CSU cited for violations in negotiations
By Rob Cassel
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

 Negotiations between the California Faculty Association (CFA) and the California State University system are at an impasse once again. The California Public Employees Relations Board has cited the CSU administration for violations during negotiations and required members to defend their actions in a meeting between all three associations.

The meeting will take place as the CAF and CTA attempt to reach an agreement on a contract for 2001-04 by the July 1 deadline. If the two sides can’t reach an agreement by deadline, negotiations will be turned over to a neutral mediator. If a contract still can’t be finalized, a neutral fact-finding commission will be appointed, marking the final hope for a tentative agreement.

Negotiation problems are nothing new for the CSU system and CFA. Negotiations for the 1999-2000 contract as well as the 2000-2001 expired in unilateral decisions by the top CSU official, Chancellor Charles Reed. A unilateral decision occurs when the chancellor decides there is no hope for an agreement and imposes the contract he sees fit.

Cal Poly history professor Marzar Foroohar, who is on the negotiating team for the CFA, said one of the main problems is Chancellor Reed’s desire to limit the length of faculty contracts.

When Reed began his term as chancellor, he wanted to give three- to-five year contracts to create what he terms a more flexible faculty, Foroohar said.

“He has very close ties to private companies and feels the best way to run the state education system is like a major corporation,” she said.

“What makes his attitude hard to deal with is the fact that teachers care about students and are very worried about taking severe bargaining measures, such as strikes, because it won’t just hurt the chancellor, it will hurt students,” Foroohar said.

Reed responded to alleged negotiation violations during a recent conference call saying the CFA is not communicating effectively.

“When the CFA can’t get what it wants, they simply put up a different set of clothes,” he said. “Some people are just unhappy people. They’ve never talked to me about these issues. Bargaining is a very complicated process. They put a spin on it.”

At the core of the bitter negotiations is the merit increase program. While 60 percent of the money for faculty salary increases is set aside for across-the-board increases, 40 percent is allocated to a merit system.

CSU may get budget increase
By Dena Horton
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

What would a Cal Poly student do with $3.4 billion?

For most students, this is a question that will never have to be answered.

Gov. Gray Davis and the California State legislature are asking what they would do with the $3.4 billion budgeted for the California State University system.

With the June signing date approaching, Davis’ May revision proposes a 9 percent increase in the CSU budget. This translates to a $233.4 million increase in the funds allocated to the system. This additional money will be spread between 23 campuses in the state system, as well as six off-campus centers, according to a press release from Chancellor Charles Reed.

Although this amount sounds like a lot of money, the costs of running a campus are increasing with utility bills, said Rick Ramirez, associate vice president of finance.

“We’re happy that the governor provided full funding for enrollment.”

Ken Swisher, CSU media relations manager

By Michelle Hatfield
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Although many people are still recuperating from the Wildflower Triathlon, there are still more races to run.

The second annual Run to Remember is one such race and goes beyond mere competition.

The memorial 5K run/walk will be held Saturday morning at Laguna Lake Park.

The goal of the event is to raise awareness about sexual assault and violence as well as to remember the lives of students Andrae Crawford, Rachel Newhouse and Kristin Smart.

Business seniors Danielle Davidson and Melissa Haave coordinated the run/walk as their senior project. Both feel that the event is important to keep the memories of the three women alive.

“We thought it was really a worthwhile cause to carry on,” Davidson said. “It’s good to continue the tradition and not let the community forget about them.”

Haave said she felt personally affected by the disappearance of all three women.

“Remember when the girls (Crawford and Newhouse) disappeared ... I was living with four girls at the time,” Haave said. “I was at Tortilla Flats when Rachel disappeared. It affected me a lot. It’s definitely changed my attitude about being alone.”

The run is being called a fun run because Davies and Haave wanted everyone, including non-athletes, to feel included.

“We wanted anyone to feel like they could participate,” Davidson said. “They are out there because they knew them (Crawford, Newhouse and Smart) and want to remember them.”

