Celebrating Earth-ly pleasures

Brian Lederman, an agribusiness sophomore, trods around in the ASI pile of trash Tuesday. The pile is from trash that students gathered from the University Union Monday. The event is part of a week-long celebration of Earth Day. Today, students will teach others how to build a compost pile.

By Kelly Foster
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Colorfully painted storm drains, African dancers, six aquariums of turtles and piles of old food in the middle of the University Union are all part of an attempt to show appreciation for Mother Earth.

The month of April, set aside worldwide to appreciate and celebrate Earth, will be recognized in Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo. The goal is to make the community more aware of environmental issues.

San Luis Obispo celebrated Earth Day on Saturday. Mission Plaza was alive with environmentally conscious people of all ages for the 13th annual Earth Day Fair. Cal Poly Student Community Services volunteers Kari Fisher and Gianna Pietravalle coordinat- ed this year’s children’s section at the fair, “Passport Through the Environment.”

They designed nine interactive stations, where children could learn about recycling and protecting natural resources.

“We need to get the word out,” Fisher said.

Other activities downtown

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CLA honors teachers, students who excel

By Sarah Stephan
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Members of the psychology department dominated an annual awards ceremony last week.

The College of Liberal Arts Student Council held an awards reception April 17 to honor outstanding faculty and students. Psychology professor Don Ryujin was recognized as “Teacher of the Year,” and three student scholarships were awarded.

Ryujin said that he was honored and shielded to get the award. “Awards from the students are the most meaningful,” he said.

Philosophy sophomore Katie Woods said that Ryujin’s teaching ability reflects his energy and positive attitude.

“It’s really evident when he teaches that he cares about his students and wants us to learn the material,” she said.

Students also admire Ryujin’s teaching methods. In explaining psychology, he uses examples to which everyone can relate. For example, he lectures on love and hate and why people get bored in class.

“He loves what he teaches and it really shows,” said psychology sophomore Lindsay Ross, who has had Ryujin for two classes.

Ryujin has taught at Cal Poly for 12 years, and he will take over the position of department chair in winter quarter. He still plans to teach Introduction to Psychology because he loves having the opportunity to get more students interested in psychology, he said.

Each College of Liberal Arts department was asked to nominate two students for the “Student of the Year” scholarships. The student council and Associated Dean Susan Carrier chose the three winners. Each scholarship was for $300.

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Search for Student Affairs VP narrows to four

By Andrea Coberly
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It’s taken two years to find Cal Poly’s new vice president of Student Affairs, but the hunt will be over by this May when the administrative position will finally be filled.

Since Jean Gonzales’ resignation in 2000, the Cal Poly administration has been looking for someone to fill the void. But after an unsuccessful attempt last year, the administration was forced to restore, late last month. Scott R. Derrweiler is currently the interim vice president of Student Affairs.

To help make this year’s search more successful, a consultant was hired and a committee was developed in an effort to test the future of the program, said Angie Hacker, Associated Students Inc. president and chair of the search committee.

“This is a very important time for someone with experience to come in,” Hacker said. “We need someone with new innovative ideas to bring into the university. It’s an opportunity to take Cal Poly to the next level.”

While the committee began re-advertising in October, the screening process started in January when the committee began to weed through the 55 applications that they received.

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Department faces effects of missed accreditation

By Katherine Gernhardt
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A committee representing the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (ACEJMC) recently visited Cal Poly and recommended that the journalism department be re-accredited.

Accreditation means that a depart­ ment has met the guidelines set up by a particular group, in this case the ACEJMC. Accreditation is sometimes viewed as a credibility-builder for a department, since more and more schools go through the process of asking for and making their departments worthy of accreditation.

Harold Hellenbrand, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said the visit is the second step in the accreditation process. The first ACEJMC visiting committee recommended provisional accreditation.

Hellenbrand said that the most recent committee met in Chicago last month and listened to the first visiting team report. The Chicago committee recommended no accreditation.

