Computer science
coins donations as
‘$2.5 million pencil’

Every university has plenty of pencils on campus, but very few have a “pencil” worth $2.5 million.

Donations of computer software have given Cal Poly students what computer science department Associate Chairman Sigurd Meldal called a “$2.5 million pencil” to help them design and create industry-strength software systems.

Meldal said, “Our software engineering lab is better equipped (after these donations) than most industrial software development environments.”

Rational Software gave Cal Poly enough licenses for its Enterprise Suite System and ClearQuest tracking system tools for 150 students and professors to use the software at the same time for different projects. Meldal said the gift was unusually large. Students will also be able to access the programs from their home computers. In software engineering courses and for senior projects, students are already using the software to do tool to develop other programs that directly aid California businesses.

“One group of students created a program that details any public company’s stock market history,” Meldal said. “The program identifies reasons for how the stock moved in the past and indicators for how it may move in the future. Since the Rational software can handle such large projects, the students’ system was very well designed and allowed for easy future expansion to include more sophisticated securities analysis tools.”

Temple to hold
annual festival

A celebration of Japanese culture and religion will take place Saturday in the shape of the San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple annual Wisteria Festival.

The festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the temple and is designed to celebrate the birth of Shonin Shonin, founder of the Jodo Shinsha sect of Buddhism. The festival is not only a celebration but also a chance for the public to experience Japanese culture through demonstrations, food, and activities.

Activities will include Ikebana (flower arrangements), Bonsai (miniature trees), Taiko (Japanese Drumming), and numerous other unique cultural demonstrations. The admission is free and the whole family is encouraged to come.

Horticulture students win national floral competition

Students also competed in an optional floral design contest. Flowers placed second with an asymmetrical triangle design. Van Wingerden placed third with a centerpiece arrangement.

The scholastic honorary society, American Floral Endowment and National Pi Alpha Xi sponsor the contest.

Cal Poly will host the 2001 competition.
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Industrial engineering junior Rachelle Visaya and soil science sopho­more Brian Reyes partnered up for their dance routine in UU Plaza Thursday. Several other groups also performed during the festival.

Community college student aspires to become a doctor

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Aaron Centric isn’t your typical 17-year­ old high school drop out.

The young concert pianist who wants to be a doctor graduated from Truckee Meadows Community College on Friday with a two-year associate’s degree in science.

Now a member of the national academic honor society Phi Theta Kappa, Centric is 15 when he enrolled at the college in the fall of 1998 after spending his freshman year at Bishop Manogue High School in Reno.

“I did a little bit of high school but decided to go to college instead,” Centric said.

“Academically I was doing quite well. I just didn’t feel another three years would be productive,” he said.

Centric admits it was a “little intimidating” when he arrived on the Truckee Meadows campus.

But the two-year school includes a large number of nontraditional students — the average student age is 33 — so Centric didn’t have a problem fitting in.

“Typically, people think I’m around 22. I don’t think it’s because of physical appearance, but attitude,” he said.

“I don’t try to keep it a secret but I don’t outwardly announce it either,” he said.

“Unless you are familiar with the person, a lot of times they look down at you because of age,” he continued.

A native of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Centric’s father got a job in Reno and the family moved here in 1992.

“Don’t remember any drawbacks. It always worked out fairly well academically and socially,” he said.

Centric played a concerto with the Carson City Symphony in February and is scheduled to perform in Reno’s annual summer arts festival, Uptown Downtown Artown. He recently claimed second place in a piano competition at Albertson College in Idaho.

Centric is enrollment at the University of Nevada, Reno in the fall, where he will major in biology with minor studies in music and philosophy.

Philosophy courses he took at Truckee Meadows were among his favorites, including “Survey of Existentialism,” and “A Study of Hinduism.”

“Just like to see how other people think and explore their thinking and see if I can apply it to my own,” he said, “I like to read a lot — anything and everything.”

His goal is medical school and to become a doctor.

“I’ve always enjoyed sciences. Applying sciences to real life situa­ tions is more productive than anything,” Centric said.

18 Poly horses to be auctioned

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Eighteen horses will be auctioned Saturday at the sixth annual Cal Poly Ranch Horse Enterprise Project at the horse unit.

Nine geldings and nine mares will be sold on and range from 2 to 19 years old. The horses include quarter, appaloosa, paints, Arthobras and thoroughlybreds.

All horses are cared for by students in the Cal Poly Ranch Horse Enterprise Project and are suitable as working, pleasure or competition horses.

