Poly students win 3 of 6 horticulture scholarships

Liza Manion

Three Cal Poly students received awards this year from the Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation Inc. which only gives awards to six students a year.

The winning environmental horticulture science students Janeke Mastriech, Russ Newman and Heather Ephraim all plan to pursue careers in horticulture.

“I love the industry so much I’m open to any experience I can get,” said Mastriech, a senior who received $5,000.

She is the first in her family to attend college, and is planning to graduate next June. Mastriech has also worked on a few enterprise projects throughout her time at Cal Poly including the “Poinsettia Project.”

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Poly women’s basketball team hands Oregon State 68-65 loss

Tyler Wise

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Patrick Trufiel

Cal Poly Society of Women Engineers win fifth national award

Nicole Small

Cal Poly’s Society of Women Engineers picked up their fifth award for being first in the nation, along with five other awards.

Cal Poly SWE Team Tech group took second place to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz. for its work with Northrop Grumman Corp. on a jet engine inspection system design. Fifteen club members attended the competition held in Kansas City, Mo. in October. Eight were sponsored by College of Engineering Dean Mohammad Nezami and the rest were supported by engineering department chairs.

Last year’s theme was “sustaining the world through engineering, education and opportunity.” The club organized 200 events throughout the year.

This year’s theme, said club president Lisa Dukas, is “inspiring inclusiveness,” meaning Cal Poly SWE will see Engineers, page 2

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IN SPOTLIGHT, 7

Sexual assaults reported close to campus

Kristin Marshall

It was only a couple of blocks and a couple of hours that separated the sexual assaults of two young women on the night of Nov. 9, which police are currently investigating. They have determined that both appear to be attacks by the same perpetrator.

The first assault took place on Albert Drive at about 4:15 p.m. Authorities said the suspect attacked the victim from behind and put her into a headlock, at which point the victim screamed and managed to fight him off until he ran away.

At about 12:05 a.m., the second assault occurred on Grove Street where the victim was attacked while she was walking her dog, police said.

The attacker attempted to sexually assault the victim who, like the first, screamed and managed to fight him off.

No one heard or responded to the screams, Lt. Chris Staley of the San Luis Obispo Police Department (SLOPD) said.

“The person got spooked before anyone came out,” he said. 

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Journalism senior Ashleigh Albrecth said her roommate was the first victim and the second was a friend of a friend. She said her roommate was simply walking to a house across the street when the attacker jumped out of the bushes.

“They tried to stick their fingers down her throat to keep her from screaming,” she said, adding that she cut her lip. “We’ve all been kind of freaked out.”

It was determined that it was the same suspect based on the similarities of how the women were attacked and the descriptions they gave. A SLOPD press release described him as a white male between the ages of 20 and 25, approximately 5-foot-8 inches tall with brown eyes, brown hair and “a thin build.” The press release said he was last seen wearing a beige baseball hat, blue jeans and a medium-colored zip-up sweatshirt with lighter colored sleeves.

Lt. Steve Tolley of the SLOPD said investigators had checked the registered sex offenders on file, but none matched the description.

When the University Police Department received word of what had happened, they immediately decided to take action on campus since the assaults occurred only a couple of blocks from each other.

In addition to increased police patrols on and surrounding campus, the Escort Van Service will be extended from midnight to 2 a.m.

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Gathering in the name of geography

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With GIS, the base data used might be in the form of aerial photos, lines indicating roads or streams, or any other types of information such as points that indicate individual cases of a disease, or spreadsheets with demographic information—the possibilities are endless. A GIS user can then combine such data and create a map that shows relationships that were hidden or difficult to visualize before, Schuldit said.

"It's truly an amazing new technology that can be applied to almost any field," Schuldit said. "And it doesn't even have to be a map of a real place. You could take a map of 'World of Warcraft' and use GIS to map out traffic data, but also to take a more proactive approach in addressing road hazards."

In terms of real life applications, several local and state agencies including San Luis Obispo County's government have been utilizing GIS for years to help the various departments run their operations more efficiently.

"GIS is used for everyday city operations of city works as well as in special projects requiring sophisticated modeling," said David Yun, the GIS supervisor for the city of San Luis Obispo, who will exhibit how GIS is used by the city today during GIS Day.

