Study abroad now possible in Peru

Tyler Wise
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A new program on campus is giving students the opportunity to spend five weeks in Peru over the summer to learn about the many aspects of Latin American culture while participating in several community-based projects. The Peru Summer Study Program, headed by geography professor James Keese and political science professor Craig Arceano, is a quarter-long program that will give students the opportunity to "learn about Latin American culture, economy, politics, development and ecology," Keese said. Though field trips to exotic locations are an integral part of the trip, the program will also allow students to participate in many different projects. "The Peru Study Program is more than just a tourist venture and will also include cooperative work with many communities and organizations," director of Pacific programs Richard LeRoy said. One of the key organizations that the study program is partnering with is ProPeru, a student service program that provides individuals and groups with unique and challenging cross-cultural experiences, according to www.properu.org. From June 23 to July 28, students who are eligible for the program will live in Cuzco, Peru, while obtaining 12 units of academic credit that includes four units of extensive Spanish and two general education courses addressing issues related to Peruvian and Latin American culture and society. The general education courses will be taught in English by Cal Poly faculty, LeRoy said. The program also provides students with the opportunity to live with Peruvian host families, allowing for intensive development of cross-cultural skills, improvisation language development and the chance to study another culture as a participant observer. Though the program will include several tourist trips to extracurricular sites and cities around Peru, the program has a stronger emphasis on providing students with the opportunity to absorb the culture while participating in many hands-on projects. "What makes this program so special is that it is not simply a sightseeing or tourist trip, but more of an opportunity for students to get some real, hands-on experience with another culture by participating in several community-based projects," LeRoy said. The program includes several physical and community oriented projects such as organizing sports programs in local communities, designing and constructing irrigation canals, building and modernizing small schools, and reforestation of the Amazon Rainforest—an extension of Cal Poly's "Learn by Doing" philosophy. Students of all majors with a grade point average of at least 2.5 are eligible to participate. According to the program's Web site, student selection will be based on GPA, personal interviews, faculty references, and an application essay. "We're looking for students who have strong intentions to learn the culture in addition to an open and adaptive mind culturally sensitive and mature," LeRoy said. For further information about excursions, projects, fees, applications and eligibility, the Peru Summer Study Program will host another meeting on Nov. 30 in the Math and Science building in room 219 from 11 a.m. to noon or check out the Web site at www.personalcalpoly.edu.

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Tuesday Profile

Republican president: not afraid to speak up

Christina Casci
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A female social sciences junior is not the typical president of the Cal Poly College Republicans but Christina Chiappe goes far beyond the norm. "My position isn't clichéd at all, but it doesn't have to make sense," she said. Chiappe grew up in a more liberal part of the Bay Area but lived in a conservative home. When she came to Cal Poly, she went to meetings but didn't have any leadership roles, she said. "Last year, I joined the board as the political officer which was a position created for me specifically by last year's vice president," Chiappe said. The position involved speaking at meetings and telling members to speak up about the current issues, said. So many students are unaware of the issues on the ballot this Nov. 7, so Associated Students Inc. is putting on CP Next: Generation Vote. The event will be held Wednesday and Thursday this week and bring awareness to many current local issues. The event will consist of seven events throughout both days. Three of the events will involve Cal Poly clubs from all areas of interest. "This is a really good opportunity for students to educate themselves about the current issues," said Melissa Robbins, business senior and ASI chief of staff. The event will start off with the Cal Poly Debate Team in Chumash Auditorium from 11 p.m. to noon on Wednesday. Two members of the team, computer engineering senior Roben Peterson and aerospace engineering sophomore Dominic Surano will debate some hot local topics including Measure J, the Dalio Project. "Everyone is really excited to get recognized," communication studies senior Kristy Malm said. "This forum is very different from how we compete usually though." That day, there will be the first club fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Clubs from all over campus will be in the University Union Plaza for the event. "There will be all kinds of clubs there," Robbins said. "We are bringing in as many as many that appeal to many different students and want to support and educate students." From 1 to 2 p.m. the same day, Campus clubs created puzzle pieces for display at Farmers Market. the congressional candidates will speak about their positions in Chumash Auditorium. Rep. Lois Capps and Victor Tangiuz will see CP Next, page 2
CP Next: Generation Vote

Wednesday, Nov. 1
11 a.m.-noon: Debate Team at Chumash Auditorium
The Cal Poly Debate Team will be debating current events and issues that are important to the students and will also be on the 7 ballot.
11 a.m.-3 p.m.: Club Fair
Clubs from all areas of interest will be in the University Union Plaza. Tables and booths will be set up for each club so they can inform students about what they offer.
1-2 p.m.: Congressional Candidate Forum in Chumash Auditorium
The candidates for 23rd U.S. Congressional District, Luis Capps and Victor Tzagourlias, will tell students about their stance on issues. Students will have a chance to interact with the candidates.