The fee for participating in the 5K, or 3.1-mile, run/walk is $12 for pre-registration and $15 for on-site registration. Proceeds will benefit the REMEMBER committee and the Rachel Newhouse Memorial Endowment.

The run/walk will begin at 9:45 a.m. Saturday. Davidson said because everyone gets a T-shirt, the event is relying on sponsorships and donations to cover expenses like food and refreshments. She said the Bagel Cafe donated more than eight dozen bagels, and Culligan Water donated 12 cases of water. In addition to these donations, several local fraternities are donating $50 each to the event.

Prizes in the forms of gift certificates and gift baskets will be awarded to the top three winners of the

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Bush plans to predict more blackouts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is calling on Congress Thursday for a summer of blackouts, layoffs, business closings and skyrocketing prices to force the nation to "face future" without his aggressive plans to drill for more oil and gas and reinvigorate nuclear power.

"If we fail to act, Americans will face more and more widespread blackouts. If we fail to act, our country will become more reliant on foreign crude oil, putting our national security at risk and the hands of design nations," the president said in releasing a 163-page energy task force report in St. Paul, Minn.

Seeking to dampen demand for fossil fuels and to appeal to conservation-minded citizens, Bush also offered tax incentives for people using alternative energy sources such as solar and wind power. He said: "To help.

"If we fail to act, this great country could face a dark future," he said. "Democracy and environmental groups raised a chorus of objections, predict a pitch-battle over Bush's regulatory and legislative initiatives.

"It focuses on drilling and production that is otherwise unproven and on the environment," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo. "And it does nothing to help people who need relief right now."

Even Republican lawmakers acknowledged the proposals were filled with provisions that would be hard for some of their constituents to swallow. "Everybody understands there are a lot of problems out there," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, a key Bush ally.

For more information, call 788-6501 or visit http://remember.calpoly.edu/run/index.htm.
Global Spin

Experience the wonders of Thailand

By F. Xavier Lanier II

Many consider Thailand the perfect place for those who want to visit a traveler's paradise filled with exotic foods, smiling faces and a beautiful culture. Even those on a tight budget can afford to enjoy a luxurious vacation thanks to ridiculously cheap accommodations, food and shopping.

While most Cal Poly students are slaving away over midterm and group projects, those who are part of the spring quarter Thai Study Program are having a trip of a lifetime by traveling to all four of the country's regions and emerging them in the culture.

"It's fun and a good way to end four years of college," said Chanteekhoud Khem, a business and English sophomore who was born in northern Thailand and is visiting her home country for the first time since moving to the United States at 1 year old.

"The trip has helped me put a perspective on sheer beauty and find something exciting to do. In the south of the region, the gulf is dotted with picturesque islands filled with wildlife, waterfalls and forests. White beaches and 80-degree water surround the islands. The coral reef and crystal clear water make for excellent snorkeling and diving."

"It was way better than Hawaii," said Hal Billingsley, business senior. "The underwater environment had so many kinds of coral and fish. The islands were unbelievably beautiful."

On Koh Tao, looking down at the lagoon looked like a postcard. It was almost surreal."

The islands are also a haven for European backpackers and the famous full-moon parties. As the name implies, the full-moon parties come once a month and take over the islands. Dance music — and everything else you could expect to find at a rave — take over the beaches. Harbor accommodations are fully booked during these parties.

For those who want to party in the big cities like Bangkok or Chiang Mai, the possibilities are virtually endless. Tourists find bars with bands covering both American and Thai pop songs fairly popular. But the nightlife is just as diverse as that in the islands. The capital city offers an array of entertainment options for the night crawlers.

Above, three monks watch the sunset on the bank of the Mekong river. Below, a woman wearing traditional Thai dress poses outside of Wat Arun (temple of the rising sun) in Bangkok.

"The nightlife is very wild with a ton of live bands," said Scott Cates, a social science senior. "People are just here and there are no rules, you can do whatever you want. You can party till six in the morning and wake up on the beach to a Thai massage."

After running out of energy from partying, most young tourists get to do some sightseeing. There are countless ancient cities and other relics scattered throughout the country. The Buddhist temples (Wats) are amazing with extensive detail on every surface. A trip to a Wat can be rewarding to those interested in architecture, religion or Thai massage.