According to Yun, both San Luis Obispo police and fire departments depend on GIS for quick information and mapping needs. The Public Works Department uses GIS to manage trees, storm drains, and streets. The city's biologist and natural resource manager utilize it as well to create informative maps—the list of how GIS is used by the city is very long, Yun said.

"Even the general public is being served with GIS services as they use our online maps and get information from the city about parks or city zoning among other data," Yun said.

Other exhibitors at GIS Day include CalTrans which not only uses the software to map our highways across California and collect traffic data, but also to take a more proactive approach in addressing road hazards.

"One of our big projects that use GIS is the monitoring of landslide zone near Big Sur along U.S. Highway 1. We are alerted instantly when a landslide occurs and by using GIS we are able to see where it happened and respond immediately," CalTrans GIS supervisor Andy Richardson said.

Cal Poly has also become proactive in the use of the GIS and will have an exhibit displaying information about the GIS Minor Program, how the technology is used on campus, and the growing job market that is opening up for students with GIS skills.

"Basically we want to make students aware of GIS and how the market is growing for those with the technical skills as government agencies and private companies are using the technology more and more," said agricultural engineering professor Tom Martin.

Some of the presenters said that GIS Day is also an opportunity for students to familiarize themselves with a technology that is increasingly becoming more commonplace.

"In the future everyone will know how to use GIS, like they know how to use Word processor," Richardson said. "It is an integral part of our lives."

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wants to work with students and clubs to plan events. Most clubs organize their own events, but by working together it promotes unity and teamwork among the different clubs.

Cal Poly SWE and six other clubs organized "building an engineer day" that took place Oct. 28. Students from sixth through eighth-grade participated in eight engineering labs and other engineering projects. Around 130 students, 60 adults and 40 volunteers attended. This was the second year of the event and many students returned, mechanical engineering student Dakis said.

"We received so many positive comments from students and parents and they want to come back next year," Dakis said.

Dakis said about one-quarter to half of the women from the engineering departments belong to SWE. Both of Dakis' parents are electrical engineers. Dakis' mother was a member of SWE in college and encouraged her to join.

"I'll do your lame club," Dakis told her mother.

A member since 2003, it has "turned out to be really cool," she has met many fellow female engineers since most of her classes are male dominated. Engineering today tends to still be a male dominated field, but through SWE, Dakis has made many professional connections. She even obtained an internship because of the SWE network.

"I constantly get e-mails from job recruiters," Dakis said.

Anyone is eligible to join the club and there are students from all departments, Finger said.

Dakis said there are many helpful aspects to SWE, like how to be more organized with school work, volunteer opportunities and how to become a more confident public speaker.

The next big event for the Cal Poly SWE is a dinner inviting 40 engineering companies Feb. 9 for the Evening with Industry banquet.

Finger said the dinner gives students the opportunity to meet with industry people and professionals.
Question of the day:
If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

"The power I want is to sleep with my eyes open so I can sleep through class."
-Matt Hensch
graphic communication
senior

"It would be to apparate like in 'Harry Potter' because I'm always late."
-Michelle Allen
food science and nutrition
senior

"To fly so I can travel all over the world and get places faster."
-Amelia Forney
ag business
senior

"X-ray vision so I could see through things and know everything. And so I could see through clothes, of course."
-Ian Shaw
graphic communications
junior

"I would like to have the power of invisibility so I could sneak out of class."
-Justin Vonderach
journalism
junior

STATE BRIEFS

MODESTO (AP) — A Modesto father and stepmother tortured a 3-year-old girl for months until she was near death, police said.

Terry Indula, 26, and Chandy Indula, 27, were arrested Sunday on felony child abuse charges the day after paramedics found the injured girl after the couple called 911 to report she had stopped breathing.

"I’ve seen a lot of child abuse cases where the child is abused in (one) certain way," Modesto police Detective Eric Jones said. "You couldn’t find much space on her body that wasn’t bruised or scarred or had some kind of obvious injury."

The girl is on life support at Children's Hospital Oakland and may have permanent brain damage, police said Tuesday. If she dies, the Indulas could be charged with murder.

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BIG BEAR (AP) — A twin-engine Cessna 421 airplane believed to be carrying a family and friends crashed and burned near Big Bear, authorities said.