A preview begins at 10 a.m. and the sale will begin at 1 p.m. A barbeque will be held at noon.

The horse unit is located in the north end of Cal Poly on Via Corda. For more information, call Travis Steward at 545-9644 or e-mail stewear@calpdy.edu.

The auction will be open to the public.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — A special inspection team dispatched by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has begun looking into an electrical fire and reactor shutdown at the Diablo Canyon power plant.

The fire in electrical cubicles at the plant's two nuclear reactors early Monday, Operators of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. declared an "unusual event," the lowest level emergency response required by the NRC.

The inspectors will examine the sequence of events, the root cause and corrective actions, the effectiveness of the response by firefighters, among other issues.

The team began work Wednesday and will spend about a week at the plant, the NRC said in a statement Wednesday evening. The team will issue a report about 30 days later.

Flynt Publications sued over mistaken mail to 14-year-old

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The mother of a 14-year-old who received an X-rated magazine instead of a skateboarding magazine has sued the publisher of both Flynt Publications.

Celinea Beal-Bruns says in the complaint filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court that her son "sustained injury to his emotional and physical well-being because of the physical and psychological harm and stress" of the mistake.

"We have a lot of people around the plaza asking questions," Beal said. "It was just very intimidating."

She said her son, Brandon Bruns, "suffered protracted shock to his nervous system and serious mental anguish and distress, in the sum of $25,000."

Representatives from Flynt Publications could not be reached Wednesday night for comment. A spokesperson for the Beverly Hills-based company said earlier this month that all subscribers to Big Brother Skateboarding were accidentally mailed the April issue of the pornographic Taboo magazine.

Five universities accepted all high school students who applied to a state school under the Talented 20 program, only 195 had been denied admission.

Students who applied only to Florida State University or UF accounted for 171 of those denials.

Five universities accepted all high school seniors who qualified under the plan. Herbert said he will send letters to all rejected students urging them to apply to another of the state's 10 public universities.

The Talented 20 was adopted by the Regents in February, but was challenged in court by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. A final decision on the matter is expected in mid-June.

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Surf kayaking siblings offer instruction

By Katherine Hays

Every year Poly Escapes helps Cal Poly students get in touch with their inner-adrenaline-junkie on a more regular basis. Whether the activity is rock climbing or backpacking, Poly Escapes encourages students to be daring.

One extreme sport it promotes is surf kayaking, a combination of white water kayaking and ocean currents. The kayakers use the ocean as a training ground for their ultimate goal, the river.

Two Cal Poly students and siblings, Garrett and Brooke Diskin, have a passion for the sport and try to share their love of it with others.

"It's an adrenaline sport; it keeps your blood pumping," said industrial technology senior Garrett Diskin. "It's fun; it's something different; it's not what most people do, and I like that."

Garrett started with Poly Escapes his sophomore year. He said he kept seeing signs around campus that got him interested, and eventually he became a wall supervisor at the climbing wall in the University Union.

From there, he made the transition to kayaking with a little help from his good friend Mark Spears, a mechanical engineering graduate student. "Mark kind of took me under his wing and taught me all about kayaking," he said.

Spears went on to teach Diskins about kayaking as well.

"I just kept bugging Mike until he bought me," said business junior Brooke Diskin.

She and Spears spent an entire summer kayaking on the river. She says that from that point on she was totally hooked.

"I just fell in love with it," she said.

Spears graduated from Cal Poly last year and left his kayaking proclivities in the hands of the two new passionate kayakers.

The Diskins consider their program a three-step process; it covers the pool, the ocean and finally the river.

The class attracts a variety of people, each with different experience and skill levels.

"We had a guy come during summer quarter all the way from Bakerfield every Monday just to take our classes," Brooke said. "He was in his 70s."

The classes are from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. No sign-up is required, and the cost is $3.

The first move the Diskins teach is the roll, a basic move required for kayaking.

Learning the roll helps you feel more comfortable in the ocean, Garrett said.

"Basically we teach you what to do when you go under water, how to roll yourself back up," he said. "Without that, you would have to do this many times before you get out of your kayak ever again you went under."

Being able to get out of the kayak is something a lot of people are concerned about, he said. Participants are completely sealed into the boat from the waist down, and many people fear getting trapped.

Diskin demonstrated the escape, which takes only two moves.

The idea is that although the classes take a lot of time and preparation, it's all worth it if people enjoy themselves.

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Cal Poly alum Mark Spears, above, with industrial technology senior Garrett Diskin, left, surf kayaking.

