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TODAY'S WEATHER
High: 64°
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Students don't own senior projects
By Renée Shadforth
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Many Cal Poly students create their senior projects with the intention of marketing them some day. Most students don't know that those projects are the exclusive property of Cal Poly, whether they were created on campus or not, according to university's Intellectual Property Policy (IPP). Exclusive property rights not only give the university claim to some of the proceeds, but also the right to manipulate the project without the consent of the student.

"If a student is working on something they think will be successful, see PROJECTS, page 10

Craft fair allows artists to profit from talent
By Carly Haselbuhn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's impossible to walk past the display without catching your eye. It might be the color that makes you stop, or form of the glass sparkling in the spring sun. Friendly faces of fellow students mill around the tables and compliment the work. And it comes just in time for Mother's Day.

"It's so much cheaper buying here than at an art gallery," said Chris Thiele, who has worked at the Craft Center for four years. Though shoppers tend to buy the cheapest, smallest pieces, anybody familiar with the price of art elsewhere knows what a deal they're getting with the student-crafted creations.

"We get a lot of traffic going through here, so some people will be taken aback by an $80 price tag," said Thiele, a manufacturing engineering senior. And yet others are surprised by the cheap prices, like $20 for a detailed piece of glazed pottery that, as a passerby noted, "is so hard to make."

The vendors set their own price and get a majority of the sale price.

"I think of the lowest I would part with it for and the highest, and then I usually price it somewhere in the middle," said studio art junior Adrian Foster, who sold his paintings at the craft fair.

Since Foster's paintings vary from small self-portraits to those
see FAIR, page 10

SLO group to help rebuild education in Afghanistan
By Justin Ruttkay
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

San Luis Obispo teachers, along with Cal Poly professors and students, have created a foundation to raise support for students in Afghanistan.

The foundation, which is called Reach Out Afghanistan, is currently working on raising funds to help rebuild and re-establish a secondary school in Afghanistan's capital Kabul. The primary mission of the project is to raise money to pay for school supplies.

Various learning materials such as books, desks and paper will be sent to a school in Afghanistan's capital Kabul.

"We're working titgether as everyday people, rather than as a government entity," McCann said.

Zulfacar agreed that the focus of globalization should be placed on the more humanitarian side and how people can help each other in need, rather than just focusing on information and technology.

"With an exchange of information between countries, we can work together for a more peaceful world," Zulfacar said.

The group would also like to get support from Cal Poly and local high school students as well, she said. At the end of the quarter, ROA wants to collect any books that students would be willing to donate to the cause.

Although the books are in English, educating students on how to speak English is an important aspect in their education, she said.

"This is a way to indirectly connect American students with students that are in dire need of school supplies after years of being in war," she said.

Although the books donated will be given directly to the Asia Foundation, which will then send the books directly to Kabul University in Afghanistan.

Zulfacar will be leaving for Afghanistan at the end of June. The purpose of her next trip is to gather more information about what is needed and where the foundation's assistance can be most utilized. Sister Mary Pat White, a Catholic campus minister at Cal Poly and a member of ROA, will be going to Afghanistan as well to support the cause of the organization.

If students would like to get more information concerning the group, and how to help, contact White at 544-4805.
Week recognizes animal welfare

By Grant Shellen

There are at least 15,000 stray cats and dogs in Los Angles and Orange counties, according to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Services.

A coalition of groups called the End Homelessness Coalition has been working to bring about changes in the way homeless people are treated.

The coalition has been working with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to ensure that people who are homeless have access to medical care and other basic necessities.

The coalition has also been working with the Los Angeles Police Department to ensure that police officers are trained to deal with people who are homeless in a humane way.

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The coalition has been working with the Los Angeles County Board of Education to ensure that schools provide a safe and healthy environment for all students.

The coalition has been working with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services to ensure that children who are homeless are protected from abuse.

The coalition has been working with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Services to ensure that animals who are homeless are treated with care and respect.

The coalition has been working with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services to ensure that people who are homeless have access to health care.

The coalition has been working with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to ensure that people who are homeless have access to clean water and safe sanitation facilities.

The coalition has been working with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to ensure that people who are homeless have access to safe and clean streets.

The coalition has been working with the Los Angeles County Department of Transportation to ensure that people who are homeless have access to safe and reliable transportation.

