The challenges of commuting to campus

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MUSTANG DAILY

At 7:30 a.m., Cal Poly student Crystal Matthew leaves her house and hops on her bicycle for the often cold, and sometimes rainy, commute to campus. She does no special apparel for the outing, just her regular flat tennis shoes and school clothes. And Matthew never wears a helmet. "I know I should," Matthew said. "I have these images of the horrible things that could happen to me, but I try to push them out of my mind."

While many Cal Poly students are still running to campus from the bus or their cars, Matthew, a graphic design junior, is in class, alert and ready to begin her academic filled day. The brisk morning temperatures wakes her and the exercise gets her blood flowing and gives her even more energy. "I always have a much better day when I start the day with exercise," she explained. "It's a mood elevat-er.

Matthew rides her bike to school as her preferred method of transportation. During fall quarter, she rode her bike all but two days, because of rain. With the high cost of fuel and limited parking spaces at Cal Poly, the university has discussed limited commuting options for students for years. Alternative transportation options form committees, fill hallways with posters and demand student attention every quarter. Students are encouraged to car pool, take the bus and ride their bikes to get to and from campus. The future holds no relief as enrollment at Cal Poly is expected to increase by another 400 students next year according to Associated Students Inc.

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LOS ANGELES — Putting stem cell research in California in jeopardy, the Institute for Regenerative Medicine went on trial Monday, as taxpayer groups questioned the constitutionality of Proposition 71 in state law. Approved in November 2004, the proposition, also known as the Stem Cell and Research Cures Act, created the state-run institute to regulate stem cell research and provide fund- ing through grants and loans for research and research facilities.

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Web site offers free portfolio space for students

Derek Lensehan
MUSTANG DAILY

A 10-year-old web site is offering free Internet space to high school and college students who want to build an online portfolio. The site, http://portfoliosonline.com, offers between 10 and 20 megabytes of space, free for a year-long trial. The site offers portfolio space for cate- gories including art, music, model- ing, acting, business and education. The site was launched in September and describes itself as a "venue for employers to post job opportunities and candidates to post portfolios.

Becky Jones, vice president of operations for Portfolio Magazine Online, said about 100 students were using the service. Some mem- bers of PMO hail from New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Ohio and Michigan, she said. "There are other portfolio Web sites, but some have a limited amount of space, or are expensive, or are only for professionals and not for students. Our site is free," she said.

"We're hoping for 500 members by the end of the year," Jones said. She added that the group is looking to begin high school tours to inform students of how to use their service to aid entry to a university.

Nathan Maurisse, freshman visual communication design major, expressed interest in the service. "It would be a quick, easy way to get your work out there," he said. "It'd help me get a job. I'd be all for it.

An architecture student's interest was also piqued by the possibilities of online portfolio space. Junior architec- ture major Sam Marcum said he'd consider using the site. "It would be useful for a backup storage," he said. "It's really easy and easy to use. I'd use it."

Christine Havice, director of the School of Art, was hesitant to endorse PMO but did advise that students take opportunities like it. "Every tool that a student can build into their arsenal, it's all the better," she said. "There's an advantage to online portfolios, since you don't have to send an physical mail, but digital doesn't always cap-ture everything that's there."

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ing spaces for 18,600 students, it would be mathematically impossible for all students to drive to school. Students who choose to drive, face multiple restrictions on campus and an increased financial burden.

For Chelsea Hayes, a kinesiology junior who commutes with Shannan Hiller, a recreation junior, the high price of campus parking permits and gasoline gave them the initiative to start a carpool for winter and spring quarter.

But sharing a car has not stopped all their problems associated with arriving to class.

"We get here at 11:30 for class at 12:10 and are sometimes late to class at 12:10," Hiller said.

Hayes added, "We'd use other options if we lived closer. She said they live approximately five miles from campus and have never ridden the bus to school.

Commuting problems occur for students in on-campus housing as well. Freshmen forestry major Maddy Duffer has received three tickets since September for various parking violations while living in the dorms.