"This massage is unique because it's part of tradition and cultural history," said Katy Jerich, a kinesiology sophomore who is experienced in Swedish massage.

On a visit to Wat Pho in Bangkok, one hour massage costs less than $7. Other points of interest include Muay Thai boxing matches, museums and shopping.

Muay Thai boxing is ancient and is one of the country's most popular sports. The crowds at Lumpini stadium in Bangkok cheer with every punch, kick, knee and elbow thrown. While gambling is illegal, horrendous deals of thousands of dollars are wagered per night on a regular basis at the major stadiums.

Museums in the major cities display art from throughout the country's history as well as contemporary work. But if you want to see something out of the ordinary, a must-see is the Sritrais Hospital Forensic Museum in Bangkok. The museum showcases specimens of abnormal bodies and conditions including preserved conjoined twins. A human nervous system is also on display. This is definitely not a place for the light-hearted to go.

One thing that almost everyone appreciates is the shopping in Bangkok. Custom-made suits start at $80.

"The shops were very professional and they knew what customer service is," said Borner. "It's something I've never experienced in the states, but here it's really affordable. It's a whole new experience to have three tailors waiting on me and bringing me drinks."

Food and just about everything else is cheap for Americans. Lunch can cost less than 50 cents.

"The food is spicy and you can get an incredible meal right off a street vendor," Borner said. "The nicest Thai restaurants charge less than $3 per person."

Even though Thailand is halfway around the world from California, a vacation to the land of smiles is affordable considering that the $700 plane ticket can be your only major expense. Travel within the country is reliable and cheap through the Joint Ticket network of buses and boats.

Once in Thailand, feel free to indulge yourself in all of life's luxuries by getting far more for your money than you could ever dream of in Europe.

Xavier Lanier is currently in Thailand with the Thai Study Program. He is working on a photography exhibit that will open fall quarter in the Club 221 Art Gallery in the University Union titled "Thailand Colors and Contrast." He can be contacted at xliannier@aol.com.

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Opinion
This week’s issue: Treating a flare-up of senioritis
Slack off – you earned it/Don’t burn any bridges

It’s been four, maybe five (for some seniors, six or seven) years since they stepped onto campus as freshmen. At that time, life was good. Life was easy. Every quarter since has gone downhill. You’ve received your last A in each quarter come with good intentions and ended with relief. This relief did not come from the fact that you actually passed that useless economics class that for some reason was required by your department but the fact that it ended and you could relax. Every quarter is like this. You start with some sort of sick excitement that comes with new classes, and by the end, you’re tired of the course, the text and most of all, the stress.

Senioritis isn’t a reason to justify missing a class for a trip to the beach. It’s a release, and a well-deserved one at that. Students who have sat through an average 15 quarters of class deserve a break. They’ve worked hard enough to pass all the general education courses, as well as the department requirements, even the student unknown stickers that pop up during your final advisement visit, like English 215. I’ve never seen so many 22-year-olds in a 200-level class before.

It is only a junior, but I’ve already seen symptoms of senioritis among many of my fellow Cal Poly students. In the second half of the third year, even major courses lose their appeal. Electives are next in line of interest, and GE requirements come in at a distant third. As summer draws near, the urge to slack off gets stronger for everyone. Feelings of burnout are intensified when a relatively stress-free summer vacation is in view. Some professors will even confess that they’d rather be at the beach than giving a lecture.

This is all the more reason to work hard and distinguish yourself from your less-motivated peers.

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Going to Cal Poly provides opportunities beyond simply getting a diploma. The funny thing about the university motto, “learn by doing,” is that people actually do it. This is your opportunity to learn from someone else’s work. Sure, it sounds dirty, but keep an open mind. Look at it as an opportunity to do what they did, and they could probably teach you a thing or two. Use your learning experience as your own. Also, take advantage of those learning experiences to teach others. Straining involved throughout your time here improves your chances of being exposed to a wider range of real-life situations.

