We want (people) to know that there's delicious, amazing beer, and this is the way they're made.

—Brad Hurvitz
Brew Crew President, psychology senior

Club takes beer to another level

Kathrene Tiffin
MUSTANG DAILY

El Corral bookstore is a resource many students use to get their books and other Cal Poly related items, but this week the store will also be displaying something else — beer.

The Brew Crew, an Associated Students Inc. sponsored club, has set up two seven-gallon glass carboys where the beginning stages of the brewing process will take place.

"We want to educate people about the brewing process and we want to raise people's appreciation for beer," said Brad Hurvitz, the Brew Crew president and psychology senior.

Hurvitz and vice president Jeff Freitas began working on approval for the display a few weeks ago. Since Cal Poly is a dry campus, the crew had to write a mission statement explaining what they wanted to do, what the display would look like, why it would be beneficial to the campus and get a final approval from Cal Poly President Warren Biler.

"It's a synergism (the science of brewing) experiment," Hurvitz said.

"A lot of the beer that people drink nowadays is made in giant factories in huge kettles and very little attention is paid to, especially to detail, and they don't turn it out like that."

"The content is, of course, focusing on high quality."

Club president Jeff Freitas and president Brad Hurvitz will display the beer-making process at the bookstore this week.

Quake shakes Paso Robles; no injuries reported

PASO ROBLES (AP) — A magnitude-4.1 earthquake rattle California's Central Coast Monday night, although there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage, authorities said.

The trembel struck at 8:06 p.m. and was centered about four miles west of Paso Robles and about 10 miles southeast of Lake Nacimiento, according to a preliminary report by the U.S. Geological Survey. It was followed by a magnitude-2.1 aftershock three minutes later.

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Sgt. Jason Nefores said his department had not received any calls regarding injuries or damages.

The quakes were near the location of the magnitude-6.5 earthquake in December 2003 that killed two women and caused at least $200 million in damage countywide.
"When people actually see what's going on in this carbon, when people see this process, part of our overall goal is for them to really appreciate and kind of be astounded by what goes into brewing. Then, they'll be able to have one or two great beers a night like us, instead of several shitty beers a night."

The two beers will be Champagne Supernova and Blonde Cal Poly Dolly, both named by Hurvitz and Freitas. The Champagne Supernova will include jalapeno peppers and champagne yeast, which gives it about a 12 percent alcohol level. "It's kind of crazy, but we're gonna give it a shot," Hurvitz said. It includes a 12 percent alcohol level.

The club also donates some of their kegs to local bars and asks the patrons to give the proceeds to a charity of their choice. They recently gave a keg to Spikes which donated the money to a Parkinson's charity. "We like to bring attention to different bars that are associated with the Brew Crew," Hurvitz said. Anyone can join the club, but must be 21 or older to drink.

"It gives schools another area they can evaluate students on, so students will need to make sure they're prepared for that section as well," she said.

"In one heavy night of drinking they were saying that this (the exam) is gonna change the alcohol level. You stand out that much more," Hurvitz said. "Any wild ingredient that might cross your mind, we have thought about at one point to throw in our beer and make it unique."
Recent sea lion attacks challenge animal's cuddly and playful image

Marcus Wohlsen
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SAN FRANCISCO — Tourists flock to Fisherman's Wharf for the seafood and the stunning views of San Francisco Bay, but for many visitors, the real stars are the dozens of playful, whiskered sea lions that lounge by the water's edge, gulping down fish.

Now a series of sea lion attacks on people in recent months has led experts to warn that the animals are not as cute and cuddly as they appear.

"People should understand these animals are not there to attack people or humans. But they're out there to survive for themselves," said Jim Oswald, a spokesman for the Marine Mammal Center across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco.

In the most frightening of the recent episodes, a rogue sea lion hit 14 swimmers this month and chased 10 more out of the water at San Francisco's Aquatic Park, a sheltered lagoon near the bay. At least one victim suffered puncture wounds.

Some scientists speculate that the animals' aggressive behavior is being caused by eating fish contaminated by toxic algae, or by a shortage of food off the coast. But wildlife experts say even healthy sea lions are best left alone.

In Southern California in June, a sea lion charged several people on the beach. See Sea lions, page 4.
Victor L. Simpson

ANKARA, Turkey — Pope Benedict XVI urged leaders of all religions Tuesday to "utterly refuse" to support any form of violence in the name of faith, while Turkey's top Muslim cleric complained to the pontiff of growing "Islamophobia" in the world.