Duffer recived the first ticket for parking on Slack Street without a residential permit before the first week of school. The second ticket charged her for using a "week visitor pass" after the expiration date near the slaughterhouse. The third time she parked next to a staff parking spot, but not in an actual parking spot. Each ticket cost her $30.

"At this point, I could have bought a quarter parking pass for what I've spent on tickets," Duffer said.

Parking citations during 2005 totaled 30,332. Approximately 70 percent of citations are collected, according to Cindy Campbell, associate director of the University Police Department. This number is a reduction from the 31,301 citations issued in 2004.

Duffer keeps her car at an off-campus location and rides her bike or the bus to the car when necessary. She intends on taking the city bus more next quarter to commute to her weekend job off-campus.

The bus service in the city of San Luis Obispo runs from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. for buses connecting with Cal Poly downtown. Several student commute routes start at 6 p.m.

In the past year, bus usage at Cal Poly has increased. According to San Luis Obispo Transit Manager Austin O'Dell, students account for 53 percent of bus riders in the city. Between 2004 and 2005, Cal Poly ridership within the city limits increased 41 percent.

The number of passengers on city buses increased 36 percent during that same period.

The most noticeable increases in bus ridership correlated with increased restrictions for campus parking, said D. Greg Doyle, a city and regional planning professor and a member of the city's mass transit committee.

"If you do the math for the time cost and convenience, the bus wins for Cal Poly riders," Doyle said.

Parking problems will get worse when Cal Poly completes Student Housing North in 2009, Doyle insisted. An additional 2,700 students will be commuting to and from campus every day. Stores and restaurants that were once close enough to walk to will be far enough that students will drive downtown instead of walking or biking.

The city of San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly have a contract rate determining how much money the city receives from the university to pay student fares on city buses. The current contract will expire for 2006-07.

Cal Poly paid the city a sum of $269,000 for students to access public transit with student identification cards during the 2005-06 school year. Doyle speculated that the sum could increase considerably for the 2006-07 school year.

The transit authority and Cal Poly are in current negotiations for a new contract. O'Dell declined to give an estimate on a possible increase.

The university subsidizes bus and automobile transportation to campus. Students with parking permits receive an annual subsidy of $900 per year from the university. Parking citations provide funding for alternate transportation, according to Cal Poly, accounting for over $300,000 annually for transit subsidies.

Drivers on campus are not the only ones subject to restrictions on campus. Bicycle citations are not a significant problem, but do occur at Cal Poly, said Campbell. UPD issued 28 bicycle citations during the 2005 school year.

Bicycle citations are most commonly given to students riding in the "walk your bike zones" on the inner perimeter of campus. The decision to create a bicycle-free zone occurred over 10 years ago after a bicycle-pedestrian accident at another CSU campus resulted in a lawsuit.

Cal Poly made the decision to eliminate parking spots from the area of campus where there were the most pedestrian-bicycle accidents, said Campbell. Since the creation of the bike-free section of campus, the number of pedestrian-bicycle accidents has reduced dramatically.

For students like Matthew, biking remains the safest and most cost-effective way to get to campus. "For someone like me, it's really not worth it (to drive to campus)," she said.

Transportation issues for Cal Poly students will continue to be more complicated as enrollment increases at the university and students and faculty continue to move farther from campus, Doyle said.

"If we subsidized the transit system with the money we subsidize parking on campus, we could reallocate land for parking at a level for people to use their cars for only town driving," Doyle said.

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tere are only two days remaining to pick up a packet from the Student Life and Leadership office and become a candidate for the ASI spring elections. This year our theme for elections is "Innovation to Improve," so if you're considering getting involved on campus, have dreams of being in a business or political leadership role later in life or just want a chance to make a real difference, this is your chance! Being elected to ASI is a great first step to building your leadership skills and benefiting communities. Here are a few reflections on what ASI offers.