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Student starts chess club at elementary school

By Navid Niaian

The Mustang Daily staff writer

Cal Poly student Dennis Steele has been working with local elementary school students over the past year to complete his senior project.

Steele, a liberal studies major, started the school year with the goal of founding a chess club at Hawthorne Elementary School.

Steele spent the first three weeks of school setting up the club, recruiting members, and planning events.

The club started on November 16 and continues weekly through the end of the year.

The club meets on Fridays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The club has four tournaments a year, which occur every fall, winter, spring, and summer.

The most recent tournament was the state championship, which took place in Southern California on March 11.

"We had a third grader get an award and I was more than happy with that," Steele said.

The senior project required a lot of work for Steele, but getting Cal Poly to accept the chess club topic as a senior project was simple.

"I just wrote a paper on the history of chess and how to start a club at an elementary school," Steele said.

Officials at Hawthorne Elementary School said they believe the chess club is good for the students.

"The alliance's primary goal is to address animal welfare issues in the community, including animal homelessness."

Eric Anderson

Animal Welfare Services manager with San Luis Obispo County

Another animal welfare issue is cruelty and abuse.

The American Humane Society says there are quite a few animals brought into the shelter that have been neglected, but the neglect is much worse than that.

"My friend has a movie of someone eating a cat," Steele said, "mechanical engineering junior Nate Crampton. I know it's acceptable to eat cats in other countries, but this movie was made really to be shocking."

The movie, set to Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," shows some killing, skinning, cooking and eating a cat, Crampton said.

He was appalled by it and said there are many who would agree that such deeds are cruel and abusive.

"We have to have more Cal Poly students involved but I just haven't had time to do it," Steele said.

Steele said he believes a good way to learn about chess is to do one of several things.

"You can get in touch with the United States Chess Federation (USCF), or check out The Pawn and Queen and in between," Steele said.

Overall, the kids have reacted very positively to the chess club, as have parents.

"The kids love it," Steele said. "They enjoy the tournaments because they have a chance to win trophies. The parents are very involved with tournaments as well because they participate in traveling."

Steele said that he had one concern when Steele approached him about the idea of a chess club at Hawthorne Elementary School.

"I was worried if kids would be interested in chess," Crampton said. "But the enthusiasm that Dennis brings is contagious and he's found a way to make it fun."

Weather WATCH

5-DAY FORECAST

SATURDAY

High: 67° / Low: 46°

SUNDAY

High: 68° / Low: 48°

MONDAY

High: 69° / Low: 49°

TUESDAY

High: 68° / Low: 49°

WEDNESDAY

High: 68° / Low: 49°

TODAY'S SUN

Rise: 6:03 a.m. / Set: 7:56 p.m.

TODAY'S MOON

Rise: 5:20 a.m. / Set: 6:29 p.m.

TODAY'S TIDE

High: 3:57 a.m. / 0.26 feet

Low: 10:00 a.m. / 3.32 feet

High: 3:25 p.m. / 1.33 feet

Low: 9:38 p.m. / 5.21 feet

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* Conceptions of number - UC Riverside Professor Erich Reck - Bigd, 33, room 287, 4:10 p.m.

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Moratorium on death penalty in Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A moratorium was imposed on the death penalty in Maryland on Thursday by Gov. Parris Glendenning until the state completes a study on whether the death penalty is subject to racial bias. The study was requested two years ago.

Illinois has imposed a similar moratorium on the death penalty that has been in effect since 2000.

A stay on the execution of Wesley Eugene Baker was also issued. Baker was scheduled to die by lethal injection next week.

There are 13 men on death row in Maryland. Nine of them, including Baker, are black.

Glendenning generally supports the death penalty, but said the moratorium would not be lifted until the study has been reviewed by the legislature. He expects the process to take about a year.

— Associated Press

Seven crew members missing from Navy jets

PENSACOLA, Fla. — No signs of seven missing crew members from two U.S. Navy jets that crashed in the Gulf of Mexico have been found, the U.S. Coast Guard said Thursday. Rescuers from the Coast Guard and Navy have recovered debris from the wrecks.

Most of the wreckage found is small pieces, a spokesman said. Nothing of any substantial size has been found.

