ASI makes a connection through e-newsletter

Garrett Leight

Cal Poly's first quarterly electronic newsletter for students, containing messages from ASI officers, information on co-sponsorship, and news about the recent California State University fee increases was released by ASI on Wednesday.

The e-newsletter titled, "The Student Government Connection," is one of ASI's many attempts to make sure students stay up to date on important campus issues, ASI President Tyler Middlestadt said.

Middlestadt said that the launch of the e-newsletter will help get students more familiar with their ASI representatives, give a direct link to the student government and give students a better understanding of the major topics confronting the student government.

"The newsletter sounds like a solid attempt at getting students more connected," business senior Adrian Murdyks said. "Issues concerning this campus, especially fee increases, are important to me."

Some of the key issues in this quarter's e-newsletter are the recent CSU approval of the most aggressive sustainability policy in the nation and the fight against CSU fee increases, Middlestadt said.

One specific goal of the sustainability policy includes an energy conservation goal in which campuses will reduce energy consumption by 15 percent by the end of the fiscal year 2009-10.

The e-newsletter also contains specifics on the more than 200 students who protested the recent 8 percent increase to the State University Fee (SUF).

The newsletter is just one new channel that leaders are using to reach the students.

According to a recent press release, ASI officers began using student government-specific AOL Instant Messenger names to give students more access to their representatives.

Students can go the ASI Web site (www.asi.calpoly.edu/government/) and click on AIM icons to send a message and get a quick response from ASI representatives.

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After 12 seasons of Division I-AA football, the Mustangs are in the playoffs. With a 35-10 win over Idaho State Saturday, Cal Poly earned one of 16 playoffs spots and will once again face Montana on the road in the opening round. The Mustangs learned early Sunday on ESPN that they had been included in the 16-team field, which includes eight automatic berths and eight at-large bids.

See page 10 for a recap of the Mustangs' win, a bracket and playoff analysis . . .

San Luis Obispo plans for the future

Louise Dolly

By the year 2050, San Luis Obispo County could see a light rail train system, a faster bus system, safer bike paths, trails and lanes, making San Luis Obispo a more efficient and sustainable environment for its people.

Cal Poly's civil engineering students developed plans and ideas for the city's future in a public transportation class taught by professor Eugene Jud.

"Good ideas can come from anywhere," Jud said. "These students are the engineers of tomorrow and they could have an actual impact on how San Luis Obispo will look in the future."

Students presented their plans for the city at a public exhibition Nov. 18 at the San Luis Obispo City-County Library for current planners, city officials and public transportation representatives who stated their concerns about the students' proposals.

"As Cal Poly students, we have a duty to plan for the future," civil engineering senior Dom Crossariol said.

As part of their assignment, students were asked to create plans for the city in 2050, while addressing sustainability issues.

New Web site registers students automatically

Joe Sargent

A Cal Poly student has created a new Web service that aims to make registering for classes a little easier.

PolyRegister.com, a site created by Dave Paternoro, is an automated system in which students give the Web site their information and it registers their classes for them.

PRO: Their slogan, "Waking up at 7 a.m. so you don't have to."

CON: The site requires students' credit card information, social security number and student PIN number to register.

How the site works: a user creates an account on PolyRegister.com, then creates a schedule on POWER. The user then inserts the schedule into the site, adds secondary choices in case the first are full, and the site automatically registers for the user when his or her time comes up.

Paternoro, a computer engineering sophomore, created the site over summer and tested it during fall registration. His friends Nelson Montomnorro, a computer engineering sophomore, and Jacob Anderson, an electrical engineering major, helped with the site.

PolyRegister.com was ready for public use by winter registration.

Twenty-seven users have signed up for 127 classes, according to the Web site, and the response to it has been great, Paternoro said.

"Everyone I have talked to has seemed pretty ecstatic about it," he said.