First of all, I wasn't very involved on campus before I chose to run for ASI, and the reason I decided to run was to benefit the ASI Board of Directors was to gain leadership experience and make sure that student resources were being used responsibly. Once I was on the Board I was amazed by how much I learned at every meeting. It was nothing like what I expected and it's nothing like high school government either. We saw reports from campus administrators on the campus Master Plan, campus dining, textbook prices and even got to meet President Baker, who we try to invite to one meeting each quarter. We also get first hand information from the chief of staff for SLOPD, city staff and county supervision regarding Maris Gras, SLO Transit and smart growth issues in the county. All things considered, I can say that before I attended the Board, I knew next to nothing about the campus. But after a year in office I had a solid understanding of how the university functions.

Since I got involved in ASI Student Government three years ago, the Board has taken positions on several important issues including: tolerance on campus, sustainability, California budget issues, registration and student fees, women's gender equality, women's safety, Maris Gras, textbook prices, ethnic studies, campus safety, member, sexual harassment, student services, relations, voter registration, SLO Transit, diversity and much more. Additionally, being one of eight Directors introduced me to many other opportunities. It opened doors for me that I wouldn't have even known about if I hadn't made a decision to be a candidate. Following a resolution I authored on sustainable campus development, I was able to work with the Cal State Student Association's (CSSA) Affairs Officer on a system-wide policy initiative to create strong goals for renewable energy and sustainability in the Cal Poly System.

The Board was the only reason that I prepared to be Executive Vice President last year and President this year. It helped develop a strong foundation of knowledge about ASI and Cal Poly. This is an opportunity available to all students and I strongly encourage you to consider your potential as a campus leader. The world needs more ordinary people to step up to the plate and take a chance. Who knows, you might just be the one we've been waiting for.

Tyrone Middlstedt is the ASI president and a Mustang Daily columnist. He encourages you to take a chance and run for ASI office. He can be reached at midee@calpoly.edu, (805) 756-2913 or ASI PRESIDENT@calpoly.edu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Few thoughts about last weekend

Thanks to SLO police officers for doing a good job last weekend. In fact this weekend was even more quiet than any other normal weekend. I do not want to go out with three or four cops driving around my house. Maybe this is what police want to see, all college students will be locked in for the night. Actually I have a better idea, why don't they just force every student to take sleeping pills? Of course it is not possible because we still have freedom that is protected by the U.S. Constitution.

However, do we really have any freedom to live like this? I am very glad to take American literature this quarter because it's probably my last class on any campus since I am a foreigner. However, I finally found American spirit in this class, that individualism truly means speaking and fighting for what you believe. Yet I am sadden that before just like Douglas Trumbull when he learned how to read because he could see the dark side of slavery system, and I started to see most of people who lack American spirit in current days. Maybe we need an alternative to that past celebration during Maris Gras is due largely to your support and efforts to represent the Cal Poly community a positive way. Thank you.

Corm N. Morton
Vice President for Student Affairs

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Bush says have choice now between 'chaos or unity.'

Amid violence in Iraq, Bush says choice of a free society is in the hands of Iraqi citizens and leaders

Tom Raum

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Tuesday denounced the latest surge in sectarian violence in Iraq and declared that for Iraqis "the choice is chaos or unity." Five attacks wrecked Baghdad on Tuesday, killing more than 40 people, continuing a recent spate of violence.

Bush spoke after an Oval Office meeting with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi. He left several hours later on a five-day trip to India and Pakistan, and possibly an unannounced stop in Afghanistan.

Bush said that he would stand by plans to withdraw all of Iraq's 3,000 troops from Iraq by the end of the year.

"This plan has been agreed upon by our allies and the Iraqi government," said Berlusconi, one of the strongest U.S. allies on Iraq, who is facing a tough re-election campaign back home. He said that Italy's armed forces had helped train 10,000 Iraqi security officers.

Bush said "my position hasn't changed." on support for transferring control of management of some U.S. port facilities from a British company to a Dubai-based one despite the administration's agreement to launch a fresh 45-day re-examination of national security issues.

Saeid Marouf, senior analyst

U.S. President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush board Air Force One beginning their trip to India and Pakistan on Tuesday.

