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The Cal Poly architecture department announced yesterday that it has been pledged a gift of $60 million from an anonymous donor.

Nationally, the bequest is one of the largest gift commitments ever made to a public university architecture department. It is also the single largest pledge ever made in the California State University system.

President Warren Baker spoke at an announcement ceremony yesterday along with College of Architecture Dean R. Thomas Jones and architecture department lead Henri T. de Hahn. All three voiced their immense gratitude toward the anonymous donor.

"Good morning," said Baker, addressing his intimate audience on the University House patio. "Today I'm pleased to announce Cal Poly has received a $60 million pledge designated to the architecture department." Baker kept his usual stoic demeanor but was later seen Donation, page 3

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EPA bucks criticism to give farmers new crop fumigant

Rita Beamish
Associated Press

The Environmental Protection Agency is expected within days to approve a new toxic fumigant for use by fruit and vegetable farmers, despite opposition from California regulators, prominent scientists and environmental and farmworker groups.

The agency intends to register methyl iodide as a substitute for the pesticide methyl bromide, which is more toxic chemicals used in manufacturing.

California, however, classifies the fumigant as a carcinogen. Studies also show chronic exposure can harm the central nervous system, lungs, skin and kidneys.

Growers welcome new alternative to methyl bromide, which broadly ammulates soil pests and weeds but is banned under the Montreal Protocol, with progressively smaller amounts permitted each year.

Steve Fenner, a University of Georgia professor, said MDMs was the most effective to fetal death, respiratory lesions, toxicities and carcinogenic, and thus shows chronic exposure can harm the central nervous system, lungs, skin and kidneys. EPA administrator Stephen Johnson says the EPA evaluated animal and human studies. Georgia researchers have completed the review process, and the EPA is weighing the results. EPA determined the new fumigant as one of the most toxic chemicals used in manufacturing.

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Students send instant messages to raise money for causes

Cassie Bobotas
DAILY TRIBUNE STAFF

"Give till it hurts your fingers,"

So goes Microsoft Corporation's slogan for the "i'm Initiative," a new program that lets students across the nation support a non-profit organization of their choice by instant messaging a friend online, while never having to open their own wallets.

As part of the i'm Initiative, students can sign up for Windows Live Messenger on msn.com and out of the 10 non-profit organizations Microsoft has selected, users can choose the one they want to support with every instant messaging conversation they have.

Dollars are donated and a minimum of $100,000 will go to each of the 10 organizations in this first year, but it does not come from the initiative users.

Microsoft shares a portion of the program's advertising revenue with the user's organization of choice with each conversation using Windows Live Messenger, according to Microsoft's press release for the i'm Initiative.

Word of this program is spreading at the University led by two Rutgers College seniors, Steven Lichtenberger and Edward Tsygan- sky, who, along with 68 other students, are running campaigns for the initiative at 34 other universities across the country in an effort to get as many people to sign up as possible.

"It gives college kids the experience of running a marketing campaign and at the same time, promoting those organizations for their good deeds," Lichtenberger said.

Tsyganisky said he feels it's a great experience to take part in the global project and support the charities he supports.

"You're doing something that's actually worthwhile," he said. "And all it costs to support those causes is about five minutes of your time."

Lichtenberger said he supports the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, which is dedicated to ending the effects of, and advocating for those with, multiple sclerosis.

Susan G. Kenten for the Cure is the largest non-profit funder of breast cancer research and community outreach programs.

Carrie Glasscock, manager of cause marketing for Susan G. Kenten for the Cure, said through e-mail correspondence that the i'm Initiative has been a great fit for her organization.

"Susan G. Kenten for the Cure will benefit from Tsyganisky's IM conversations," she said, "as we always have to keep trying to find new ways to support these causes since the initiative first launched in March of this year and they are looking forward to a continuing great relationship with them, as they're now able to share the program with the world."

"Susan G. Kenten for the Cure is appreciative that Microsoft was able to look at the best way to use its resources to bring together [10] of the world's most progressive non-profit organizations," Glasscock said.

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But for the Sierra Club, funds are not the only thing the initiative has raised.