Thursday, Nov. 2
11 a.m.-3 p.m.: Club Fair
More clubs will be in the UU Plaza. The event will begin with the live concert by Andrew Heringer.
Noon-1 p.m.: Measure J Debate in San Luis Lounge
Both sides of Measure J, also known as the Unlikely Project, will give an information session. This project calls for some larger stores such as Target and Old Navy.
1-2 p.m.: Mayoral Candidate Debate in San Luis Lounge
All the mayoral candidates, Dave Romero, John Ewan, Christine Mulholland, and Don Hedrick, will discuss their platforms. They will accept questions and comments from students.
6-8 p.m.: Clubs at Farmers’ Market
Cal Poly clubs will be downtown presenting a mosaic of puzzle pieces.

Chiaipe continued from page 1
about current events, including news and propositions. She also planned some activities, she said. "We like to go shooting at the range with shotguns — it's pretty fun," Chiaipe said.

Chiaipe said the problem is that professors tend to be more liberal and intimidate conservative students from speaking up. "It's scary to speak out, and people don't like to put themselves out there," Chiaipe said. Jacki DeMarchi, an animal science sophomore and the club's secretary, said Chiaipe would be a good president. "She's really good at putting ideas into action," she said.

The best thing about Chiaipe is her friendliness, DeMarchi said. "She's good at looking out for everyone and making sure everyone stays involved," she said.

Though she is expected to do well, people are confused about her. Chiaipe said, "People got used to having it a certain way and I changed it a little, but I think that's what the club needs right now," Chiaipe said.

"We are bringing back a lot of old things but also adding some new things," DeMarchi said. "I will definitely promote conservative ideals, you can't be ashamed of what you believe," Chiaipe said.

No, whom does Chiaipe want to win the gubernatorial position this year? "I absolutely want Arnold to win," she said.

"There are a lot of Democrats in office in California and Arnold is perfect because he is a Republican but kind of moderate and has liberal principles," Chiaipe said.

Zach Austin, a political science junior and president of the Cal Poly Democrats, has worked with Chiaipe shortly.

"She's very friendly and really energetic," he said.

The two clubs will work together to a non-partisan voter project, he said. "Even though we believe different things, it is good to get together and do healthy debate or just throw politics out the window together and just have fun," Chiaipe said of the collaboration.

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Pakistan airstrike on alleged terror camp kills 80, sparks protests

Paul Garwood
KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) —

Islamic leaders and al-Qaida-linked militants blamed the United States for the airstrike and called for nationwide demonstrations to condemn the attack that flattened a religious school — known as a madrassa — in northwestern Pakistan on Monday destroyed a religious school as a training camp for terrorists.

Among those killed in the attack was a cleric who had been expected at the madrassa, Pakistan's military said was running as an al-Qaida training camp, killing 80 people in the country's deadliest military operation targeting suspected terrorists.

Furious villagers and religious leaders said the pre-dawn missile barrage was the military was canceled a visit planned for Tuesday to Peshawar.

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KFC phasing out trans fats for cooking chicken

David B. Caruso

NEW YORK (AP) — KFC said Monday it is phasing out trans fats in cooking its Original Recipe and Extra Crispy fried chicken, Potato Wedges and other menu items, but hasn't found a good alternative yet for its biscuits.

Health experts say trans fats raise levels of artery-clogging cholesterol and contribute to heart disease.

The restaurant chain said it will start using zero trans fat soybean oil systemwide in the United States and begin by April 2007. KFC said many of its approximately 5,950 restaurants already have switched.

KFC President Gregg Dedrick said there would be no change in the taste of the chicken and other food items.

"There is no compromise," he said at a Manhattan news conference. "Nothing is more important to us than the quality of our food and preserving the terrific taste of our product."

Crispy Strips, Wings, Boneless Wings, Extra Crispy Snacker Sandwiches, Popcorn Chicken and Twisters also are part of the menu change.

Dedrick said some products including biscuits will still be made with trans fat while KFC keeps looking for alternatives.

