The Cal Poly women’s soccer team tried to build on its late-season surge from a year ago.

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SLO job growth quickens with high-tech companies

BY THE NUMBERS:

College of Agriculture: $45,000
Highest: M.S. Agriculture at $58,000
Lowest: Nutrition

College of Architecture and Environmental Design: Highest: Construction Management
Lowest: Architecture

College of Business: Highest: Information Systems
Lowest: Marketing Management

College of Education: $48,000
M.A. in Education: $48,000 (only policy information available)

College of Engineering: Highest: M.S. in Aerospace Engineering
$74,000
Lowest: Civil Engineering: $55,000

College of Liberal Arts: $38,000
Highest: Liberal Studies at $42,880
Lowest: Journalism at $35,000

College of Science and Mathematics: $38,500
Highest: Mathematics
Lowest: Kinesthetics and biological science at $20,000

Compassionate Caregivers guilty on all federal counts

He said it is illegal under federal law to have a retail store selling marijuana, and Lynch “would have had to create a co-op type of situation where there are members and they covered costs and expenses” to avoid prosecution. “You cannot do it for a profit and he was doing it for a profit,” he said.

Those who are sick and get a recommendation from a doctor can grow and/or possess marijuana but stores can’t sell it for retail, Hedges said.

Lynch, who was a member of Morro Bay’s Chamber of Commerce, opened Central Coast Compassionate Caregivers with the blessing of Schnitz and Morro Bay Mayor Janice Peters in 2004, both of whom were subpoenaed to testify at Lynch’s trial.

“It’s just unfortunate that we have this discrepancy between the state and federal laws,” Peters said. “Unfortunately, Charlie is kind of the victim of that discrepancy. If the federal courts are going to give the states the right to make their own decisions on these issues, then they have to give us that right to continue with that.”

In March 2007, the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), which had been monitoring the dispensary for the 11 months it was open, arrested Lynch and raided his home, finding records of the dispensary from a doctor can grow and/or possess marijuana but stores can’t sell it for retail. Hedges said.
with Cal Poly comes in that there is very high quality labor coming out of graduates, undergraduates and masters students," Dunnung said.

Cal Poly, as well as the California Men's Colony and Attacadero State Hospital, play an integral role in the local public sector economy, but state budget problems make future growth uncertain.

The opening of the technology park capitalizes on Cal Poly to directly provide private sector jobs. Dunnung estimates up to 300 San Luis Obispo jobs being created over the life of the project.

Other technology jobs already exist in the area. In addition to the employer databases kept by Cal Poly's Career Services Department, Dunnung has a database of 50 local high-tech companies already established in the region, broadly defined as ranging between Paso Robles and Santa Maria.

"It's a good arrangement for both students and the companies," Dunnung said. "They get access to this labor pool and the students can actually work in the field and find long-term placement. It's good for the economy in that that student is kept here taking part in it. The alternative to this type of arrangement is that they go to work for Lockheed (Martin) in Long Beach."

While San Luis Obispo business leaders look to high technology to spur growth, there are resources available on campus to students in any field who have an objective in mind.

"It has been hard to do since the '70s but it's not impossible to stay in the area after school if that's your goal. I'm one who did it. The key is to strategize to find the right fit," Carole Moore, Career Services Program Coordinator said.

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Even though private sector employers in the county, such as Pacific Gas and Electric Co., the largest in the area have engaged in layoffs and attrition in the last year, smaller companies continue to provide opportunities for students as part of their business model.

"Networking gives you a solid base," Moore said. "There are a lot of kinds of ways to get involved, even if you're already graduated, an internship is a good idea. Volunteer in the field you're interested in and in the community overall. Even if you have to support yourself in another way temporarily, look for the career," Moore advised.
People standing outside of the Arkansas Democratic Party Headquarters in Little Rock, Wednesday, after a shooting inside the state’s Democratic Party headquarters near the state Capitol.

Arkansas Dem. party chair killed by shooter

Andrew Demillo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A man recently fired from a Target store barged into the Arkansas Democratic headquarters Wednesday and fatally shot the state party chairman before speeding off in his pickup.

Police later shot and killed the suspect after a 30-mile chase.

Police identified the suspect as 30-year-old Timothy Dale Johnson of Seaville, a town about 50 miles northeast of Little Rock. They said that moments after the shooting, Johnson pointed a handgun at a worker at the nearby Arkansas Baptist headquarters.

An official there said he told the worker, “I lost my job.”

Chairman Bill Gwaltney died four hours after the shooting. The 46-year-old former state senator had been planning to travel to the Democratic National Convention later this month as a superdelegate. He had backed Hillary Rodham Clinton and sheriff’s deputies fired back, striking him several times, he said.