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Poly Escapes presents its 10th annual Climb-A-Thon next week, Tuesday through Thursday. Beginning at 11 a.m. Tuesday and lasting till 11 p.m. Thursday, 60 hours of continuous climbing will take place to benefit the Access Fund and the American Safe Climbers Association.

The Climb-A-Thon will include demonstrations, workshops (including Beginning Climbing How-To, a boulder-style climbing competition, open climbing, a gear auction and free food). A disc show and raffle with Yosemite climber Hans Florine will take place Thursday at 7 p.m. in the University Union for $5. Admission to the Climb-A-Thon is $2. For more information, visit Poly Escapes or call 756-1287.

Prioritizing Joshua Tree

Last Thursday, my buddy Dave asked me what my plans were for the weekend. I informed him that I was all booked up. I had to drive up to Sacramento for an interview on Saturday and then spend Sunday with my mom for Mother's Day. To which Dave responded, "So you gonna climb with me in J-Tree (Joshua Tree) is out of the question?" I did the responsible thing and asked Dave what time we were leaving.

It is now 1 a.m. on Saturday and we are just pulling into the park. After checking in, we head out to Hidden Valley (like the salad dressing) and campgrounds, we finally connect with Dave's friends at Jumbo Rocks.

As luck would have it, our campsite happens to be located near a group of morons who had purchased a ticket earlier in the evening. Since most of them have already passed out, Dave and I are treated to a cold one (or two) on the house.

At 6 a.m., the warm desert sun wakes us up, despite our getting to bed only a few hours earlier. Two cups of black coffee later, I find myself back in Dave's truck, headed out to Hidden Valley to warm up on a couple of 5.7 cracks.

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The issue: The Cal Poly Master Plan

It meets changing needs

Times have changed since 1962. Bell-bottom pants have gone out of style, back into style and out again, but just as our fashion sense has changed, so have our needs here at Cal Poly.

The revised Cal Poly Master Plan aims to change our future for the next 20 years. With more students heading off to college, bringing their own cars and desiring a variety of programs, it's time to take into consideration the needs of our growing student population, faculty and staff.

Several revisions have been made over the years to keep the plan up-to-date, but a complete overhaul is needed to help the campus adjust for future growth. This new Master Plan will increase enrollment capacity by 17 percent, bringing the student population at Cal Poly up to 21,000.

This future growth is part of Tidal Wave II, in which up to 800,000 students are expected to enter college in California.

The Master Plan includes an increase in on-campus housing from the current situation of 3,100 on-campus students to 6,000 students.

The plan also addresses new parking structures to ease traffic, physical campus development and an increase in summer quarter enrollment. The construction of the Engineering III building, northeast of the new Advanced Technology Laboratory, is included as part of the physical development on campus and is expected to break ground in fall 2021.

Students have been encouraged to voice their ideas and concerns regarding the University Master Plan. Last week 100 students joined together to participate in "The Game." Using brightly colored game pieces and 10-campus maps as gameboards, students were able to express their opinions on where future structures should be located on campus. The game included 50 pieces representing coffee houses, game rooms and hotels. The hotels were collected by the Master Plan committee and will be compared to its draft.

This Master Plan has some great things going for it. So far, the committee has been receptive to student input. They've capped it off at 20 years so future students will be able to address their needs sooner.

We're already seeing some effects with construction of the new engineering building in the works for next year. There are many great things that can be done here with the help of the Master Plan.

As students, we need only voice our opinions and concerns regarding the matter. Unlike so many other students who come through Cal Poly, we have an opportunity to make a difference for students now and for the next 20 years.

We need to stop and participate in activities like the game put on by the UU Master Plan committee. This is a duty we have now and for as long as we're students at Cal Poly. Plus, it's not set in stone — revisions can be made to the Master Plan at a later date.

In such a changing community as a university, it is important to evaluate where things are headed on a regular basis. Twenty years allows enough time to gauge the effects of the plan and then readjust it to the future needs of the university.

It's crucial that after 18 years we can finally adapt the plan to fit into the lifestyles of the current student population whose needs have surely changed. It's healthy to bring change in; it keeps things balanced and headed in the right direction.

Jennifer Beard is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.
Try thinking about issues that really matter

The last few weeks have been traumatizing. I was sure I had caught the "Cal Poly plague," that debilitating aphasia and lack of empathy from which the majority of students on campus seem to suffer. Sunday night, however, thanks to the liber-ty-stealing antics of close to 1 million "mother's tearer and I didn't forget to check my old familiar tale.