The announcement came just ahead of a New York City Board of Health public hearing on a plan to make New York the first U.S. city to ban restaurants from serving food containing artificial trans fats.

The change at KFC applies only to U.S. restaurants for now, Dedrick said. He said the company was trying to find replacement oils for its overseas restaurants. He added that KFC outlets in some countries already use trans-fat-free oils, but he would not say which countries.

"Artificial trans fat is so common the average American eats 4.7 pounds of it a year, according to the Food and Drug Administration."

The switch was applauded by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, which sued the Louisville, Ky.-based KFC in June over the trans fat content of its chicken.

KFC isn't the only business preparing for a trans-fat-free future. Wendy's International Inc., the fast-food leader McDonald's Corp. had announced that it intended to do so as well in 2003, but has yet to follow through.

"We're trying to do the right thing," said Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "Everybody thought it was safe. We thought it was safe."

Ricard Lipsky, a spokesman for the Neighborhood Retail Alliance, said many eatery owners rely on ingredients prepared elsewhere, and companies only became dependent on hydrogenated oil a decade and a half ago when they were pressured for ways to substitute for natural fats.

"It's huge. It's going to be the trendsetter for the entire country," said Suzanne Vieira, director of the culinary nutrition program at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I., where students are experimenting with substituting oils and shortenings in deep frying.

Ironically, many big fast food companies only became dependent on hydrogenated oil a decade and a half ago when they were pressured by health groups to do something about saturated fat.

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"They did so in all innocence, trying to do the right thing," said Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "Everybody thought it was safe. We thought it was safe."

Some restaurants were still completing the changeover when the first major study appeared indicating that the hydrogenated oils were just as bad for you, if not worse.

When eaten, trans fats significantly raise the level of so-called "bad" cholesterol in the blood, clogging arteries and causing heart disease.
**State**

**SANTA BARBARA (AP) —** Halloween revelry in Isla Vista, which has a reputation as a rowdy, raunchy, boozed-up party zone each year, kicked off early with 141 arrests.

Friday was the first night of celebrations that continues through Tuesday.

Most of Friday's arrests were for being drunk in public and fighting in public, as well as for narcotics violations. Some 196 criminal citations and notices to appear were also issued for having an open container of alcohol in public and for minors possessing alcohol.

There were no major injuries, but several people were transported to Goleta Valley Hospital and Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for alcohol poisoning.

Authorities have cracked down on Isla Vista's annual Halloween weekend celebration in recent years. Last year's "Keep It Local Keep It Safe" campaign was intended to discourage rowdiness.

**NEW YORK (AP) —** The American Red Cross, stung by criticism of how it handled Hurricane Katrina and the Sept. 11 attacks, announced plans Monday for a major overhaul that would include slashing its 56-member board and reducing the influence of presidentially appointed officers. The reforms are intended to ease recurring friction between board members and Red Cross management, and to address complaints that the organization was at times too bureaucratic and unaccountable after Katrina and the attacks.

**LONGDON (AP) —** Unchecked global warming will devastate the world economy on the scale of the world wars and the Great Depression, a British government report said Monday, as the country launched a bid to convince doubters that environmental and economic growth can coincide.

**JERUSALEM (AP) —** Israel plans to send a pretty fierce grip on its walls in September, boosting spending by just 0.1 percent, the smallest increase in 10 months. The Commerce Department's report, released Monday, showed that consumers had a solid appetite for big-ticket goods such as cars and appliances last month but they can spending on nondurable goods such as food and apparel.

**LOS ANGELES (AP) —** MySpace.com will use "audio fingerprinting" technology to block users from uploading copyright music to the social networking site, the company said Monday. MySpace, which is owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., said it will review all music files uploaded by community members to their online profiles. The files will be run through a music database from Gracenote Inc.

"MySpace is staunchly committed to protecting artists’ rights, whether those artists are on major labels or are independent acts," said Chris DeWolfe, MySpace chief executive and co-founder.

**International**

**STANFORD, Calif. —** It’s not just the Honor Code that prevents students in computer science classes from cheating — the department employs the Measure of Software Similarity Program (MOSS), written by Prof. Alex Aiken, to systematically test student code against every section of code ever run through the system.

Talk about pressure. The Computer Science Department annually reports the highest number of Honor Code violations on campus, with 71 from the fall of 2003 to last spring, including 23 during the 2005-2006 academic year. Aiken, however, said that these figures may reflect the vigilance of professors in his department, rather than a higher incidence of cheating among those students.