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Although free for the first quarter, the service costs $4.99 for each quarter after, and Patierno said he hopes to expand the site. In the future he said he wants to eventually add tools to make choosing a schedule easier, such as searching for classes by professor.

The site does require credit card numbers, a Social Security number and student PIN number to work, which is something Thomas Zur, registrar for Cal Poly, said should not be given out lightly.

"If I was a student, I wouldn't be giving out my information," Zur said.

Cal Poly goes to great lengths to keep student information private, meeting all Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requirements, said Zur. FERPA is a federal act that requires public schools to protect student information. According to Patierno, PolyRegister.com uses top security systems to protect sensitive information.

"The site uses 128-bit encryption, which is what most sites that you give your credit card to use," Patierno said. Amazon.com, eBay and mycalpoly.edu all use 128 bit encryption on there sites. The Web site notes that PolyRegister.com is in no way affiliated with Cal Poly and Patierno said that the school had not contacted him about the Web site. Zur said he had not heard of the Web site, but there was a service similar to it a few years ago called CRASH, which prompted Cal Poly to add wealth to POWER.

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sustainable land use, activity centers, and solutions for better mobility and accessibility to Cal Poly and downtown. Some students suggested a light rail system that would provide an affordable mode of travel by connecting housing developments to office buildings, commercial businesses and to Cal Poly. They said that speed, convenience and safety were reasons to build the system.

"The light rail would service Cal Poly, downtown and SLO South and would improve pedestrian mobility," civil engineering senior Chris Hall said. "Everything from homes to businesses, small eateries, tourist-friendly areas and recreation centers would be within a quarter-mile of a light rail."

Representatives from Caltrans attended the exhibition to offer some insight for how realistic a light rail system in San Luis Obispo would be. "It's amazing the many ideas different people have," said Jud. "There is no limit to the imagination and students are allowed to have relatively wild ideas. The main idea is just to educate the public about the future possibilities in this city."

In addition to a light rail system, students suggested improvements to the current bus system that would include equipping the traffic lights with GPS control so they would sense a bus and give it a "preferential treatment," making the system significantly faster and more efficient.

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"A lot of this project was just planning from what the city already has working," said civil engineering senior Wally Hutchison.

U. New Mexico staff enroll as students
Brandale Mills
DAILY LOHO (U. NEW MEXICO)
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Last year, about 280 staff members were enrolled in courses at University of New Mexico. This year, the University hopes to register more than 300.

Staff members from all departments on campus registered for classes for the spring semester at UNM on Thursday in the SUB.

Helen Trujillo, a career development specialist at UNM, said staff love the event.

"They can find classes, register, and get admitted all in the same day," she said.

Trujillo said staff members get up to eight credit hours a semester paid for by the University, which makes it easier for staff to further their education.

All full-time faculty and staff at UNM are eligible for the tuition remission as part of their benefits package.

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San Diego (AP) — When automakers rolled out the first hybrid cars, drivers who wanted their spectacular fuel economy had to settle for weird shapes and a lack of luxury options.

Now it seems the high-mileage, low-drills trend in hybrid automaking may prove shorter than a Hummer's trips between fill-ups.

Newer hybrids are using the added boost from their gas- and electric engines for more acceleration and power. But more mean equals less green.

Washington (AP) — The U.S. is unprepared for the next flu pandemic, lacking the manufacturing capacity to provide 300 million doses of a vaccine for three to five more years, Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt said Sunday.

"What we all learned from [Hurricane] Katrina is that sometimes we have to think very clearly about the unthinkable," Leavitt said.

"We're not as prepared as we need to be... We will not have enough for everyone."
Israel's Labor Party pulls out of Sharon government; elections set for March

Mark Lavie
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM - Israel's dovish Labor Party voted Sunday to pull out of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's coalition government, virtually assuring early general elections in March.

The decision came in a show of hands at a Labor Party convention in Tel Aviv following the votes of the new party leader, Amir Peretz, who collected letters of resignation from Labor Cabinet ministers last week.

