CSUs put foot down on senioritis

Thanks to better technology, college presidents are trying to track the sliding grades of high school seniors.

Liza Manion
MUSTANG DAILY

High school seniors should be warned of the rising concern colleges have for acceptable academic performance. Certain schools are getting strict for the first time.

San Francisco State University rescinded 63 acceptances, and Cal Poly was not far behind, revoking 41 incoming freshmen.

Schools have more accessibility to grades and class standings than ever before with the help of advanced computer technology, said CSU enrollment director Jim Blackburn. Final transcripts are also being sent sooner.

“All of the offers of admission that we make are conditional,” Blackburn said.

He said the rules have always been the same, and there is no hard evidence that CSUs are rejecting more freshmen than normally.

For failing grades he said, “The more recent the work in high school, the better predictor there is for college work.”

Blackburn said out of 47,000 enrolled students this year, half of those needed remedial classes.

He has been working on reducing remedial classes for the past 10 years. Imposing higher standards for students might motivate them to do better.

“If we don’t use (the brain), it kind of becomes flabby,” Blackburn said.

Civil engineering freshman John MacMillan begged to differ, saying he did not worry about his grades after being accepted to Cal Poly. After checking with the school, he allegedly had to get 7s or better.

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Other students decided to not use the college’s aid, pushing back a bit. Cal Poly associate dean Debra Brown, a law professor at Indiana University, sponsored by the Provost office, the CLA dean's office and the history and political science departments. For more information call the CLA dean's office at 756-2706.
Brigette Barbosa

Help is on the way for the estimated 7 million Californians affected by mental illness. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) recently announced plans to begin new Peer-to-Peer Recovery Education Courses for clients in the state.

"NAMI is a national grassroots organization. The purpose is to advocate with those who suffer from the illnesses," said NAMI California Board of Directors member Colleen Peters.

The Peer-to-Peer program is a nine-week educational course intended to help clients understand mental illness recovery in an obtainable goal. The course will include lectures, group processes, biological information, coping skills and much more, according to the press release. The courses will be offered in 13 counties throughout the state.

"There are two peer counselors along with two trained family members and a professional training other peers about the illnesses, how best to manage medications and the side effects," said NAMI California Board of Directors member Candace Jackson. "The program has been very successful. If it weren't successful we wouldn't have brought it to California, put it that way."

The previous success of NAMI programs in other states was a big reason for bringing the program to California, she said.

"The program is run by peer mentors who have successfully managed their illnesses and can then mentor others," public relations representative Catherine Chung said. "There have been really positive experiences with the program so far."

Since its establishment in 2000, the Peer-to-Peer program has expanded from operating in four states to 21 states across the country, according to the press release. Launching programs alongside California are Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Kansas, Ohio, Rhode Island and South Carolina. "It has been a phenomenal success," Peters said. She said her county classes began last year and already a second and third class are filling up. "One out of five families have at least one member with a mental illness. So everyone knows someone, it's not like you don't know at least one person affected," she said.

Jackson said the types of mental illnesses targeted by the program are the major ones. These include, but are not limited to, schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depressive disorders and obsessive-compulsive disorder. She said the Web site, www.nami.org, provides more information about the illnesses and a synopsis of the program.

NAMI is a non-profit charitable organization and was founded in 1979. Members are involved in public education and information activities, family and consumer peer education and support activities, advocacy on behalf of people living with mental illnesses and for the health of our communities, and visible public events that raise funds and awareness while engaging the public, according to the Web site.

Earlier in the year NAMI produced a "Grading the States" report, which was an analysis of the mental healthcare systems in individual states. California received a C overall. The national average was a D. The introduction of the Peer-to-Peer program could change that grade.

"The main goal is the education of both the clients and family members. It started out with Family-to-Family and has grown exponentially into other programs," Jackson said.

Mural

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not leaving until it's done. Call me stubborn, but I believe strongly in the message," she said.

The mural project committee will be working closely with the artist(s) to meet the winter quarter deadline.

"Currently we are interviewing artists interested in overseeing this project. One requirement is that this project remains student led and that students be able to participate in the development and creation of the final project," Ballas said.

Although planning for the project is well underway, a final location has yet to be determined. Ballas said the project is "looking into different options, such as whether the mural will be one solid wall painting or on movable panels that could be highlighted around campus."

