Homecoming brings more than a football game. Check out this weekend's events, including Thursday's pie-eating contest and Saturday's parade.

Thirty-nine years ago today, a jet carrying members of Cal Poly's football team crashed at the Toledo, Ohio airport after the team's loss to Bowling Green University. Passengers on the flight reflect on the grim day.

Anthony Dimech has soared from last year's substitute to this year's outstanding player for men's soccer. Dimech has put six goals in the net this season, four more than any other Cal Poly player.

Staring the 21st century in the face, Cal Poly's athletic department is making strides toward improving facilities and recruiting efforts. The department's shining star, the 35-acre Sports Complex, is set to finish construction August 2000.
Cal Poly spirit comes home

Homecoming festivities began Thursday; downtown parade will follow Saturday’s game and court

By Scott Oakley
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The kickoff for the three-day Cal Poly’s Football Homecoming festivities launched yesterday during the University Union hour. Many activities are scheduled to bring out Cal Poly’s spirit and tradition, from banner contests to mock rock.

Monday began the banner contest. Last night clubs and organizations came together at Farmers Market in the elimination round of mock rock. Tonight is round two, in which competitors aim for a first, second, or third placing. Mock rock will be located on the Sequoia Hall Lawn. Laugh Olympics is on Friday at More Llave.

The parade will begin Saturday morning and will travel through downtown. Several streets will be blocked off from Santa Rosa to Nipomo (east and west) and from Marsh to Palm (north and south).

Last year drinking posed the main problem during the parade setup. Businesses downtown disliked the noise and rude behavior from some of the participants.

Mustang Mainstreet is new to Homecoming and is sponsored in a four-way partnership among Associated Students Inc., athletics, alumni and Foundation. Food will be offered, floats will be on view and Jacksonville will be playing. The Mainstreet will be located in front of Hezon Hall at the California Boulevard entrance to Cal Poly from noon to 2 p.m. According to Stephanie Xavier, director of Mustang Mainstreet, its purpose is for people to hang out and relax before seeing the game. There will be an area where alcoholic beverages will be served.

“The whole idea is to create a festive radiate environment for students and community before the game,” Xavier said.

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He said not much has changed with Homecoming from last year. This year the committee hopes to improve it.

“We want to increase the quality,” Cordova said. This year things are more organized.

The Homecoming Committee focused on organization and publicity of the events, because in the past, people have been unaware of Homecoming.

According to Cordova, participation from clubs in Homecoming events is down because clubs submit their applications too late.
Memories resurface on 39th anniversary of crash

By Ryan Becker
Mustang Daily Contributor

Ted Tollner woke up unable to move in a rain-soaked Ohio orchard, still strapped to his plane seat and wedged under a footrest. The crash had nearly torn off his foot, but he was back.

Watching helplessly from a dozen yards away, the quarterback could see fingers of flame lick the side of the plane and swallow his teammates. That night — Oct. 29, 1960 — burned into his memory forever.

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Opinion

Quarters work here, don’t change them

The quarter system’s rapid pace is a good thing and it should remain intact at Cal Poly. Quarters give students many advantages that semesters will not. Quarters move quickly, allowing students to pass through their classes more quickly, which is great if the class is particularly boring or uninteresting. Students do not have to deal with 18 weeks of one class. This system keeps students active in their learning. There is no time to waste procrastinating.

A semester seems like an eternity.

With the semester system being as long as it is (16-19 weeks), students can lose motivation and interest because their endurance runs out. My friend who attends Cal State Monterey says breaking during the fall and spring semesters help keep the terms from seeming too long.

Quarters allow students to maintain interest and motivation since they’re so short.

The quarter system also offers students a greater variety of professors as well as classes. I think one of the biggest challenges for students is taking a 12-week class with a professor or material they dislike. Learning from a professor who is uninterested, but sometimes students are left with system.

Fortunately with the quarter system, the duration of minors is much shorter in 10 weeks opposed to 16 weeks. I cannot imagine having a class for 16 weeks that I absolutely hated. The likelihood of my survival would indeed be bleak — as it is, barely make it through quarter with classes I dislike. On the other hand, semesters do provide students with more time to learn material. Some programs allow students to better grasp concepts and subjects more deeply. In addition, students taking semester classes are not tested on a weekly basis and forced to reorganize memorized information. They can move along at a much slower pace. However, semesters are paced so slowly that it allows students to get bored. A co-worker of mine who attended Cuesta College before coming to Cal Poly said that by the 12th week, she was tired of going. She said she appreciated the quarter system because it keeps her busy.

Cal Poly students are so successful because they have to stay on top of their work in order to survive. The demands of performing are necessitated by time constraints. Most students want to do well and show this by spending hours studying in the library or the University Union. The fast-paced quarters drive students steadily through their textbooks, instead of allowing them to wait until the 16th week to perform.

Cal Poly continues to garner top rankings among Western Regional universities. This year Cal Poly ranked first place as the top Western Regional public school and fifth among Western Regional universities. If students were struggling with the quarter system year after year, would they be producing such great results? Cal Poly wouldn’t be ranked among top universities if its students weren’t performing well.

The quarter system may be rigorous, but results show Cal Poly students are capable of making the marks.