Sharon's Likud and Labor have agreed on a March 28 election date, said Benny Shulman, an adviser to Labor faction leader Ehud Barak. A final announcement will be made Monday after Likud holds a final round of talks with smaller parties.

Shulman said in his first campaign speech, Peretz, addressing the convention, emphasized domestic economic issues.

Peretz, a fiery union leader, charged that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government had deepened poverty and "hamstrung" the poor and immigrants.

Peretz's decision leaves Labor leader Huhraim Sneh, A

"Come join the new social pact," he said. "You are not abandoning Likud, Likud has abandoned you."

In a brief reference to the traditional election decider in Israel - security and the Palestinian issue - Peretz said he favored a united Jerusalem as Israel's capital and opposed permitting Palestinian refugees to return to Israel.

Labor joined Sharon's coalition government last year to buttress back the Gaza pullout, but in one of his first moves, Peretz extracted letters of resignation from Labor Cabinet ministers.

Sharon, meanwhile, is considering a challenge to the ruling Fatah Party of Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. Fatah primary elections began Saturday in the desert oasis of Jericho, and as expected, Palestinian negotia-

Crime rate at schools cut in half over 10 years

Mark Sherman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - One in 20 students was a victim of violence or theft at school in 2003, the government said in a report that shows school crime rates about half what they were from 1992 to 2003.

Yet the school crime rate essentially has leveled off, showing no change since 2000, according to a report Sunday from the departments of Education and Justice.

There were about 28 crimes of rape, sexual assault, robbery and physical assault for every 1,000 students in 2003, compared with 59 per 1,000 a decade earlier. The study looked at crimes against the 26.4 million students who were 12 years old to 18 years old in 2003.

In 2002, the violent crime rate per 1,000 students was 24, but government researchers said there was no statistically significant change between 2002 and 2003 because the numbers are estimates from relatively small surveys.

"The level of precision isn't good enough to say whether there has been a change," said Thomas Snyder, a report author at the Education Department.

Smaller, however, there has been no change in the crime rate in several years. The report does not attempt to explain rises and falls.

The drop from the early 1990s is long-standing and large enough to overcome any doubts about comparing one year to the next, according to the report. Indeed, it mirrors the general trend in the United States, in which crime is at a 35-year low.

In 2003, there were about 738,700 violent crimes involving students at school and about 846,400 away from school property. For the most serious nonfatal violent crimes - rape, assault and robbery - the crime rates were at least 50 percent lower in school than away from school every year from 1992 to 2003.

Students were twice as likely to be victims of serious violent crimes away from school than at school, but more likely to have things stolen from them at school than elsewhere.

Pupils from poorer families were more likely to be victims of a violent crime at school than were wealthier students, while the opposite was true for theft, with richer students more likely to be victims.

Some school safety experts have attributed the fall in the crime rate in the last decade to installing metal detectors, hiring more security personnel and implementing programs aimed at curbing bullying, which can lead to more serious crimes.

A separate measure showed 17 homicides and five suicides in the 2001-02 school year, compared to 12 and five, respectively, a year earlier.

In contrast, in the late 1990s there were two to three dozen killings year, the result of a string of fatal shootings. The most notable was the killings of 15 people at Columbine High School in Colorado by two heavily armed students in 1999.

Teachers are also targets of school crime. The report found that from 1999 through 2003 teachers were victims of an annual average of 183,000 crimes at school and 65,000 of them violent. That translates to an annual rate of 39 crimes per 1,000 teachers.

High school teachers were more likely than twice as likely in elementary school teachers to be victims of violent crime. This month, an assistant principal at a high school in Jackson, Tenn., was shot to death by a student and two other administrators were wounded.

Yet some school violence experts said the annual report routinely underestimates crime in schools because it is based on limited surveys and self-reporting.
Ali honored at celebration for Louisville center bearing his name

Bruce Schreiner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Muhammad Ali can still draw a big crowd.