The T-39 Sabreliner disappeared from radar Wednesday during training flights when they were about 46 miles south of Pensacola. It is still unclear if the small planes collided or if either had made distress calls.

The planes went down at about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

— Reuters

Falling schools hits new high

WASHINGTON — About 7,200 public schools in the United States are considered to be "failing," making their students eligible to transfer to other public schools this fall, the Education Department said Wednesday.

The students who decide to transfer schools may be eligible for federally funded transportation to their new schools. In some cases, they may also be eligible for free tutoring.

The department had estimated earlier that 3,000 to 5,000 schools were considered to be failing. The students at failing schools are eligible to transfer if the schools' scores fail to rise over a three-year period.

The reported number of 7,200 failing schools could rise later this month when reports from the remaining eight states are returned.

In the United States, there are about 91,000 public elementary and secondary schools.

— Associated Press

International Briefs

Europe

KASSIER, Russia — A holiday parade was demolished when a remote-control bomb exploded, killing at least 34 people and injuring about 150 on Thursday in a Russian town near Chechnya.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack, but Islamic militants have also been blamed for past attacks in the region, as have Chechen rebels.

The parade was in honor of the Allied victory over the Nazis in World War II. Children and elderly veterans were present for the festivities, which included a marching band and a wreath-laying ceremony in the Caspian Sea port town.

Among the dead were 17 servicemen, 12 children and five adult bystanders, said an official.

In a separate attack, rebels fired a shell on a stadium in the Chechen capital of Grozny, where Russian and Chechen civilians had gathered in honor of Victory Day. Four police officers were wounded, officials said.

— Associated Press

South America

SAO PAULO — At least 21 people were killed and another 21 were injured in Brazil early Thursday when a bus carrying university students careened off a country highway and down a steep bank, police said.

The students were heading home after classes at a university in Sao Paulo at about midnight when the bus broke through a cement railing. The students were between 18 and 25 years old. The bank was 15 to 22 feet deep.

A police spokesman said he believed it was the worst traffic accident in the area in years.

The University of Florida was closed Thursday and declared a three-day period of mourning in honor of the deceased students.

— Reuters

Europe

LONDON — Centuries after sinking to the bottom of the ocean, ancient cannonballs are still ''plucking up' people in the sea, a magazine said Wednesday.

One scientist said that he had recorded several incidents where old rusted balls of metal turned red after heating up, and sometimes exploded minutes or weeks after being exposed to oxygen.

In one instance a ball retrieved from a 1691 wreck started to glow a dull red after being exposed to the open air for a few minutes. The ball then turned red and started to burn the pine table it was sitting on, causing the table to smoke.

There have been many other instances in which the balls simply split many weeks after being pulled from the sea, said the scientist. The explosions occur because the cannonballs develop a lattice-like porous structure during the hundreds of years they spend in the sea, said the scientist. The structures then react with oxygen to produce massive amounts of heat when they are brought up to the surface. The combination of oxygen and sea salt caused a rapid oxidation that resulted in the balls exploding open and crumbling into bits.

— Associated Press

BY CHRIS CHARLSON, U-WIRE

American students were on a sexual express trip this summer.

They have a sexual education. They can do it. They have ideas, they can have sex, they can talk about it. It's not about feelings or how it feels or what they want sexually. It's not about whether it's dirty or shameful to talk about it.

"It includes every kind of group: Bondage, porn, gay, straight. It doesn't matter what your sexual preference is, it's a matter of what people masturbate," she said.

"Besides, the theme made us laugh, and we like to use ideas we can have fun with," she added.

The event started at 5 p.m., the band "Two Inch Winkie" performed in the parking lot.

Mt. Vernon Community College and the University of Cincinnati group reached an agreement with the council. The city council approved a proposal to sponsor an education event called "Crush It!"

"We wanted students to know it's not dirty, shameful to talk about sex," she said, "and make students aware that there's more to sex than just sexual intercourse.

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Some believe that the cease-fire has been announced to buy the rebels time to allow them to regroup, while others believe it is a sign that the rebels have become desperate and experienced a decline in morale.

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Nepal's authorities had earlier ruled out any talks with rebels unless they surrendered. Previous peace talks have broken down.