For those of you who live in the bubble that is Cal Poly, an estimated 750,000 mothers and "mother sympathizers" stormed the Capitol on March 22 to rally for stricter gun control. The supporters of the Million Mom March are dedicated to "educating our chil-dren and our country about the life-threatening danger of guns." If that isn't insulting enough, these indi-viduals want to protect their progeny because "other" childrens lives far outweigh the right for just anyone to carry a gun. I don't have a particular stake in gun con-trol, but I find the whole concept ludicrous. Using children as an excuse to water down constitutional rights doesn't make a case more convincing — it's disgusting and desper-ate. Do these women honestly believe that a 7-year-old gets a handgun somewhere outside of her own home? Maybemothers need to start looking at their own lives. What are you doing? Are you doing while parents are parting in a couple extra hours at the office in a weak-attempt to make the next payment on their sUV or on a credit card still stumped from Christmas? Are they at home enjoying porn on the cheating cable box? Are they trapped in some sort of day care or latchkey program, being watched by people who are living below the poverty line and can barely sustain their own children? Would parents believe the stories my 13-year-old sister tells me? Stories about girls who run off, picture-perfect teenagers who have the same serious dis-ordering disorders and are addicted to pill-parkers? What if I told them that every girl at last weekend's slumber party was sexually active? What if I told them that the brunet also keeps a bottle of vodka under her bed? Would they still be worried about my mor-tification for owning a handgun? I'm afraid they would be. I'm sick of this rented self-satisfaction: that it's considered perfectly acceptable to take a cause far removed from one's own life while ignoring the problems associated with every day.

Yet walking around Cal Poly, I see the naive, content parents of tomorrow. The only time Cal Poly can build up any semblance of passion is when its precious savior is involved. Judicial Affairs screwing over Sigma Chi and Paul Reed? Who cares? Professor being chased by local media for a crime for which he has not yet to be convicted? So what? Someone questions whether Jesus died for my sins? All hell breaks loose.

I don't need Poly Christian Fellowship or Campus Crusade to impress me and play devils advocate when it comes to dialogue with my peers. I don't care about yellow T-shirts or original sin. I'm curious that the media is being swallowed by huge mega-mone-grabbers. I am concerned that 11-year-old girls are drowning in their fantastical, unattainable worlds. I'm upset that my home state won't pass a bill allowing ex-lot's to vote. I have things I care about, why do so few of you?

Megan Arenal is an environmental horticul-tural sciences freshman.

Letters to the editor

Drivers aren't only to blame 

Jennifer Beard's article was absolutely ridiculous. I drive slowly through campus every day — and never once have I gone through an intersection (let alone any other part of the street that doesn't have a cross-walk) without having to stop for pedestrians who don't even bother to look before crossing the street. Once I stop, the line of pedestri-ans sometimes seems endless — they just keep coming and coming. I have seen traffic backed up because no pedestrians seem to care about their fellow students, whom, from what I have seen in my four years, are a lot more considerate, stopping and war-ning the pedestrians to cross ahead of them. On the other hand, I often see pedestrians walking up and down a all of a sudden turn without any thought that a car might come up the road; that's where I guess Beard's story about cars whitting by might be coming from.

This quarter alone I have come close to hitting a couple people who were driving out from behind cars where I can't see them or sud-dently change directions and stop in front of traffic. Perhaps we need to develop blinkers for these pedestri-ans who are a safety hazard to them-selves and everyone else. If the school wants to cut down on drivers speeding on Grand Avenue, the best way to go about it might be to stop taking away parking spots from the already impacted lots. I don't know how many times a week I get to school 30 minutes early only to sit in the parking lot, waiting for a spot before I either park illegally and go to class late, or just give up and go home.

The campus over-sells residential spots, and then to make up for it, turns general spots into resident spots and makes us pay for its stupidity. Furthermore, there are more than enough staff spots left open each day perhaps they should cut some of those back. I'm not saying some drivers don't drive irresponsibly, but they do not deserve all the blame. People need to remember the lessons of their youth. Both ways before crossing the street. Maybe if parking wasn't nearly impossible, people would slow down.

Jeff Fox is an environmental horticul-tural science junior. 