"Please look at the facts," Bush urged Congress, where the deal has drawn substantial bipartisan opposition and skepticism. After his remarks on port security, Bush told the translation not to translate his answer into Italian, unlike his other responses.

Bush sidestepped a question about whether the surge in sectarian violence since last week's bombing of a sacred Shiite mosque would affect his administration's hopes to begin drawing down U.S. troops.

"Obviously there are some who are trying to sow the seeds of sectarian violence," Bush said. "They destroy in order to create chaos. And now, the people of Iraq and their leaders must make a choice. The choice is chaos or unity, the choice is a free society, or a society dictated by evil people who will kill innocents." Bush noted that he had spoken to seven Iraqi political leaders on Tuesday in an effort to define the sectarian violence. "They understood the seriousness of the moment. They have made their decision.

Spy chief: Iraq could spark broad religious conflict in region

Katherine Shadrer

WASHINGTON — A civil war in Iraq could lead to a broader conflict in the Middle East, putting the region's rival Islamic sects against each other, National Intelligence Director John Negroponte said in an unusually frank assessment Tuesday.

"If chaos were to descend upon Iraq or the forces of democracy were to be defeated in that country...this would have implications for the rest of the Middle East region and, indeed, the world," Negroponte said at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on global threats.

Negroponte served as U.S. ambassador to Baghdad before taking over as the nation's top intelligence official last April.

Iraqis have faced a chain of attacks and reprisals since bombs destroyed the gold dome of a revered Shiite shrine in Samarra last week. Hundreds, if not thousands, have died, including more than 65 who were killed Tuesday by suicide bombers, car bombers and insurgents firing mortars.

President Bush condemned the siege in violence and said Iraqis must make a choice between "a free society or a society dictated...by a few people who will kill innocents." Later, in an interview with ABC's Peter Jennings, "World News Tonight," he did not believe the escalation of civil war would lead to a general civil war.

Negroponte tried to focus on progress in Iraq, but he acknowledged he was back to the global war on terror.

"The consequences for the people of Iraq would be catastrophic," he said. "Clearly, it would seriously jeopardize the democratic political process, and in which they are presently embarked. And one can only begin to imagine what the political outcomes would be.

"Indoctrinated...in Iraq, he added. "While Iraq's neighbors ''initially might be reluctant'' to get involved in a broader Sunni-Shiite conflict, ''that might well be a temptation'" Negroponte said.

"We have to continue to make that kind of progress, yes, we can win in Iraq," he said.

Democrats noted that Negroponte wouldn't go quite as far as Bush did in his January State of the Union Address "We are winning," Bush said then.

"We will not accept the idea that Iraqis can't move forward on the political and security situation in Iraq," said Dennis Kucinich. 

"And if we continue to make that kind of progress, yes, we can win in Iraq," he said.

"Iraqis have suffered through days of reprisal killings and attacks on Sunni mosques since bombings blew apart the gold dome of the revered shrine Askariya shrine in Najaf last Wednesday.

"The United States strongly condemns the bombing of holy sites," Bush said. "We believe people should be allowed to worship freely."

Bush said that 11 million Iraqis "made their choice...and we want to be free" by going to the polls in December's elections "in defiance of the terrorists and the killers."

"Here in Washington, if any believe Americans should suddenly withdraw from Iraq and stop fighting al-Qaida in the very place they have gathered, let them say so clearly," Cheney said. "If any believe that Americans should break our word and abandon our Iraqi allies, let them make it known."
ASI brings the fun back to campus

Nick Couyr
April 3, 2006

Pulling an all-nighter usually includes drinking massive amounts of coffee and being on the verge of hallucinating due to lack of sleep, but on Thursday, Associated Students Inc. (ASI) Recreational Sports plans to change all that.

ASI will be hosting the first annual "Dusk ‘til Dawn" event in the Rec Center from 8 p.m. on Thursday evening until 2 a.m. early Friday morning.