The boxing great took center stage in his hometown Saturday night to celebrate the opening of the Muhammad Ali Center, a storied tribute to Ali's storied career and a legacy to his ideals of peace and tolerance.

The Hollywood-style event, at a performing arts center next door to the Ali Center, drew an adoring cast of actors, singers, athletes and even a former president, Bill Clinton, reflecting the champ's star appeal.

"The world is a better place because of you," Clinton said. "You thrilled us as a fighter and you inspired us even more as a force for peace and reconciliation, understanding and respect."

Though frail, Ali still flashed his famous playfulness. As Clinton praised him, Ali discreetly put two fingers in a V-shape behind the former president's head, drawing laughter from the crowd and Clinton.

Clinton said Ali was unmatched as a fighter: "No one was ever more beautiful or brash or bright or powerful as Ali."

"He's a local hero," said Vest, who watched the arrival of celebrities with her teenage daughter and one of her daughter's friends.

"I hate boxing but I'm here for him," Carol Kawert Trainer said of Ali.

Trainer, who grew up in the Louisville suburbs, said she once counted Ali unpatriotic for his refusal to enter the military during the Vietnam War as a conscientious objector. "I was against Ali then as a military person," said Trainer, who joined the Air Force after high school in the 1960s.

She now sees Ali differently. "He's a local hero, one of the best people in the world," she said. "He made me want to be a better person."

"He inspired me to become a boxer," said former lightweight champion Evander Holyfield, who sang for his longtime friend at the celebration, was with Ali on the red-carpet entrance for the celebration.

"Ali struck a boxing pose and waved to his fans."
‘Rent’ should go up at box office during holiday weekend

Abby McMahon
THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL (U. TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA)

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — As someone who had seen “Rent” on Broadway — twice — I was looking forward to the film version with anticipation and hesitancy. But I was pleasantly surprised at how well Chris Columbus transformed the musical into a cinematic feature, and considering the bar that was set high by the creator, the late Jonathan Larson, he had an indescribably tough act to follow.

I saw “Rent” the last weekend of October at a student journalism conference in Kansas City, Mo., at a special screening from Sony Pictures after waiting in three lines for about two hours.

In a packed theater of 300 other students, there was an air of stillness and intensity. “Rent” was that impressionable.

“Rent” is a musical that takes place in New York City’s East Village in the 1990s about a group of interconnected friends who have, or are closely affected by, AIDS.

Most of the original Broadway cast was involved with the movie: Jesse L. Martin (“Law and Order”), Taye Diggs (“How Stella Got Her Groove Back”), Idina Menzel (Broadway’s “Wicked”) and Wilson Jermaine Heredia (“Flawless”), made especially fabulous contributions to the screen version. Rosario Dawson (“Sin City”) was a first-rate replacement for Mimi Marquez, a loveable junkie suffering from AIDS.

The music was impressive, especially considering the power-vocal couple, Maureen (Menzel) and Joanne (Trade Thoms), and the relative rookie, Dawson, who has made a name for herself with her acting ability and hit her music.

Steve Chobsky, who wrote the adapted screenplay, took the difficult task of making dialogue where lyrics had been, without losing any of the original flavor of Larson’s writing.

The only part of the film that left something to be desired was a cheesy scene where Roger (Adam Pascal), left for Santa Fe, N.M.

Overall, “Rent” was, quite simply, an amazing movie-going experience. Prepare for some scenes that may bring tears to your eyes and go with an open mind so you can appreciate the story.
Author provides ‘cultural perspective’

Tonya Strickland

Carving out personal identity in the fast-paced world of early adulthood, local author Azarm Ghareman leaves a mixed bag of cultural struggles and revelations in finding oneself with her newly released book: "Longing For A Land: The Story of a Persian Woman’s Individualization in America.”