"It raises awareness [and] it gets the Sierra Club's mission out to explore, enjoy and protect the planet ... While people are talking [on Windows Live Messenger], it's a great way for them to see that their friends also care about environmental issues, and it makes protecting the planet more mainstream," Corti said.

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Sara Wright
SENIOR EDITOR

CP Salsa is hot... in case their sunny ads campaigns don't give you a hint.

The club has become one of the most popular on campus, offering students an alternative Friday night activity. More than 230 students, as well as community members, attended the first lesson and dance of the school year.

Chad Clavitter, a third-year physics student, started salsa dancing the first week of his freshman year after seeing fliers posted in classrooms and watching "Dancing with the Stars" the first week of his freshman year at Cal Poly O.B. I wanted to learn how to dance," he said.

"I had always been pretty awful at dancing in high school and never knew what to do at dances, so when I first came to Cal Poly I wanted to learn how to dance," he said.

"I fell in love with dancing and have been doing it ever since."

Community involvement is a big part of CP Salsa's success. The club offers salsa cruises, for which the club rents a boat for dancing in Morro Bay; live concerts, such as at this year's WOW Block Party and "salsa bombs," in which club members make frequent stops along Higuera Street to dance during Farmer's Market. CD's Salsa also hosts reggaeton lining at The Graduate every Friday.

The club's mission is to encourage passion for salsa in people of all levels and backgrounds in a comfortable environment with quality social activities, instruction, and entertainment.

The ages of its members vary; with young children, high school students, college students, and middle-aged and retired adults coming out weekly.

CP Salsa became an official club in 2000. Jeff Berkman, who is currently a club instructor, started salsa dancing when he attended UC Irvine in 1999. After moving to San Luis Obispo, he and a friend began teaching the dance in 2000.

The club president, Chance Siri, became involved in CP Salsa four years ago when he took a lesson from Berkman.

"I got into salsa dancing to meet people," Siri said. "It's a really friendly environment; there's no worrying that someone will reject you."

Siri also is on Fridays, switching off with coordinator Khang Duong, who organizes the weekly lessons and dances.

Currently through Oct. 27, CP Salsa offers the Advanced Tuesday salsa series, at 7 p.m. in architecture building 5, room 225. The lessons, taught by guest instructor Roy Reyes, are meant to be taken every week, unlike the regular lessons. Each lesson is $10 or $30 for all five weeks; the first lesson is free.

Recurring events include Spanish rock and teguango dancing at The Graduate every Friday; minus the first Friday of the month, salsa at Ruby's on Thursdays and Saturdays, and salsa, merengue and other Latin music every Friday at Roca's.

On Fridays nights, classes average more than 150 students. Five separate rooms are available, so a typical class size is 25-35 people.

"They literally teach you step by step," Clavitter said.

CD's Salsa instructors also give dance lessons Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays throughout San Luis Obispo. For CP Salsa buffs, there is a line of CD's Salsa apparel at www.calpress.com/cpsalsa. The club even offers a library with a large and growing variety of videos and CDs from which to learn new moves.

Siri encourages anyone unfamiliar with salsa to attend Friday classes and dances.

"You find yourself wanting to come back more and more, even though there's no explanation for it," Siri said.

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Sept. 24, 18:00 - Officers investigated an injury traffic collision involving a bicycle and vehicle on North Perimeter Drive near Building 10. Officers provided first-responder medical aid.

Sept. 24, 19:30 - An officer met with a subject, who wished to complain about nearly being hit by a vehicle while crossing in a crosswalk on campus.

Sept. 25, 9:18 - In response to a third-party notification, a detective investigated an incident of sexual assault occurring on Friday.

Sept. 25, 16:07 - Officers investigated a non-injury traffic collision involving a cart and a vehicle along the Cerro Vista circle.

Sept. 25, 16:49 - Officers investigated a complaint of loud music. The music was determined to be coming from the area outside the Cal Poly Theatre. The hosts were contacted and advised to turn down the music volume.

Sept. 26, 1:20 - Officers arrested a subject for public intoxication outside Pi Kappa Alpha house.
Ethics group urges examination of Google's current copyright controls

Michael Liedtke

An ethics group is urging Congress to scrutinize Google Inc.'s copyright controls after finding hundreds of apparently pirated movies available on the Internet search leader's Web site.