The final decision will be discussed the first week of May, when see JOURNALISM, page 7

Dairy science offers scholarships to students

By Kristy Charles
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

“I’ve had people say, “See, you’re paying people to take your classes,” but we’re not standing on the street corner with a sign saying ‘Take Poultry Science 330 and We’ll Pay You $150’,” said Bob Spiller, animal science professor and poultry unit supervisor at Cal Poly. “We’re trying to (financially) help students that have an interest in poultry.”

Until last year, the poultry science department offered $150 scholarships to Cal Poly agriculture students who successfully completed a poultry science class.

“People were looking to industry, and so began a search for the program,” said Ray Barnard, assistant director with the Financial Aid Office.

“We viewed it as a scholarship,” said Laura Dummit, assistant director with the Financial Aid Office.

When Mustang Daily called back, she declined to comment further about the scholarship.

Without anyone to help administer the monies, the department looked to industry, and so began a new wave of scholarships designed to ensure students accountability, increase the number of qualified people in the job market and make the process as simple as possible for students and industry alike.

Currently, PEPA is considering awarding scholarships on a trial basis to test the future of the program. The money would go directly to students, bypassing the Financial Aid Office completely. If the trials go well, the organization should continue to give the awards. If not, Spiller said that he would try to find a way the poultry department can continue the program.

“People were trying to get people into the poultry industry,” Spiller said. “That’s not a bad thing, but I’m not just trying to fill classes, but I’m just trying to financially support students who have an interest in poultry and so possibly spark an interest in students to go into the poultry industry.”

Spiller said that he knew the scholarship was working as intended because most of the students who received the money returned to take two or three more poultry science classes in the future, regardless of whether they were paid or not.

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Today's Weather

High: 66°
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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Football gearing up:

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included a recycled costumes con­
test and a performance by Higher
Movement, an African drum and
dance ensemble.
But many Cal Poly students were
not there to witness the dancers and
costumes, because Open House
activities were occurring on the
same day.
The students didn’t miss the
action, though. Cal Poly has only
just begun a week of awareness.
April 21 through April 28, which
will end in a day of earthly endeav­
ers at the first-ever Cal Poly Earth
Day Festival.
“We are trying to set a prece­
dent,” said Greg Szalay, coordinator
of projects and events for Associated
Students Inc. “Cal Poly has never
done anything like this before.”
The week began Monday with the
painting of storm drains. The pur­
pose was to show students that the
gutters, into which they may non­
chalantly toss their cigarette butts,
are connected to a sewer system that
leads to the ocean. By polluting the
storm drains, people have the
potential to harm wildlife.
There were also two booths in the
UU representing the Surfrider
Foundation in Oceanos, a group
aimed at educating people about the
damage created by commercial fishing
companies.
Tuesday had a Trash Tower in the
UU, where students gathered all the
Monday trash from the UU and
made a tower out of it. Today, stu­
dents at a booth in the UU will
teach other students how to build a
compost pile.
Thursday will be set aside as
Alternative Transportation Day—a
day on which everyone is to use
whatever means necessary other
than driving a car to get to school.
Those who have seen the half­
eaten meals make their way up the
convoyer belt in the Lighthouse will
have something to relate to on
Friday, when all of the leftover food
will be put out in the UU to show
how much food is wasted on campus
every day.
“It’s to increase people’s aware­
ness, at least for a little while,” said
Fred Alger, event coordinator. “It’s
not something people think about
all of the time.”
The week will come to an end on
Sunday with the Cal Poly Earth Day
Festival at the Rec Center soccer
field from 2 to 5:30 p.m.
More than 100 community orga­
nizations and student groups have
been invited to set up booths and
display their environmental inter­
ests.
Speakers for the event will
include ASI President Angie
Hacker and ECONSLO’s Pam
Hetherington, a Cal Poly alumna.
“I will encourage the students to
keep up the work,” Hetherington
said. “They are the future.”
There will also be live entertain­
ment by local bands on Ernie Ball’s
Local Heroes Mobile Stage and a
performance by Higher Movement,
along with food to sample from Art
Café, Railroad Café, Exotic Progressions and Vista Grande Café.
There will also be opportunities
to get creative in making hemp
bracelets and styrofoam sculptures,
as well as to enter a “Trash Art” con­
test.
“We want college kids to interact
with the community and do some
wacky stuff,” Stalay said.
In the past, there have only been
small interest groups wanting to do
an Earth Day event on campus,
Stalay said. This is the first time any
activity involving many different
groups has occurred.
For more information on the Cal
Poly Earth Day Festival, visit
www.asi.calpoly.edu.