Funding for the mural has been provided by different campus departments and supporters of the mural. Ballas said they are still looking for additional donations to fund the final project.

The mural planning committee meets every Friday in ULJ room 218 at 2 PM. Meetings are open to all students and others interested in becoming involved.

"Artistic or not, we want your ideas," Ballas said.
Bob Barker saying goodbye to 'The Price Is Right'

Sandy Cohen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Bob Barker is heading toward his last showcase, his final "Come on down."

The silver-haired daytime TV icon is retiring in June, he told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "I will be 83 years old on Dec. 12," he said, "and I've decided to retire while I'm still young."

He'll hang up his microphone after 35 years as the host of "The Price Is Right" and 50 years overall in television.

Though he has been considering retirement for "at least 10 years," Barker said he has so much fun doing the show that he hasn't been able to leave.

"I've gone on and on and on to this ancient age because I've enjoyed it," he said. "I've thoroughly enjoyed it and I'm going to miss it."

Reaching dual milestones, 50 years on TV and 35 with "Price," these Hollywood producers want to capitalize on my obvious sexuality, but I don't want to be just another beautiful body," Freemannsaid. These Hollywood producers want to capitalize on my obvious sexuality, but I don't want to be just another beautiful body."

Freemann said he will "sit down for maybe a couple of weeks and find out what it feels like to be bored." Then he plans to spend time working with animal-right causes.

He said he will "take on a movie role if the right one came along, but filmmakers, take note: "I don't have the words" to express his gratitude.

As for his fans, Barker said he "doesn't have the words" to express his gratitude.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank the television viewers, because they have made it possible for me to earn a living for 50 years doing something that I thoroughly enjoy."

But when it comes to saying his final TV goodbye, Barker said he will do it the same way he does each day on "Price": "Help control the pet population. Have your pets spayed or neutered."

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Question of the day:

Do you think Cal Poly is diverse?

"No, when you walk around campus, the stereotype of the blue-eyed blond is everywhere."

-Jonathan Epper engineering sophomore

"I think that if you look at physical qualities, then no. If you look at individual personalities then we're very diverse."

-Robyn Dawley political science sophomore

"The type of people that come here are very different; but ethnically, not very."

-Joe Violett aerospace engineering sophomore

"No, I don't think it's racially diverse. Just look around and you can see the reason."

-Matthew Cobette biomedical engineering freshman

"I don't think you can go anywhere without people being completely unique. We are all individuals."

-Lyn Fearnside construction management freshman
Jesse James Hollywood has asked — a move legal experts consider a longshot.

attorney for murder defendant 15-year-old Nicholas Markowitz, filed kidnapping and slaying of 15-year-old Nicholas Markowitz, from being distributed before Universal Studios seeks to have according to the suit filed Friday in federal court.

able to receive a fair trial, eastern California's largest smuggling ring of illegal immigrants from Mexico.

Mario Alvarez and Samuel McClaren released smugglers and their customers from jail while working on a prisoner transfer program with the Mexican government, authorities said. In a statement obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, police in Jerezville said 17-year-old Roger Holyfield would not acknowledge officers who approached him.

North Korea agrees to resume nuclear talks in Chinese-brokered deal

Torn Raum

WASHINGTON — In a surprise turnabout, North Korea agreed Tuesday to return to six-nation disarmament talks just three weeks after walking away from the six-nation talks, only to rejoin them, then to bolt again.

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New education department rule allows splitting classes by gender

Erin Lindsay

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Gym will no longer be a co-ed classroom regulated by sex in public schools across the country.

The Department of Education announced rules, which take effect on Nov. 24, that will make it easier for schools to form single-sex classrooms.

Senior Zola, principal of Jefferson Middle School, 1115 S Crescent Dr. in Champaign, Ill., said she has not experienced a same-sex atmosphere in the classroom but thinks it has potential.

"I am open to the idea, but I don't see our curriculum changing very soon," she said.

Margaret Spalding, education secretary of the Department of Education, told The Associated Press that research has shown some students benefit from same-sex education and that the department's goal is to provide options for educators, students and their parents.

The recent rules will both update and reinforce Title IX, an anti-discrimination law among educators that banned sex discrimination in federally funded education programs since 1972. An underlying focus in the legislation aims to give discretion to each school as to when same sex education will improve a student's achievement. Champaign Parent-Teacher Association President Brian Minsker said he is happy the decision will be left to the individual school.