In letters sent to several lawmakers Wednesday, the National Legal and Policy Center, an organization that has placed Google on its list of "corporate crooks," said the Mountain View-based company is more interested in boosting its ad revenue than protecting intellectual property rights.

"They clearly have the technology and the money to do something more about it," Boehm said. "Today, they are making money off other people's intellectual property. That's wrong."

Google probably remains on solid legal ground, said Bruce Sanstein, a Boston lawyer specializing in intellectual property rights. "The law will favor Google as long as they are diligent in taking down videos, but they could be in trouble if they have a cavalier attitude."

In a statement, Google said it is working on new technology that would be introduced in the "not-too-distant future" to help copyright owners block unauthorized material from being posted on the site. Earlier in the year, the Mountain View-based company indicated the filtering tools would be introduced as early as September.

Other sites, including News Corp.'s MySpace.com and Microsoft's MSN.com, already have copyright filters set up.

"As a company that respects the rights of copyright holders, we work every day to help them manage their content, and we are developing state-of-the-art tools to let them do that even better," Google spokesman Gaetan Strocker said.

The National Legal and Policy Center found piracy of movies for improvement after going through Google's videos site from Sept. 16 through Sept. 18.

That review uncovered 300 apparently pirated movies that had been viewed a combined 22 million times. About 60 of the movies were recent theatrical releases, including popular films like "Shrek The Third," "Oceans Thirteen" and "The Bourne Ultimatum" that aren't even available on DVD yet.

In some instances, the movie titles were misspelled in an apparent attempt to skirt detection.

To help hunt for apparent copyright violations, Boehm said he hired his 19-year-old nephew for $10 per hour. He suggested Google might be able to afford to hire more copyright cops, given the company earned nearly $2 billion on $7.5 billion in revenue during the first half of the year.

Boehm thinks Google's ineffectual policing efforts raise serious questions about the company's motto, "Don't Be Evil."

"We are hoping to shame Google into doing something," Boehm said. "What they are doing is inexcusable corporate behavior. When big companies do something unethical, it sends a message to everyone else that it's OK."

San Jose (AP) -- Two Silicon Valley employers were arrested Wednesday on new criminal charges of stealing computer chip designs.

The indictment returns by a federal grand jury in San Jose accuses Loran Guest, of Palo Alto, and Yangui Guo, of San Jose, of orchestrating the computer-chip plot so they could go into business with the Chinese military.

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- A man suspected of shooting and killing his pregnant girlfriend while she was driving him and her two children was charged Wednesday with two counts of murder.

Stephen Mark Picart, 33, is accused in the death of Sharon Carter and the unborn baby believed to be his child.

Picart made his first court appearance in Superior Court. He did not enter a plea because he doesn't yet have a defense lawyer. Authorities said it was unclear whether a public defender or private attorney would represent him. Picart's number was unlisted.

Picart was ordered jailed on $4 million bail. His arraignment was scheduled for Oct. 5.

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Myanmar security forces fire at monks and other protesters, killing at least 1 person

Myanmar security forces opened fire on Buddhist monks and other protesters in Yangon, the commercial capital, on Wednesday for the first time in a month of anti-government protests, as standoff between rivals continued and wounds others in chaotic confrontations across Yangon.

Dozens of the protests, many transmitted from the secretive Southeast Asian nation by dissidents using cell phones and the Internet, riveted world attention on the escalating facoff between the military regime and its opponents.

Clouds of tear gas and smoke from fire hung over streets, and dozens of protesters and even bystanders peeled police with bottles and rocks in some places. Outsiders helped monks escape arrest by bundling them into taxis and other vehicles and shouting "Go, go, go, run!"

The government said one man was killed when police opened fire during the ninth consecutive day of demonstrators against the regime, especially from its chief economic and diplomatic.

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UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who was sending a special envoy to the region, urged the junta "to exercise utmost restraint toward the peaceful demonstrations taking place, as such action can only undermine the prospects for peace, prosperity and stability in Myanmar."