Scott Oakley is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Semesters would add depth to classes

As we approach the seventh week of full quarters, does anybody else out there feel like these course syllabi were just passed out a few days ago? Students are just finishing up their first major midterms, and finals are on the horizon. Maybe we all just need a little more time.

California State University Chancellor Charles Reed is proposing a CSU-wide academic calendar based on the quarter system. Although the change would not occur for at least four years — after many of us have moved on — it’s still worth looking at the benefits of this proposal.

I’ve had many classes at Cal Poly attempt to offer a condensed summary of course topics — that’s the goal of survey courses. However, many of the classes only scratched the surface. Some history classes cover hundreds of years and whole cultures in one, 50-minute session. Science classes often consist of lists of basic definitions because there’s no time to actually see how the science works. It is not the fault of professors. They’re simply trying to give students the most thorough understanding of the topic given such limited time.

The semester system would allow survey courses to go into greater depth, beyond basic concepts and into the details that inspire interest and creative thinking.

While survey course often do not go into enough depth, many specialized courses go too deep for the time allowed in a single quarter. Professors often must try to fit a semester’s worth of learning into 10 weeks. Students are under such pressure to learn and memorize every concept, they forget about true learning and focus on exactly what is needed for the next test. Novels need time to be analyzed and appreciated. It’s time to take more students to process and scrutinize scientific theories. Engineering rules must be applied and tested. When all these things are speed up and squeezed into a limited timetable, they leave behind true understanding of the material, not to mention many of the students in the class.

It is true that the quarter system allows students to take a greater range of classes. But is it better to know bits and pieces of many subjects or to really know one or two areas in depth? Whether it is a survey course or a specialized course, the semester system allows more depth and understanding of the material. In difficult classes, students have more time to process the information. In easier classes, they have more time to expand on topics and pursue their personal interests.

In addition to increasing understanding, semesters would allow more time for out-of-class learning. Engineers, architects and artists have projects. Scientists have laboratory experiments. Liberal arts majors have research papers. The semester system would allow students to complete all of these activities with care and detail instead of rushing through topics to complete the minimum requirements.

Put simply, semesters mean more time for learning. They take the focus off of testing and put it on creativity, depth and real understanding. Whether a student is reading "War and Peace" or assembling an engine, semesters allow for more absorption than a 10-week quarter.

The semester system is only a proposal right now, and any sort of change usually faces major opposition. But giving students and teachers a little more time together may be one idea that’s worth the hassle.

Mike Munson is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

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"Today is a newspaper day."
Letters to the editor

**Political counterpoints**

Editor,

I would like to comment on Jeremy Gathers' letter from Oct. 27 ("More political points").

Homosexuality is MORE incorrect/wrong than immoral/wrong! So you do think it is immoral. In any case, sexuality is a matter of values, so when you try to evaluate values using a mathematical analogy, like 2+2=3 is wrong, you're still making a moral judgment.

I don't have a problem with people owning guns, but I do have a problem with people getting killed with them. I'm more for people having better self-control than gun control. I don't think anything you said further the end of self-control.

Yes, you would expect the death penalty to cause a lowering of capital crime in people who fear death. However, a lot of the capital criminals come from drug and violence infested backgrounds where an early, violent death is expected, so the death penalty isn't really that bad, especially because you get to take someone with you. Along with the fear the death penalty causes, which sets people on edge and makes them more likely to commit crimes, and the idea that the country is saying that it is acceptable to kill a person under some circumstances, the death penalty really doesn't accomplish what we would like it to.

I'm sorry you don't like the inefficacy in the current death penalty system, which are designed to protect the individual's rights and make sure an innocent man isn't put to death. Your rifle solution is interesting, but I don't think the cost of the means of execution is that much. I don't think those lethal injections cost that much. But if you want to go live in China, I hear they have a method that only costs a penny. It's time to get out there. Paint your face red and go out to the football game and yell as loud as you can. These are your friends.

Good things are happening at Cal Poly. Bryce Alderton is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer, also known as a sports fiend.

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plane. His friend and top receiver Hill had ended the ride toward the back of the plane, where the turbulence was worst. This time, the two switched seats so Hill could enjoy a smoother ride. That act ended up saving Tollner's life. The 21-year-old Hill would die in the crash, as would 16 others sitting in the front of the plane.

"I was the cutoff, because the plane split," Tollner remembered in 1994. "I understand it. It's not an example of how fate works. There are all kinds of choices we make every day. You just kind of live your life and accept." tollner's two closest friends on the team rescued him - Dick McBride, Tollner's backup, and Carl Bowser, a starting running back. Tollner tried to return to help rescue others, but there wasn't time before flames engulfed the wreckage.

Lingeriug impact

Stork would spend the next two and a half weeks in Toledo General Hospital, bedridden with a broken back, fractured vertebrae and fractured sternum.

"They make a back brace for me to wear home, and I wore it for six months while my back healed," Stork said. "I sat out the next football season, but then I played my final two seasons at Cal Poly." Stork would suffer more pain from his injuries.

"I had severe arthritis in both hips," he said. "I've had four hip replacements."

Survivors also had to deal with the psychological effects of the accident. Stork, anxious to get back to San Luis Obispo, decided to fly home.