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However, some students still see
the scholarship as more of a bribe
than a scholarship.
“I don’t think it’s OK to give
money just for one quarter of a class
or to enroll in a major,” said Kate
Romm, a psychology sophomore.
It is also aimed at increasing the
number of qualified people in the
industry, said Leslie Ferreira, head
of the dairy science department at
Cal Poly.
Students who enroll at Cal Poly as
dairy science student are eligible
for a $150 scholarship, which they
get after California Dairies, Inc.
receives verification that they are
enrolled. Another $500 is given to
the student if the organization
hires them after they graduate.
“There is a shortage of people in
dairy processing and production in
the state,” Ferreira said. “Cal Poly
is the only school with a degree in
dairy science in California, and so
this scholarship encourages stu­
dents to apply to Cal Poly as a dairy
science major. We haven’t publi­
cized (the program) yet, but I
wouldn’t expect any complaints
about it.”
California Dairies, Inc. chose
to go through the Financial
Aid Office because it was easier to
give scholarships directly to stu­
dents. This method eliminated the
need to get the scholarship
approved, fill out all the paperwork
and deal with administration,
Ferreira said. Once students send in
verification of enrollment, they
can use this as a scholarship. For
more information on California
Dairies, Inc. call 237-3615.

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At least 100 Washington airport employees arrested
WASHINGTON — Government sources said Tuesday that more than 100 employees at two major Washington-area airports have been arrested on fraud charges in obtaining restricted airport security badges.

Charges against employees from the Ronald Reagan National Airport and Dulles Airport involved allegations that suspects violated immigration and Social Security laws, government sources said. Some of the suspects allegedly lied about criminal records when they applied for airport security clearances.

The jobs each suspect performed has not yet been released, but sources said that if any were passenger or baggage screeners.

As of last week, more than 250 people had been arrested at 11 U.S. airports since Sept. 11 on charges of fraudulently obtaining credentials for access to sensitive airport areas, such as aircraft, gates and ramps.

Of those, about half had pleaded guilty or had plea agreements pending, authorities said. More than 70 have been депортирован или are awaiting deportation proceedings.

— Reuters

Hundreds hurt, three dead in L.A. train crash
PLACENTIA, Calif. — Three people died and about 265 were injured when a commuter train was struck by a mile-long freight train head-on. The northbound freight train hit the southbound Metrolink at 8:10 a.m. Tuesday, 35 miles south of Los Angeles, officials said.

Witnesses said that the freight train caused the commuter train to buckle and two cars to derail. The two derailed cars remained upright.

The cars were packed with passengers, who said the train came to a stop before it was hit.

About thirty ambulances rushed the injured to hospitals, making multiple trips to the scene. The majority of patients had minor or non-life threatening injuries, 25 required immediate care and as many as 75 were sent to trauma centers. The deaths were caused by very traumatic injuries, said an Orange County sheriff’s spokesman.

The Southbound Metrolink 829 train was traveling from Riverside to San Juan Capistrano on a route that serves 3,300 passengers a day. It is not known yet how many people were on the train at the time.

Several streets were closed due to the wreckage and the length of the train.

— Associated Press

Wal-Mart conducting used car experiment
WASHINGTON — The auto dealership chain has teamed up with Wal-Mart, the largest retailer in the United States, for a six-month test project to offer used cars at some Wal-Mart stores. If successful, the project could go nationwide.

The company, Ashbury Auto Recyclers, will start to offer used cars in five Wal-Mart parking lots in Houston next month. Ashbury auto-

motive is the fifth-largest dealership in the state.

The can offer will be less than 4 years old and have fewer than 75,000 miles. They will carry a 3,300-mile warranty and 12 free months of roadside assistance.

The Price 1 stores cannot use the Wal-Mart name and Wal-Mart, which is leasing the land to Price 1, does not have a financial stake in the company.