CSUs shouldn't take more students 

Editor,

Many recent local articles have focused on the Master Plan update of the physical facilities at Cal Poly. Although there are many good rea-sons for updating the plan, many of us are concerned about 1) continuing expansion into environmentally sensitive land 2) why we are taking extra stu-dents in the first place. I will leave item No. 1 to the coun-ty, city and campus to argue about and would hope that the environmental damage could be kept to a minimum. As a faculty member, item No. 2 concerns me very deeply. We are told by local administrators to be happy that we are only going to gain 3,000 students by 2002 or more. Why is that so bad? Without Monroe Pavilion and the health center, we will have a new mini-campus, not a true university. If the administrators can't beg, con-vince, or otherwise convince the legislators that the California State University system is hurting, why do we do more with less than nothing? I certainly don't plan to.

Why do we continue to reward this administration in Long Beach that continues to fail to provide us with adequate funding? In the real world, the management team would be fired for such a poor performance. Over the last 25 years, funding for higher education has gone from 4 per-cent of the state budget to about 1 percent and is still decreasing. If the public and legislators want to close their eyes, then don't say we didn't warn you when the state's economy goes into the Dumpster a few decades from now and those lucky enough to get into state universities have to pay $20,000 or more in tuition. Talk about shortsighted views.

Finally, the so-called surplus was built largely out of taking money from the CSU and UC systems in the 90's. It is time to repair the phys ic-ical and morale damage that has been done to the faculty and staff members who have given their all to get through that decade with out any hint of gratitude. In fact, last year Chancellor Reed went out of his way to insult the faculty. The facu-lity is the only group in the CSU system that can help the system get through Tidal Wave II. Making amends, building good relationships and putting confidence in the CSU system's faculty and staff doesn't happen by giving administrators 10 per-cent raises while the rest of us has yet to see a year when a raise even matches inflation. If the state continues to bury its head in the sand, it will be at the cost of destroying the goose that fueled the golden economy ... and don't say we didn't warn you.

A.J. Buffa is a physics professor.
The year is coming to a close, and the mass frustrations of a full year of classes are coming to a head. Ready to vent yet? Try Central Coast Paintball, a safe outlet where you can either vent pent-up aggressions or act as a team player to conquer your opponents. Located in the KOA campground on Santa Margarita lake, Central Coast Paintball offers 25 acres of paintball land for your enjoyment.

There are not too many circumstances in life where you have a chance to shoot your friends or complete strangers and feel completely guilt-free. You are expected to go out there and enjoy pelting your opponents (hopefully just your opponents) with balls of paint. And when you get hit? Well, take your loss with pride, because you know your pseudo-death was a necessary sacrifice for your team.

Not everyone has to approach paintball with such a disposition, however. The games are refereed to encourage sportsmanlike conduct, and the two playing fields are designed to encourage maximum intensity. Fully equipped with a pair of two-story towers, a castle with a slide, 15 free-standing buildings, as well as man-made and natural obstacles, these courses are specifically designed to stimulate even the most timid of players.

Central Coast Paintball offers a completely stocked pro shop on site where you can rent your gun for the day, or buy the latest in paint gun technology. Equipped with paint bombs, grenades, face masks and accessories, the shop also provides repairs for guns that go awry. A typical day at the course should cost someone who doesn't own any equipment about $40. This includes the average cost of food and beverages, gun rental and paintballs, as well as CO2. If you have all your own equipment, you'll only have to pay $15 for your daylong admission.

During the week, you can reserve yourself a course between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., with only ten of your friends, and great group rates are available. During the weekends, they are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and don't be apprehensive if none of your friends are available to go. There is always room for the lone player.

Get out there, shoot some paint, and don't forget to bring some extra balls.
The Mustangs will hope to counter the Gauchos offensive threat with solid pitching performances from their top three starters: Joe Smith, Tyler Fisher and Jed Bedell. Price said their performances will determine the Mustangs’ fate this weekend.

"I think pitching will definitely set the tone," Price said. "The Gauchos score a lot of runs and if we don’t get outstanding pitching performances, we’ll give up substantial numbers."

The starting pitch for the Mustangs Friday will be senior Joe Smith. Smith has started 12 games this season and leads all Cal Poly pitchers with seven wins. The Texas Tech transfer believes this is the most important three games of the season and said in a pitching staff, the Mustangs must play well.

"All three starters must at least go into the seventh inning," Smith said. "If we do that, the offense should be able to pull us the rest of the way."

Smith said the well-known rivalry often heightens a level of competition.

"We’re not too friendly with each other, so it should definitely be a great series to watch," Smith said.

The Mustangs will also continue to rely on the offensive performance of senior Steve Wood. Wood has had a stellar season and leads the Mustangs, batting .345 with 15 home runs and a school record 70 RBI.