"We want to get back to non-traditional programs for students to get away from their normal routines," said Jennie Floyd, student manager of Marketing, Outreach and Public Relations with ASI Recreational Sports.

The free event will feature live music provided by Resination and 106.1 FM's DJ Mel to inflatable boxing, jousting and a 26-foot slide. There will also be Halo and poker tournaments, as well as a mechanical bull-sponsored by The Graduate.

"We have the resources in place to give back to the students," Floyd said.

"Free ride" may be too good to last

FOX TV premieres its new show 'Free Ride' today at 9:30 p.m. following an episode of 'American Idol.'

Abel Horwitz
Daily Courier (in Nor. Mexico)

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The mystery that is the FOX TV development studio is something that has baffled television fans for many years.

This is the department that has cancelled such beloved shows as "Firefly," "Undeclared," "Arrested Development" and "Futurama" despite desperate pleas made by both fans and critics that if they only gave these shows a chance they'd find their audience. FOX seems to have an extraordinary talent for developing funny, offbeat and interesting shows and then abandoning them if their ratings aren't stellar in their first few weeks.

This is why I can do nothing but begrudgingly nod my head at FOX's new comedy, "Free Ride." — a show that's funny, quirky and interesting enough that FOX should have no problem canceling it within a few weeks.

"Free Ride" is about young, awkward and just out of college Nate Stahlings, played by Josh Deane. Nate doesn't really have much of a plan for his future and decides to move back in with his parents for a little while. You know, just until he figures out what he wants to do with his life. His parents aren't too happy with this. They've already turned his bedroom into a gym, and they've got their own problems — they're in marriage counseling and argue constantly.

These conflicts are what make up the core of the show's humor.

One of the perks of marriage counseling, according to Nate's dad, played by Allan Havey, is that every Wednesday is sex night. "So tonight," Bob says to his son proudly, "I'm having sex with your mom."

This forces Nate to get out of the house quickly, where he reconnects with people he knew back in high school. He develops a crush on Amber Dandwood, played by Erin Cahill, a local velvet voice who looks at Amber than he is. This actually lets it develop the audience for the rest of his life. Because of this, I am curious to see how the show will progress.

Not only that, but the show deals with something that is identifiable to the younger generation. Nate is a college graduate with no idea about what to do for the rest of his life. Because of this, I am curious to see how the show will progress. Here's hoping, that in this one case, FOX can get the show air more than one or two times and actually lets it develop the audience it deserves.
Rocky rises above

... the songs have a lot of issues.

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—Rocky Votolato

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POETRY

Singer-songwriter Rocky Votolato will take his guitar and captivating lyrics to Downtown Brew March 8 to open for bands Minus the Bear and The Applied Cast as he promotes his latest release "Makers."
BERLIN (AP) — The deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu has been found in a cat in Germany, officials said Tuesday, the first time the virus has been identified in an animal other than a bird in central Europe.

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Outside the jail, women beat the ground as their children wailed, fearful that loved ones in the facility had been killed in the three-day stand-off.

"Oh, my son, are you alive?" cried 66-year-old Zubaida Gul.

At least five inmates have been killed and 41 wounded since the uprising began late Saturday. Police blame some 350 Taliban and al-Qaeda detainees for inciting the riot.

The two sides agreed to a truce late Monday, but the deal collapsed 24 hours later over a demand by the authorities that the inmates move to another wing of the lockup, said Abdul Hakim, a police commander in the prison.

The inmates refused, saying conditions in the new block were no better than the current one. They then tried to break down a gate leading into a courtyard where hundreds of police and soldiers have taken up positions, he said.

The earlier truce allowed 17 of the most seriously wounded prisoners to be rushed to a hospital, along with the dead bodies, said Gen. Zamara, the army commander in charge of security at the jail.

Authorities late Sunday cut off supplies of water, electricity and food to the roughly 2,000 prisoners, including 70 women and a handful of their children who live with them. But the supplies were restored a day later.