— BBC News

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

U. Cincinnati group encourages masturbation

— Associated Press

By Chris Charlson, U-WIRE

CINCINNATI — The University of Cincinnati's Second Annual Masturbation Celebration got off to a very saucy start Tuesday after rain, thunderstorms earlier in the day threatened to cancel the event.

Students Supporting Sexual Expression event coordinator Rebecca Lehman said the purpose of the event was to increase sexual awareness among college students.

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"Spider-Man" weaves intricate plot

Leslie Edwards
WYNN AND DAILY STAFF WRITERS

A gift. A curse. A destiny. That is the life of the human spider, or should I say Spider-Man! After faking his way on a field trip to the science department at Columbia University, a strange thing occurs in the life of nearly high school student Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire), while photographing his neighbor and girl of his dreams, Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst), Parker is hit by a genetically altered super-spider. Overnight, he trains arachnid powers out of his dreams, Mary Jane Watson.

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Web-slinging special effects and super battles anyone would want, the dialog is anchored by Parker's transformation, which is emotional as well as physical. He not only develops a "spider sense," but a moral sensibility and along with becoming a superhero, Parker becomes a man.

The film's weakest moments might be the dopey interactions with Aunt May and Uncle Ben, as well as the muddling times of Osborn. Its strengths, however, are the sequences in which Parker discovers and then tries out his spider powers. It's enjoyable to watch how the film, through a combination of action, stand-ins and computer-generated imagery, enables Spider-Man to play from building to building through the streets of Manhattan.

Perhaps the greatest strength of "Spider-Man" is Maguire's surprisingly effective role as Peter Parker. Although he is not the traditional hard that studios prefer for the superhero role (see Michael Keaton as Batman), his crooked-tooth sincerity and offbeat charisma turn him into the most convincing of Spider-Men. He differs from Superman and Batman in that he is shy and socially awkward, but this helps the audience better relate to his character.

Raimi's direction is solid, although not as involving as it was in the "Evil Dead" movies and "Darkman." He doesn't use much trickery, but chooses his shots carefully in order to give the audience a sense of being on a journey with Spider-Man, rather than being spectators on the sidelines. The special effects are convincing enough that they do not obscure the characters.

Unfortunately, "Spider-Man" is unable to create a believable villain. The Green Goblin is a completely generic evil-doer and the uninvolved battles with him are weakened by dialogue such as, "Goblin, what have you done?" The Green Goblin should clearly be able to squash Spider-Man like a bug, but he never does. Another lapse in the logic pile-up is the way in which the characters interact with Spider-Man and the Green Goblin when they're both in and out of costume, but never seem to recognize their voices or notice incongruities that would reveal their identities.

Although "Spider-Man" is first and foremost an action film, there is a highly romantic, almost Shakespearean, element. Maguire and Dunst make a real connection on screen, so you may find yourself rooting for the romance between Watson and Parker. (The kiss with Spider-Man hanging upside down as they lock lips is a memorably one.)

Screenwriter David Koepp does a credible job laying out the birth of Spider-Man, but has less to offer our web-slinger's early years when it was written by Stan Lee and drawn by Steve Ditko. The film does a good job duplicating classic poses and the comic's sense of humor, but the depressing accessories of big-budget fantasy movies weigh the film down.

By Bryan Dickerson
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Spice up your summer movie-going with a little "Y Tu Mama Tambien." This film is an excellent example of modern Latin American cinema.

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What starts out as giggly and light, with new age manifestation and party humor, grows heavier as they travel through the smoke of burning refuse. It was refreshing to see Mexicans living a life resembling believable ways as the odometer ticks with Mexico in trash-strewn towns. And all of this takes place bathed in the magical expanse of the magical and cinematically skilled camerawork of Emmanuel Lubezki's vision.

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Allen shouldn’t have chosen this ‘ending’

Katherine Gernhardt

Woody Allen’s new movie carries a PG-13 warning label: “Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Contains some drug references and sexual material.” Sounds promising, right? Wrong.

Allen’s character pops unidentified pills and mentions Xanax at one point, and Thiessen appears in her underwear, but that’s about it. Actually, even if the whole movie had been filled with naked people doing drugs, it still wouldn’t have been worth the attention.