“This is consistent with our program to provide one-stop shopping,” said a Wal-Mart spokesman. “You can get your hair done. We have banks, optical and now we are looking at getting cars as well.”

— USA TODAY

Europe

Golden Jubilee celebrations.

PARIS — French President Jacques Chirac said that, out of principle, he is refusing to hold a televised debate against Jean-Marie Le Pen.

Since Le Pen won the first round Sunday, he has been challenging Chirac to another debate — a tradition in French elections.

Le Pen enjoys using one-liners to insult Chirac, including comparing him to “a gard from Mount Olympus who doesn’t want to debate a mere mortal.”

Some have wondered if Le Pen would be able to control himself in a televised debate. Le Pen is a former paramedic who is missing an eye that was lost in a street fight.

Polls predict that Chirac will win the May 5 election.

Chirac’s supporters doubt that he would gain anything in a debate against Le Pen.

“Just as I did not accept any alliance with the National Front, whatever the political price, I will not accept a debate with my leader in the future,” said Chirac.

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1 red pepper, chopped
2 scallions, thinly sliced
1 avocado, peeled and diced
1/2 cup chopped cilantro

Dressing:
3 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon dijon mustard
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
Splash of tabasco
Salt
Pepper
1/2 cup olive oil

Combine all ingredients in large bowl. In small bowl, stir together lime juice, mustard, mayonnaise, tabasco, salt and pepper. Slowly drizzle in olive oil while constantly stirring with fork. Four dressing over chicken mixture in large bowl and toss to combine. Serve salad on whole grain bread with fresh lettuce and tomato slices.

Going organic: current trend boasts better nutrition, great taste

By Sarah Stephan

You are what you eat. Although this expression may make you think twice before eating your next doughnut, even fresh produce may not be entirely good for you.

Organic foods have gained increasing popularity in the last 20 years. The growing organic food industry produces not only fruits and vegetables, but also cheese, meats, nuts, canned goods and even pet food.

Despite the increase in organic food production, the federal government has yet to come up with an official definition for the word “organic.” Currently, companies that make processed foods can use the term “made with organic ingredients” on labels. This statement may mislead shoppers because it only requires that 10 to 95 percent of the ingredients are organic.

However, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently stated that starting in October, all food labeled “organic” must meet certain standards. Under the new ruling, all organic products will be certified and undergo consistent labeling requirements.

Nutritional science freshman Sarah Goldstein said that she buys organic fruits, vegetables and juice, even though living in the dorms makes it difficult.

“The definitely worth the extra cost to buy organic food because it tastes better and it isn’t genetically engineered,” she said.

Food boasting the label “organic” must be grown or produced without the use of pesticides, preservatives or genetic engineering. All organic goods are produced following the Organic Foods Production Act.

Farmers must grow organic produce for three years without using pesticides or chemicals in order to achieve the organic certification. Livestock is organic as long as it is raised on organic feed for at least a year.

Cal Poly students interested in purchasing organic products have many options.

Many vendors at Farmers Market sell organic produce. If they do the farmers put a sign in front of the organic product to label it. The health food store, New Frontiers, at Fifthill Boulevard and Santa Rosa Street tries to purchase its produce from local farmers, said supermarket manager Daniel Perkins.

Purchasing organic food is more expensive because the process of growing it without pesticides or chemicals is more labor intensive. Although some people may be wary of spending the extra money for the “organic” label, Perkins said that it is worth the cost.

“Spending more money for organic food shouldn’t be perceived as something negative, because there are really benefits to it,” he said.

Food science and nutritional science professor Tom Neuhoff said that people get so used to buying cheap food from farm associations that small organic farms are suffering.

“We, as individuals, can keep small farms alive by purchasing organic produce,” he said. “It’s really a social issue.”

Neuhoff said he tries to buy food from New Frontiers for his students’ labs because he said that it tastes better and also supports local farmers. In the labs, students use organic products in their food recipes.

Although some students are cooking with organic products on campus, Cal Poly’s Campus Dining does not buy organic produce. They do purchase enough food to supplement vegetarian diets, though, said food buyer Christine Smith.

“If a catering group specifies that they want organic food, though, we will buy from another company that specializes in organic foods,” she said.