Dozens of relatives of the inmates came to the prison Tuesday and pleaded for news of their family members. One woman covered in an all-encompassing burqa kissed the feet of a journalist, begging him for information.

"My son is innocent. We're afraid he is dead," said Zubaida Gul, as tears ran down her face and she beat her fists on the ground in front of a line of guards. "Please tell me how he is."

The guards did not react.

Another woman said she was afraid for her brother, Abdul Baseer, a convicted murderer, because conditions in the prison were terrible.

"This is not a jail, it's a cemetery," said the woman, who gave her name only as Mariam. "No one has any rights once they've gone inside. I doubt I will ever see him again."

She said the international community has an obligation to improve conditions at the prison. Policharki Prison was built in the 1970s and is notorious for harsh and crowded conditions.
State briefs

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) - Pacific Gas and Electric Co. has replaced Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant's emergency warning sirens with newer models that have battery backups and are more reliable in a disaster. The utility decided to replace the 131 sirens when power outages during the December 2003 San Simeon earthquake rendered some of them inoperable. Although they were not needed during that incident, public outcry that they could be unavailable during a future emergency led PG&E to install new ones.

ORCUTT (AP) - A 44-year-old man was sentenced to 150 days in jail for spring-painting a swastika and racial slur on his black neighbor's home. Travis Kelly Goea pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of violation of civil rights, vandalism, being under the influence of methamphetamine and possessing drug paraphernalia. Superior Court Judge James Herman ordered him to turn himself into custody by Friday.

A 39-year-old man was arrested on Oct. 25, never provided police with a motive for the crime, said Kevin Duffy, Santa Barbara County deputy district attorney.

Schwarzenegger meets Feinstein, Boxer and others on levee funding

Erica Werner
ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger pressed lawmakers and the White House Tuesday for emergency levy for Sacramento's river and delta levees. Sen. Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer pledged to try to get money for the levees in an upcoming spending bill for Iraq and Hurricane Katrina.

California's senators want $235 million to complete high-priority flood-control projects identified by the Army Corps of Engineers. They sent a letter to the chairman and top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Committee asking that the money be added to a multibillion-dollar spending package for Iraq, Afghanistan and hurricane relief that Congress will take up in coming weeks.

Feinstein also said she would try to get levee money in the 2007 budget proposal that the Army Corps of Engineers identified as a top priority. President Bush's 2007 budget proposal included $65 million for flood control projects in Sacramento but left out $6 million the state wanted for delta levees.

At a joint press conference, Feinstein and Schwarzenegger said it wouldn't be easy to free up more federal money but said they had to try. Sacramento has less than 100-year flood protection — the lowest of any large urban area in the nation — largely because of weaknesses in the 1,000 miles of federal-state levees that protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta and the rivers that flow in and out of it.

An earthquake or catastrophic flood in the area could jeopardize the water supply for 22 million Californians.

"You lose a third of Sacramento. You lose 20 feet of water, you'd lose two-thirds of the water supply for California, the economy would stop," Feinstein said. "The question is do you wait for it to happen or do you do something about it now. And there's only one answer -- you do something about it now."

Schwarzenegger said: "We're asking the federal government to go and spend a little bit of money in order to save a lot of money.

"We're wrapping up a Washington visit to attend the National Governors Association annual conference, also met with White House Chief of Staff Andy Card to push for a federal disaster declaration for the levees to free up funding. Schwarzenegger declared a state emergency for the area on Friday.

CHP calls for safety review after death of latest officer

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SACRAMENTO — Shocked by the deaths of six pedestrians since last fall, the California Highway Patrol required its field commanders to review safety procedures with their officers.

The statewide "stand-down" would be in effect for two days for the CHP's 108 field offices but will not affect deployments or service, CHP Commissioner Mike Brown said during a news conference Monday.

Brown said the rarely used action also will give officers the chance to vent their feelings. He said there was a "lot of anger" within the department over the rash of deaths, the latest of which came over the weekend when a Southern California motorcycle officer was struck by a suspected drunk driver during a traffic stop.

"We have been struggling with this internally," Brown said.