"A fair number of CS instructors use tools like MOSS, while my impression is that in most other departments systematic checking for Honor Code violations is less common," Aiken said.

Judicial Adviser Laurette Beeson argued that unlike papers or problem sets, programming presents a unique lure — and opportunity — for cheaters.

"Students who are used to being perfect spend 40 to 60 hours writing a program," Aiken said. "If you get frustrated when one part doesn't work," she said, "it's pretty tempting.

Nationwide, it is not unusual for computer science departments to record the highest number of cheating incidences, Beeson added, arguing that Stanford may even have fewer occurrences than its peers. "I think statistics have proven that schools with honor codes have fewer violations, and I think Stanford ranks very well in that compared to other schools," she said.

And while not all cases referred to Judicial Affairs end with charges being pressed against a student or the numbers seem to reflect MOSS’s ability to root out cheats — of the 71 reports in the last three years, 52 resulted in charges being brought.

An Honor Code violation in Computer Science usually falls into one of two categories: the code in two current students’ programs may be identical or nearly identical or the code in a current student’s program resembles that of a program run through the system in any year since its inception.

Aiken created MOSS in 1994, and he made a version available on the Internet in 1997 for other teachers around the world to use. His motivation, he said, was simple. "I had a problem with some students plagiarizing programming assignments," Aiken said. "It was too time-consuming to find them by hand, and the existing programs for plagiarism detection didn’t seem to do a very good job of it."

All the MOSS Program does check for similarities, Aiken added. It does not actually make a judgment about whether or not cheating occurred. There could be many legitimate reasons for code in two students’ programs to be identical, he continued. A professor may have posted some sample code for students to use as a base point, or two students could have independently decided to use the same section of program code.

"Making that judgment requires an experienced person to look at the two programs and decide why they are similar," he said. "Having said that, the potential is always there for an instructor to misuse the tool by looking at whatever the tool reports something the person is guilty of cheating."
Devan McClaine
MUSTANG DAILY

Last Halloween was supposed to be epic for me. As an incoming junior transfer student, this was my big debut, as my college Halloween experience had been relegated to Chico. In Chico, everyone wears the same costume: drunk and looking for a place to sleep.

There wasn’t too much of a dilemma as far as the costume was concerned. I had decided long ago that I was going to be Hunter S. Thompson for two reasons. First, it is a perfect excuse to be belligerently intoxicated; it’s part of the costume. Second, I had SI3.62 in my bank account due to the rigors of online poker and the costume. I added the tube socks, cigarette holder in mouth uttering “no foot” and “no foot,” some desperate fool began ravaging and jabbering at me in order to get the broken cigarette in my holder. He appeared to be dressed as Ron Burgundy, sans pants and scotch.

I found a female acquaintance in the kitchen and there was still no footing. In the adjacent room there appeared to be a spirited, almost traditional party. My acquaintance squealed like a Japanese fan at a New Kids on the Block concert and dragged me toward the sound of Blackstreet’s “No Diggity,” which apparently was the same costume: drunk and feeling the yard. We spent the duration of our night wandering around with a cigarette holder in mouth uttering “no footing at all in this muck” and “rat bastard” in alternating order. After passing Paris Hilton and a good dance party happening.

I hope this year is half as good as last. I have to admit I like the celebrity costumes. They are generally cheaper, and there is something decidedly American about taking the raw materials around you and creating a masterpiece. It does away with the unnerving feeling of paying a corporation or boutique to generate your creativity.

Whatever your choice, have a good time and be reasonably safe when possible.

Devan McClaine is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily senior staff writer and reporter. This year Devan is going to be golf legend Bobby Jones.
Check out what's going on in SLO County this week. Whether it's art, film, music, theater or culture, POLYBILL posts the latest events.

**Thursday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. to noon.**  
Andrew Heringer will be playing during UU Hour.

**Thursday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m.**  
Want to learn how to cha-cha for $3? No partner or experience is required. Architecture and environmental design building, room 225. Visit www.cpdst.org for more information.

**Friday, Nov. 3, 8 p.m.**  
Take lessons for all levels and learn how to salsa from 8 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. for $5 in architecture and environmental design building, room 225. Then stick around for some free dancing and show off your new moves.