I’ve established how avoiding senioritis aids in personal growth. For those of you who think more concrete, leisurely term, finishing the year strong can only make you look better to potential employers as well. OK, so you might have a job lined up already. You think, “As long as I graduate, it doesn’t matter what my spring quarter grades are.” That will probably turn out to be a bad assumption to make. Remember, you can contact Cal Poly模具 others (like you) as relevant and valuable resources for jobs present and future.

Listing professors as professional references on a resume certainly looks good to employers, as doing so makes the resume more legitimate. It’s not enough to simply make your resume look better, but also make it stand out among a range of real-life subjects.

We all worked hard to get into Cal Poly, and we should work at least as hard to prove that we really deserve to be here.

Katherine Gernhardt is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Most of us, no matter what class level, have already had experience with “senioritis” in high school. It’s easy to think, “Well, I’ve already been accepted by Cal Poly. Even if seniors don’t matter anymore.”

In the May 14 issue of The Tribune, Jeff Ballinger wrote that even if high school seniors have senior-year grades don’t matter anyway.

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Plagiarism brings out the child in college students

Cheater chenier pumpkin oater! In fourth grade I copied just about all of the report I did on the San Diego Mission from the Encyclopedia Brittanica. In eighth grade I borrowed passages from science paper on trees from a reference book in the city library. In 10th grade I went into a paper in the caption of the swim team he wrote two years earlier. This fall I wrote my own media law term paper because I knew better. College students across the nation are reverting to their childhood days of copying, cheating and plagiarizing, but at a much more expensive price than having to tell Mom and Dad their lie. Civilisation report is due the next day and they haven't started. So-called online paper mills that recycle, reuse and renew term papers charge as much as $35 a page for custom reports on sites like www.scool-suckers.com. Web sites such as these provide students with an easy and quick alternative to putting their own blood and sweat into a project. Databases with thousands of online papers are easy to access and fast to download. Most of these sites attempt to disclaim responsibility for the plagiarism service they offer stating that they are only quick fixes and should not be used when original work is warranted. Original work is not intended. Of course, it's tempting to turn in one of these easy alternatives. Most students don't even know my name let alone my writing style. But the morals instilled in students as children should hold them back from committing such an infraction on today's ideals.

Recently developed software is beginning to make a mark on those students whose morals and ideals are so misguided as to plagiarize something from the Internet, or worse, turn in a complete term paper downloaded from a chat site. Professors are using services like www.studentgifts.com to take a digital fingerprint of a student's paper and scan the Internet and the group's own databases looking for matches, highlighting passages that match and providing links to the online source, according to a Reuters article published May 13. A California University at Berkeley team of professors, led by John Battle, created the program. Battle said that hundreds of thousands of papers have already been checked by the program. According to the Reuters article, of those hundreds of thousands, 75 percent came directly from the Internet. Seventy-five percent is a big number. That means that 75 percent of those students' parents did a bad job teaching their children right from wrong. And what's worse, those 75 percent let themselves down by freely plagiarizing someone else's work. I'm sure it came at some price, though. That old saying, "you get what you pay for," comes to mind. I'm sure most students are disappointed with the quality of work they receive when that download comes over the Internet and into their hot little hands two hours before the paper is due. Which proves that Web sites such as www.studentgifts.com are ripping their customers off by giving them a quick fix and not a quality solution. A final solution would be to do away with all sources of plagiarism. That would most definitely eliminate the CliffsNotes series. I'm sure we've all found ourselves up late at night trying to complete homework that how the CliffsNotes passage put it was exactly how we would have said it. Putting an end to plagiarism would also mean banning these Web sites from the Internet, which would be censorship, doing away with many students' favorite and threatening raids on all infamy and seerious sites that they did not destroy their hundreds of test files immediately. While we're putting an end to plagiarism we'd also like to mention the publication of all 2nd Edition course booklets, because I can't begin to count how many times students, myself included, have gone to an exam only to find that each test question was strikingly similar to the one they studied out of the book with the answer circled by a student two years ago. I'm sure most students are disappointed with the quality of work they receive when that download comes over the Internet and into their hot little hands two hours before the paper is due. Which proves that Web sites such as www.studentgifts.com are ripping their customers off by giving them a quick fix and not a quality solution. A final solution would be to do away with all sources of plagiarism. That would most definitely eliminate the CliffsNotes series. I'm sure we've all found ourselves up late at night trying to complete homework that how the CliffsNotes passage put it was exactly how we would have said it. Putting an end to plagiarism would also mean banning these Web sites from the Internet, which would be censorship, doing away with many students' favorite and threatening raids on all infamy and seerious sites that they did not destroy their hundreds of test files immediately. While we're putting an end to plagiarism we'd also like to mention the publication of all 2nd Edition course booklets, because I can't begin to count how many times students, myself included, have gone to an exam only to find that each test question was strikingly similar to the one they studied out of the book with the answer circled by a student two years ago. I'm sure most students are disappointed with the quality of work they receive when that download comes over the Internet and into their hot little hands two hours before the paper is due. Which proves that Web sites such as www.studentgifts.com are ripping their customers off by giving them a quick fix and not a quality solution. A final solution would be to do away with all sources of plagiarism. That would most definitely eliminate the CliffsNotes series. I'm sure we've all found ourselves up late at night trying to complete homework that how the CliffsNotes passage put it was exactly how we would have said it. Putting an end to plagiarism would also mean banning these Web sites from the Internet, which would be censorship, doing away with many students' favorite and threatening raids on all infamy and seerious sites that they did not destroy their hundreds of test files immediately. While we're putting an end to plagiarism we'd also like to mention the publication of all 2nd Edition course booklets, because I can't begin to count how many times students, myself included, have gone to an exam only to find that each test question was strikingly similar to the one they studied out of the book with the answer circled by a student two years ago.