One place students can find organic food is at Campus Market. It carries organic fruits and vegetables that Campus Market merchandiser Bob Cushing buys from students at the Student Experimental Farm. The students usually grow whatever they are interested in.

“Sometimes we have strawberries, peppers or tomatoes,” Cushing said. “The point of the program is to teach students how the market works, and then they can sell in the future.”

The Student Experimental Farm has two acres of land where students grow organic produce. Community members can order a subscription through the farm to pick up a box of organic produce weekly for a 20-week season. The next season begins at the end of May.

Organic food may not taste better, but it’s also more nutritious. In a recent study, a vitaminist compared the vitamin and mineral contents of organic and non-organic produce. She discovered that organic produce contained slightly higher levels of vitamin C, iron, magnesium and phosphorus. These small differences in nutrients can help to reach the recommended daily allowance of vitamins and minerals.
Wednesday, April 24, 2002

Opinion

Too many people have forgotten

About one week before the outbreak of World War II, German general Ernst von Weizsäcker proposed that, some day, Nazi leaders would be held accountable for the atrocities that we now associate with the Holocaust. Hitler countered his general by responding, “Who, after all, speaks today of the extermination of the Jews?”

Hitler's words were true then, and they are as true now as they were five years ago. It is well known that, beginning in 1935, the Turkish government systematically massacred 1.5 million Armenians. For the most part, it has become a forbidden genocide. But it is not forgotten among the Armenian people. Each year, on April 24, the Armenian American students at a Polytechnic University in California come together to commemorate this brutal crime.

In order to get a feeling for the context within which the Armenian Genocide took place, one must first have a general idea of the history of the Armenian people and their homeland. Armenia is a country located in the southwestern region of Turkey, near the Caucasus Mountain range. Armenians have lived in this region for more than 2,500 years. One of the highlights of Armenian history took place in 301 A.D., when the Armenian nation officially adopted Christianity. From about 1450 to 1920, the Ottoman Empire ruled over Armenia. Among the many atrocities carried out by the Turks were the systematic extermination of Armenians who were killed in a massacre against the Yezidi, the group of Armenian refugees who fled to Turkey from the Caucasian Mountains after the defeat of the Ottoman Turks by Armenian forces in the late 19th century.

In May, the Turkish government began deporting the Armenian people. The Armenians were told that they were being removed to safe places inside the Ottoman Empire. On May 27, 1915, the Turks carried out a massacre of Armenian refugees who had sought refuge in the Ottoman Empire. The Turks next turned their attention to the 250,000 Armenians who had been converted to the Ottoman Army. They rounded up these Armenians and transported them to designated camps, where they were either shot or killed. The common people were not allowed to see any of the leaders.

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After numerous interviews and conferences, the committee has narrowed the field down to four candidates, Hacker said.

"We went through all the applications that came through with the help and feedback of the consultant," she said. "And he was able to bring in people who weren't even really looking for the position." 

Each of the four have visited Cal Poly several times through a series of meetings, interviews and open forums with both staff and students. Now that all the candidates have visited Cal Poly — the fourth one came last Friday — the members of the committee will now collect evaluations from anyone who attended the meetings or forums, decide on a candidate and give their recommendation to President Warren Baker, who will make the final decision.

While the decision won't be made until early May, all four of the candidates are well qualified for the position, said Mike Saucedo, associate vice president of Academic Personnel.

"We went through all the applicants," Hacker said. "And these four are the ones that I felt were the most well qualified. Very, very, very, very well. Saucedo. "I am really impressed with the quality of all these candidates."

The process of looking for a vice president of Student Affairs, includes searching for someone with effective leadership abilities and a wide range of experience working with students. "Most of them have been in a similar position at a different university," Hacker said. "All four of them, Ph.D., all have gone through the ranks of student affairs, and all of them have experience within the student affairs division or something similar." 

Since the president of Student Affairs mediates between students and administrators, the candidates must be able to efficiently communicate with students, Dettwiler said. "We need someone who cares about students and student success," he said. "Someone who has experience with student programs and leadership in student affairs and on campus. Not only that, but they will be helping guide the university with the presidency." 