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**TIME CAPSULE**

* 1983 Ron Grant completes a 217 day, 8,316 mile run around Australia.
* 1981 First live radio drama in 25 years (Halloween Story on NBC).
* 1941 Mount Rushmore is completed.
* 1908 Fourth Olympic Games ends in London.
An invitation to the wonders of local music

Devan McClaine

Filmaker Greg Schell previewed his latest film, "Chasing the Lotus," Thursday night at Chumash Auditorium. The 7 p.m. crowd of surfers, students and interested spectators was modest in size, but nonetheless enthusiastic.

The film centers on the last reels of obscure legendary filmmakers Spyder Wills and Greg Weaver. The pair, both Southern California natives, were at the forefront of the surf movie culture, traveling in search of the perfect wave and the perfect shot.

The beginning features local talents including thousands of youths catching sheets of acid dropped from a plane by LSD guru Rick James. The psychedelic influence left its mark on the surf culture and in turn, Weaver and Wills.

Fast forward ten years. It was a new time, skateboarding had just jumped on the scene and Weaver was there to document the infamous Zephyr team from Venice.

Weaver captures Stacey Beralta, Jay Adams and Tony Alva (all immortalized in 2005's "The Lords of Dogtown") and company ripping Southern California pools up. The footage is authentic, raw and gives the feeling of watching a lost relic, which it is.

Peralta, a renowned filmmaker in his own right, explains the progression of surfing at the time. Describing the transition from the "free flowing" surfing of the 60s to the more aggressive style of the mid 70s on.

The film also takes the viewer to remote locales, such as the island of Mauritius during the filming of "Santosha," a surf cult classic. "Chasing the Lotus" also chronicles the introduction of corporate sponsorship to surfing in the 80s, going to J-Bay in South Africa. The footage of Billabong pro Mark Occhilupo in South Africa looks like it could be taken from a present day contest. The slowed down perspective of super 8mm footage is the only indication of when it was shot.

The film is a gobotrotonic historical verification of the surf culture past, present and future. From the point surf in Southern California to the beaches of Maui and Oahu, it feels like you need a nap after all the locations are covered.

There is also breathtaking footage in Bali before it became the surf mecca it is now. That is part of the reason why Weaver and Wills chose not to disclose some of the footage until now; they didn't want to over-crowd the world's best surf spots. Thus, the footage remained locked away.

One of the most entertaining portions of the film features the story of Danny Mack. Mack purchased 1 mile wide section of beachfront property for $1,000,000 in the early '80s and hacked an amazing surf spot out of the jungle. Mack was approached to let anyone, much less a photographer and filmmaker (Weaver) out to his paradise. Somehow, Weaver was granted access and what follows are some of the purest shots in surf history.

The viewer is introduced to surfer "Buttons," who is so graceful and agile it has to be seen to be believed. There are also shots of local kids trying to imitate the pros with homemade boards.

One cannot stress the organic and homemade feel this film brings to the table. Overall, Schell does an excellent job of splicing commentary from various legends and icons with the film's super 8mm reels of Weaver and Wills.

The movie feels like an under-reported "Endless Summer," the material they kept out of production.

Whether it was Schell's intention or not, the film serves as a superb record of not only the evolution of Weaver and Wills, but the progression of the sport and culture as well.

From longboards to short boards, back to the resurrection of longboards. To the advent of skateboarding as a reprise when the waves were low. From psychedelic to aggressive, it's all there and worth watching. Even if you know nothing about surfing, you will enjoy this film.

In a budget of only $130,000, Schell delivers the lotus, the flower that grows out of mud.

Those interested in buying the film can purchase it at chasingthelotus.com for $29.95.

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Don't ride into the danger zone

O ver the course of our acquaint­ance, every single one of my close male friends has found themselves at some point or another in a place I shall henceforth call the "danger zone." This has nothing to do with Tom Cruise in avia­tor sunglasses or a Top Gun runway with a fighter jet hurtling toward you. You can surf 190 to 200 mph even be safer than the zone I refer to. The danger zone is a hazy gray battleground, filled with mines and traps and, at the same time, filled with camaraderie, attachment and camaraderie — in posterity. In the long-term general consensus suggests that the pain of shooting yourself in the foot is forever captured in the last thing you want to hear is this: "This is so-and-so, my FRIEND.

Your hopes have just crumbled — as in, your ribcage just collapsed in despair. "FRIEND? I'm just a FRIEND!"

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I understand that the battle­field is a terrifying place to be, and there's nothing more har­row­ing than finding oneself slip­ping dangerously close to it.

