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CALIFORNIA SPECIAL ELECTION

‘No’ gains ground in SLO County
Brittany Ridley
MUSTANG DAILY

Proposition 76 was losing as of 9 p.m. on Tuesday in San Luis Obispo County, with about 57 percent voting “no” on the measure.

If passed, Proposition 76 would restrict the state-spending limit and would grant the governor permission to reduce educational budgets.

“My mantra this time around was ‘Just say no,’” San Luis Obispo City Council member Christine Mulholland said. “This is a misuse of the initiative system. We have major structural changes that need to be made in a variety of our government programs. This is the legislature working by its large, and if they’re not doing it, let’s fire them and hire someone else.”

Kayla Plourde, president of San Luis Obispo County’s Parent Teacher Association (PTA) was against the proposition and said she was pleased to see that Californians decided not to increase the powers of the governor and that stable funding for schools is still fundamental.

Proposition 73, which would allow minors the right to have an abortion without parental consent, was voted down as of 9 p.m. Tuesday by San Luis Obispo County.

“Proposition 73 is a personal and privacy issue and it is nobody’s business to be telling people what they can and can’t do with their body,” Mulholland said. “That just kind of fall down the lines of people who believe in a woman’s right to choose and those who are against abortion.”

Proposition 74 was passing in San Luis Obispo County with just over 50 percent voting “yes” for the measure as of 9 p.m. Tuesday. If passed, the measure will increase a teacher’s probationary period from two to five years.

Proposition 75 was also passing with about 52 percent approval.

The remaining propositions, 77 to 80, were all voted against as of 9 p.m. by county ballots.

“The voters of California are saying to the governor, ‘Work with state legislature and have less public policy made by means of initiative measures,’” said Allen Settle, a Cal Poly political science professor, city council member and former mayor. “The governor is now going to face a stronger opposition in the legislature and democrats over matters of spending, taxation and working with the Democratic party.”

International symposium discusses building disaster-resistant communities
Louise Dobly
MUSTANG DAILY

In response to many natural disasters that have plagued the globe in recent years, Cal Poly’s city and regional planning department organized an international symposium to discuss ways to build disaster-resistant communities and to educate people on how to provide assistance for victims of these disasters.

Professors, planners and engineers from Japan to Venezuela gathered on campus Nov. 3 to 5 to raise awareness and to brainstorm ways to rebuild societies after disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf Coast, the tsunami in Southeast Asia and the earthquake in Pakistan.

“The number of disasters all around the world is increasing,” said William Siehmbda, department head of city and regional planning. “It’s an urban myth that disasters are going to go away, that it’s not going to happen to you. And we want to make sure people have a much better notion of how to build disaster-resistant communities. Disasters are something people should be worried about and we should address how to do something about them.”

In what Siehmbeida called the “most important and largest symposium on this topic in the country,” Cal Poly students and professors, as well as local and international architects, engineers and planners discussed what was learned.

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Ballot centerpiece failing
Michael R. Blood
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's plan to slow state spending — the centerpiece of his "year of reform" ballot proposals — was trails in early returns Tuesday in an election that could deal him an embarrassing setback or bolster his faded popularity.

Early returns suggested that voters were sending a mixed message on the governor's four propositions.

With 22.7 percent of precincts reporting, the governor's spending proposal — Proposition 76 — was trailing 57-43 percent; his initiative to redraw state legislative districts also was trailing. His proposal to curb political spending by unions was leading, but an initiative to make it harder for public school teachers to get tenure was deadlocked.

The special election pitted the Republican actor-turned-governor against two of California's dominant political forces — public employee unions and Democrats who control the Legislature.

In an appeal on the eve of the election, likely to be among the most expensive in state history, Schwarzenegger urged voters to "give me tools to reform the system.

The contest represented the biggest test yet of a faltering Schwarzenegger's leadership — the outcome will give him momentum toward re-election next year or cloud his ability to win a second term.

In the campaign's closing days, polls found none of the governor's proposals had majority support among likely voters. In all, voters weighed eight ballot initiatives, half of which Schwarzenegger embraced as part of his "year of reform."