"I think it's right and appropriate to turn the decision to the school district. I don't think research determines everything, but every kid is different and the trick is finding the right environment for maximizing learning and that may be a same sex atmosphere," Minsker said.

Minsker said he thinks parent involvement would be essential in the decision of Campaign schools.

"It would only work if they implement this co-ed jointly with parents and teachers," Minkser said. "For my kids it wouldn't make a difference, but for others it may be a solution."

Zola said that while she has never worked in a same-sex setting, she can see how it may benefit her students.

"I can see students that are too self-conscious to share in a group setting, especially girls," Zola said. "Peers are pretty influential."

Underlying restrictions to the legislation will protect any student who chooses to remain in a co-ed classroom environment by mandating a substantially equal co-ed class in the same subject, according to a Department of Education Press release. Public school districts will also have the option of creating single-sex schools, as long as a co-ed school still remains available to students in the area.

Issues of unequal rights have been recently brought up by the National Women's Law Center when Jocelyn Samuels, vice president for Education and Employment of the group, told The Associated Press that same-sex education "is not a substitute for true equality."

"It's a very dangerous sign to schools that they can relax their vigilance in ensuring equal educational opportunities," Samuels told The Associated Press.

An example used by Samuels is a school's current ability to allow a student who wants to change their gender identity to remain in a co-ed classroom environment by mandating a substantially equal co-ed class in the same subject, according to a Department of Education Press release. Public school districts will also have the option of creating single-sex schools, as long as a co-ed school still remains available to students in the area.

Barack Obama's foreign-policy leadership. "The president's strategy has effectively isolated North Korea from its neighbors in the region and now appears to have returned that rogue regime to the negotiating table," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee.

However, China's leaning on its communist neighbor appeared to be the major factor in the progress, not U.S. diplomatic and Bush acknowledged Beijing's role in Oval Office comments to reporters.

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The Memory Keeper's Daughter

By Emile Egger

Worth reading, not buying

Raising Borows: (aka: I'm not sure why this book is a bestseller.)

The Memory Keeper's Daughter, the current New York Times No. 1 paperback bestseller and the first novel by short-story writer Kim Edwards, begins with an unexpected birth during a rare snowstorm in Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. David Henry is forced to deliver his wife's baby, and is shocked to find that she is carrying twins. The first baby, a daughter, arrives in the world complete.

Although early in the novel, this night becomes the most pivotal event in both David and Norah Henry's lives. The rest of the book, which takes us through almost three turbulent decades, focuses on how that one decision shaped the structure of their lives, their marriage and the life of their son, Paul.

While we watch the lives of the Henry family, we are also given glimpses into the progress of Phoebe, who remains with Caroline. Although mentally challenged, Phoebe grows into an endearingly strong and unexpectedly wise adult. The stories of Paul's upbringing and Phoebe's growth are kept separate throughout the novel, only joined at brief points by infrequent letters sent from Caroline to David.

Otherwise, they are kept completely apart. Although mostly in the dark (only David and Caroline know what really happened with the twins), the characters' lives revolve around the events of that stormy night. Norah, falsely told that her daughter had died at birth, wonders why her husband doesn't do more to keep her baby's memory alive. David, feeling guilty over about Phoebe, slowly detaches from his wife, letting their marriage grow around the huge boulder that is his secret. Paul, is also shaped by this dynamic, sensing the distance between his parents, and soon a rift develops between all three of them. These separations, difficult to watch, eventually end up being too much for them to repair.

Basically, this book wasn't worth the $14. There are two different storylines all throughout the book, and I spent most of the middle two hundred pages waiting for them to be brought together in some clever way (really, it could have been done). Instead, Edwards waits until the last 25 pages for things to start being resolved (25 out of 400 pages, that's only 6 percent of the book...Yeah...I know). And they do eventually work it out, but not well. Not in a believable way. Not in a way that makes you feel like the book has come to its well-deserved end (even though it was a well-anticipated end).

Harsh? Maybe, but don't worry, all isn't lost. Even though their stories aren't believable, the characters' stories are. The actions they take, the choices they make, and the palpable emotional journeys they travel make up histories that are well-constructed and extremely authentic. The reader comes to understand why they do some of the (otherwise seemingly crazy) things they do. We root for them, hoping, honestly wanting everything to work out. I think that's part of the reason why I was so disappointed: I really liked these characters, and I wanted them to come to a believable amount of closure at the end. Unfortunately, it didn't happen.