As he began his first visit to a Muslim country — a trip that drew extraordinary security but few onlookers — Benedict sought a careful balance as he extended friendship and brotherhood to Muslims, hoping to end the outcry from many Muslims over his remarks linking Islam to violence.

He expressed support for Turkey's efforts to join the European Union, moving away from opposition he voiced when he was a cardinal.

But the German pope also hammered away at key points of his 18-month papacy, telling diplomats that leaders of all religions must "utterly refuse to sanction recourse to violence as a legitimate expression of faith." Benedict also said guarantees of religious freedom are essential for a just society, and the Vatican said he raised specific issues such as property rights of Turkey's tiny 32,000-member Catholic community during talks with Turkish officials.

His comments could be reinforced later during the four-day visit when the pope meets in Istanbul with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians.

The pope is expected to call for greater rights and protections for Christian minorities in the Muslim world, including the small Greek Orthodox community in Turkey.

The 79-year-old made reconciliation a priority of his first day, taking on a taxing series of meetings that saw him needing a drink of water after coughing repeatedly while addressing diplomats in the last public appearance in the evening.

Benedict's journey is extraordinarily sensitive, a closely watched pilgrimage to a place where thousands of Muslims will watch in sorrowful hope and Christian(sprintf(202,1499) to stay at home, but on the streets of Ankara most people went about their usual business and only a tiny protest was held outside the religious affairs office hours before the pope arrived.

"Today we had the sensation he was a welcome guest," said Vatican spokesman Rev. Federico Lombardi.

"All feel the same responsibility in this difficult moment in history, let's work together," Benedict said during his flight from Rome to Ankara, where more than 3,000 police and sharpshooters joined a security effort that surpassed even the visit of President Bush two years ago.

"We know that the scope of this trip is dialogue and brotherhood and the commitment for understanding between cultures … and for reconciliation," he said.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan — in a last-minute change of plans — welcomed the pope at the foot of the plane and described his visit as "positive, respectful and non-polemical," applauding what the Vatican described as "false dialogue between faiths.

On Sunday, more than 25,000 Turks showed up to an anti-Vatican protest in Istanbul, asking the pope to stay at home, but on the streets of Ankara most people went about their usual business and only a tiny protest was held outside the religious affairs office hours before the pope arrived.

Last year, a group of sea lions took over a Newport Beach marina and caused a vintage 56-foot yacht to capsize when they board­ed it. And a beached whale in Santa Barbara was bitten three times while swimming off El Capitan State Beach.

In Alaska, a huge sea lion jumped onto a fishermen's boat in 2004, knocked him overboard and pulled him underwater; he escaped without serious injury.

Sea lions, which can reach 1,000 pounds, typically bite only if they feel threatened or cor­nered. And they are more likely to flee than fight if they can escape. Researchers have described the most recent attacks, in which some swimmers were chased through open water, as abnormal behavior.

Still, with a population number­ing about 200,000 and grow­ing, these playful, social creatures are increasingly likely to cross paths with humans.

Sea lions accustomed to the easy pickings of seafood scraps in popular fishing areas can become aggressive toward people if they fear their food is about to be taken away, Oswald said.

The Berkshire attack, for exam­ple, was at a marina where fisher­men dock their boats and feed fish scraps to sea lions. After they ran out of scraps, the sea lion turned aggressive and bit a crew member. At the same time, a drop in fish stocks off the Southern California coast due to El Nino-like condi­tions could be driving more hun­ger sea lions than usual to San Francisco Bay, said Lynn Cullivan, a spokesman for San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

Humans could also be contrib­uting to aggression in sea lions in another way: Toxic algae blooms fed by agricultural runoff and other pollution can lead to the poisoning of marine mammals by a chemical called domoic acid, which can cause brain damage.

The Marine Mammal Center treated more than 200 sea lions for domoic acid poisoning last year. Veterinarians at the center believe the brain damage caused by the poison could have led to the marauding animal's erratic behavior in Aquatic Park, Oswald said, though they cannot be sure without actually examining the sea lion.

So far, park rangers have not been able to track the attacker down. Nevertheless, the lagoon, where the attack occurred, is closed to swimmers, though with new signs warning people to stay away from sea lions.

"People who swim with the lions — though I'm sure that's nice — it's probably not the best thing to do," Oswald said. "It's a wild animal. And you want to keep them wild."
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The attack on the small Mustang Sunni mosque began as worshipers were finishing Friday midday prayers. About 50 unarmed men, many in black uniforms and some wearing ski masks, walked through the district chanting: "We are the Mahdi Army, shield of the Shiites." Fifteen minutes later, two white pickup trucks, a black BMW and a black Opel drove up to the mosque, dragged six worshippers outside, doused them with kerosene and set them on fire.