The secretary of state has projected that 42 percent of the state's 15.8 million registered voters would cast ballots. That would be less than the 61 percent turnout for the 2003 recall but greater than turnout for special elections in 1993 and 1979.

Schwarzenegger's proposals to curb spending and weaken unions have inflamed passions on both sides, partly because of the election's roughly $50 million cost in a state that repeatedly faces budget shortfalls. Underscoring the stakes, celebrities including Warren Beatty and Rob Reiner provided Hollywood heavyweight to the governor's Terminator image.

Though some of the measures were complex, Schwarzenegger cast the election in simple terms: Support him and it would be less than the 61 percent turnout for the 2003 recall but greater than turnout for special elections in 1993 and 1979.

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from recent disasters and how to reduce the risks posed by catastrophic events in the future.

"This conference is about taking natural disasters into consideration when planning for development or construction that students don't get from a normal curriculum," city and regional planning senior Mike Marcus said. "Especially given the number of hurricanes, floods, landslides and global warming, you have to take the natural habitat into account so we don't perpetuate the problem."

More than 90,000 people died in the earthquake in Pakistan last month, over 120,000 people died in the tsunami two years ago. After the month, over 120,000 people died in the earthquake in Pakistan last

Monday, he cited the 2003 San Simeon earthquake that killed two people in Central Coast. Another earthquake was to "create an international foundation of knowledge" to enhance sustainability and to facilitate recovery for countries all over the world coping with natural disasters.

"It's interesting to learn about what's going on, especially in San Luis Obispo because California is susceptible to earthquakes and floods and these are things we are going to deal with in the near future," city and regional planning junior Eric Ward said. "California has a history of earthquakes, and we need to prepare people for the worst."

Clare Clark, seismic coordinator for the city of San Luis Obispo, cited the 2003 San Simeon earthquake that killed two people in Paso Robles as a motivation to retrofit and reinforce buildings along the Central Coast. Another earthquake of 8.0 magnitude or higher is anticipated to hit along the San Andreas Fault in the near future.

"Very simple retrofitting can prevent a building from falling down and people from getting killed," said Rakesh Goel, a professor of civil and environmental engineering. "We are Cal Poly — we teach the planners and engineers, so we need to deliver a curriculum on disaster risk reduction."

In addition to natural disasters, countries are also preparing for other catastrophes, like the terror attacks on the World Trade Center in New York. Steinberda said communities should have a disaster plan in place to offset disaster and be prepared to protect property.

"It's going to have to come from more than just the planners," said Frank Wein of URS Corporation.

Friday Peets said.

"We put a lot of time and effort into promoting this fact and the fact that we had standing room only, I am sure it was a great success and something people were interested in," Peets said. "I think people took a lot away from it."

The FMA will host Citi Group from Citi Bank this Thursday to discuss investment banking Peets said.

"In addition to professional speakers we had Jeff Johnson come in and do a seminar on how to do your resume, how you want to format it and interview skills," Peets said.

Oppenheimer briefly answered questions for individual students after the presentation, advising students to pick the first company they work for carefully.

"They (students) want to go to a company that has strong values and cultures so they can find good men-

tors so they can learn to operate in the corporate world," Oppenheimer said. "I think that's real critical."

FMA meetings are open to all students and held weekly on Thursdays at 11 a.m. in the business building and open to all students. For more information go to www.fma.calpoly.edu

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FMA hosts CFO for Apple Computer, Inc.

Brittany Ridley
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly Financial Management Association (FMA) hosted the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Apple Computer, Inc., Peter Oppenheimer, at a presentation Thursday, Nov. 3.

Oppenheimer, a Cal Poly graduate, discussed his position in the corporation, along with Apple Computer's financial success in the last few years.

"We need to apply what we learn for growing communities, strategic and regional planning senior Mike Marcus said. "Other countries are dealing with it on the international to domestic."

The symposium was a great opportunity for students to network with other students and other faculty," FMA president, Wali Peets said.

Six additional Apple Computer employees accompanied Oppenheimer to collect resumes and provide follow-up interviews.