The number of protesters seemed to grow by the hour, with monks and other demonstrators setting fires throughout the heart of Yangon, but were later blocked by military trucks and monks said the violence was on the upswing and giving "installations."

There was no sign the government had any intention of backing down, and monks said the violence would not deter them from pressing on with what has become the most sustained anti-junta protest since a 1988 democracy uprising. In that crisis, soldiers shot into crowds of peaceful demonstrators, killing thousands.

John Dale, an associate faculty member of George Mason University's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, said the involvement of monks had made the demonstrations not peter out and it was surprising the military held back this long.

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International Briefs

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A rocket attack in northern Afghanistan on Thursday left at least eight Palestinians dead and injured Tuesday, raising the number of people killed in a month-old violence that began Aug. 10 with protests over a film deemed offensive to Muslims.

In an article in the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera on March 30, 2008, writer Klara and Edda Belly-Dancing said she feared any move to remove the film could increase international pressure on the isolated regime, especially from its chief economic and diplomatic ally, China.

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Palestinian rocket attacks and airstrikes to kill more than 165 insurgents and rebel massed assaults on coalitions forces in two strongholds of Taliban militiamen and Afghanistan's rampant drug trade, officials said Wednesday.

The battle in Helmand and Uruzgan provinces came shortly before President Bush and Afghan President Hamid Karzai met in New York to discuss worsening fighting in Afghanistan and growing opium production, insisting peace was being made.

ROME (AP) — A doctor alleged Wednesday that Pope John Paul II violated Catholic teachings to child pornography. The Israeli army said the raids were a response to near daily bombardment of Israeli border towns, including 20 mortar shells and 16 rockets fired Wednesday, and Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak warned that "we are moving closer to a broad and complex operation in Gaza" to stop rocket fire.

LONDON (AP) — Elton John said Wednesday that he owns a photo of two naked girls taken by award-winning photographer Nan Goldin that was seized by police at a British gallery and concerns it amounted to child pornography.

John confirmed ownership of "Kale and Edith Belly-Dancing," in a statement on his Web site. He said it is among 149 images comprising Goldin's "Thanksgiving" installation.

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The New Coverings arrives this weekend.

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The Expendables are coming to the Downtown Brewhouse in San Luis Obispo this Thursday and Friday to charm crowds with their funky fusion of California surf music. Singer and drummer Adam Batterson said they have a solid fan base in San Luis Obispo and always enjoy performing for crowds here. "The fans are really awesome everywhere, but it's different in California," Patterson said. "It's just better."

The band is stopping in San Luis Obispo as part of a huge, nationwide tour, which also shows in Chicago, Detroit, New York City, Washington, D.C. and Orlando. From San Luis Obispo, the band will continue traveling north to their home base of Santa Cruz. "It's different in California," Batterson said. "It's the fans are really awesome everywhere, but they'll defnitely enjoy some fresh sounds, too. It'll be a fun show at Downtown Brewhouse."

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Beware of the m-word: Marriage, that is. To switched-on music, Batterson explained, "Sometimes a whole song comes from one band member; other times we just sit down and something good starts coming out."

Since their B.B. King beginnings, The Expendables include Batterson, guitarist and singer Geoff Weers, guitarist Kael Blanchi and bassist Ryan DeMars. They've known each other since high school, at various times playing together or in other local bands. The Expendables got their name when Weers joined the mix, but it wasn't until they found bassist DeMars that the current incarnation of the band came to life. "There's not really any one way that we create our music," Batterson explained. "It's a must-see event in San Luis Obispo this Friday and Saturday, Washington, 1.0. and Orlando. From San Luis Obispo, the band will continue traveling north to their home base of Santa Cruz.

Although always remaining an eclectic blend of genres, The Expendables' sound has varied by album as to how much they borrow from each style. The music off of their first album is distinctly more rock-oriented, with tracks like "New Ska" pumping out surf-rock beats and "Here We Go" blasting out the reggae sounds. Other music is markedly inspired by reggae, like the "Down, Down, Down" track from their newest album and "Bridges Burned" from "Getting Fiddly."

So with all those styles of music going into the sound mix, what should the audience expect to know a lot of the music, but they'll definitely enjoy some fresh sounds, too. It'll be a fun show at Downtown Brewhouse."