Gregor said the plane took off from Big Bear Airport on its way to Las Vegas when it hit "some one wing in the lake."

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

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National briefs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department gave antitrust approval Tuesday to Universal Music Group's planned acquisition of BMG Music Publishing for $2.09 billion. The deal must now receive approval from European regulators to become final.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush told U.S. auto industry leaders on Tuesday he recognized they had "tough choices" to make their companies competitive in a difficult global environment and promised a continuing dialogue between government and industry. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and other administration officials met in the Oval Office for just over an hour with top executives of Ford, General Motors and DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group.

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Jimmy Buffett has filed a lawsuit alleging that a Galveston merchant is unlawfully using his trademark to sell goods at an online store.


A lawyer for Buffett said part of the problem is that some items on the website, which sells clothing and beach-themed novelties, are overpriced.

HOUSTON (AP) — An 18-year-old skinhead went on trial Tuesday on charges he beat a Hispanic teen and sodomized him with a plastic pipe for trying to kiss a white girl.

David Henry Tuck is charged with aggravated sexual assault in the April attack on the 17-year-old boy, who spent more than three months in a hospital.

Keith Robert Turner, 17, is to be tried next month on the same charge. If convicted, they would each face five years to life in prison.

Prosecutor Mike Trent told the jury a girl said that the Hispanic teen tried to kiss her at a party in the Houston suburb of Spring.
Scholarships
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Flower Project.ʺ
Flower Project. This is an exceptionally good student," said horticulture and crop science professor Virginia Walter.
Walter has been an active member for the Foundation and encouraged Mastrißt to apply.
Award candidates have strong grade point averages and an interest in floriculture, Walter said.
Extracurricular involvement in enterprise projects is also helpful, she said. The projects involve stu­dents in floriculture, Walter said.
Encouraged by the Foundation, the scholarship was "a $1,000 relief off my shoulders."
Since Ephraim pays her own tuition, the scholarship was "a $1,000 relief off my shoulders."
She said that California produces the largest number of floriculture products in the United States and that most of the scholarship con­tributors are from California.
"I didn't know what I was doing," she said.
"After receiving her associates degree in Southern California, she realized she needed to get back to a greenhouse and get involved with plants again. Ephraim then applied to Cal Poly and horticulture has been her passion ever since."
Ephraim plans to teach horticultur­e or floriculture at a university after finishing school.
"California students have an edge," Walter said.
She said that California produces more than the half-mile limits to which it is currently restricted. To contact the service, call (805) 756-2281.
"My house is probably one of the only houses to put the front porch light on," she said. "My street is mostly just people and families — not many students."
Albrecht said she made changes to how she travels as well.
"I walked home on Thursday nights — now I call my roommates to come pick me up," she said. "Now we always walk in pairs."
While sexual assault is not common or rare in San Luis Obispo, this type of assault by a stranger is quite rare.
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BOOK REVIEW

New book says Bible lies about sexuality

Nick Coury

At first glance, the book may look like another dig on Christian lifestyles, advocating the sexual revolution and being free in a God-given natural state, but Ritter says this is not the case.

The book is not an attack on Christianity, but it is an attack on anyone who uses the Bible to control human sexual behavior," he said in an interview with the Mustang Daily.

Those people, who he terms "controllers," are defined as anyone who "create our fears, demand our denials, and then manipulate us by using those fears against us."

Controllers are all around us: "The book is not an attack on Shakespeare," he said.

According to Ritter, a self-proclaimed creationist and Catholic, believers have been lied to their entire lives about their sexuality.

Many of the chapters are titled: "Into which publishers earn the bottom line question in my entire life," he said. "(A person) cannot copyright what the book is about."

"You walk into a bookstore and there is a whole shelf of Bibles," he said. "(A person) cannot copyright the Old Testament, however the New Testament is copyrighted in every version in the bookstore and every one is different than the one sitting next to it. With that said, the bottom line question in my entire book is into which publisher's ear did (Jesus) Christ whisper to make that one the word of Christ? That is what the book is about." At the core of his argument, Ritter wants to look at an even deeper level of Christianity — one that looks at the validity of Christ's conversation with the people he said to have talked to in the New Testament.