"In her personal journey, Azarm illustrates principals integral to object relations theory, self psychology and the impact of culture on the psyche," said Kelly Moreno, a Cal Poly psychology professor.

Moreno, who requires his advanced psychotherapies (PSY 568) graduate students to read Ghareman’s book, invited her to speak to the class Nov. 14 during International Education Work. As an expert clinician, teacher, writer and "observer of what it means to be human," the perspective Ghareman presents the potential to help many people, he said.

A Cal Poly graduate, Ghareman left her home in Iran at the age of 16 and has since found her place in San Luis Obispo as a psychologist, a lover of poetry and ancient Persian heritage and in teaching her 8-year-old daughter’s friends new customs, she said.

Particularly, what she is most interested in now is sharing her book and in message with the community. Through discussion with ethnic studies faculty, local high schools, informal book groups, Cal Poly’s international education programs, local media and her own readers, Ghareman wants to tell young people that within the 103-page story, a template can be found in finding who they are.

"It’s a psychological journey to find one’s self in the world," Ghareman said.

Quibbling, stitching different parts together is one metaphor for saving want to do versus what is expected of you constantly negotiated," she said.

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If Americans feel rushed, "swimming in all the different messages," Ghareman suggests they slow down by enjoying the little aspects, taking small bites of food and savoring them for example.

"Students finding trouble in shaping their world need to be aware... knowledge really is power," she said.

When people are aware of a particular value about a culture and like it, Ghareman said that aspect resonates within self construction.

"There are parts of European culture I like... there are parts of Persian culture I like... and there are parts of American culture I like," she said. "So finding a way to incorporate the best is the secret in becoming who you are."

Looking back onto her years at Cal Poly, a young woman who had just learned English, she was in a moment of transition just like any college student who leaves home, she said. Ghareman’s advice is to look at situations differently, to wear fresh "lenses."

"Finding cultural perspective in life is to recognize it depends on the lens you put on. And if you wake up and put on the American lens and see it all day, through that lens... sometimes its better to put on a specificity, a transition lens," she said. "It gives you a degree of flexibility.

Ghareman’s autobiography references many personal efforts that fine-tuned her individuality, but she said that everyone must walk their own path.

"What works for me may not be someone else’s up to tea," she said. "What I’m saying is pick and choose what works and discard what is not you — this is true liberation.”
Federal government seeks to cut aid

Amy Sheeran
The Johns Hopkins News Letter (Johns Hopkins U.)

BALTIMORE — College students may see a decrease in the amount of federal financial aid they receive—as Congress considers two different budget revisions dealing with funding for student financial aid.

“The cuts would increase the cost of borrowing for our students,” said Director of Student Financial Aid Ellen Frishberg. “Our students pay 3.5 percent to borrow a student loan; Congress is suggesting that this be raised to 3 percent, so that would double the fees,” she said. The House version of the bill would also do away with student loan forgiveness, she added. The University has been working with the Federal Relations Office and congressional delegations to prevent the cuts from passing. “We really do try to impact public policy...President Brody has been down in Washington, D.C.,” she said.

The House version of the bill reduces available student aid funding by approximately $14 billion, while the Senate version reduces available aid by about $9 billion, according to Ms. McIntosh.

The House version primarily cuts funding available for federal student loans, as well as increasing interest rates and consolidation fees, while the Senate version primarily reduces the amount of funding available to lenders, said McIntosh.

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Finally: Why we pick McDonald's over broccoli

A n "experience good" is a product or service whose quality and fair price are only apparent until after you buy it. Products like a tri-tip sandwich at Farmer's Market or cell phone service are both experience goods. Even if you've done a load of research, you'll never know how good the reception will be on a new phone or provider until you've bought and used it.

Today's case will focus on the actions of marketers and how they feed their experience goods to our detriment. We Americans are the world's biggest consumers, and in 18 to 24-year-olds are most coveted. Yet, we're not the most sophisticated or experienced ones. Using a credit card for convenience and rewards is smart, paying interest on that debt at 25 per cent is not. Next week I'll suggest how students should consume experience goods, now we'll focus on the companies and taxi drivers who sell those goods.