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All hail the new TV demigods...

Today is Thursday, and I feel compelled to critique a cultural paradigm in which, predictably, ordinary Americans find themselves collectively assembled to watch the season premiere of their favorite television shows in violent disarray and complete exuberance.

That's right, the time has come for network execs to bring in the don Corleone of series monetizers. Summer hiatus is officially over; godless television has ended; we have made it to the promised land of next season.

Lions of loyal enthusiasts will hail the rebirth of network television by singing to the glorious overtures of "Grey's Anatomy" and "Grey's Anatomy" of the time? In each of these shows there is something fundamental, something so elemental that keeps us coming back for more. We don't even have to contemplate the risk of subjugating ourselves to the "Will and Grace," the "Friends," the "Ally McBeal" and, dare I say it, "Grey's Anatomy" of the time? What is it exactly that we as Americans will always be addicted to? What is it exactly about Ugly Betty's mockery of shy, clumsy, unattractive minorities without fashion sense that just says, "Mike one of these days, maybe?"

And on a serious note, I don't know how much more of Grey's temp-tations insensitivity I can take before my head actually pops off like a frakking button on a cold winter's day. Let's not even talk about being the cheerleader and saving the world.

So why do we permit ourselves to such torturous degradation week after week, subjugating ourselves to unremarkable writing, cliché after cliché? We know what's going to happen, these shows practically write themselves, sentence after sentence, hour after hour. Yet we sit here mourning, analyzing and psychologically editing these characters like in some twisted mind game, for faults that, in the end, are not unlike our own. They, like us, just want to connect and feel and love and make mistakes and love again. Don't we all?

Is that it? Do we watch television to some sick, cyclic fashion which on some subconscious level tries to make us feel somehow more alive and part of something whole — a bigger human picture, the more inclusive social appature?

Not to go all Freudian here, but let me just solve the biggest social conspiracy of network television ever! Have I found the meaning of why we as Americans will always be addicted to the "Will and Grace," the "Friends," the "Ally McBeal" and, dare I say it, "Grey's Anatomy" of the time? Is that it? In the next season when you're sitting in front of the television laughing your ass off at "The Office," think about your comrades in arms, the brave ones out there who have found the strength to perhaps skip one of their "must-see" and partake in Bike Night instead.

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Hello Mustang Daily reader, Sean Michetti and Lee Barats here. This year’s humor column will feature the two of us debating on the tough issues that matter to you most, from historical figures to the parking enforcer who just ruined your day. So pick a side, debate with your friends, and then get new friends that think the way you do. You’ll have a better year.

Sean: Hey Gutenberg! If you think you can invent the printing press and then be immune to criticism, you’re dead wrong. Your kerning was closer than the Olsen twins, while your leading had more gaps than Michael Strahan’s teeth.

Lee: Gutenberg invented a machine that revolutionized Western culture. How can you be so picky?

Sean: As I was saying, Gutenberg’s bibles weighed in at more than 50 pounds. That means school children across the land were illiterate, for they couldn’t carry their weighty books to school. Are you willing to support the man who created child labor, because without school, these children were forced to do menial work and work in factories that would eventually be owned by Nike and Gap?

Lee: You’re retarded.

Sean: You shouldn’t use “retarded” as a negative insult; it’s a non-derogatory term that isn’t meant to be used as a stereotype, you money-grabbing, war-mongering, white, Christian conservative. I’ll bet you love oppressing minorities, dictating women’s birth control methods, and hosing down gay pride parades.

Lee: Do you see how accurately you’ve just described me as a person? That’s the magic of stereotypes: someone can know exactly what a person is like without even meeting them.

Sean: Well that’s true.

Lee: If you think you can invent the printing press and then be immune to criticism, you’re dead wrong. Your kerning was closer than the Olsen twins, while your leading had more gaps than Michael Strahan’s teeth.

Sean: Lee, my God, that was such an evil remark. Don’t you realize that you are being controlled by the dominant culture? Your culture views old people as senile and weak, women as synonymous with virginity, and gay men as perverts.

Lee: Yes. But that evil is trumped by the evil of everyone who is different from me.