Of course, Allen portrays the main character, Val, as a neurotic, washed-up New York film director, reduced to doing deodorant commercials in Canada and desperately looking for a comeback to the silver screen. His ex-wife, Ellie (Tea Leoni), convinces her new husband’s movie company to let Val direct “The City That Never Sleeps,” a big-budget period piece.

Let me say that I am not trying to bash Allen films in general. Granted, I don’t think he helps the cause by making them. But once you get past the disaster that is a true “Hollywood Ending,” it becomes clear why these encounters did nothing to develop the characters, further the story or tie the things together.

I won’t go into any more of the plot, since some of you still might actually want to go see this movie. But I will mention a few interesting points.

Does 67-year-old Allen really expect audiences to believe that Thiessen, Leoni, or Debra Messing are typically arranged according to immediate pleasures. But that’s what road movies are all about. Exploration and discovery.

“Y Tu Mama También” is not rated. The sex scenes are graphic and well done, bringing to life the un-airbrushed gritty awkwardness of teen-age conquest. It does get a visual treat. This one’s worth reading.

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"Opinion" Global warming and other tales

Friday, May 10, 2002
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Editorial:

"Designing" babies counters ethics

Let's face it. Parents can be absurd. If a toddler falls down and scrapes his knee, he can before even stop to evaluate his little mishap, mom or dad rushes him into the house. After dosing him with every possible ointment that they can find in the medicine cabinet, they cover the "scowl" with a bandage and then rub Bacitracin and put him on house lockdown for the rest of the day so he can recover.

It gets even worse with parents who are expecting a baby. It's not uncommon to see first-time parents running throughout the house. At this point, they're asking a friend with five generations of deafness in his family to donate sperm. The man agreed.

Deafness, they asked a friend with five generations of deafness, in their family to donate sperm. The man agreed. They can learn to prepare for, or choose to eliminate, various disorders even before a baby is born. Because of this, parents can consult every book on genetics before a pregnancy even begins. The tact simply remains that life would be easier if you could choose to pass on your genetic disorders.

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More and more scientific research has been conducted to debunk the threat of global warming. Much like the "pro-life" school of thought that flooded in the 1970s, global warming proponents are beginning to lose support for the idea that lacks any hard scientific evidence whatsoever.

Faster, and more people will try to "design" children with specific traits. If he were capable of deciding for himself, would he have chosen to be deaf? Probably not.

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What do people fear about this? Some are afraid that scientists are trying to put their own agenda on the planet. They are afraid that scientists are trying to put their own agenda on the planet. They are afraid that scientists are trying to put their own agenda on the planet. They are afraid that scientists are trying to put their own agenda on the planet. They are afraid that scientists are trying to put their own agenda on the planet. They are afraid that scientists are trying to put their own agenda on the planet. They are afraid that scientists are trying to put their own agenda on the planet. They are afraid that scientists are trying to put their own agenda on the planet.
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"The steam well was enormous," Meier said. "One megawatt of electricity would power about 1,500 homes. But when out of work it would produce several megawatts of electricity."

For the last 10 years, Cal Poly has sent approximately two to three students a year to the NACE expo, Meier said. Meier is the second student to win from Cal Poly.

During his internship, Meier dealt with the complications of the steam being highly corrosive. However, with his knowledge in inhibitor science, an inhibitor is usually a chemical that prevents corrosion, and corrosion causes rust — he was able to collect the steam without letting it corrode the metal piping of the power plant. This became his senior project.

Meier entered his senior project into the NACE Harvey Hero competition and had to present his project on a poster in front of a committee of engineers.

"Jerrod's work treated a timely challenge, corrosion prevention in geothermal applications," said Daniel Walsh, associate dean of the College of Engineering. "He certainly represents the best of the best."

Meier has also been asked by "Materials Performance Magazine" for the abstract of his senior project and "Composites Magazine" for a brief synopsis of the project.

"To the industry, these magazines are huge," Meier said. "They're as popular as 'People' or 'Sports Illustrated.'"

Meier is also a member of the Materials Engineering Student Society, and has maintained a 3.1 cumulative grade point average. One of his professors, David Niebuhr, an assistant professor in materials engineering, "I wish I had more students with Jerrod's intellect, motivation, and work ethic."

Walsh is also proud of Meier's achievement.