In conclusion, I think we should have a "Parents' Day" so in a society of divorce or lack anyone's unique family structure.
New music download service offers 'cateria-style' buying

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internet media companies RealNetworks and AOL announced a music download service Thursday that could change how consumers think about their song collections.

The companies' chairman, Bob Colby, showed a House subcommittee a mock-up of the music industry's pay alternative to Napster, whose popular file-scooping of copyrighted songs has been ruled illegal.

MusicNet, set to debut in August, is a collaboration of three of the big five record labels: AOL Time Warner, Bertelsmann AG and EMI Group. It promises a catalyst-service of purchasing songs.

A competing service, also set to debut around the same time, has been shown for months, over the past month. The other two record giants, Universal and Sony, are responsible for their service, called Duet.

The goal is to keep people buying music, but with more variety and control over what they hear, in exchange for a monthly fee.

But Duet and MusicNet may change the way consumers behave in other respects. Both companies are aiming to offer only streamed music — which has to be downloaded each time — and "rented downloads," which have a special license attached to them.

The record labels like this format, since they can keep track of where and when the music is played. That may keep consumers from transferring the songs to a portable player or recording them onto a CD. In essence, consumers wouldn't buy music, just rent it.

Rep. Rick Boucher, D-Va., said that unless the services become more flexible and allow consumers to compete with products like Napster and Grindr, which offer unlimited file sharing, "you won't compete with products like Napster and Grindr, which offer unlimited file sharing, and companies won't be able to see Grindr like they have Napster since Grindr has no central services or company.

That is just your default to Napster-like peer-to-peer service," Boucher said. "You now have a convenient mechanism of being able to use. You will not have that ability with the new versions.

Music lovers have already started two groups from Napster to turn to Grindr. A recent study showed that Grindr users selected up 50 percent more songs in early April, while Napster users declined to purchase more songs, according to a study conducted at Harvard.

Even though almost all the legislators signaled that they are not yet ready to consider legislation, some members wondered whether Duet and MusicNet would harm consumers, since those file-rerun labels represent about 80 percent of songs.

"Is this going to end up as some sort of monopolistic control, where the companies own and partner with the only ones who can do this?" Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., asked Vivendi Universal executive Edgar Bronfman, Jr.