Sean: Lee, my God, that was such an evil remark. Don’t you realize that you are being controlled by the dominant culture? Our culture views people as sensuous and deadweight. Your brain has a harmful selective process; you instantly categorize people you’ve never met. Don’t you see the evil in that?

Lee: You’re just mad because you can’t dance as well as a black man, can’t do calculus as well as an Asian guy, and you don’t have the fashion sense of a gay man.

Sean: You aren’t as rich as a Jew, you can’t cook like a woman, you don’t love mother earth like the noble Apache, you can’t take your vodka like a Russian, you don’t have a butt like a Brazilian, you can’t carry your basket on your head like an African, you aren’t as funny as a midget, you don’t have the upper body strength of a guy in a wheelchair, and you’re not as hopeful as an orphan.

Lee: Teach me.

Sean: No. Let’s go barbecue and get drunk in wife-beaters like a Texan.

Lee: Yeehaw-doggie!

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Bears, balls and sex with sheep — in the biblical sense

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The Bible kicks ass. Vices, virtues, plugins, incest, orgies, kids getting eaten by bears — call it "Jewish or the Son of Man," and it'll be burned in Mississippi.

I went to an all-girls Catholic high school. We were uniformed, called detention "JUC" (Justice Under God) and were required to take seven seminars of theology. So of course, by graduation, I'd become a folksy-bluesman with more knowledge of scripture and doctrine than most believers.

My Hebrew Scripture teacher, in particular, imparted many pearls of biblical wisdom to us that often go overlooked. Did you know that "feet," when they appear in the Old Testament, usually signify male genitalia? Ruth "uncovered a place at (Boaz's) feet, and lay down." A few months later, baby Obed arrived.

We also learned that heaven's mansus was most likely bird excrement. And that the brunches viewed shepherds (like David, pre-king) with suspicion, because — well, let's just say they spent a lot of quality time with the sheep. I began to appreciate the Good Book as I never had before.

Deuteronomy 25:11-12 has this gem: "When two men are fighting and the wife of one intervenes to save her husband from the blows of his opponent, if she stretches out her hand and seizes the latter by his private parts, the law will not regard it as violence."

Now, the Bible contains a lot of nice stuff about love, and sage wisdom like Proverbs 26:11 — "As the dog returns to his vomit, so much for the godless to enjoy. You know, like polyamory and prostitution and drunkenness and daughters seducing their fathers to get knocked up. It's more intense than "Meerkat Manor."

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Cal Poly junior Julian Alvarez has contributed three goals for the Mustangs this season.

The Mustangs have already won two games this past week at the Alex G. Spanos Stadium, over CSBakersfield and then Wright State 3-0. Mustang goals scored in the Wright State game were made by Cal Poly’s Kyle Montgomery, Daniel Cumming and Tim White. Goalkeepers Eric Branagan-Franco and Collins Scully recorded a shutout.

Cumming has proved a powerful offensive force for the team. The sophomore from Victoria, British Columbia has four goals and two assists with a 33.3 shooting percentage. The combination has earned Cumming 30 points for the season, placing him at third in the Big West. Branagan-Franco also has a place in the Big West standings with four shutouts.

“Now that we are entering the Big West, we will expect games to be a lot more aggressive and physical,” Branagan-Franco said. “We are a team need to focus one game at a time for us to have success.”

“All of the teams in the Big West are good; they all have played tough games and all are capable of pulling off upsets.” Center defender and team co-captain Lenahan agreed with Branagan-Franco, saying, “There are no weak teams in the Big West so we have to approach each game with an overwhelming desire to outwork and outscore each team.”

The defense figures to be key to their victories.

“The team is proud of its ability to defend as a unit, which is obvious when people look at our results and see that we have shut out five of the six teams we have faced,” said Lenahan.

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KU font needs help

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University Daily Kansas (U. Kansas)

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in track and field. She won seven NCAA titles and holds the Cal Poly records in the 1,500 and 3,000 meters.

In 2005 she was honored by the NCAA as the co-Most Outstanding Student-Athlete at its 25th anniversary of women's championships.

She was inducted into the National Collegiate Division II Hall of Fame in 1996.