LONDON (AP) — Within the next 25 years, AIDS is set to join heart disease and stroke as the world's three leading causes of death worldwide, according to a study published online Monday.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Greatest Show on Earth is finding no amusement in what it claims is improper use of its circus trademarks, filing a lawsuit Tuesday to bring down the curtain on a holiday sales pitch by a beauty products company.

NEW YORK (AP) — The No. 2 Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Hastings Tuesday for the chairmanship of the Intelligence Committee. Hastings, currently the No. 2 Democrat on the panel, had been aggressively making a case for the top position, supported by members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a decision that could roil Democratic unity in the new House, Speaker-to-be Nancy Pelosi passed over Rep. Alcee Hastings Tuesday to bring down the curtains on a holiday sales pitch by a beauty products company.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The black firefighter who was fed dog food by his colleagues made an impassioned plea Tuesday to the City Council, uncharacteristically to override the mayor's veto of his $2.7 million settlement.

Tennie Pierce filed a discrimination lawsuit after a group of firefighters fed him dog food mixed into spaghetti sauce two weeks ago and heckled him for eating it. An internal investigation suggested the incident was a prank prompted by Pierce's reference to himself as a "Big Dog."
Directions for dancing across campus

Sara Hamilton
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I'wo left feet? Not to worry. No experience and no partner? They've got you covered. Cal Poly has its very own dance clubs with weekly lessons for folks just like you.

The Cal Poly Swing Dance Club has two lessons every Sunday on campus for $1 each. Intermediate lessons are from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Architecture building, room 225, while beginning lessons are 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the same place.

Swing Club president and environmental horticultural science student Kimberly Daum wanted prospective swingers to know that the skills learned at lessons have plenty of opportunity to be put to use around town.

For something a little more along the lines of "Dancing With the Stars," check out the Cal Poly DanceSport Team, a competitive ballroom dance team that represents the school at meets throughout the state. For more information on the DanceSport Team's ballroom lessons, visit www.cpdancesport.org.

The Cal Poly Country Line Dancing Club (CLDC) has lessons Thursdays and Fridays. Members meet in the Architecture building, room 225, every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. The club also has lessons at The Graduate every other Thursday night at 8 p.m. The next hour-long lesson at The Graduate is dated for Nov. 30. Students at that lesson will learn the ten-step, the waltz and the drifter, which are all couples dances.

Though all the lessons are free, membership to the CLDC is based on a quarterly or yearly fee, which includes prepaid admission to all club events. Anyone interested in joining the club is asked to visit www.cldc.calpoly.edu for more information.

The Cal Poly Salsa Club offers salsa lessons to beginning, intermediate and advanced students Friday nights. In the Architecture building, room 225 (the same place where the Swing and Ballroom clubs meet) the Salsa Club has a $5 lesson at 8 p.m. The lesson is followed by free dancing, which starts at 9:15 p.m.

"Salsa is the spice of life!" said Salsa Club President David Guerrant. "It will enrich your college life, your relationships and your coordination!" The Salsa Club's Web site, www.cpsalsa.com, has a list of off-campus salsa lessons as far south as Santa Maria and as far north as Paso Robles.

"Our classes are for everybody; it's not really exclusive to students," Salsa Club Vice President Chance Siri said. "Lots of people enjoy dancing - students, working professionals, retirees. It's a great place to get together without the club atmosphere. It's just a clean event for a Friday night."

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**Activision's 'Call of Duty 3' backfires**

Kris Anderson

Senior Daily (San Jose State U.)

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**GUEST COMMENTARY**

**The dark underbelly of YouTube.**

Brian Pierce  
Diane Ikeda (U. I.)

From Amazon.com to Google, from Wikipedia to the blogosphere, our society has been rocked by one Internet phenomenon after another. The most recent of these is YouTube.

I am not among the first (or even the few, I think) to note that the Internet acts to decentralize information from the elite to the masses. It was only a matter of time, then, that some Web site would do for video what Napster did for music, or any number of sites did for plane tickets and hotel reservations.

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When soon-to-be-former Virginia Sen. George Allen was caught on tape at a rally insulting an audience member with the racial slur "macka-ca," I rejoiced. The event spurred the downfall of the once presidential contender's campaign and laid bare the ugly underbelly of Allen's good guy persona.