Brown did not identify the site of the accident, which took place early Saturday morning. But Mariposa/Vons Shopping Center, 3920 S Broad Street, SLO.

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CHP canceled safety review after death of latest officer

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WHO SAID THAT?

True happiness is of a retired nature, and an enemy to pomp and noise; it arises, in the first place, from the enjoyment of one's self, and in the next from the friendship and conversation of a few select companions.
— Joseph Addison (1672 - 1719)

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— John Ruskin (1819 - 1900)

Wordly Wise

Scion: A descendant; an heir.
Maelstrom: A large, powerful whirlpool; also, a violent, disordered, or turbulent state of affairs.

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the Razorbacks' verbal abuse of opposing players will be their offense en route to the greatest upset in NCAA tournament history. Whichever No. 1 seed faces the Mustangs in round one will surely succumb to the verbal assault of these bandits.

Oh, by the way, it would be the first time a No. 16 seed won a game in men's tournament history. No small task, but perfectly realistic.

After beating up on whichever No. 1 seed is unfortunate enough to draw Cal Poly, the Mustangs will run the table and claim the national championship and finish with a 26-16 record.

Banners will be hung, nets will be clipped and a chunk of March Madness lore will be recorded. Not convinced? Just wait and watch, Mustang fans.

OK, my prediction is a bit far fetched, but here's the truth. The matter: Cal Poly has two regular season games left and would wrap up a first round bye in the Big West tournament with one win. The first round bye leads to the Mustangs needing three wins to become the first men's basketball team in Cal Poly history to make the NCAA tournament. Although the Mustangs lack the credentials of a true tournament contender, if for no other poor halves of basketball and two last-minute losses, the Mustangs would be 1-1 in Big West play. Cal Poly has been on the cusp of dominance all season, but inexperience and lack of depth has kept the Mustangs from becoming a top dog in the Big West.

Anybody can say, "What if?" though a few people are of the opinion that Cal Poly isn't overwhelmed by any team in the Big West. Beating Pacific is a daunting task, no doubt, but the Tigers are beatable. If last place UC Riverside can pull off the upset, Cal Poly can too.

The conference tournament is one week away. Every defeat Mustang fans should ante time from studying for finals to drive to the Anaheim Convention Center Arena on March 11 and see Cal Poly play for a tournament bid - after all, anything can happen in March.

Wrestling, contingent from page 12

with an overall record of 16-15.

Nick Hernandez (174) was second away from going into sudden- victory overtime, but Christian Arellano of Cal State Bakersfield scored a takedown as time expired to steal a 6-4 victory from Hernandez. With the loss, Hernandez finishes fourth in the Pac-10 with an overall record of 16-8. Hernandez has received a last-large bid to the NCAA Championships.

Ryan Haby (184) ended a somewhat disappointing Pac-10 tournament with a fifth-place finish, defeating K.C. Walsh of Boise State 4-1.

Earlier in the day Haby suffered an 9-5 loss to No. 4 seed Tyler Bernerch of UC Davis, as Haby led the entire match only to suffer a takedown, followed by a two-point nearfall with seconds remaining. With the fifth-place finish Haby improves his record to 22-6 overall. Due to his stellar regular season, Haby also has received an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships.

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Cal Poly wrestling finished second at the Pac-10 championships for the second time in three years as defending champion Arizona State successfully defended the title, despite the Mustangs’ Chad Mendes winning the Pac-10 championship at 125 pounds. The Mustangs led the tournament into the final session, but the Sun Devils overtook Cal Poly late in the championship round.

Cal Poly will send seven wrestlers to the national championship held in Oklahoma City from March 16-18. Mendes (125) won his first Pac-10 championship, knocking off No. 3 seed Tamer Gardineer, 7-4. Mendes scored two takedowns in the overtime period and never relinquished the lead. Mendes has had Gardineer’s number this season, defeating him for the third time this season; he also defeated the Cushing Bear of the Fullerton Open for first place and the Las Vegas Invitational for third place.

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