"It's difficult to say exactly how it will play out. We are at one day of the complaint as a demonstration," Bronfman said, adding, "We intend to license our music broadly."

While final licenses have not yet been signed, users can expect to pay $4 to $5 per month for either a certain number of downloads or for an all-you-can-download plan, a RealNetworks spokesman said.

MusicNet will be sold to consumers through the RealNetworks site, which holds a controlling 40 percent stake in the venture, and through America Online. Users will be able to find Duet through Yahoo. Both services are looking for more "real" music.

The process is more complicated than the digital rights management that is forcing a "watermark" on songs.

The battle to reverse Standing for Proposition 216 - 216, also would direct the president to develop a plan for eliminating millions of dollars in other aid if the Lebanese do not comply with Proposition 216, a state law that bans affirmative-action practices in public hiring and school admissions.

The resolution's intent — and much of its implementation — is to send a message that underrepresented students are welcome at the University of California. It was included in an $8.2 billion State Department bill the president signed prior to the board's roll call vote.

However, the repeal is largely symbolic, as the U.S. has already complied with Proposition 216, a state law that bans affirmative-action practices in public hiring and school admissions.

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"I am not the only one who shares the view that SP-1 was the right thing to do," he said. "This resolution is not about my convictions, it's a symbol," Connerly added later.

Many regents thanked Connerly for his role in the "FRC" compromise. Some, like Regent Sherry Lansing, said Connerly does not deserve personal thanks that "defies his position to end racial preferences."

Assemblyman Marco Firebaugh (D-Vallejo) joined state Assembly Speaker Robert Herzberg, an ex-office regent, and several other state officials at a board meeting. On Thursday, the state Legislature passed a resolution authored by Herzberg, urging the regents to rescind SP-1 and SP-2 and to do so cleanly and unambiguously. Firebaugh told the regents.
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to the hill. Blasdell has given up 15 runs in the last two games. Blasdell did not earn a decision for either game, but the team lost both games. Santa Barbara's starter will be Jon Ballard (4-6, 1.10). Santa Barbara will look to get the starters out of the game and in to the Cal Poly bullpen as quickly as possible. The bullpen has had its share of problems the last several games, including three blown saves in the last five outings.

"Our bullpen is struggling a bit right now, there's no doubt about that," Price said. "It's late in the season and if your arms aren't fresh, you'll run into times like this."

The Mustangs are currently in fifth place in the Big West with a 6-9 conference record. Pfeiffer is leading the conference at 12-3 followed by Santa Barbara, Long Beach and Cal State Northridge. Last year two teams from the Big West advanced to the NCAA play-offs, meaning the chances of Cal Poly making it this year are slim to none. Third baseman Kyle Wilson gave a simple explanation of what the motivation for the team will be this weekend.

"Pride," he said. "We just have to go out against a hot team in Santa Barbara and play for pride."

The series will begin in Santa Barbara Friday at 2 p.m. and will continue with games on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

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this weekend - the 200- and 400-meter dashes, and the 4x100- and 4x400 relay.

The sprinter said she feels pretty confident about her chances in the 400, but doesn't know about the rest of her events. "I feel my chances in the 400 are pretty good since I'm going into the championships with the fastest time," she said. "But I never under estimate my competition. I'm going to have to run my fastest."

At the May 5 Fresno State Tri-Meet, Vesery improved her best mark of the year in the 200-meter with a first-place time of 24.52 seconds. She also took home first place in her heat at the women's 400-meter, the Mt. SAC Relay in April.

Along with Vesery, Badger has had a great season. Badger took home second in the men's long jump with a personal-best jump of 24.11 inch at the Fresno State Tri-Meet. Later at that meet, he earned first place in the triple jump with a new personal-best mark of 52 5/16. Badger is also the defending Big West Champion in the triple jump.

Blackwell is a distance runner competing in the 5,000- and 10,000-meter races.

"I'm thinking about what my race is," Blackwell said. "I'm trying to get mentally ready for it." Badger said that he is running faster than last year. At last year's Big West Championships, he placed third in the 10,200-meter event with a time of 31:10.88."