And when police officers repeatedly and unnecessarily stymied a UCLA study with a taser, YouTube helped remind law enforcement across the country that they now live in an age of heightened accountability.

But while those like me can revel in seeing a dirty cop get his comeuppance, or celebrate a tool that encourages police restraint, these events should still give us pause. While no instrument that gives voice to the voiceless can be a bad thing, we must also reflect with due trepidation on the implications of this are-enabled accountabilty.

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But YouTube differs from its forebears in important and portentous ways and has the potential to change the world not always for the better.

When soon-to-be-former Virginia Sen. George Allen was caught on tape at a rally insulting an audience member with the racial slur "macka-ca," I rejoiced. The event spurred the downfall of the once presidential contender's campaign and laid bare the ugly underbelly of Allen's good guy persona.

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Cal Poly's senior point guard put up 14 points, four assists and five steals per game last week.

Field Hockey continued from page 12

Cal Poly's Hannah Hartnett made the first goal and the Gauchos missed it. After a second goal was made by Cal Poly's Emily Kirwan, the Gauchos scored and the game was tied at 2.

The game went into strokes — similar to penalty kicks in soccer — and five alternating strokes were taken by both teams.

Cal Poly goalkeeper Adele Schopf managed to stop two shots and called out an illegal first shot due to a technicality. Cal Poly won 5-2 to advance to the championship round.

Coming from a long first game, Cal Poly then played the previously undefeated Aggies of UC Davis.

Gave the team a pep talk before the game about mental toughness that it needed to make big plays at the right times and to work hard until the game's conclusion.

At first UC Davis had the advantage when it scored late in the second half.

With 15 minutes left in the game, Hana Michaels shot the ball from the top of the 16-yard line to tie the game and the Mustangs went into overtime for a second time.

Within the last two minutes of the game, Hartnett took Fuller's advice and shot in the game-winning goal. Cal Poly won the championship against UC Davis by a score of 2-1.

According to Hartnett, the referees after the game commented that the game was one of the most intense they have seen.

"We went especially crazy after the game ended," Hartnett said. "We couldn't believe we won. We jumped up and down on the field for five to 10 minutes straight."

During the regular season, Cal Poly beat Chico State 1-1, lost 2-0 to UC Davis, beat UC Irvine 8-0, beat UC Santa Barbara 2-0, beat Chico State 3-0, beat UC Davis 3-2, lost 5-4 to UC Irvine and beat UC Santa Barbara 2-0.

Follett said she is going to miss playing in the club and all her teammates. The team will also lose five other senior players — Jenny Kuo, Katie Miyashiro, Hana Michaels, Ashley Ogle and Sam Raker.

Fuller is optimistic about next season and said even though there is a huge generational gap between the team, the freshmen players are skilled.

"I expect to win five championships in a row," Fuller said.

Nolan defends call to kick field goal in loss

The 49ers' head coach opted to boot a field goal on a crucial fourth-and-inches in a 20-17 loss at St. Louis on Sunday.

Greg Beacham Associated Press

Although Mike Nolan isn't too happy with a few calls that have gone against the San Francisco 49ers recently, he stands by the call he made near the conclusion of their loss to the St. Louis Rams.

Nolan still believes he made the correct decision to kick a field goal on a fourth-and-inches from the St. Louis 6 with less than 4 minutes left, putting San Francisco ahead by four points Sunday. The Rams drove for a touchdown in their 20-17 victory, snapping the Niners' three-game winning streak and dealing a blow to their unlikely playoff hopes.

The decision was a hot-button issue for San Francisco fans, but the players also stood behind coach's caution.

After all, this young team is still learning how to play close enough so that such small decisions aren't such a big deal.

"Looking back now you can say obviously we should have gone for it," quarterback Alex Smith said Monday. "You'd like to see us get it in (the end zone), but at the time, I think you have to kick it. You have to make it a four-point game."
Frankly
don't have to tell you where I'll be when
the night begins Friday night.
Everybody who considers them-
self a sports fan will be at Mott Gym this
weekend. Be you a Mustang Maniac, an
armchair engineer,
or a Moosy the Mustang wannabe,
a fifth-year senior or a freshman, you
should do the green and gold and
prepare for an epic clash. Whether
they look like volleyball or don't, it will be
an event to see.

The Mustangs have made it look
closely over the last two months. Since
Sept. 19, the squad is 15-1 and has
won its last five.
In these 16 matches, the Mustangs
have only lost eight of the 55 games
they've played. However, the
Mustangs will be put to the test this
weekend.