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His conflict with the unions made him a target for teachers, nurses and firefighters who honored his public appearances for months and helped push his popularity ratings to record lows.

Schwarzenegger's Tuesday got off to an inauspicious start: When he arrived at a polling place near his Brentwood mansion, poll workers said he had already voted.

He hadn't.

A quick call to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder Office turned up the problem — an explained mix-up involving an early voting test. After voting — for real — Schwarzenegger flashed a thumbs-up sign but didn't speak with reporters.

The governor called the election in June to promote three initiatives: Proposition 76 aimed to cap state spending; Proposition 74 would lengthen teachers' probationary period from two years to five and make it easier to fire veteran teachers; and Proposition 77 would transfer the power to draw legislative boundaries from lawmakers to three retired judges.

Schwarzenegger later embraced Proposition 75, which would make it harder for public employee unions to raise money for political purposes.

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Defense attorney in Saddam’s trial slain, another lawyer wounded in shooting

Bassem Moure

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When the Apocalypse comes, Asians will be the last ones standing. Us and the cockroaches, we'll burrow under the seismic madness and find sustenance in civilization's bones, occasionally passing to cook rice and drive poorly.

See, when it comes to Armageddon, or at least the Hollywood kind, nothing can touch the Far East. No matter how big Jerry Bruckheimer's budget, end-of-days destruction never visits the region. Think about it — in those inevitable montages of crumbling international landmarks and screaming unattractive civilians, the Great Wall of China is never shown. In every movie of concentrated mayhem, the Pyramids will shatter and the Statue of Liberty will drown. Egg rolls, however, will enjoy record popularity.

"That's because no one cares about China," said a friend, who probably wants to remain anonymous right now.

To test this long-standing theory, I grabbed some pizza and settled in Sunday night for "Category 7." The End of the World's 24-hour CBS miniseries more terrifying than any horserace. As my cinematic partner-in-crime Jeff attested, the headline couldn't have been more self-explanatory — and as time revealed, the plot couldn't have been more derivative. In this alternate prime-time universe, not only did Asia remain unscathed, but Jeff said he'd even thought of making a hurricane and George Washington's nose face tumbled askew against South Dakota.

Anyway, I'm fuzzy on the details, but somewhere in the apocalyptic cast of clichéd characters, everyone realized that storms (super cells) were gonna shred the earth and then joined forces: the ambitious Young Reporter, the Corrupt Televaeght, the Lone Scientist Who Knows the Truth and the Idealistic Government Official. Single Mother He Still Secretly Loves, the Smartly Rich Kid, the Crapshoot Team of Rebel Geonomes and Sharon Doherty.

The two-hour episode was a tsunami of vaguely scientific gibber and unsatisfying explosions, yet in that time it managed to steal whole scenes from "Armageddon," "The Core," "The Day After Tomorrow" and "Deep Impact" — and recycle Randy Quaid from his familiar hallmark of "Independence Day." But to its credit, "Category 7" did have flying downed birds, a magical phone pole and an unnecessarily epic scene involving frogs.

The plague thing was just icing on the imploding cake, but it brought up a dormant idea: Why are we obsessed with apocalypse culture? I happen to love it; one of my favorite books is "On the Beach," a Cold War novel by Nevil Shute that follows the final victims of nuclear annihilation. Whenever I read its delicate passages on radiation and suicide, I become mistily grateful for my own life, and vow to make it one of love and empathy. My desire for extreme escapism logically extends to the theater, too, where I get the added bonus of many things blowing up. I've always assumed this was normal, and at most a hint of internal pyromania. But now I'm worried.

Jeff isn't interested in end-of-the-world scenarios; he maintains a polite apathy, at best. This is notable because he is as well with his religious belief and has a calm acceptance with the Great Unknown. I maintain the exact opposite affection for stupid chaos and also a much shakier spiritual footing; I've been trying for awhile, and I can't cement a belief in any God besides John Lennon. This, in a way, makes perfect sense, because sensuous end-is-nigh drama elevates my fears and triggers hope and goodwill. Absurd and 1 can't cement a belief in any God besides John Lennon. This, in a way, makes perfect sense, because sensuous end-is-nigh drama elevates my fears and triggers hope and goodwill.