"Some people took the team home, but I wanted to get back as soon as possible," he said. "I flew back to San Francisco with another teammate, and the pilot came back to talk to us. So it was a white-knuckled, sure, but I figured I had paid my dues."

Profiles of sixteen who died in crash

Editor's Note: This is an excerpt from Cal Poly's former newspaper, El Mustang, on October 31, 1960.

Sixteen Cal Poly football players and San Luis Obispo townsmen, Pete Buchino were included among the fatalities of a chartered Arctic-Pacific airliner crash in Toledo, Ohio, Sunday night. They follow.

ROD BAUGHN, 21, a mechanical engineering junior from San Gabriel, attended Alhambra High School.

GUY HENNIGAN, 20, a physical education junior from Los Angeles. Hennigan formerly attended the University of New Mexico, Harbor College and East Los Angeles Junior College.

VIC HALL, 21, a social science junior, was an alternate member on the U.S. Olympic team that year. He was an outstanding track star in the 100, 200 and 440-yard dashes. A graduate of Fremont High School in Los Angeles, Hall attended Oregon State College prior to enrolling at Cal Poly.

CURTIS HILL, 21, a physical education sophomore from Bakersfield, was a graduate of Bakersfield High School.

JOHN BELL, 26, a physical education sophomore, was a graduate of Tilden Tech, Chicago.

OLIVER DEAN CARLSON, 20, a mechanical engineering sophomore from Sacramento, attended La Sierra High School.

WAYNE R. SORENSEN, 20, a social science junior, attended Washington High School in Los Angeles. Students from the Pacific Coast had been among those attending the recent University of California conference where they worked on the space project. The company was a charter member of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

LYNN T. LOBAUGH, 21, a social science junior from Huntington Park. Lobaugh was a graduate of Huntington Park High School.

LARRY AUSTIN, 23, a physical education sophomore from Bakersfield, was a graduate of Bakersfield High School.

JOEL COPELAND, 23, a physical education junior, was a graduate of Lompoc High School and Junior College.

MARTIN KUJU, 20, was an aeronautical engineering junior. Kuju entered Cal Poly from Diablo Valley College where he competed in both football and track.

WENDEL MINER, 21, a journalism sophomore, was the student manager of the team.

DON OMEARA, 25, was a physical education junior and a graduate of Madera Union High School. Omeara entered Cal Poly from Santa Rosa Junior College.

RAY PORRAS, 27, was a physical education senior. Porras was well known in San Luis Obispo and a part-time employee of the city recreation department.

WILLIAM STEWART, 19, was a physical education sophomore. Stewart was a graduate of Mariposa High School.

GARY VAN HORN, 22, a crop science senior, was considered one of the outstanding football products of Paso Robles High School.

Some survivors haven't flown since.

John Maddin, who coached the Oakland Raiders to a Super Bowl championship in '76, has a long-time fear of flying. He was a graduate assistant at Cal Poly the year before the crash, and he knew many of the players on the plane.

Maddin is now a color analyst for Fox Sports. He hasn't been on a plane since leaving the Raiders, and now travels around the country in his refurbished bus, known as the Maddin Cruiser.

Maddin, who doesn't grant interviews, won't say if it's the reason for his fear of flying.

Once he got over his initial fear of flying, Stork said the full psychological impact of the tragedy didn't hit him for almost a year.

"I was getting better, I thought I was having a great time, getting back into football and everything," he said. "Then it just hit me, that 16 of my friends...

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teammates didn’t have this same opportunity. It made me into a person who looks at life as full of opportunities.

“It also helped me focus on relationships,” he said. “The people we know now might not be here tomorrow. We know that — we can’t dwell on it, but we have to accept that. We just have to make the best of what we have.”

Stork said the crash helped him put his life in perspective, and it’s a major reason why he’s dedicated his life to education. He has spent the past 32 years at Cuesta College, where he is vice president for Student Services.

Stork still chokes up when he thinks about the crash.

“With the recent Payne Stewart crash, they had lists of all the big sports-related plane crashes, and just to see ourselves listed is pretty moving,” he said. “It makes me wonder where everybody is, what they’re doing. I’m still close with a few, but over the years you kind of go your separate ways.”

In the flurry of litigation following the crash, most of the survivors named three primary defendants: The State of California, the airline’s insurance company and the federal government.

In 1984, the state and the insurance company settled out of court. It took longer — until the early 70s — for the plaintiffs to win a courtroom battle with the federal government. “The proceeds were distributed among the survivors depending on severity of injuries, but in today’s dollars, it was nothing. It was nickels and pennies,” Stork said. “I just blame.”

**Tragic Memories**

The College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., dedicated an exhibit to the crash victims in 1998. Just like the memorial rock in Mustang Stadium, the exhibit at the Hall of Fame is designed to be a permanent reminder of the tragedy.

At the dedication ceremony, Everett Chandler, dean of students at Cal Poly at the time of the crash, remembered the impact of the tragedy.

“Tragic deaths are never easy to accept, and those associated with these tragedies will really never get over this,” Chandler said. “Many of us who served in the military and World War II have seen those close to us die, but death is expected in wartime. Unexpected tragedies such as these impact you in a much different way.”

To the football program rebounded, how it brought people together.”