"The other premise of my book is that either Christ is truly the Son of God, and if not then the Bible is no better than a good set of Shakespeare," he said.

According to Ritter, a self-proclaimed creationist and Catholic, believers have been lied to their entire lives about their sexuality.

"My wife is a nurse and she said. "I’m not saying to run out and have sex with animals or those of the same sex. What I am saying is understand sexualsat Understand that when they [controllers] stand up and say you are going to hell [for doing this], they are lying to you," he said.

"One way is through my book," Ritter said. "I don’t say take my word for it. My investigative ability is what I stand on and I don’t say believe me. I give Bible verses and say look it up."

"Sex, Lies, and the Bible" is due out in stores in January 2007. Ritter plans on touring the book with his other works.

More information can be found at www.diversepublications.com.
By Emilie Egger

Running With Scissors

E veryone has been a victim of too much information at some point in their lives. And if you decide to read Augusten Burroughs' memoir, "Running With Scissors," it will most likely happen again. The victim of a crazy mother and an even crazier psychiatrist/guardian (you will have to read the book to understand), young Augusten has a lot of odds stacked against him from the very beginning. Disposed of by his developmental gaps he ended up with the Finch family in a home he describes as unreliable (understatement) and an even crazier psychiatrist/guardian (you will have to read the book to understand). "R unning With Scissors," it will make you think - just more than they may necessarily want.

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evolution than to stare in amazement.

The success of "Heroes" is hardly 
expected considering the wild 
fanfare surrounding ABC's similarly 
ness is not a fan favorite, but there 
is a place on television for such a 
show. NBC marketed "Studio 60" 
extensively, having only acquired the 
show after a heated bidding war 
with CBS. But for all its dedication 
to explaining. We shouldn't be surprised 
to switch over from "Monday Night 
Football" and "CSI: Miami," a tall 
order even for established shows. 
Part of the reason for the success for 
"Heroes" is that it faces weaker 
competition, and "Studio 60" could 
suffer similarly from a less compet­ 
tive time slot.

NBC had originally planned to 
at "Studio 60" Thursdays at 9 p.m., 
but, fearing that the new show 
would get pounded in that time slot 
by "Grey's Anatomy," "The O.C." 
and "CSI," the network backed off 
and moved the show to its current 
slot (Mondays at 10 p.m.). In the 
process, however, "Studio 60" was 
left with another disadvantage. 
Because "Heroes" and "Studio 60" 
have entirely different viewerships, 
the unlikely pairing leaves "Studio 
60" with few lead-in viewers. The 10 
p.m. slot is also too late to garner 
substantial ratings and the show 
would do far better at 8 p.m. or 9 
p.m. "Studio 60" was saved from the 
brokensess last week, but 
unless it moves to an earlier time and 
gets a more favorable lead-in — like 
"Law & Order" or "ER" — Sorkin's 
drama will continue to generate 
meager ratings. Considering the 
sputtering start "Seinfeld" endured 
in its first couple of seasons before 
 achieving unparalleled commercial 
popularity, we should remember that 
it isn't that art doesn't sell on televi­ 
sion, it's that networks don't know 
how to sell it.

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**POLITICAL COLUMN**

The Republican Party suffered a convincing defeat in this year's midterm election. Losing control of both the House and the Senate will likely leave these institutions in the untested hands of Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid.

During the past two years, these leaders worked together to implement a strictly enforced form of party unity. They disregarded the Democratic Party after the 2004 re-election of President Bush and combined to stonewall congressional and presidential attempts to reform Social Security.

Sadly, this strategy worked and the country is still suffering because of our worst domestic problems remain unsolved. Hopefully the Republican minority in Congress does not impose a similar form of partisan opposition to progress in the upcoming two years.

The only promising thing that we can hope to get out of Bush's last two years in office is a comprehensive immigration policy. This issue seems to be the sole area of agreement between Bush and Democrats in the legislature. If a Democratic Congress and President Bush can unite to end the current dismal state of illegal immigration, this form should be considered a success.