The final four candidates include Edward Whipple, vice president of Student Affairs at Bowling Green State University; Susan Keen, associate vice president for Student Services at University of Wisconsin; Marc Wain, dean of students at the University of Wisconsin; and Michael R. Hellenbrand, dean of student affairs at Kent State University.

"We need someone in here with a good idea about what Cal Poly is and what it needs," she said. "I am hoping the right person will bring in new leadership." 

In an attempt to gather student input on the department. I am. Hellenbrand is holding an open meeting for journalism students and faculty tonight at 6 p.m. in building 26, room 106.

"The department was evaluated on the basis of 12 compliance standards and was found to be non-compliance on three of them," she explained. "Those three were administration, facilities/equipment, and the diversity of the student body and curriculum."

"We contested the last two issues because the report indicated," she said. "Hellenbrand explained that the report did not take into account the limitations placed on the program by the California State University system. The CSU system allocates space based on the number of faculty and students who use the space, Hellenbrand said. The AECJM committee reviewed Cal Poly for not having enough space, and according to the CSU formula, there is more space than is needed."

"The program actually has 2000 square feet more space then is required," she said. "We would like to have more space. That's one of the things that everyone struggles with at Cal Poly." 

"If it's not in the formula, we're not going to be able to get a better size," he said. "It's a problem that we've had for a while."

"It's a problem that needs to be addressed," Hacker said. "But I think it would make the most of his time." 

The College of Liberal Arts programs that are accredited at Cal Poly. One change that the department will face involves the future of its leadership. The current chair of the department, Niles Havandjian, will step down at the end of the 2003 school year after 14 years at the university. Havandjian said that since his departure was not suggested by the AECJM, it's not a one-of-a-kind thing. 

"We have a lot of things that will fit for the program. But it's also time for us to give him a rest and also bring in new leadership," Hellenbrand said.

Havandjian declined to comment on the issue except to confirm that he would stay on and teach in the department.

"I will teach just like I always have," he said.

In the past, Havandjian has taught are primarily writing, News Writing and Reporting, as well as seminar courses like International Communication. Faculty and students seem to be positive about the changes.

Mark Hucklebridge has been a lecturer in the journalism department since September 2003. Hucklebridge said that he met with one of the ACEJM members and participated on a one-on-one basis.

"They wanted to know about whether we had adequate resources for teaching," and whether class sizes were appropriate, he said.

"He said that he was specifically asked about room 303 in the Graphic Arts Building, which is the main lab for journal- um students. Hucklebridge said that lab was sufficient for the class that he taught in it. "We're Writing and Reporting."

"They asked if we thought we needed more faculty, one person teaching one concentration," Hucklebridge said.

"The department has the same number of full-time faculty members as it did before coming to Cal Poly. Hucklebridge taught at San Jose State University from 1991 to 1993. He was reluctant to compare or contrast the two state schools because of the amount of time that has passed."

"I taught a journalism news-writing workshop and did not have a lab, but that's 10 years ago, so it's really not a fair comparison," he said.

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David also said that he had noticed a "lack of diversity" of professors in his department. However, David said he is happy with the education he has received at Cal Poly.

Hacker is a journalism major because he thought that it would make the most of his opportunities. "I'm not necessarily surprised (about the recommendation), with the fact that the department is so small," he said.
Heartbreak for rugby team

By Aaron Lambert

Ending the season with a win can be bittersweet.

After losing to St. Mary's in the Sweet Sixteen round of the National Finals tournament in West Point, NY, the Cal Poly rugby team topped Virginia Tech in the consolation round on Sunday to finish the season like few others—with a win.

But it was definitely not the win they wanted.

"We were extremely disappointed," senior scrum half Jimmy Hamlin said.

In the St. Mary's game, the Gaels came out and dominated from the first whistle, as six of the Mustangs center Matt Gallagher sat out with an expected second round game against California State University, Fullerton (Fullerton) a month and a half ago.

"We were just a different team than we saw a month and a half ago," Hamlin said. "We had new guys, new positions, and scrimmaging three times during the last month.

"The mood of practice since practice because it seemed like it went fast. Last year it lagged on for two and a half hours, but this year the coaches cut it down to just two," offensive guard Joe Benner said.