Don't be disheartened, however. Like I said, for the most part, the story is moving, thoughtful and pretty enjoyable. There are even a few twists thrown in along the way to keep you from nodding off. I just wouldn't recommend you all rush out and buy it (even though America apparently already has). But you could wait for it to go on sale, or borrow my copy. If you're looking for something to read over your copious downtime, it could still be worth your while.

Emile Egger is an English sophomore and Mustang Daily book reviewer.
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We want to keep this free (and content) from college students, for college students.

—Streeter Seidell
CollegeHumor

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"Reed always gave credit to liter­ary sources, not just to Delmore Schwartz (a friend and English pro­fessor at Syracuse where Reed gradu­ated) and Joyce, but Hubert Selby Jr. as well," said Cushing.

Reed is heard in some interviews that one of the things he was trying to do was to bring that kind of hard-bitten, literate beat sensibility into popular music.

That's what he's ultimately doing with the Selby and the sadomasochism and the drugs, not a shock value as some people say, but there are really differ­ent concepts of popular music; one of them to be an escape from life and the other to be the matter of a deep­er engagement of life, "said Cushing, who says at some usually in the mid­dle, a person has to decide if they want to escape from life or be a part of it.

But the music and the arts can help you do either thing just as well or both together, which is a neat trick if you think Reed is in it.

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Wal-Mart not all bad for locals

This isn't going to be one of those better trades against Wal-Mart. If you're looking for angry rant about the evils of corporate America, then pick up almost any newspaper or magazine on any given day. Cities and towns across the nation constantly make headlines by attempting to prevent the building of another Wal-Mart. Locally, the city of Atascadero is considering the addition of a Wal-Mart to this store and this has become a central issue in the election of the next City Council members.

This piece is not meant to defend Wal-Mart from any accusations. But it will reveal side of Wal-Mart that does not make the front-page news. Recently, Chicago tried to forbid Wal-Mart from building a store. The city cited low-paying positions and health-care concerns as the reason it wouldn't allow the retailer to build. Wal-Mart responded by building a store in Evergreen Park, about a block away from Chicago's city limit. Wal-Mart reported receiving 25,000 job applications for the 325 open positions! Apparently there are a few people in Chicago who would love to be able to go to work everyday and get any benefits at all. Even though the city bureaucrats were opposed to the project, the citizens looking for work welcomed the retailer.

Job creation is only one of the many benefits that this strong company will bring to the community of Chicago. Wal-Mart reports creating 240,000 new jobs nationwide in the past 3 years, acting to conserve 36,000 acres of land, and donating $245 million to local charities last year! Not bad for a money-grubbing, heartless corporation.

Wal-Mart is also on pace to voluntarily reduce year by year fuel usage in their fleet of trucks by 10 million gallons, which corresponds to approximately 100,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year. It is also on the forefront of the renewable energy boom, working to be able to offer Ethanol E85 at its numerous gas stations.

All of these great things are dwarfed by the results of the latest studies of Wal-Mart's actual impact on the U.S. economy. Economist Enrek Basker found that Wal-Mart has caused a 7 to 13 percent price reduction on everyday items such as shampoo and detergents. There are also a 20 percent reduction in the price of food because of Wal-Mart according experts at MIT and the Department of Agriculture.

Everyday items are cheaper at Wal-Mart, which means that people are able to afford more consumer goods than ever before. Not only that, but Wal-Mart's low prices drive their competitor's prices lower and ironically, even people who refuse to shop at Wal-Mart benefit. The low prices offered at Wal-Mart have certainly raised the living standard of all Americans. A study by Global Insight reviewed the economic impacts of Wal-Mart over the past 20 years. The firm concluded that Wal-Mart is directly responsible for a 3.1 percent drop in the consumer price index by over that period.

Now that number does not mean anything to most people, so I'll translate. On average, every American household saved $2,329 in 2004 just because Wal-Mart existed as a competitive influence in the market. If Wal-Mart had not existed for those 20 years, we would all be spending far more money every year to buy our basic necessities, such as food and toiletries.