Despite the No. 15 seed, Cal Poly
has a tough group of teams in its pod. Assuming Cal Poly defeats Michigan,
waiting in the second round for the
Mustangs would be either Cal or LSU.
Cal Poly is ranked No. 14 in the
American.

Coaches Association/College Sports TV poll, Cal is No. 15 and LSU is No. 16.
This weekend will certainly be a
challenge for the Mustangs but for a
team with numerous wins against top-25 caliber teams possible we
could see Cal Poly in the round of
16.

This weekend is just the begin-
ning. The road to an NCAA title ends
Dec. 16 in Lincoln, Neb.

Can Cal Play 13 and pull off the come-
back win against the Mustangs?
Stock rises in young Cal Poly men’s basketball team

The Mustangs’ preseason all-conference senior forward lets his play do the talking.

Devan McClaine
MUSTANG DAILY

Derek Stockalper has seen his share of ups and downs.

The Cal Poly men’s basketball team’s 6-foot-5 senior forward has yet to strike a balance between personal and team success. Although he was named to the All-Big West Conference First Team last year, he has yet to experience a winning season at Cal Poly.

“Sure, the rewards (are nice), but at this point I just want to win,” Stockalper said.

The Mustangs have taken the first steps to ensure that Stockalper will not end his career on a sour note, starting the year with a 3-2 record. Cal Poly’s best start since the 2003-04 season.

Cal Poly has continually gotten better since a rock-bottom 5-22 season in 2004-05 in which Stockalper rebounded. The Mustangs were 16-19 last year.

“That was a tough year, we had no team chemistry and it only gets worse when you lose,” Stockalper said of the five-win season.

Conversely, Stockalper describes the current Mustangs squad as a close-knit, hard-working group in which “everyone knows their role.” Stockalper’s role on offense may decrease this year.

He averaged 12.9 points and 6.7 rebounds per contest last year, but will not be relied upon as heavily this season with a deeper frontcourt and more balanced scoring attack.

“We need consistency and leadership from Derek,” Cal Poly head coach Kevin Brooksley said. “We need to know he’s going to show up every night.”

Brooksley also hopes that Stockalper will also have a noticeable impact on the Mustangs’ blossoming young front line, which features players like sophomore forward/center Tim Sheldon, junior power forwards Dredrawn Vance and Matt Hanson and sophomore center Colby Leavitt.

“They can watch him and learn from him; he’s got great basketball instinct, though he is not as vocal as I’d like him to be,” Brooksley said.

The Carlsbad native echoed Brooksley’s sentiments, saying, “I’ll put my two cents in, but I prefer to lead by example. The younger (freshmen) guys are pretty strong-willed. You don’t really have to help them much.”

Despite taking a more balanced approach this year, both coach and player know Stockalper is still capable of carrying the offensive load when necessary.

“We know (Stockalper) can go for 20 on any given night,” Brooksley said of his preseason all-conference pick. “While Stockalper doesn’t expect to score 20 a night, he says he has no qualms about firing away, “as long as they are good shots.”

Stockalper did just that in an exhibition against Notre Dame de Namur this season, finishing with 20 points in just 19 minutes.

With the exception of Stockalper’s quiet approach, both coach and player cite defense — score in particular — as one of Stockalper’s few weaknesses on the hardwood.

“I have to get quicker,” Stockalper said.

Brooksley is quick to point out Stockalper’s strengths as a player, describing Stockalper as a “very strong passer, shooter and excellent offensive rebounder.”

Stockalper said his goal for this season is to win the Big West tourney and move on to the NCAA Tournament.

“The easiest way to (win conference) is to do well in league, we know we have to do,” Stockalper said.

For now, the team is plugging away at its nonconference schedule.

The Mustangs, who are 2-0 against West Coast Conference teams, will face a three-game home stand against Division II Occidental College of Los Angeles (2-3) at 7 tonight in Mott Gym.

Stockalper is averaging 11.2 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.8 assists so far this season.

TUESDAY NIGHT IN MOTT GYM

The Cal Poly men’s basketball team lost 64-62 to Loyola Marymount (4-3) to fall to 3-3 on the season. Senior forward Jessica Eggleston led the Mustangs with 15 points. For a full recap of the game, which ended just before press time, please visit Thursday’s Mustang Daily.

TONIGHT IN MOTT GYM

The Cal Poly men’s basketball team hosts Division III Occidental (2-3) at 7 p.m. The Mustangs (3-2) are coming off a 72-59 win over St. Mary’s on Sunday.

