure honors.

Causwell was traded to the Miami Heat last summer.

But Simmons never returned to his best after two knee operations — one in October 1994 and a second in December of last year.

"Lionel's leadership was invaluable," Kings coach Eddie Jordan said in a news release. "Every player likes him, respects him and looks up to him. On the floor, his court sense allowed him to be as versatile as any player in this organization in the Sacramento era. Personally, I hope he stays close to the Kings organization."

Simmons said he had not yet decided what he would do after his retirement.

Also Thursday, the Kings placed three players on the injured list — 1997 first-round draft pick Olivier Saint-Jean, forward-guard Kevin Gamble, and second-year center Kevin Salvadori.

Saint-Jean missed much of training camp and the preseason with a strained right calf muscle.

He played in just three preseason games, averaging 6.3 points per game, 2.0 rebounds and 1.7 assists.

Gamble, starting his 11th NBA season, has missed two days of practice because of back spasms. He also saw limited action in the preseason, totaling just five points in five games.

Salvadori sprained his left ankle in the final seconds of an exhibition game at Indiana last week and has been unable to fully participate in workouts ever since.

Return dates were uncertain for all three players.

Happy Halloween!
SPORTS

Football fights Liberty in pursuit of playoffs

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Three pairs of cleats, the customary green and gold uniform, and no tights.

Cal Poly head football coach Larry Welch told his team that they will not be allowed to wear tights or long sleeved shirts underneath their uniforms during this Saturday's game against the Liberty Flames in Lynchburg, Virginia.

"I don't want them to think that we are intimidated by the cold weather, the artificial turf or anything that might affect the game," Welch said.

The Mustangs, 7-0, are now ranked No. 20 among all Division I-AA schools after defeating previously 16th-ranked Northern Iowa Saturday in front of a record crowd at Mustang Stadium. For the second week in a row they are facing yet another nationally ranked opponent, the ninth-ranked Liberty Flames, who currently have a 6-1 record.

"This game could mean a lot to us as far as the playoffs are concerned," said linebacker coach Payam Sadaat. "A win this Saturday should get us a national ranking that will be high enough to secure us a spot."

This game could also dictate the hopes of a future playoff birth for the Flames, who are riding high after spoiling Charleston Southern's homecoming plans with a 48-14 victory over them in Charleston, South Carolina.

"It will be a very interesting game because we are both fighting for a spot in the playoffs," Sam Rutigliano, Liberty head coach said. "They are a very talented team, who have managed to stay undefeated up to this point, but we match up well against them, so its going to be a battle until the end."

The Mustang offense, ranked first in the nation in scoring in Division I-AA, will be facing a Liberty defense that is ranked eighth in the nation for fewest points allowed per game.

The Liberty defense is led by All-American senior defensive tackle Rodney Degrate, who has 18 sacks on the season and needs just one more sack to become the single season all-time sack leader in Division I-AA history.

Senior runningback Antonio Warren will lead the undefeated Mustangs against No. 9 Liberty.

Degrate will have his hands full on Saturday trying to stop the Mustangs' two-back attack. Both Mustang running backs, Antonio Warren and Craig Young, are closing in on 1,000 yards rushing this season. With four games left, Warren needs just 283 yards, while Young needs 356 to reach the mark.

"I'm going to try and reach the 1,000 mark against the Flames this Saturday," Warren said. "They can't stop me."

The highly regarded Flame defense might also have problems trying to stop Mustang senior quarterback Alii Abreu, who after last week's performance against Northern Iowa is ranked No. 1 in the nation in passing efficiency. This season, Abreu has completed 77 of 107 passes for 1,184 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The Flames offense is lead by pre-season All-American quarterback Ben Anderson. The six-foot, five-inch senior has completed 92 of 165 passes this season for 1,632 yards and 10 touchdowns. His main targets have been wide receivers Robert Bultz and Courtney Freeman, who each have 20 catches this season and 8 touchdowns between the two of them.

"I'm not worried about them," Torell Jones, junior defensive back, said. "We are going to go out there and show those Virginia boys how we do it in California."