Think about that number. $2,329 Saved each year, by every American household. The Wal-Mart bashing hysteria is trendy right now, and an opinion supporting any aspect of Wal-Mart is bound to be attacked. Now you know the side of Wal-Mart that doesn't make front-page news.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers

Congratulations on the excellent story in Monday's Mustang Daily by Patrick Molnar about mercenaries in Iraq. To find out more about this situation, readers may be interested in seeing the headline-making film by Robert Greenwald, "Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers." It will be shown free this Friday night in Phillips Hall, building, room 124, behind the performing arts center, at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Cal Poly Progressive Student Alliance.

Steven Mars
English professor

Democracy House would fulfill Angel Pacheco

It appears that Matt Bushman has become as disconnected to reality as the president he last name pays homage to. He appears to believe that choosing Democrats to lead the House of Representatives is "irrational," while retaining the absolute disaster that is the Republican House leadership would qualify as "progress toward the American Dream."

I would ask Mr. Bushman to describe what exactly this Republican House has done to make life better for any but the richest Americans, or to progress toward the "American Dream." In the past 12 years this country has gone from a $50 billion surplus to an $1.4 trillion deficit. It has entered into a disastrous war in Iraq that costs millions of dollars and several American lives daily. There has been no solution to the pressing issues of Social Security or immigration. Who has provided over all of this "progress"? Rubberstamped Republicans and their failed conservative policy.

The House Democratic leadership, led by Nancy Pelosi, has already laid out a long list of legislation they will enact within the first 100 hours of Democratic House control. These include the raising of the federal minimum wage, cutting interest rates on student loans, allowing direct negotiation with drug companies to lower drug costs for seniors, and broadening stem cell research, all while reining fiscal responsibility by forcing Congress to "pay as it goes," ensuring no growth in the national deficit.

Now Mr. Bushman, which party offers a more authentic version of progress toward the American Dream? Zach Austin
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"I'm bringing Cindy back."
Poly men's golf team finishes second at tournament, one stroke behind first-place LMU

The Mustangs were led by junior David Lewinski, who placed third at the Bill Callum Northridge Invitational. Lewinski carded a final-round 75 for an even-par 225 total and a tie for 26th place, Tuesday at the Bill Callum Northridge Invitational on the Wood Ranch Golf Course.

Northridge Invitational

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mental preparation for competition. For Vasquez, his beloved sport of wrestling is only partially about physical strength and skill.

"We are a different breed of athletes," he said. "You have to be mentally tough.""Perhaps Vasquez' mental focus can be contributed to the fact that his wrestling career has become so intertwined with the rest of his lifestyle.
Vasquez began wrestling at age 9, following the examples of his two older brothers. When his oldest brother Larry left high school baseball tryouts early and came home announcing he was going to wrestle instead, his other brother Nathan followed suit, and Darrell continued the legacy.

Part of the reason Vasquez stays so grounded is because he works closely with Cal Poly wrestling head coach John Azevedo, whom he has known and trained with at wrestling camps since he was just 10 years old. When it came down to choosing a university to attend a senior in high school, Vasquez took official visits to Nebraska and Fresno State, but eventually settled on Cal Poly because he knew Azevedo would be his coach.

"We had a great camaraderie and a great friendship that has continued to evolve," Vasquez said. "That was my No. 1 reason for coming to Cal Poly. It was him." Vasquez said that he has learned a lot about wrestling from Azevedo, but his coach has had an even more significant impact on him as a person.

"A lot of the technique that I've learned, a lot of the person I am inside and outside of wrestling has been under his coaching," Vasquez said. Azevedo believes that knowing Vasquez for so long has helped him understand his needs and how to get him motivated when he's coaching him.

"I can't say I've ever seen anybody with as much talent as Darrell," Azevedo said. "If he wants to become an Olympic champion, I think he could." Perhaps it's Azevedo's mentoring or maybe even that wrestling that has given him the possibility of being a coach himself.

"I can't see myself graduating and giving up wrestling," Vasquez said. "I do want to get into coaching at a college level. A dream right now would be staying in San Luis and coaching at Cal Poly." Vasquez would eventually like to use his major in industrial technology to work in business some day, but for now he has remained focused on wrestling.

"I can't see myself letting that part of my life go," Azevedo said.
Vasquez is looking forward to starting the new season in a couple of weeks, and believes this year's team to be one of the strongest and most talented in the nation this year at Cal Poly.