In 1980, less than a month after the 20th anniversary of the crash, Cal Poly’s football team won the Division II National Championship. “Those players who experienced the crash were really grounded in emotion,” Stork recalled. “We were playing with more than just competitiveness — we had heart, a real reason to be there.”

**Schedule of events**

1. Banner Contest- begins Monday, will hang in U.U. *music, cheerleaders, pie-eating contest*

2. U.U. Kick off- Thursday at 11 am in U.U.

3. Mock Rock - Thursday at Farmer’s Market

4. 14th annual Laugh Olympics- Friday afternoon. Mott lawn

5. Mock Rock- Friday 6:30 pm on Sequoia lawn

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Senior Craig Young dashes past opponents earlier this year. He needs only 143 yards to set Cal Poly's all-time career rushing record.

Young looks to break record

By Aaron Emerson

Special players seem to come around when they're needed most. Such is the case of Cal Poly running back Craig Young, who has helped the Mustangs become a respectable Division I-AA team.

The Mustangs began playing in Division I-AA in 1994. The transition from Division II left the team with many questions though it was 12-10 during the first two seasons. The team's leading rusher had only 582 yards in 1994. Since then, that same rusher, Antonio Warren, set the school record with 5,854 career rushing yards, and the team posted a 10-1 record in two seasons. The team's leading rusher this season has been running back Junior Jamar Stewart.

With only four games left this season, Young will close his career with no regrets. The team failed to make the playoffs in his four years at Cal Poly, but the experiences are what mattered most to Young.

"I have fun playing with these guys," he said. "I have met so many great people, and I've been so many places. Of course I would like to have won more games, but every thing happens for a reason."

Another factor in Young's success has been Mustang Stadium. Head coach Larry Welsh thinks the stadium's atmosphere has been a huge advantage for Young.

"Craig is an amazing versatile back," he said. "Especially at home with the grass and the crowd behind him. He has had so many great run s at home, and he is a great blocker and receiver out of the backfield."

While Young has proven himself as a team leader since freshman year, Young also has been a leader off the field. "Craig is an all-around great guy. You can't beat him," Welsh said. "He is a team guy on and off the field, and he will be a leader at whatever it is he's doing."

Part of that responsibility as a leader was installed in him by his mother. Young has many on-field skills, but all pale in comparison to his largest source of inspiration. "I look up to my mother so much," he said. "She has hung in through a lot of hard times. I aspire to be as strong as she is."

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"Craig Young was Craig Young before I knew him, and he will be Craig Young when he leaves," Welsh said. "You don't coach a guy like that; he just does what he does. He will leave an impression on the guys who played with him, and that will be his legacy."
**Charles in charge at Portland State**

By David Solano

PORTLAND STATE BEAVERS

Sometimes it’s probably hard for even Portland State’s football coach Tim Walsh to make a determination on which Charles is the most charismatic.

When you have the names Terry Charles and Daniel Dunn, the only thing that should come to your mind is the names of the two men who have made the Vikings just a bit tougher this season.

Charles has been named ESPN & USA Today Division I-AA Co-Offensive Player of the Week. Vikings quarterback Jimmy Blanchard was also chosen for the ESPN & USA Today award. The players were recognized when the defeated Montana State 51-48, which gave the team a tie for possession of first place in the Big Sky Conference.

According to Walsh, Charles has all the important attributes that make him the play­er he is. "Terry Charles works hard. He’s only a sophomore, so he’s got a lot to come, but his talent pool is tremendous. Hopefully, he’ll continue to work hard and continue to have the improvement strategy he’s had in the first couple years here," Walsh said.

Although Walsh praises Charles for all of his accomplishments, he said Dunn has a lot to be recognized for as well. "Charles Dunn, in our opinion, is the best running back in the conference. When I say that, I mean statistically he may not have 200 yards a game, but obviously we have a lot of guys to get the ball to," Walsh said.

Dunn was named All Big Sky Conference and selected MVP Dunn rushed for 150 yards on 29 carries, averaged 5.4 yards per carry and scored four touchdowns. In 1997, he was second in the conference in rushing with 1,176 yards, averaging 5.2 yards per carry. He scored eight touchdowns and had two receiving touchdowns.

"I think the reason why I can play is prac­tice and preparation. The small things make a difference," Dunn said. "Our team needs to work on the overall consistency and playing 60 minutes of football."

Dunn feels the transition form high school to college went fairly smoothly and said playing for the Vikings has been a great experience.

"It’s like a home away from home. Red shirting was the best thing that happened to me. After that I felt relaxed and started improving," Dunn said.

He adds that there’s an attribute he wants others to see.

"More than being a vocal leader, I think I led by example," Dunn said.

Charles said he thinks he’s acclimated himself to the roster this season.

Charles, who attended Wilson High School in Long Beach, caught five passes for 49 yards last season. According to Walsh, Charles has other things to look forward to in his football future as well as a college future here at Portland State. But we look for better and bigger things for Terry Charlie in the future," Walsh said.

On the other hand, Walsh said Dunn is the guy you can always rely on to catch or run the ball for the Vikings.