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There are an estimated 10 million to 15 million illegal immigrants in this country and tens of thousands more cross our borders every month. To a study of the latest census, the Federal Government on Immigration Reform estimated that "California's illegal immi­ gration population is costing the state's taxpayers more than $10.6 billion per year for education, medical care and incarceration." This translates out to a yearly cost of 

Now that we are working to stem the tide of illegal entry, we need to streamline the legal immigration process for those who want to come to this country to work. A temporary worker program should be set up to accommodate these people. Once a legalizing process has begun, Democrats will have to find ways to make sure employers stop hiring those who remain here illegally.

Enforcement of current laws relating to identity theft and Social Security fraud and insurance fraud will also be necessary if we are to truly confront illegal immigration. For those who wish to stay in the country perma­ nently, there will likely need to be some type of path to citizenship. This rigorous process might include proof of employment, payment of back taxes, English language proficiency and other requirements. All rolled together, comprehen­ sive immigration reform is the most promising issue going for the Democrats in Congress. Because this country desperately needs a well-­developed solution to illegal immi­ gration, this issue, more than any other, will determine if a Democratic Congress has what it takes to lead this country. Democrats, the clock starts now.

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**STAFF COMMENTARY**

**Hoping for a more better future for English**

This summer, I wrote an opinion piece calling attention to society's rampant abuse of the English language. The article examined some typical grammatical errors and then looked at how they could be corrected. Obviously, nobody heeded the article.

To be fair, it was summer. The bulk of the student body was back at home, with no pesky grammar police hanging around to point out every single mistake. Now we're back, though. School is in session, but nobody seems to act like this is an institute of higher education. Do people care that prospect­ ures and their parents tour the campus every day, hurling at the weary by the flyes that read "free soda's at the Wedday meeting"? That doesn't exactly give them the impression that Cal Poly is the pinnacle of acad­ emic achievement.

OK, so maybe you really don't care about the way Cal Poly is per­ formed or the hassle of putting a flier onto our dorms, biomedical majors and lots of other important-sounding job titles.

Who's to say we're not super smart? A prospective employer has no way of knowing how smart you really are if you mispelled something on your resume or go into an inter­ view where you can't get your sub­ jects and verbs to agree. Like it or not, this stuff matters.

Since it obviously needs to be reviewed, I've included a list of com­ mon English indiscernible. Since July, I've picked up a few more pet peeves.

1. "The bone is in it's mouth." There should be an apophony. "It has no punctuation in the pos­ session." It's a contraction mean­ing "it's." 2. "There's donuts on the counter." Donuts are plural, as in more than one. "There's," meaning "there is," singular. You do the math.

3. "Where you at?" This one is just horrid, really. When did "Where were you?" go away? 4. "Me and her liked it." She and I. People, she and I.

5. "That is the most heaviest book." No, just... no.

6. "We drunk all the beer." Drunk. Get used to it. Accept it. Embrace it.

7. "Their coming to are party at you're house." Ugh. They're coming to our party at your house.

8. "He was suppose to take out the trash." I know you meant "sup­ posed to."" 9. "Everyday I check the web­ site." No, you check the Web site every day, once a week. It's an adjective only like "everyday life." 10. "You could of come with us." That's now "could've" is spelled. Just write "could have" if you're unsure.

I know I'm not the only person out there who cringes and considers throwing dictionaries at the people who yell "Where you at?" into their cell phones.

After my grammar commentary ran in the Mustang Daily in July, I received numerous comments, phone calls and e-mails. Most of them offered support or shared horror stories of abused apostrophes, but one reply thanked me for "helping the world by correcting bad gram­ mar," and that got me thinking.

What if everyone who cared about the preservation of the English language actually fought back? What if we corrected grammar abuses on the spot? We pedants would not longer have to suffer silently every time we heard a sentence that ended with a preposition, and maybe — just maybe — people could learn to shed some of their bad grammar habits.

The world would be a better place.

With that in mind, I make this plea to my fellow guardians of prop­ er language usage: The next time you hear someone say "me and him" and all them really loved that movie," please learn to shed some of your grammar abuses. It's as easy as that. You are the only form of quality control around. The English language can't defend itself; it needs you.

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of the best in the country," Stevenson said. "Ashley is a player who has the potential to be an All-American at three different positions."

Olowolafe was recently selected to the All-Capital Area Activities Conference Division III Team as well as being named an All-Region pick and All-Michigan honorable mention selection. A National Honor Society member, Olowolafe also competed in track for Haslett and also competed in track for Haslett.