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Meier will graduate this June. He has been hired by the Southern California Gas Company, Los Angeles as an associate engineer for pipeline integrity with an agreement to get a master's degree.

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College of Engineering
Mustangs head to Husker country for series

By Sarah Stephan

Senior pitcher Kevin Correa fires a pitch during Sunday's game against Long Beach State. Correa will lead the team this weekend against the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers.

"We need to approach this series with the same momentum we have for our other games," said sophomore pitcher Matt Powers.

Cal Poly leads the Big West teams in batting, scoring and defense. The team needs to continue playing at this level against Nebraska, a school known for having strong offense.

During the last nine weeks, the Mustangs have played the K's base—against Long Beach State, which is ranked 26th in the country.

Senior Bryan Giant extended his hitting streak to 12 games in the Long Beach Series. He has also hit safely in 25 out of his last 26 outings.

Also doing well at the plate is sophomore Kyle Wilson with 12 doubles, ranking fourth on the Cal Poly single season list. He is just six short of the school record.

On the mound, senior pitcher Kevin Correa was named Big West Conference Pitcher of the Week due to Cal Poly's victories against Long Beach State Mar 3 and 5.

The two wins enabled Correa to improve his record to 10-3, ranking him sixth in the nation in the win column. In Friday night's 5-4 win, Correa secured the final five outs, allowed no runs or hits and struck out two. In Sunday's game, he allowed only five hits, contributing to the Mustang's 8-2 victory.

Correa's performance last weekend was the first time since 1997 that a Cal Poly pitcher has earned 10 wins in a season and also the first time that a Cal Poly baseball player has been honored by the Big West Conference this season.

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"Overall, the success of our season can't be based upon the two schools. Cal Poly's last victory came in 1998, a 5-4 victory over San Luis Obispo.

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CSU Fullerton comes to town for last softball series

By Nick Hopping

In a season that began with high expectations, the Cal Poly woman's softball team, defeated by injuries, has been relegated to the role of spoiler heading into their final series.

"We've got nothing to lose," said freshman outfielder Aynso Nafarino.

Ninth-ranked Cal State Fullerton, however, has a different agenda. The Titans (47-11, 19-2 BWC) roll into San Luis Obispo on Friday with the plan of sweeping their third consecutive series, picking up at least a share of their third consecutive Big West Conference championship and grabbing some momentum on their way to the NCAA College World Series.

The series kicks off with a Friday night doubleheader with games beginning at 5 and 7 p.m. and closes out on Saturday with a single game starting at noon.

These will be the final games at Janssen Field for seniors Terra Blankenbecler, Nicole Dansby, Kasey Poert, Jackie Wayland and Christie Wells.

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Christie Wells

Senior outfielder

"We have more injuries this year than the last five years combined," said head coach Lisa Boyer. "Had we been healthy, we would have reached our goal."

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"This team has never been able to operate as a full unit," said Blankenbecler. "We get a flow going and somebody gets hurt."

The Titans lead the all-time series with Cal Poly, 20-7, having won their last eleven meetings between the two schools. Cal Poly's last victory came in 1998, a 5-4 victory over San Luis Obispo.

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Nearly 30 years ago, Congress passed legislation prohibiting institutions that receive federal funds from discriminating based on gender. The legislation, known as Title IX as Title IX — has had a profound impact at universities, particularly in their athletic departments.

"When it was proposed in 1972, we had no idea that its most visible impact would be in athletics," said Rep. Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii. "I had been paying attention to the academic issue. I had been excluded from medical school because I was a female."

Nearly 30 years since the law was enacted, critics and supporters agree that Title IX has made a significant impact on fostering the tremendous growth of women's sports, both at the collegiate level and beyond. The proliferation of women's basketball and soccer programs has led to the recent creations of professional leagues in both sports. Next season, all 63 games of the NCAA Division I women's basketball tournament will be televised.

Still, not all of the consequences were foreseen. As the NCAA begins a seminar about the 30th anniversary of Title IX Thursday in Arlington, Va., perhaps the key issue surrounding the legislation is how colleges continue to try to gain compliance.

The most easily discernable way to comply with Title IX is to have the perception of variety and variety available, men and women be nearly the same as the percentage of men and women in the school's full-time undergraduate enrollment.