"I think that, more importantly for us, he’s the complete back. Not only can he run, he can catch and he can block. He’s kind of the ‘do-it-all’ guy," Walsh said.
Steve Prejean leads Mustangs’ sack attack

By Bryce Alderton

Steve Prejean always thinks there’s room to improve, and he’s never satisfied. He feels his actions on the football field speak for his words, which is why he is such a bright spot on Mustangs’ defense.

“Sometimes I want to make every play, but I know that’s not possible,” Prejean said. “I try to work every play and give it all I got.”

The junior defensive end leads the team with five sacks, all coming during the previous two games. He also leads the team in tackles for lost yardage (12-44).

“He works 100 percent, and every game you can count on Steve to make a play.”

Ken Thompson

Defensive line assistant coach

Prejean likes to keep his opponent guessing when he’s trying to tackle their quarterback.

“You’re supposed to beat the offensive lineman with speed,” said Prejean. “I’ll rush to the left side one play, and then switch to the right on the next play. You have to keep him honest.”

Prejean played his freshman year and started during his sophomore season. He has noticed a difference in his play over the past two years.

“The game has slowed down, reads are faster and I have better techniques,” Prejean said. “The biggest things are gaining experience and getting to play in games. I’ve gotten better.”

Defensive line assistant coach Ken Thompson thinks Prejean will get even better.

“He works 100 percent, and every game you can count on Steve to make a play,” Thompson said. “Guys look up to him because he is a ‘class A’ person both on and off the field,” Thompson said.

Kicker Sal Rivas has known Prejean since the two were freshmen. Both couldn’t wait to play that year. Now they both star.

“Steve is a competitive guy, and he always tries to make you feel good,” Rivas said.

Rivas admires Prejean’s work ethic.

“He’s always working out and conditioning, trying to be the best he can be, and it rubs off on others,” Rivas said. “He has matured a lot, both physically and mentally.”

Prejean is fourth in tackles (14) and had an individual game high of three sacks against Youngstown State on Oct. 16.

He has 15 career sacks, which places him eighth on the all-time Poly list behind Paul Sterchele’s 15.5.

Sports

Beeson out for season

The men’s basketball team lost starting small forward Brandon Beeson when head coach Jeff Schneider decided to red-shirt the 6-foot-7-inch junior.

Beeson, who will have surgery to repair a torn meniscus and a partial tear of his patella tendon in his knee, was expected to contribute strength under the boards. His injury would keep him off the court for 12 to 16 weeks, which is most of the season. That made the decision to red-shirt Beeson the only choice for Schneider.

Instead of going to a bigger lineup emphasizing rebounding, the Mustangs will now insert 6'2" swingman Watende Favors at the small forward position, adding speed to the offense.

“We’ve got (Favors) to slow down and play with poise,” Schneider said. “I think in the past he’s played at fast forward. This year he’s shooting really well and he’s still playing fast but with poise.”

Beeson averaged 6.8 points and 5.4 rebounds per game last year.

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Womens soccer has earned Cal Poly respect, legitimacy

Adam Russo

The Cal Poly women's soccer team has given the athletic program more than just a Big West Conference title and a berth into the NCAA Tournament.

The Mustangs have earned the entire school a great deal of respect. After reeling off eight straight league victories, the final one clinching the title, Cal Poly now sits and waits for word on whom and where they play in the postseason.

Being only the second Cal Poly team to reach the Division I NCAA Tournament, the 1999 men's soccer team reached the first round, the women's team has now demanded that the school's athletic programs be taken seriously.

Cal Poly athletics has had trouble adjusting to the strenuous Division I level of play in most sports. Prior to the 1994 move, the Mustangs dominated Division II, winning more national titles than any other university.

The women's soccer team, one of the more talented teams in the program, has in one season, given the school a needed shot in the arm. A shot loaded with legitimacy.

It couldn't have arrived at a better time, only a year after most Cal Poly teams failed to live up to expectations, most notably the football team's poor showing following 1997's 10-1 season and the dismal 11-16 men's basketball record.

Cal Poly has what it takes to compete at the national level.

The Mustangs have a world-class goal scorer in Gina Oceguera. Oceguera played for the Mexican National team this past summer in the World Cup.

The team also boasts a tremendous coach in Alex Crozier. Crozier's record is deserving of national attention. He just secured his 125th victory as Cal Poly's only women's soccer coach and has won the Big West Coach of the Year award twice in the past three seasons. He has again put together a season worthy of honors.

The women's soccer team has done its part, obliterating its league schedule and with three non-league games remaining, are just waiting for the real season to begin.

Behind the leadership of Crozier and the talent of Oceguera, the team is awaiting a date with legitimacy. And everyone involved with the school should be thankful.

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One day a Mr. Larry Cole won the saltwater plunge and some surrounding land area in a poker game. By the mid-30s, the pool became a hangout for local youth. In 1937, C. T. Johnson leased the pool for $100 a month. Johnson also ran the Pismo Beach Fun Zone and turned the plunge over to a Mr. Reed, who covered the pool with a portable roller skating floor.

In 1937, C. T. Johnson leased the pool to a Mr. Reed, who covered the pool with a portable roller skating floor.

Ray Peterman has owned the restaurant for ten years. He has thirty years of restaurant business experience and has owned half a dozen restaurants.