Police said after leaving the office, the suspect pointed a gun at a worker at the Baptist headquarters seven blocks away. When asked what was wrong, the man said, “I lost my job,” said Dan Jordan, the group’s business manager.

After the suspect avoided spike strips and a roadblock along U.S. 167, he pushed past employees with the warning on the Craigslist Web site advising how to recognize a third party cashier's check for $3,750 — about $2,500 more than the price for the apartment — insisting that the student electronically transfer the difference to cover his travel expenses.

The victim deposited the check into her bank account and used Western Union to make the transfer to the interested party. Days after the victim’s money was wired, it was found that the check was fraudulent. The victim was held responsible for the money, which was suspected to be $2,375 richer.

San Luis Obiopo Police Department Sgt. Sean Gillham said there were recognizable red flags early in the exchange that could have prevented the victim’s loss, beginning with the warnings on the Craigslist Web site advising how to recognize and avoid scams, as well as examples of common scams to be aware of.

Gillham said selling something online for less than a dollar to someone you don’t know is a good idea to let the buyer’s check sit in your bank account until it clears, a process that is worth waiting the necessary days or weeks to complete. If money is wired using Western Union, there is no way to trace it, so there’s no way to find the receiver.

“Don’t trust that kind of interaction unless you are meeting face to face. If you are wiring your own money, and you are the one selling the item, there is an issue,” he said.

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related medical care, regular study check-ups and study medications at no cost, and may be compensated for time and travel.

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Released documents detail high-profile spies

Brett J. Blackledge and Randy Herschall
Associated Press

Famed chef Julia Child shared a secret with Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg and Chicago White Sox catcher Moe Berg at a time when the Nazis threatened the world.

They served in an international spy ring managed by the Office of Strategic Services, an early version of the CIA created in World War II by President Franklin Roosevelt.

The secret comes out Thursday, all of the names and previously classified intelligence effort by the United States. The National Archives, which

this week released a list of the names found in the records, will make available for the first time all 750,000 pages identifying the vast spy network of military and civilian operatives.

They were soldiers, actors, historians, lawyers, athletes, professors, reporters, but for several years during World War II, they were known simply as the OSS. They studied military plans, created propaganda, infiltrated enemy ranks and stirred resistance among foreign troops.

Among the more than 35,000 OSS personnel files are applications, commendations and handwritten notes identifying young recruits who, like Child, Goldberg and Berg, earned greater acclaim in other fields — Arthur Schlesinger Jr., a historian and special assistant to President Kennedy; Sterling Hayden, a film and television actor whose work included a role in "The Godfather"; and Thomas Braden, an author whose "Eight Is Enough" book inspired the 1977 television series.

Other notables identified in the files include John Hemingway, son of author Ernest Hemingway; Quentin and Kermit Roosevelt, sons of President Theodore Roosevelt; and Miles Capland, father of Stewart Capland, drummer for the band The Police.

The release of the OSS personnel files unlocks one of the last secrets of the short-lived wartime intelligence agency, which for the most part later was folded into the CIA after President Truman disbanded it in 1945.

It finally starts to sink in for Phelps

Paul Newberry
Associated Press

Michael Phelps finally seems to be getting what it all means.

Maybe it started to sink in when the president showed up at the Water Cube and crouched back for an encore. Maybe he got a better idea when all those NBA superstars — Kobe Bryant and LeBron James among them — actually led the cheers for him. Maybe it was those relentless text messages from friends back home.

Maybe he actually listened when the race announcer at the pool said in a slow, authoritative voice: "Michael Phelps, greatest Olympian ever!"

Phelps actually winced. The shoulders twitched. The slightest of smiles creased his lips.

"Growing up, I always wanted to be an Olympian," Phelps said later. "I just kept thinking, 'Wow, greatest Olympian of all time.' It's a pretty cool title."

After winning five gold medals and setting five world records over the course of four days, Phelps actually got a bit of a respite Thursday at the Beijing Games, maybe he'll even take a minute or two to reflect. He merely had the semifinals of the 200-meter individual medley in the morning, followed by the preliminaries of the 100 butterfly in the evening.

By Phelps' standards, a rather light day.

Just look what he did Wednesday. In the span of an hour, he set a world record in the 200-meter butterfly — even though a faulty pair of goggles filled with water during the race — and then came back to lead the first 80 freestyle relay to crack the seven-minute barrier, virtually lapping the rest of the field.

Those were the 10th and 11th gold medals of Phelps' career, leaving Mark Spitz, Carl Lewis & Co. in the dust. And he's still aiming to win three more before he leaves China, which would take down the record he really wants: Spitz's seven-gold performance from 36 years ago.