For Michael Stipe, and the wild-eyed sensualist bastards who picket the L.U., the small-screen panic orgy sucked on all cylinders, to the extent that it transcended into moderately illuminating — but not in my usual sappy way. Instead, it highlighted the shared belief of all these disaster flicks; the idea that a higher power has control over our fates and we can only scream and stampede like cattle.

"See, why is the doomsday always placed on freakish weather, or asteroids or aliens? Why not us and our ecological raping, or the military's escalating love affair with nuclear arms? No one wants to be blamed in their entertainment, so the movies provide an escapism not only from life, but from our own moral innocence in our doom. In that way, their moral-lite pandering really matches the idea of spirituality, and that isn't doing us any favors; there's worse stuff than meteors in our motor oil and Tom Cruise won't save us because he's already on the wrong planet.

I'm still trying to wring dogma from these bad movies, when their only relevance is shared ignorance of real threat. But if creation is supposed to mirror reality, then these flicks are probably about what we're eating them up. Hey, I'm just amused my invisible Asian theory was supposed and a little preaching surfaced alongside it. But sadly, I won't be surfing over for episode two of "Category 7," "The End of the World." Maybe I'm losing my religion.

Stacey Anderson is a journalism and music critic, KCPR 19J and town of habitation. Sort of like religion.
Cal Poly's theater and dance department will present the Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Proof," running Thursdays through Saturdays, Nov. 10 through Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre. These performances will mark the regional stage premiere of the play. Director Pamela Malkin said "Proof" is one of the most acclaimed plays of the past decade.

"Most 'great plays' have multiple meanings, messages and themes," she said. "Proof is no exception. It is an intriguing psychological mystery as well as a compelling family drama."

The popularity of the play was demonstrated by the recent filming of a Hollywood version, which Malkin said is very different from the stage version. The story follows four intelligent characters who are "passionately interested in 'the life of the mind,'" Malkin said.

Three of the four characters are mathematicians who are steadfast with their research, but also struggling to find an emotional balance in their lives. The main character, Catherine, is a mathematician who makes many sacrifices to care for her brilliant but disturbed father.

Kristin "Dickie" Copeland, a theatre arts and communication studies senior, plays the role of Catherine and said she enjoys the character's complexities.

"I love playing a girl who's kind of out of control," she said. "She's really on the brink and she's not very steady, but she still has a lot of strength. She's wondering if she's a genius and she's also wondering if she's going crazy like her dad did."

"I love Hal," he said. "He is a modern nerd who has true opinions, fears and deep emotions. I enjoy the importance of my role in the play and intricacies of Hal's personality." Pomeroy said, like Copeland, he also loves the character he's playing, which is one of the best things he gets out of acting in "Proof."

"I rehearse at least 25 hours a week, and for students, this is over and above other courses and work loads."

"I think it makes it a little bit easier that both my roommate and my boyfriend are in the show," she said. "I don't feel like I run out on many social things because they're both there with me."

"All of my responsibilities are activities I enjoy so the load hasn't been too difficult," he said.

Malkin said the student actors have done a great job with the sophisticated roles.

"Even though they are playing people within their own age range, the psychologies of their roles differ dramatically, of course, from their own personalities," she said. "Kristin, Janell and R.J. have been quite successful creating distinct, natural and believable characters with a wide range of emotions and unique physical mannerisms."

Tickets for "Proof" are $12 for the public, $10 for students and seniors and $8 for groups of 10 or more. Order tickets by phone at SLO-ARTS (756-2787).
Ending bus stop blues

With parking being a nightmare for anybody arriving on campus, the Daily has been seeing a busy bus stop during the morning. Students have recently been seeking alternative methods of getting to school. One of the most popular has been riding the bus, which is great for the parking situation, except that many students seem to feel that the service could be improved.

I drove by the bus stop this morning to see the bus pulling away from the curb while a group of students stood in disbelief watching their ride to school pull away. I could feel their frustration because even though they woke up on time, they wouldn’t be late to class because there wasn’t enough room on the bus.