When stepping out of customs in the Moscow airport, one is mobbed by taxi drivers who offer a ride to the center of town tor $50. Actually, mobbed is an understatement; I was stalked for 15 minutes until I met up with my contact. It turns out to get to the center of town using a bus costs a paltry $2. Yet no one at the airport bothers to tell you about the bus. The taxi drivers' aggressive advertising is socially wasteful, since it is steering you away from a cheaper and more efficient alternative: Tourist traps like these are very common, but it turns out many marketers closer to home exhibit this same behavior.

Like the taxi driver, marketers sometimes compensate for the inferiority of their products by advertising heavily. Witness the dominance of ads for McDonald's over those for broccoli. There are many broccoli producers that don't bother to advertise as much, expecting well-informed consumers to approach them. The result is that we are bombarded with trying to reach consumers who might be better off without the advertising. Sometimes the problem isn't too much advertising; it's too little. Some companies purposely inform customers that helps us in the decision to consume a product. A sobering example is the tobacco industry that used to insist the fact their products are addictive and dangerous, not merely sexy, to consume. A more modern example is Wal-Mart, a company that proudly proclaims, accurately, that they are the "leading employer" of Hispanics and African Americans. Jesse Jackson pointed out in response to this boast that slave labor is "the equivalent to ending an argument over the mistreatment of ethnic minorities."

Drop the name calling in political arguments

Experience pays

I wanted to address the statement someone made about judging the effectiveness of the war on terror by looking at the number of attacks on U.S. soil since 2001. Please remember that the US is not the only country in the world. Terrorism is a worldwide problem. For the most part, we are not fighting terrorists in Iraq. We are fighting insurgents. Terrorism defined as the use of violence against civilians. Insurgency a revolt against established authority.

Therefore, the attacks on our troops are insurgency rather than terrorism. Although terrorism is often used as a method of insurgency, insurgents are not necessarily terrorists.

The last thing I wanted to add was the idea that the US is hated because we stand for freedom. I'm sorry but I find this ridiculous. There are many things we do that others may not like, but who likes oppression? They hate us because of propaganda and our actions.

There was a talk last year by a former terror who described how he wished he had given all students a bad name. Please, when you write to the Daily or have a piece written in, support your argument with actual results, not insults.

Dave Roth
Software engineering center

What's the solution?

It is keen how you bring in entirely different subjects in a feeble attempt to discredit me and my run.

Introducing discussion about attacks in Jordon is not only irrelevant in this conversation, it is an entirely separate debate. You then bring in your opinion that I felt those deaths on an American soil couldn't be counted. Of course they should and are of great significance, to say the least. But once again, were talking about Homeland Security, and not political activism. Then try to gain support by using the phrase as who we value by looking at the only one who died in your line of war and that's a stupid decision. As I recall in America the morning of Sept. 11 we were basically asking the bucking and nerve calling. Since that's what I feel we need to do, I don't think your arguments are very effective (along with many others) and that it is apparent that you do not present me with a challenge.

Provided that no action achieves horrific results, what would you do? What would you have done to stop terrorism in the United States following 9/11? How would you be MORE responsible in the current administration and what would the results of your plan look like? Oh, and Jack, do not forget we are talking about Homeland Security, since that is the topic you chose.

Nick Wallingford
Forestry junior

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FOOTBALL RECEIVES PLAYOFF BID

Cal Poly's first trip to playoffs since moving to Div. I-AA

For the first time since moving to the Div. I-AA level 12 years ago, the Cal Poly football team received a berth into the championship playoffs.

The Mustangs found out on Sunday that they received a bid from the NCAA Div. I-AA football tournament, giving the team more reason to celebrate.