Azevedo said that regardless of how well Vasquez and the team perform, he hopes that "get better and work hard to achieve them." Cal Poly's wrestling season will kick off with the Green and Gold intrasquad scrimmage meet to be held on campus at 7 p.m. Nov. 16. The Mustangs' first home dual meet of the season is Nov. 9 against Oklahoma, which finished third in the nation last year.

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Then came the late-race heroics of several Mustang runners.

"It appears as if Phillip Reid of Cal Poly has opened up a big lead," the race's public address announcer said.
A cheer went up from the crowd as Mustangs' Jon Lopez of Northridge with a 71-224 total and a tie for 26th place.

One shot oil the lead after 36 holes of play, Monday, the Cal Poly men's golf team finished one stroke behind Loyola Marymount as both teams carded final-round, four-person 291 totals Tuesday at the Bill Callum Northridge Invitational.

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Thabo Sefolosha — the league's first player from Switzerland — added 11 points on 4-of-4 shooting for Chicago.

Antoine Walker had nine for Miami, while Shaquille O'Neal had seven points and five rebounds before sitting out the final 14:01.

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The Brooklyn native was nicknamed "Red" because of his fiery disposition and marching personality. Although he was known for his tough exterior, nobody cared more about his players. Former Celtics star Paul Silas called Auerbach a "teddy bear" after his death.

It is interesting that Auerbach entered the NBA in 1947, the same year Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in baseball. Auerbach was the Branch Rickey of basketball, drafting Chuck Cooper in his inaugural year with the Celtics in 1946. Cooper was the first black player ever selected in the NBA draft.
Journey rewarding for resilient Poly wrestler Vasquez

Cal Poly's Darrell Vasquez opens the season ranked fourth in the nation at 133 pounds.

Amy Dierdorff
SPORTS STAFF

Darrell Vasquez does not fit the stereotype of a headstrong, thunderous wrestler.
His voice conveys the kind of warmth and friendliness that seems as rare as it is unique to the chiseled, 133-pound physique.

The industrial technology senior extenuated and easygoing, but his impressive drive and unwavering focus that have led him to be so successful throughout his wrestling career.

"I'm looking forward to what I know I can accomplish, and that's being a national champion," Vasquez said.

Vasquez is heading into the 2006-07 season ranked fourth in the nation by Wrestling International and third in the Pac-10.

The Mustangs, who finished No. 25 last season, are ranked No. 17 in the nation by the (W) preseason poll.

Vasquez' career has not been a smooth ride to the top, though.
After being a four-year letterman at Bakersfield High, he became the school's first ever four-time state champion and ended his prep career with a record of 210-2.

When he arrived at Cal Poly as a freshman in 2002, he came down with mononucleosis and was sick for months. He ended up redshirting that season and finished 3-2 overall.

"In wrestling there are a lot of injuries and illnesses," Vasquez said. "I've come across a lot of things."

He finished his sophomore year 30-7 overall, placing second in the Pac-10 Championships and sixth in the nation, but was once again struck by illness.

Vasquez went into the 2004-05 season ranked second nationally and first in the Pac-10, but was forced to sit out his junior year because of another bout with mononucleosis.

"It hit me hard," Vasquez said. "It just wasn't worth pushing through the pain. Who knows how long it would have taken to get better?"

When faced with disappointing injuries or illnesses, Vasquez said he tries to focus on his future in wrestling and the rest of his career so that he isn't tempted to compete and hurt himself further.

Last year, during Vasquez' fourth year, he again found health and success, finishing third in the Pac-10, but losing the match for All-American recognition.

One thing that makes Vasquez so unique as an athlete is the amount of respect he has earned during his career.

"I've come across a lot of things," Vasquez said. "I've met a lot of people, leaders in the community.

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 COMMENTS

Auerbach's impact on game immense

Devan McClaine
SPORTS STAFF

very rarely in life do we come across someone who is a legend in their profession andsummits that same paramount in life.

Arnold "Red" Auerbach was just that person.

The cigar-smoking legend passed away Saturday at the age of 89 from a heart attack.

The basketball numbers are impressive — 938 wins as a head coach and nine titles, including eight in a row from 1959-66.

Not to mention the man won the Most Valuable Player Award for his hit single, "Without Me," and the Anaheim Angels won the World Series in seven games over the San Francisco Giants.

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