"Olowolafe is a perfect fit for our system because she is a gifted leaper and best leapers at the middle block amongst the fastest lateral movers in the future," Stevenson said.

The offense has the ability to play with any 1-AA team in the nation, but still fell short.

Meanwhile, Cal Poly's defense has answered the call this season, and Saturday's loss was simply an anomaly.

The Mustangs' 31-14 record over the last four years is the program's best since going 31-13 from 1977-80.

Ellerson is the reason fans were buzzing about a national championship squad. He's the reason Cal Poly is on the I-AA football map.

Still, Cal Poly football fans are usually expecting a more productive offense in 2007 — and hopefully that's what we'll see.
Arizona's Webb wins NL Cy Young Award

Brandon Webb beat out San Diego's Trevor Hoffman.

Mike Fitzpatrick

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Arizona Diamondbacks' ace won a wide-open race for the NL top pitching honor, beating out San Diego closer Trevor Hoffman on Tuesday.

"It's really unbelievable, looking back to where I started from," Webb said. "It just happened for me this year."

One of six starters who tied for the league lead with 16 wins, Webb received 15 of 32 first-place votes.
**SPORTS**

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

**Frankly Speaking**

**A 6-4 record with Cal Poly's schedule means something**

Frank Stranzl
SPORTS EDITOR

As I glanced through the CNNS.com's college football scoreboard Saturday, I came upon Cal Poly's game: Mustangs 14, Boise 0.

It looked like Cal Poly had the game well in hand—it looked like they were going to the playoffs. But looks are most certainly deceiving.

The Boise scored 51 straight. At one point, I withheld hope that the score was being posted wrong and that it was actually 51-14 in favor of Cal Poly. Sadly, that was not the case.

Cal Poly still has an extremely remote chance to make the Division I-AA playoff field, depending on how many low or unranked teams win their conference's automatic bids. The Mustangs would likely also need a few teams ranked in front of them to lose in the final week.

No team with four losses has reached the postseason since Idaho went with a 6-4 record in 1993.

Cal Poly can finish 7-4 overall if it wins its season finale against visiting Savannah State (2-10) at 1 p.m. Saturday, but would still have only six wins against 1-A or I-AA teams.

There's no chance you can convince me that the Mustangs aren't one of the top 16 in the nation. They have potential Buck Buchanan Award winner Kyle Shortwell, a Walter Payton Award candidate in James Noble and one of the top wide receivers in the nation in Rames Barden.

Many will say you can trace the demise of the team back to that Homecoming game Oct. 21 against South Dakota State where the team blew a 22-point lead in the final eight minutes. However, don't forget the comeback win at I-A San Diego State one week later. It's impossible to point to one game and say, "That's where the season turned around," because the same problem has existed since Week 1. Cal Poly possibly has the best defense in I-AA, but the offense has sputtered.

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The trio of incoming freshmen for the 2007 season includes San Luis Obispo High's Ashley Adams, who ranked 36th in the nation by PrepVolleyball.com.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

With the No. 16 Cal Poly volleyball team having captured the program's first Big West Conference title in 22 years and earning its first NCAA Tournament bid in four seasons, head coach Jon Stevenson bolstered an already potent lineup in the extraordinarily high level of recruiting we have signed for the 2007 season,

The success we have had during the last two years is absolutely reflected in the extraordinarily high level of recruits we have signed for the 2007 season," Stevenson said. "The three players we've recruited play at a physically level never before seen within a collective recruiting class at Cal Poly. Our signees give us an excellent chance of surpassing most of our opponents from the standpoint of leaping ability, foot speed and lateral quickness."

The PCC 7 Player of the Year at San Luis Obispo High, Adams was hitting .309 and averaging 17.5 kills per match (297 total) as of Nov. 2. A three-time All-PCC selection (twice when it was the PCC 5), Adams was also a 2006 All-California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section pick as well.

"Adams' decision to sign with us is the ultimate confirmation that our program has established itself as one of the best in the nation," Stevenson said. "I think it has been good to have a young team," said Cal Poly sophomore Shannon Brady, who is one of the three players returning from last year's team. "We have mature freshmen who are motivated and hardworking. We look forward to showing that this weekend."