Kedshirt freshman Matt Brennan has thrown for 1,374 yards and 11 touchdowns since moving to Div. I-AA in 1997, but were denied playoff berths in both instances.

In their last trip to Missoula, Cal Poly was torched on the ground by Grizzlies running back Lex Millard. Millard carried the ball 34 times for 237 yards. Senior defensive end Buck Buchanan Award candidateDiris and the Mustangs will play Montana on Saturday in the opening round of the playoffs.

With the playoff on the line, No. 13 Cal Poly took it to Idaho State in a non-conference NCAA Division I-AA football game, 55-19 at home, Saturday night.

The win coming on the back of redshirt freshman running back James Noble who ran for 248 yards on his way to a school record five touchdowns, his second 200-plus yard game in the last three contests.

The victory improved the Mustangs season record to 8-3 — one of the nation's few winning teams — and the Mustangs will play Montana on Saturday in the opening round of the playoffs.

Noble was the Mustangs' top offensive player against the Grizzlies. Noble carried the ball 22 times for 144 yards against the Grizzlies.

The Mustangs defeated Idaho State 35-10 to finish the regular season with an 8-3 record.

Montana is seeded fifth in the 16-team field. They earned an at-large berth after losing to Montana State 16-6 on Saturday, giving the Big Sky Conference title to Eastern Washington, along with the conference's automatic bid.

Montana is making a record 13th consecutive playoff appearance, giving the team more reason to celebrate.

The victory improved the Mustangs season record to 8-3 — which gave the Mustangs their third straight winning season for the first time since coach Joe Harper guided the Mustangs to 13 consecutive winning seasons from 1968-80, according to a Cal Poly press release.

In 2003, Idaho State foiled a Cal Poly playoff run with a come-from-behind 38-31 victory.

The Mustangs went into the half trailing the Bengals' 10-7, after Jaret Johnson hit a 38-yard field goal with four seconds left in the first half.

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regular season title. Defending Big West champion, University of the Pacific, was selected to finish second followed by UC Santa Barbara and Cal State Northridge. "We're not worried about the coaches or media," Bromley said. "The bottom line is that you have to play the game." The Big West, which lost conference powerhouse Utah State two seasons ago, should still be a tough and competitive conference for the Mustangs. "Working in favor of a new rule, which places every team in the conference, in the conference tournament, which gives the winner an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament. "The ideal is to peak at the end of the season," Bromley said. "If we can win some big games in the regular season, we will put ourselves in a good position at the end of the year."

The Mustangs preseason schedule won't make winning any easier as the team will travel to No. 13 Stanford and Colorado, as well as play host to Fresno State for three match-ups that are sure to be a difficult task for the Mustangs. "We can not have some success early against those teams," Bromley said. "And still be a pretty good basketball team come the end of the year."

The Mustangs will play host to Fresno State on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in Mott Gym.

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We need to build a solid foundation defensively," Bromley said. "Ideally we want to hold our opponents to under 50 percent from the field."

"This year’s team has a tremendous learning curve," Bromley said. Bromley added that this year’s team is a lot faster in transition as well as much deeper than teams of the past.

"As a coach, I just need to make sure I’m teaching the right things," Bromley said. "I have to keep my morals, values and standards."

Hopefully for the Mustangs, these ideals lead to success, as the team takes a new look to the floor with two returning starters, seven lettermen returning and seven newcomers.

A major highlight for the team is 6-foot-8-inch senior forward Gabe Stephenson, who transferred from Cornell two seasons ago and red-shirted last year at Cal Poly.

Stephenson has started off the 2005 campaign as the Mustang’s go-to player and leading scorer. Stephenson said that the team’s first goal is to gain respectability back from the fans. In addition Stephenson expressed similar thoughts to Bromley’s on the team atmosphere.

“We play together," Stephenson said. "We all put our ego’s aside and we’re out there to win, we’re really taking pride in each other’s play and players and coaches seem to be on the same page."