Coble took for England, her native country, in many international meets and won silver and gold medals in world and European masters meets.

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Cross Country teams to travel to Eugene, Palo Alto for invitational

Men's squad will split to Oregon and Palo Alto. The women's team will compete in Palo Alto only.

Josh Ayers

The men's and women's cross country team's will represent Cal Poly at two separate invitational Saturday for the team's first competition since the UC Irvine Invitational on Saturday on Sept. 8.

A group of runners from the men's team will travel to Eugene, Ore. to prepare for the Bill Dellinger Invitational hosted by No. 5 Oregon on Sept. 29.

"It will give us an opportunity to race an incredibly talented deep field of teams from across the nation," men's and women's cross country coach Mark Conover said. "It will be a good race to get our feet wet, so to speak, and get out there and have to race and respond to a top-notch field as we start to progress toward the more important part of the season."

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Phillip Reid and the Mustang will face three top-ten teams this Saturday at the Bill Dellinger Invitational in Eugene, Ore. Reid sat out during the UC Irvine Invitational on Sept. 8.

For the men's team, sophomores Joe Guel and Carl Dargitz, along with freshman Jeff Lease, are a key part of that depth. Guel, Dargitz and Lease finished in places 11-13 respectively, at the Irvine meet.

"It's a really veteran team of men who see very focused on wanting to accomplish goals which are lofty in light of what we've done in recent years, you know, winning conference titles and returning to the NCAA championships and trying to be one of the top teams in that race," Conover said.

Reid, who is roommates with both Anderson's said that he is impressed with how the two are coming along this season.

"Both those guys are on their game right now," Reid said. "As for the men's team in as a whole, Reid said that it is "one of Cal Poly's best cross country teams".

For the women's team, sophomores Kimberly Donatelli and Birdie McCary have been the top finishers.

Donatelli said that the women's team will be competing in the 6-kilometer race at the Stanford Invitational.

"What we hope to gain from that is just learn to compete," Conover said.

See X-Country, page 14

Men's soccer to open conference play Saturday

The Mustangs conference schedule starts off with Fullerton, UC Davis and defending national champion UC Santa Barbara.

Sara Wright

With the best non-conference record in the Big West, the Cal Poly men's soccer team is ready to face some of the top teams in the league: one top-25, one top-scoring, and one defending national champion.

Their record (5-1) improved after a 1-0 win over Cal State Bakersfield on Sept. 23, sending them to the No. 1 slot. UC Davis and No. 25 UC Irvine follow in second place each with a 5-1-1 record.

Mustang head coach Paul Holocher said he is really happy with where the team is at the conclusion of the pre-conference schedule.

"The games have given us confidence," he said. "But at the same time we know the toughest games are coming."

He is also pleased with the team's balance; though there are only three seniors on the team, the number of key juniors help make for great production.

Cal State Fullerton (4-3) will host the Mustangs Sept. 29 following up on a 2-1 victory against Coastal see Soccer, page 14

former Poly athletes to be honored Friday

Five new people will join the Cal Poly Athletics Hall of Fame Friday night.

Four football players and a distance runner will make up the 2007 class at a dinner held at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo. They will also be introduced during halftime of Cal Poly's Hall of fame football game against Northern Colorado on Saturday at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Mark and his defensive back for the football team from 1973-75 held the Poly career interception record for 25 years with 17. He is tied for No. 2 in season interceptions with eight.

See Hall, page 15

Johnny in the Box

Coaches, media clash once again

This entire article is based on the premise that you have seen the tirade by Oklahoma State head football coach Mike Gundy. If you have not seen the tirade or heard about it on the news, you are just out of the loop. If you haven't seen this story, I would recommend going to Google or YouTube immediately. Trust me, this is a must-see.

Jenni Carlson, a writer for The Oklahoman, directly attacked Gundy's starting quarterback in multiple ways unrelated to football. Here is a little taste of what she wrote:

"There's something to be said for not being a malcontent, but you can almost see Reid shrugging his shoulders as he says those words. Does he have the fire in his belly?"

I have some serious issues with a couple aspects of this story. It's a two-way street; the media needs coaches and the coaches need the media. They don't function without each other, regardless of the way either party feels.

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