"It seems like we're more of a team this year. They were brand new last year, so they had to introduce everything. Everything is more fluid compared to last year, when it took longer for it to get going."

Head coach Rich Ellerson said the team finished up the spring season after watching the game tape from Saturday, and following up with error correction.

"Monday's practice was by far the best one we've ever had. Here's what you can work on, here's what you can't," since there are some things we don't want them to practice for three months and find out that they are wrong," Ellerson said. "Although spring practice is over, the players are together within their positions to hone their skills outside of the coaches' guidance."

The team was more athletic and lighter this year, Ellerson added.

"As a team, we're a stronger, quick- nesst team," he said. "I think the most improved group on the football team might be the offensive line, because their athleticism has had to adjust to the kind of play we're asking for, which was foreign to them a year ago."

"Some people thought that the quarterback situation would be a Chris Peterson show, but it's been very competitive," he added.

Some players made a position move from last year, including Richmond from linebacker to nose- linebacker, and Taylor Williams from receiver to inside receiver.

"We are very thin at receivers, but our first line is solid," Ellerson said.

The defensive backfield is deep, he said, with returning starters David Richardson and Vaughn Jarrett. Defensive end Mike Hayes has been challenging junior Joe Martineau, who had a strong spring after struggling with an old ankle injury last year, Ellerson said.

"Regardless of how frustrated I am some days, all I have to do is look and see what it looked like a year ago at this time, and we are so much further ahead," he said.

"The fundamentals — our approach to the game — are in place," he said. "There's never two gaps over here and the rest of them watching — there's always a bunch of guys on the play. Even our newcomers have bought into that."

Followling a productive season of spring training, the Cal Poly football team is looking forward to capitalizing on last year's success.

Baseball is flourishing in the Great Northwest. That's right — flourishing. Flourishing where most people think it never stops raining, where most high school teams practice in gyms until at least May. Kids in Arizona and Southern California can practice outside in the sunshine while kids in Oregon and Washington pass the time indoors. Very few big leaguers come from the Pacific Northwest. John Olerud from Washington State, Ben Petrick from Portland, Ben Sisco from Portland and Todd Hollandswood from Seattle are just a few.

Not many people think of the area as a hotbed for baseball because of the weather, but it is fast becoming one anyway.

Two reasons account for the build up of The Great Northwest into a haven for all things baseball. The first doesn't have anything to do with the players or the weather — the large path is to bring Major League Baseball to Portland. The second, of course, is the dominance of the Seattle Mariners. Amidst all the problems in baseball right now, the combination of the two shows that everything is right with baseball in the Northwest.

Portland has long pushed for a Major League Baseball team, and probably deserves one. Two years ago, the venerable Civic Stadium in downtown Portland was renovated into PGE Park by the designer of Pac Bell Park. Now PGE Park hosts one of the newest Triple A facilities in the country, featuring the old time atmosphere and at least 100 luxury boxes right behind home plate.

Two days before opening day this year, the Mariners played the Padres at PGE Park. The 22,000 or so seats sold out in less than an hour. That means that Portland, in one day, had outsold the Montreal Expos for its last seven games. PGE Park could serve as a home for a major league team until a new park could be built. Portland has always supported the sole major league, the Blazers, and looks for another major sport in town to support. A very viable option for Portland would be if the Expos were purchased from the league and moved there. Everyone is looking at Paul Allen, the owner of the Blazers and the Seahawks, as the perfect candidate to do so, but that is just speculation. Portland does deserve a major league team, and soon.

What can be said about the Seattle Mariners that hasn't already been said? The team is off to the exact same 13-4 start that propelled it to a record tying 116 victory season. Not only that, it has already begun to run away with the American League West title, despite the improvement of every team in the division. Many believe that the team this year is better than last with the addition of Jeff Cirillo and a still-loaded minor league system. Does this mean it will win 116 games again? Probably not, since Edgar Martinez going down and many others being hurt, but the Mariners have continued to win. The bullpen is not as deep as last year, but can be if some youngsters step up. However, the Mariners' goal is not to win 116 games again — they just want a World Series crown.

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