Earlier this week I received an email from a concerned student who had been left behind by the “last bus home” in the evening. He wanted answers about why the bus system wasn’t meeting the needs of Cal Poly students.

Well, I have some good news. There just may be a solution on the horizon.

Today from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. the San Luis Obispo Mass Transit Committee (MTC) will meet to consider a proposal to improve service between Cal Poly and downtown. If you’ve got a story to tell about why we need better bus service, this is the place to be!

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He’s proposing a plan that would increase overall ridership while decreasing the amount of time between buses traveling from campus to downtown. Overall it’s a good deal for students because it means that an increased number of buses will be going to campus more frequently and it won’t cost any additional money to the city.

Here are some quick facts about SLO Transit ridership as it relates to Cal Poly students.

• Cal Poly ridership increased 82 percent from 2004 – 2005 for the month of January
• Cal Poly ridership increased 15 percent annually from March 2004 – April 2005
• Cal Poly averaged 61.5 riders per hour during the day in Jan. 2005
• Cal Poly averaged 35.3 riders per hour during the evening in Jan. 2005
• Cal Poly riders averaged 93 percent of the evening riders for route 6 in Jan. 2005

Cal Poly students are SLO Transit’s main customer base and we need more convenient service. What the SLO MTC will consider today is not a fix-all solution, but it’s a step in the right direction and it will fix what we can with what we have.

As your student body president and full-time advocate on campus, in the community and across the state, I want to know what’s on your mind, what you need and how I can help! Contact me at 805-756-5828 or aspresident@calpoly.edu

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Will engineers ever get it right?**

So after all is said and done concerning Jessica’s letter, does this mean that engineers will not be meeting women?

Zachary Jirkovsky

Civil engineering senior

Walrus comparison is unjust

I am appalled and flabbergasted that the Daily ran James Glen’s cartoon that compared girls who wear huge sunglasses to walruses. The walrus is a gentle and majestic creature that has many valuable uses (talks anyone?) Everyone knows that girls who wear those huge sunglasses are more aptly compared to the titanic elephant seal, in that they both have huge unwieldy objects flapping around in front of their face that obstruct their vision.

All joking aside, you can’t blame the weasels of those huge glasses for what they do. Their only recourse in life is to display something so exotically ugly that people become distracted and stop paying attention to what the person actually looks like.

Now you may be silently asking me if I fear theolation from this crowd of people who seem to think that this huge sunglasses style is hip and trendy. To you I say no.

Bug eyes are compounded, meaning they are good for detecting movement, but absolutely useless for looking at stationary things, like printed newspapers.

I urge you all to condemn the Munford for this gross display of ignorance, and donate several dollars of your income to help the beloved walrus conservation effort.

Justin Fussino

Journalism junior

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**EDITORIALS**

Stupid people will stop the terrorists

Erik Dawley, how can you be so ignorant? Your argument that aliens abducting stupid people keeps our nation strong against terrorists is horrible. What we as a nation need to do is make our stupid people the most valuable people.

If the terrorists see only stupid people, they will laugh at us. If they laugh at us, they will not attack us. Have you ever thought something was funny, and then destroyed it out of anger? I think not.

We should portray ourselves as a stupid country. Then everyone will think we are mostly harmless. This will be our time to strike. Once no one is paying attention, we can invade every country and rule the world.

Paul Foster

Mechanical engineering sophomore

Stop the yelling and try for peace on a change

I find it interesting to see how many people react to confrontation. On Monday in the UU, several individuals decided to voice their strong religious morals to everyone who walked by. From a personal point of view, not everything said was true. Although they were within their First Amendment rights, yelling and screaming at others to change is not more effective method to convince anyone.

It made me think back to 2001. At a neighboring high school, a student killed two other students and wounded 13 others in a shooting spree. A few weeks later, several people came to picket that particular high school. They yelled and screamed at students, parents and teachers. They tried as hard as they could to irritate anyone to the point that someone would respond violently, and then they could sue them for assault.