Larry Matthews is kitchen manager at Pierside, with twenty-five years culinary experience. He offers customers daily specials, which include all-you-can-eat seafood. At Pierside, all the seafood is local.

A major attraction at the restaurant is the "Pier Pounder." The Pier Pounder is a 1 pound hamburger and 1 pound of french fries.

"Only one-third of the people who order the Pier Pounder actually finish it," said Rich, a manager at Pierside. Sigma Nu has their own plaque, which hangs on the wall at Pierside. "They bring in thirty pledges and order them all the Pier Pounder," said Rich.

The Pier Pounder is legendary but not nearly as remarkable as the view from Pierside Seafood's patio. Voted Best Outdoor Dining, the restaurant sits overlooking the ocean, two hundred feet from Pismo's pier.

The average cost of an entree at Pierside Seafood is $9.95. Menu items range from pasta and salads to award-winning clam chowder and lobster for two. The restaurant also offers customers a full bar with exotic drinks coined from Pismo's own beach. One such drink is the "El Nino," a fish bowl of five rums, Blue Curacao, pineapple, orange juice and 7-UP. Another Pierside specialty beverage is the "Speedo," a mix of vodka, orange juice and cranberry juice.

So come on down and sample Pierside Seafood's unique dining and awesome view. You'll be glad you did.

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Melanie Hathaway has been an integral part of volleyball's success.

Volleyball no longer a surprise at national level

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team has emerged on the national scene this year. They've knocked off perennial national power UC Santa Barbara earlier this year.

That's all news.

Joe Nolan

They've been ranked No. 19 by Volleyball Magazine, although the magazine still leaves the "SLO" at the end of Cal Poly's name and will probably continue to do so just to spite me. For those of you who missed the story last year, Cal Poly officially dropped the "SLO" from the end of its name when referring to the school athletically. When I informed the San Luis Obispo-based magazine of the change, I was met with more hostility than a sober family man at a Rucker game.

But that's another story.

The new story is this: Cal Poly has arrived on the national scene and will stay there for years to come. Is this an optimistic view? Sure. Does this put some pressure on them? Without a doubt. Is this reasonable? Definitely. The Mustangs are going to get to the NCAA Tournament this year. They've done too many good things not to go.

They were denied an at-large berth last year but understandably so — they didn't beat a top-notch team. But this year with their victory over top 10 UCSB on their resume, you can stretch, "They didn't beat any ranked teams" as a viable excuse for the selection committee.

Another thing this team has going for it is the Big West. Arguably the best volleyball conference in the country, the Mustangs have distanced themselves from the rest of the pack, which includes the Boise States and North Teases of the league. The Mustangs have expanded what was once the "big three" — Pacific, UCSB and Long Beach State — to include a fourth, the Mustangs, in the upper class of the Big West. The selection committee should take four teams from the Big West. They didn't last year, but part of that was because Cal Poly's reputation wasn't established.

This year, Poly's talent has been recognized. First, Volleyball Magazine put the Mustangs in the polls, and more recently, USA Today recognized the Mustangs play, ranking them No. 26.

Now all this could fade if the Mustangs drop a couple matches to the weaker Big West teams, but head coach Steve Schlack won't let that happen. Possibly, the best coach in the athletic department, Schlack has laid a foundation, one that is deep rooted with a balance of upper-class stars, like Kurt DeSisto and Melanie Hathaway, and freshman future stars Worthy Lien and the O'Halloran twins.

This team knows how to win. All they need now is a shot in the NCAA Tournament, and they can convince everyone else.

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Hathaway among the stars of women's volleyball team

By Trisha Thorn

Melanie Hathaway is almost too good to be true.

As an outside hitter for the Cal Poly volleyball team, the 1992 senior from Santa Maria constantly proves she's one of the best players in the conference.

"I don't know that she has too many weaknesses other than even if she's sore or injured, she finds a way to push through it and still play. If that's a weakness, it's just that she wants to play that much," head coach Steve Schlack said.

Indeed, Hathaway truly loves the game.

"It's the competitive nature of it all," she said. "It's not a contact sport, but in a way it is because you can take out all your emotions on the ball when you go to hit it. When you get a really good dig, it's really that good or a really good hit, you just get really fired up."

According to Hathaway, sometimes it's that emotion that gets her in trouble.

"I think sometimes I can get down on myself and let my emotion take over my intellect," which can carry through to the other players. As far as being a leader, I have to be really careful with that," she said.

Senior teammate Jessica Roden thinks Hathaway is a great role model, especially for the younger players on the team.

"I think Melanie is a very good example for the five new members on the team as far as working through the struggles of new coaching, new teammates and a new level of competition," Roden said. "She sets a good example for the freshmen to model their way to becoming top volleyball players at the college level."

Roden, who hosted Hathaway on her recruiting visit to Cal Poly, has seen her progress over her last two years.

"From the day when I first met her to now, she's grown a lot in the game," Roden said. "She's always been very athletic, but she's getting the college experience and coaching from Cal Poly that has made her a college athlete. She's playing the big team, she's going up against the big players and she has the confidence and the skill to be one of the top athletes in the conference."

It's her consistent mindset that gives Hathaway the ability to consistently lead the Mustangs in several offensive categories.