Following a dismal 3-10 start to the season, the Mustangs have surprised everyone, standing on the brink of their first NCAA Division I Regional berth. Cal Poly has won nine of its last 10 games and hopes to continue this trend in its remaining games, and the committee members of their postseason worthiness.

The Mustangs enter the series just one game behind the Mustangs with a 16-11 Big West record.

Now, as the teams enter Saturday’s opener of the Western Conference finals, Cal Poly believes the Mustangs will have an edge in the fourth quarter of close games because their top players are more noted than the Gauchos’ standouts.

Perhaps, but Jackson didn’t sound confident about such a possibility. Of course, having stars like O’Neal and Bryon along with a group of players who know their roles and play well give him confidence. "I think the players can play better minutes in the playoffs," Jackson said after practice Thursday. "They have plenty of time to rest (because of television commitments and other breaks), and they’re in great shape."

"The Combs," a nickname O’Neal coined for himself and Bryon, averaged over 32 points per game during the season, and have increased that rate an additional two points in the playoffs.

Their production is/reminded of what Michael Jordan and Scottee Pippen did for the Bulls, who won six championships in an eight-year span ending in June 1996.

Pippen now plays for the Blazers, the team at age 34, his scoring average was down to 12.5 points this season — lowest since his rookie year.

Rasheed Wallace, Arvelos Salivos and Smith are all averaging in double figures in the playoffs, and Damon Stoudamire, Brian Grant, Derf Schrempf, Greg Anthony and Brent Wells have also contributed significantly for the Blazers, as they did during the season.

"Love Pip; this is the time he rises or goes down like he does best," said Lakers guard Ron Harper, a teammate of Pippen’s on three championship teams in Chicago. "They’ve got a team full of superstars, we have two stars. What our role players have to do is play our roles, do what we have to do to win."

Harper knows what’s about, having done so in Chicago, along with the likes of Dennis Rodman, Steve Kerr, Luc Longley, Toni Kukoc and John Paxson.

With the Lakers, along with Harper, there’s Glen Rice, A.C. Green, Robert Horr, Rick Fox, Brian Shaw and Derek Fisher.
Track and field competes at Big West Championship

Mustangs look to improve last year's second-place finishes

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The Cal Poly men's and women's track and field teams traveled to Moscow, Idaho this weekend to take part in the Big West Conference Championships hosted by the University of Idaho.

Cal Poly will look to improve on last year's second-place finish by both the men and the women in the 1999 championships that were held in Fullerton. The Utah State men's team is the defending champion, finishing last year with 177 points, while the Cal Poly men were second with 139 points. The Utah State women also won the conference title last year with 193 points, while the Cal Poly women were second with 127 points.

Senior Kristen Conwright will look to defend his title in the men's 100-meter dash as he leads the team with a season-best 10.24 seconds this year. Conwright was second last year in the 200 behind Boise State's Cory Nelson, who has since graduated. Sean Phillips will look to defend his title in the men's 1500 while San Luis Obispo's Avery Flynn was second at last year's meet with a throw of 153-6.

On the women's side, Melissa Flynn was second at last year's meet in the 400 and has the team's best time this year in the event at 2:07.03. Junior Jennifer DeRolph is the defendinL; champion, with 139 points. The Utah State women also won the conference title last year with 193 points, while the Cal Poly women were second with 127 points.

On the track, look for John Rocker to pitch a perfect ninth inning for his 11th save in 15 appearances. He is currently the form category for the Mustangs, 3-7-2 in the conference.

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

**Yesterday's Answer:**
Ron Hextall was the first NHL goalie to score a playoff goal.

**Today's Question:**
Who led the NBA in assists for eight consecutive seasons during the 1980s?

**Polls:**

- **Baseball vs. Santa Barbara**
  - in SLO Stadium
  - 1 p.m.

- **Football vs. Santa Barbara**
  - in SLO Stadium
  - 1 p.m.

- **Track at Big West Conference Championships**
  - at Fullerton, California

**Saturday's Answer:**
Ron Hextall was the first NHL goalie to score a playoff goal.

**Schedule:**

**Today:**

- **Baseball vs. Santa Barbara**
- in SLO Stadium
- 1 p.m.

- **Track at Big West Conference Championships**
- at Fullerton, California
- 1 p.m.

**Next weekend:**

- **Baseball vs. Santa Barbara**
- in SLO Stadium
- 1 p.m.