Mustang women’s field hockey club

Cal Poly beat UC Santa Barbara 4-2 in the playoffs and UC Davis 2-1 in the title game.

Nicole Small
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly field hockey club team managed a third straight championship Nov. 18 in Davis after playing a doubleheader in which both games went into overtime.

The Mustangs entered the playoff game ranked third out of the five collegiate teams in the league. The top-five named league consists of UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara and Chico State.

“It wasn’t our best-played season, but we had the most amazing end,” said team captain and club president Brittany Fellott.

The first game was the playoff match against UC Santa Barbara, which the Mustangs won 2-0.

Shotwell takes top Great West defensive award; 10 other Poly football players honored

Cal Poly’s Buck Buchanan Award candidate had 122 tackles and seven sacks this season.

SHEILA RICHIE/ DAILY PHOTO

Showed last year, Cal Poly senior Swingman Derek Stockalper has averaged 11.2 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.8 assists so far this season.

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Cal Poly head coach Kevin Brooksley was named the Great West Football Conference Player of the Year on Tuesday.

Brooksley was voted the award by coaches in the conference. He was joined on the all-conference teams by 10 teammates.

The first-team offense includes Cal Poly sophomores Ramus Burden (wide receiver), Stephen Field (center) and James Noble (tailback).

The first-team defense features seniors Shortwell, Chris White (nose tackle), Courtney Brown (cornerback) and Kenny Chicoine (free safety).

Cal Poly’s second-team selections were seniors Josh Mayfield (quick tackle), Randy Samuel (strong safety) and Nick Coronelas (kicker/punter).

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The Mustangs are averaging 11.2 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.8 assists, is shooting 53.2% and has turned the ball over only seven times. He is one of three players on the Mustangs — along with junior shooting guard Dylan Whites (14.4) and Vance Bromley (14.0) — to average double figures.

NCAA volleyball tournament an event to see

Frank Strand
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A re all kils created equal? If you’ve seen Cal Poly outside the court, you may not think so.

It all starts as an opposing team tries to stop the Cal Poly volleyball team’s defense. Then libero Kristin Jackll will effortlessly dig the ball up and setter Chelsea Hayes places a perfect pass into the air on the left side of the court.

Atheiron takes a step and leaps into the air, her left arm curled behind her. She holds the pose for a moment, her body seemingly suspended in the air before she lands on the ground, a collective, “Ohhh,” bellow from the crowd.

The “Ohhh” comes as an opposing player couldn’t react in time and get pounded by Atherton’s ball, a cruise missile right on target.

Last week Atherton became the first sophomore in the Big West Conference to earn Player of the Year honors since Long Beach State’s Misty May won her first of three in 1996 — the same Misty May who won a beach volleyball gold medal at the 2004 Olympics.

To add to the super-sophomore’s season feats, Atherton made a cameo appearance in Sports Illustrated under the “Scorecard” section Nov. 20. Not too bad for a player with two years of eligibility to go.

If you asked Atherton what the individual accolades mean to her, she would certainly downplay the significance, but all she’s thinking about right now is the NCAA Tournament.

The Mustangs drew a No. 15 seed in the 64-team tournament — only the top 16 teams are awarded seeds — and will host Michigan at 8 p.m. Friday in Mott Gym.

Step back and think about that for a second. California Polytechnic State University of San Luis Obispo, a Central California school with a well-known engineering program and a little-known athletic tradition, will host an NCAA Division I volleyball team.

Frankly Speaking

As Frankly Speaking begins, I would like to extend my apologies to the 49ers and NFL fans everywhere.

The 49ers are yet to win a single game in this year’s NFL season. As I write this, I hear8 the game being played live and look forward to another loss to the Indianapolis Colts.

I know it’s early, but I’ve heard the 49ers will fire coach Mike Singletary before the end of the season.

The 49ers have been the most disappointing team in the NFL this year. They overpaid for a few mediocre players, and despite the fact that San Francisco is known for its fine cuisine, they should look into hiring a sports consultant.

Frankly Speaking is a feature in which we will look back at the history of sports and try to predict the future. In the past, the 49ers were a powerhouse team, so I’m sure they can turn things around with the right coaching and a bit of luck.

In other news, the San Francisco Giants cleaned up during the baseball season, winning the World Series. I think the Giants might want to consider hiring Mike Singletary to help them win another championship.

Finally, I’d like to give a shout-out to the Cal Poly Mustangs, who are currently in the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament. I know they can win, so let’s give them some love and support.

As always, thanks for reading. And now, back to the sports section.