**A's defeat Yankees to complete sweep**

OAKLAND (AP) - With Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and Mike Mussina set to start the remaining four on June 2, 1999.

with qualifications.

"It's the unknown things that make us improve. It's the unknown things that make such competitions exciting."
Track and field takes on Big West

By Michelle Hatfield
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly men’s and women’s track and field teams have a real challenge this Friday and Saturday, as they head to the Big West Championships in Long Beach.

Both track teams placed in the top five at last year’s Big West Championships, but Cal Poly is not known for its track ability. Usually, universities like Idaho State and Utah State are top finishers, said head coach Terry Crawford.

“It’ll be an uphill battle,” she said. “We’re going to try and knock off some teams — teams that are stronger than us at least on paper. Even though Crawford said the Mustangs are not known as track and field powerhouse, the teams are not giving up.

“We’re knocking on their door,” Crawford said. “We’re not counting ourselves out. We have a lot of good athletes in good positions.”

The teams have a lot of depth in some events. Crawford said the Mustangs have the top three pole vaulters and the top two quarter-mile runners in the conference. Crawford said she expects top performances from key players like junior Andrew Badger, senior Avery Blackwell and freshman Maggie Vessey.

Vessey will run in four events this weekend. She is one of three pole vaulters expecting to bring home awards from Long Beach this weekend.

Best of Cal Poly, athlete-style

Left, men’s basketball forward Chris Bjorkland and volleyball outside hitter Melanie Hathaway were honored Wednesday night as 2000-2001 Cal Poly Athletes of the Year. Men’s basketball forward Jeremiah Mayes and women’s soccer defender Carolyn Schiffler were also honored as Cal Poly Scholar Athletes of the Year.

Strawberry avoids jail time

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Darryl Strawberry avoided prison Thursday when a judge ordered him back to a drug treatment center for violating probation during a four-day cocaine binge.

“You are at bat in the bottom of the ninth with two strikes against you,” said Circuit Court Judge Florence Foster. “You have proven that you are a winner on the field. Now you must prove that you are a winner off the field.”

The judge agreed to Strawberry’s request to go to a residential drug-treatment center without any gates, locks or fences. He is to serve two years there, followed by a year of probation.

If Strawberry violates his release again, he faces 18 months in prison under the judge’s order.

Strawberry showed no immediate emotion to the sentence, while his wife, Charmaine, wiped tears from her eyes as she huddled with friends and a relative.

“My reaction is the same as Darryl’s,” said Joe Ficarrotta, the former slugger’s defense attorney. “We are very relieved and very happy with the results we were able to achieve.”

Mustangs finish up at UCSB

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All good things (and bad things) must eventually come to an end.

This weekend the Cal Poly baseball team will conclude its season with a three-game series at No. 20 UC Santa Barbara. The Mustangs (25-23, 6-9 Big West) are trying to get back on the winning track, while the Gauchos (38-13, 11-4) look to continue their hot streak.

Last weekend Santa Barbara knocked off conference leader Cal State Fullerton, winning two of three games.

Cal Poly was swept by Long Beach State.

The Mustangs are currently riding a nine-game losing streak, dating back to April 29 loss to Sacramento State. Included in the losing streak are consecutive series sweeps by Fullerton and Long Beach.

Head coach Ritch Price is able to offer little in the way of an explanation for his team’s woes.

“I’ve never been involved in a nine-game losing streak before,” he said. “It seems like each game we find a different way to lose.”

Brian Haskell will get the start for the Mustangs on Friday. Haskell is 3-5, with a 4.90 ERA. He has struggled lately, giving up 16 runs in his last three starts. Haskell’s last win came March 23 against Dartmouth. The Gauchos will counter with the ace of their staff, James Garcia. Garcia is 10-1 on the year, with a 2.48 ERA.

Tyler Fitch, Cal Poly’s lone starter with a winning record, will take the mound Saturday. Fitch is 5-4, with a 5.50 ERA. Santa Barbara’s starter will be Rylie Ogle (9-2, 3.80). Sunday, the Mustangs will send Jared Bladell (4-5, 5.99) to the mound.