That was their job — to mock a sensitive and personal issue for personal gain. They traveled around the country to sensitize areas frequently as to perform these protests and earn their wage.

Luckily, no one reacted four years ago in Southern California, and I hope no one responded violently on Monday. I don’t know if those who shouted in the UU had the same purpose, but just have to wonder why they would take the time and effort to yell at others.

I know of so many more effective ways to help another change like friendship, patience and kindness.

William Stevenson

 Aerospace engineering sophomore

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OK, so maybe I’m being a bit
hard on the team. The season was
doomed from the beginning.
From the academic ineligibility
worries of Kamron Gray, who
would’ve been the Mustangs’ top
returnee, to the lack of a low post
threat, the team didn’t stand an
ounce of a chance from the get-go.
Right from day one, there was only
one direction to go once you’ve
reached the bottom. That’s right,
the team has no chance to improve.
The Mustangs have just one
returnee, to the lack of a low post
threat, the team didn’t stand much
of a chance from the get-go.
Lete all that aside, the bright side
is there is only one direction to
go once you’ve reached the bottom.
That’s right, the team has no chance
to improve.

For those of you thinking, “Well,
you lose four starters from a team
that only won five games, aren’t
they going to be worse this sea-
son?” There’s no chance this year’s
team can be as bad as last year.
If anything, losing four players,
starters or not, is a positive. It’s
a blessing in disguise that this team
can start the year with a clean
slate.
I realize there’s only so much a
5-22 team can improve from one
season to the next (unless you’re
Cal Poly’s volleyball team), but this
year, by default, has to be better,
right?
You can’t determine this
season’s success based on its exhi-
bition games (My high school
team could’ve played with
Maritime Academy). But new-
comers Gabe Stephenson, Tiran
Shelton, Derek Stockalper,
Clayton Osborne and Cody “The
Levigator” Leavitt will put this
program back on track.
Through this year’s team proba-
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threat, the team didn’t stand much
of a chance from the get-go.
Lete all that aside, the bright side
is there is only one direction to
go once you’ve reached the bottom.
That’s right, the team has no chance
to improve.

For those of you thinking, “Well,
you lose four starters from a team
that only won five games, aren’t
they going to be worse this sea-
son?” There’s no chance this year’s
team can be as bad as last year.
If anything, losing four players,
starters or not, is a positive. It’s
a blessing in disguise that this team
can start the year with a clean
slate.
I realize there’s only so much a
5-22 team can improve from one
season to the next (unless you’re
Cal Poly’s volleyball team), but this
year, by default, has to be better,
right?
You can’t determine this
season’s success based on its exhi-
bition games (My high school
team could’ve played with
Maritime Academy). But new-
comers Gabe Stephenson, Tiran
Shelton, Derek Stockalper,
Clayton Osborne and Cody “The
Levigator” Leavitt will put this
program back on track.
Through this year’s team proba-
ably won’t shench my cheers for
top-notch college basketball, the
team might be worth watching
and could possibly surprise a few
opponents.
Men's basketball dominates second half in win

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly went on a 19-2 run midway through its exhibition game against Cal Baptist on Tuesday night, turning a 27-19 deficit into a 38-29 advantage and went on to a 74-53 men’s basketball victory in Mott Gym.

The Mustangs trailed 29-28 at halftime but scored the first 10 points of the second half and pulled away for their second exhibition win. Cal Poly beat Cal Maritime 76-36 last week.

Gabe Stephenson and Chaz Thomas each scored 15 points and Travis Busch added 10 for Cal Poly. Derek Stockalper scored 10 for Cal Baptist.

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Cal Poly senior Gabe Stephenson powers toward the basket during last night’s win over California Baptist.

No NCAA tourney bid for women’s soccer

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly women’s soccer team will not be participating in the 2005 NCAA Women’s Soccer Championship for the first time since 1999.

For the last six years women’s soccer has not only garnered an invite to the Big West Conference tournament, but has also received invitations to the NCAA Women’s Soccer Championship Tournament.

However, this year, a conference record of 2-4-1 was enough to derail the Mustangs hopes of a playoff birth, despite an overall season record of 10-5-4.

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