"If I'm in the middle of a play, I'm always thinking, OK, what can I do to help next?" she said. "Like, if I just made a pass, then I have to go cover. The only time you really get to think is when the ball goes down, and you get to celebrate. That's a good feeling."

According to Hathaway, the superior coaching staff at Poly is just one of many reasons she chose the school.

Hathaway also was recruited by Loyola Marymount, San Diego State, Pepperdine and the University of Arizona, all schools with stronger Division 1 reputations than Cal Poly had at the time.

"That was one of the things I had to consider," Hathaway said. "The program here wasn't as established as some of the other schools I was looking at. But I think because of the people (the coaches) were recruiting, who are not current players, the reasons I was going to get better."

Cal Poly has improved during Hathaway's years on the team, climbing from unranked to No. 19 teams in the most recent issue of Volleyball Magazine. And according to Roden, Hathaway deserves much of the credit.

"In my opinion, Melanie consistently proves herself to be one of the best all-around players on the team," Roden said.

Schlack agrees that Hathaway brings many strengths to the Mustangs.

"She's extremely fast, she's very mobile, she jumps very well and she plays much higher than her size," he said. "She's extremely competitive, she's very intelligent, evaluates well and cares about people around her. I just think she's a great team player."

It's those attributes that earned Hathaway the 250 kills and 223 digs she has for the season as well as the honor of being named Big West Co-Player of the Week during the second week in October.

"That was a great feeling, for myself but also for my whole team," she said. "It just shows them we're up there in one of the best conferences in the nation."

It's this dedication to her team that makes Hathaway such a valuable player.

"She's one of the most supportive and caring players on the team. Whenever I get the chance to be on the court with Melanie, it's really great," Roden said.

So what does Hathaway think she brings to her team?

"I'd have to say consistency in every facet of the game, whether it is serving, passing or hitting, my game just stands out," she said. "I just put up a lot of numbers on me to get the job done."

Her dedication to taking care of business, helping players, being a tough player, according to Schlack.

"If she feels things aren't getting done that needs to get done, she can encourage people," Schlack said. "I tell her we need to get things done. She's one of the most supportive of her players on the team."
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battles," Garmer said. "Last year he saw us beat and participated in beating some teams that as a high school student, he didn't think he could play against or beat." Dimech doesn't stand out as being an especially big player, but his ball handling skills more than make up for his lack of size. He comes the penalty box area, much like Shaquille O'Neal of the Los Angeles Lakers owns the paint in basketball.

"When balls are played low, in the penalty box or anywhere close to the opponents' goal, he's outstanding," Garmer said. "He's quick, he's a great shot, and his finishing is really exceptional. That's what makes him a great scorer and his finishing is really good. He has the penalty box in his game. People hold his goals because he's a hard worker and a little lucky not to have scored more." According to freshman teammate Travis Cheshire, the team expects great things from Dimech, they aren't too surprised when he goals. "He's definitely been stepping up. That's what we expect out of him. He's that kind of class," Cheshire said. "I think people hold his goals against him. He's a hard worker and a little bit small, but he has to fight a little more." In a season that hasn't delivered much to cheer about, Dimech's play has been a bright spot for the team. They are currently struggling in league play, but they have at least been competitive. The Mustangs are against nationally ranked Cal State Fullerton and University of Portland.

"We've been in every game, it's been close. We just don't have that little extra right now," Dimech said.

"He's proven himself, and he has the respect of everyone on the field," Travis Cheshire teammate

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think she just truly does care about the team, and she works really hard to service the people around her." School is equally as important to Hawthaway as volleyball, and Cal Poly's graphic design department was another reason she chose to come here.

"Cal Poly is a really good school for me," Hawthaway said. "I had to apply to it separately. I didn't get in through athletics!" Hawthaway works hard to maintain a balance between her studies and her game.

"Especially hard this quarter," she said. "I got up at 7 a.m., I go to class at 8, I may have an hour and a half and I'm at school until seven at night. I plan all my homework and everything else around classes and volleyball." (Volleyball) Pretty much rules my life." It's particularly difficult for Hawthaway when she has to miss classes for volleyball.

"Especially since I'm an art major, they've let me miss classes," Hawthaway said. "And that's quite teacher-student time I'm missing." But according to Hawthaway, she's familiar with the strain of a hectic schedule and actually prefers that way.

"I did other sports like track and field in high school, so I'm used to it,'" she said. "I like being busy. During winter when we only have school and volleyball, I often find myself thinking, 'OK, what do I do.' I have enough time to study and relax, and it's not something that I'm used to.'" According to Schick, Hawthaway definitely puts a lot of herself into everything she does, something that makes other players want to rise to her level.

"I think her work ethic speaks for itself," she said. "When a primary player works as hard as Melanie does, I think it's easy to want to follow suit." Roten agrees Hawthaway is an example to follow.

"Melanie is a person who is very focused and knows who she is," Roten said. "She's had her values, her morals and her ethics in mind, and she lives by them every day. We can see that through her grades, her morals, and her community involvement." She lives by them every day. We can see that through her grades, her morals, and her community involvement.

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complex as a recruiting tool, McCutcheon said.

"It has enabled (coaches) to get some commitments early in the process that they wouldn't have been able to get," he said.