So, keep an eye out. Whether it's friendship or romance (or both) that you want, keep your target in your sights, hide your time... and fire when ready.

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Wednesday, October 31, 2006

The Cal Poly men's and women's swimming and diving teams began competition under new head coach Tom Milich at the Malibu Invitational hosted by Pepperdine on Saturday.

The men's team was dominant, taking first in every event of the three-team contest. NAIA La Verne and Cal Lutheran also participated in the meet.

Cal Poly's Cody Lazo placed first in the 200 free with a time of 1:47.61. Don Sales won the 200 fly with a time of 2:01.21 while Morales took first in the 50 fly with a time of 25.26. Gruber beat out 20 competitors in the 200 free with a time of 1:47.61.

In the 50 breast, Kevin Michelson came out on top with a time of 28.08 seconds. He also won the 300 breast with a time of 59.12. Ben Samuels took first in the 50 free, coming in at 22.26.

In the 100 free, Cal Poly's Mark Deni came in first with a time of 48.00 while Daniel Lara placed first in 1:46.21.

The Mustangs' Kellen Ranahan took first in the 500 free with a time of 4:46.21.

As a team, the Mustangs won the 200 medley relay (1:41.26), the 200 free relay (1:30.33), the 400 medley relay (3:50.56) and the 400 free relay (3:22.49).

The Cal Poly women's swimming and diving team also kicked off their 2006 season at the Malibu Invitational. Division 1 Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount and NAIA Cal Lutheran also participated in the meet.

Cal Poly's Amy Speer took second in the 200 fly with a time of 2:14.78. The Mustangs' Stacy Sorensen took fourth place (1:58.67) in the 200 IM while teammate Christine Shilling took eighth (2:01.29).

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The Trojans lost a regular-season game Saturday for the first time since Sept. 2003.

Anne M. Peterson

The Trojans, ranked No. 3 in The AP poll going into Saturday's game, dropped to No. 9 on Sunday in the Bowl Championship Series standings. Southern California dropped from No. 3 to No. 8.

Ohio State and Michigan won their games and held on to their top two spots in the BCS rankings. West Virginia was third, followed by Florida and Louisiana.

After USC's loss, there were six unbeaten teams in Division I-A. Only three of these teams can end the regular season undefeated: The Ohio State-Michigan winner; one of three Big East teams and Boise State if the Broncos can run the Western Athletic Conference.

There's no question about whether an unbeaten Ohio State or Michigan deserves a spot in the title game on Jan. 8. The one that wins out is going to Glendale, Ariz. USC had looked vulnerable in its previous three games — all against conference foes — heading into Saturday's loss, with victories of seven points or less.

The Trojans (6-1, 4-1 Pac-10) are no more the regular-season threat that Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush and LenDale White. Being undefeated wins out is going to Glendale, Ariz. USC came in 1967, when the so-called Giant killers downed the OJ Simpson-led Trojans 3-0 on a muddy field in the Rose Bowl.

It's hard to be underestimated. It's even harder to lose. The USC Trojans seemed stunned following Saturday's 33-31 loss to Oregon State, unwilling to much ponder what it could mean to their national title hopes.

"If teams lose, we get back up to the top. But that's not our job," We just have to worry about winning games," quarterback John David Booty said. "You never know. To think (USC) is out of it would be making a mistake," coach Pete Carroll said. "It just depends on how we'll finish, so we'll see what happens.

The Trojans finished 24 of 29 passes for 406 yards and three touchdowns with one interception. Steve Smith caught 11 passes for 258 yards, but the Trojans had three lost fumbles.

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Cal Poly earned its third win over a Division I-A school in program history Saturday night.

Tristan Aird

For freshman women's tennis star, age has been no obstacle

Cal Poly's women's tennis team has been led by Brittany Blalock, a freshman toting a 9-1 singles record.

Christina Casci

Poly stays at No. 9 after first BWC loss

After suffering their first conference loss Saturday, the Mustang volleyball team stays put.

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For the first time this season, the Mustangs allowed someone to score on them in the first quarter.

Kevin Craft hit receiver Ramal Espinosa for the first of two touchdowns in the first period, beating both of Cal Poly's starting cornerbacks.

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Though Blalock is getting so much praise for her playing, she is still a freshman getting to know Cal Poly.

"Aide from school and tennis, I spend time with my friends," Blalock said. "I am still adjusting to it all.

Just like other first-year students, Blalock misses home and her family, but luckily, she has a new family forming, she said.