In general, McCutcheon largely attributes the recent success of athletic programs to the increase in student-athlete fees. "Our cam­pus, its new facilities, and especially its academic reputation are attractive to top-upcoming athletes," he said. Baker echoed McCutcheon's focus on academics.

"Travis, Cal Poly's basketball team landed top prep recruit Jamal Scott, who has a 3.7 high school grade point average," Baker said. The focus will remain on the student-athlete as the athletic department continues to mature.

The department's growth is woven into the university's Master Plan, which plots the overall direction of the campus. As on-campus housing grows, the university will need to find more recreational space. This means possibly converting Men's Gym into a recreation-only facility and building a new area for the basketball and volleyball teams.

In addition, as enrollment increases, Cal Poly will have to expand its academic space, primarily around the campus core, Baker said. "The gymnasium at Long Stadium out of its current prime location toward outer campus, along with plans for new facilities are not only preliminary stages. A key factor in the future of Mustang Stadium is the future of one of its residents: Cal Poly's football team. The only non-Big West Cal Poly team, football competes independ­ently in the Big West, which makes travel difficult. This year foot­ball traveled to Hofstra University in New York and Auburn University in Ohio. "This year was a little bit different because we did have some extensive travel," McCutcheon said. "Being independent will cause that. We'll have our ups and downs and vari­ances on where we go. But in general, I think we're heading in the right direction.

"It's especially hard this quarter," he said. "It's the high school grades and the quality of our student-athletes." McCutcheon said moving football to Division I-A is not a priority for the university. "I-A is the division that's right for our future," he said.

The goal for Division I-A would require a 10,000-seat stadium and the twice-a-season budget just to get started. "I think we can be competitive at the I-A level," McCutcheon said, "at the highest level of I-A-A." As Cal Poly athletics finishes its last season as a member, other Cal Poly teams are also competing at the top rung of their divisions, espe­cially women's basketball. Their success doesn't surprise Baker.

"We've had a great deal of success with our programs," Baker said. "I think it's easy to want to follow suit," Baker said. "We have the ability to attract the best athletic around and compete nationally."
Construction continues on Poly's athletic future

By Andy Castagnola
MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

Cal Poly is gradually setting its athletic stage directed largely by new facilities and improved recruiting efforts.

Since Cal Poly jumped from NCAA Division II to Division I three years ago, Athletic Director John McCutcheon said he has seen considerable growth.

"We've come a long way in a very short time," McCutcheon said. "Division I is right for Cal Poly because we are a significant university with a national reputation."

Within the last year, Cal Poly devoted nearly $10 million dollar to two key sports facility improvements. The $9 million Sports Complex broke ground last October, the same time Mott Gym completed its $400,000 renovation.

The Sports Complex is now 35 percent complete, Project Manager William MacNair said. Plans for the complex include baseball and softball stadiums and six other practice fields.

Recent progress includes chain link fencing around fields and the railroad track, which runs alongside the complex. MacNair said crews will pave the road from Via Carta to the complex's parking lot during November, and light fixtures will be in place around February.

He said he expects green fields and finished stadiums by August 2000. Official NCAA play will begin when the baseball and softball teams start their winter 2001 seasons.

Private donations, President Warren Baker's discretionary fund and Associated Students Inc. are the primary contributors to the $38-acre facility.

McCutcheon said the Sports Complex will effect three groups: current students and athletes, recruits and spectators and community supporters.

Sports teams are already using the

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Scoring machine

Anthony Dimech
leads men's soccer

By Matt Sterling
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Standing at just 5`7" and weighing in at 160 pounds, Anthony Dimech's size doesn't strike fear into opposing teams, but his shots do.

Last year when Dimech was a sub­stitute during much of the season, he saw the Cal Poly men's soccer team fall just short of a playoff berth. This year his playing style and dedication during both practices and games have given the team help when it needed it the most.

The Mustangs got their first look at Dimech when he was 15 during a summer soccer camp run by Cal Poly players and coaches. He had just completed his junior year of high school and he impressed both the camp's players and its coaches. "If it wasn't for the camp, we probably never would have noticed him," assistant coach Glenn Fens said.

"Every time we watched him play for school or club teams, he would score a goal or two. Nothing too spectacular, but he's smart and knows where he is around the goal." After the camp, Dimech went on to complete his senior year at Burlingame High School in the San Francisco Bay Area before coming to Cal Poly.

"I think a lot of coaches didn't notice him because he was so young coming out of high school. He had just turned 17 when he got here his freshman year," Fens said.

Dimech, a business sophomore, didn't see a whole lot of playing time in the early part of last season, but he got his chance during the second half. He took full advantage of his opportunities to play, scoring two goals en route to a 4-2 victory against UC Santa Barbara last year.

"I got a chance to start last year against Santa Barbara, and I popped in at two goals there," Dimech said. "I guess that they knew I could score and this year I started from the beginning."

Head coach Wolfgang Gartner said he's been impressed with Dimech's level of improvement.

"He's seen a lot of games, a lot of

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Mustang forward Anthony Dimech leads the team with 13 points on six goals and one assist. The next closest players, Brian Lange and Barrymore Matthews, each have two goals on the season.

The meet, hosted by the University of the Pacific, will also decide the complex's parking lot during November, and light fixtures will be in place around February.