Everyone else is just a spectator. "I think he's undisputedly the greatest swimmer of all time," long-time Italian coach Alberto Capogna said. "He's atmospheric, in technical terms and in terms of mental preparation. I've never seen anyone like him."
Russia defies cease fire with Georgia

Christopher Torchia and Marti Freidman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Russian military convoy defied a cease-fire agreement Wednesday and rolled through a strategically important city in the former Soviet republic of Georgia, which claims independence and which barred entry to the Russian military.

President Bush said a massive U.S. and package was on the way for tens of thousands sponsored in the conflict and demanded Russia "keep its word and act to end this crisis."

Four generations of Georgians stand with the democratically-elected government of Georgia and insist that the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia be respected," Bush said in a statement Wednesday.

One day after the Kremlin and its smaller neighbor agreed to a French-brokered cease-fire to end the dispute over two pro-Russian breakaway territories, the pact appeared fragile at best.

An Associated Press reporter saw dozens of Russian tanks and armored vehicles leaving the city of Gori, some 20 miles south of the separatist region of South Ossetia and home of a key highway that divides Georgia in two, and moving deeper into Georgia.

She said on Wednesday the situation was tense and one journalist shouted, "Come with us, beauty, we're going to Tbilisi." The couple appeared to be taking the Georgian capital, but then turned north and set up camp about an hour later.

Georgian officials said the Russians had looted and burned Gori before they left. Mis-Moore denied the accusation, but it appeared to be on the scene. A BBC reporter in Gori said Russian tanks were under streets while their South Ossetian allies seized crowded streets and set houses on fire.

As confusion reigned on the first day of the cease-fire agreement, Bush called a Rose Garden speech to express concern about reports the Russians were already breaking it.

He said he was sending Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice first to France and then to Tbilisi to reinforce U.S. efforts "to rally the world in defense of a free Georgia."

For her part, Rice said: "This is not 1989 and the invasion of Czechoslovakia where Russia can threaten a neighbor, occupy a capital, overthrows a government and get away with it. Things have changed.

The president said a huge U.S. aid effort was under way, including American naval forces and C-17 military cargo planes, to get clothes, blankets, medicine and other supplies to refugees. The European Union agreed to the plan.

Georgia's Interior Ministry said the police had arrested those involved in the attack.

The Georgian government said the Russians entered through a break-in. She said Russian troops were using cover to try to return.

She said about 1,000 Russian armored vehicles were in Gori, which is on the border with South Ossetia.

"It's a serious problem because we still don't know how many of them really are in Gori," she said.

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The slow bleed

Lauren Rabaino

A Boo Boo Records customer browses CDs for sale, instead of going to a chain store.

White said the problem is complicated and multi-faceted.

“There are bands putting albums out that only have one good song on them,” he noted. “How do you expect a kid to come in and spend $15.86 on an album, and it’s only got one good song?”

Nutrition junior Crystal Jackson said she usually gets her music from iTunes because it’s “extremely convenient,” and she doesn’t have to leave her house.

“I go to (Boo Boo) more for the experience, to actually riff through all the CDs and stuff that they have there,” Jackson said.

She said she doesn’t get music from Best Buy.

“It’s just a sterile environment that I don’t find friendly,” Jackson said.

“We have developed an online business in the last two or three years,” Huffman said. “We sell through Amazon and eBay and some of the other sites, so we’ve managed to expand our audience that way, too.”

As far as the future of the industry goes, Huffman said it’s hard to tell.

“It’s funny because people still come in and ask for cassettes,” he said. “And that’s 20 years after the fact... I don’t know that it’ll move a lot further away from physical product.”

In recent years, record labels have found ways to add value to the physical product by including a discounted DVD bonus or offering free MP3 downloads with the purchase of the CD.

Huffman said the value that comes with owning an album is what keeps customers coming back.

“There’s still a lot of people out there that like physical product,” he said. “They want the booklet. They want to put it in their libraries.”

Furthermore, the sound quality of a CD’s audio file is far better than that of an MP3, which is compressed to one-tenth the size of a CD file.

“Most of us can live with that when we’re going for a jog with our iPod,” Huffman said. “But when you’re listening to it in your house, you can tell the difference significantly.”

Despite the decline, Boo Boo has seen increased sales of vinyl records, a move Huffman said he expected.

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Traveling music
Round Mountain blows through town

Chelsea Bicker

Brothers Char and Robby Rothschild of Round Mountain filled Lin­
ne's Café last Thursday night—not only a plethora of musical sounds, but a
stream of harmony and oneness with nature.

The small venue provided the perfect backdrop for what was truly a di-
verse and spectacular display of musical ability, meaningful lyrics, and catchy
beats from their newest album, "Truth and Darkness," as well as music from
their first album "Round Mountain."

Positioned under the picturesque backdrop of a window looking out to
the lush greenery from the garden patio, Round Mountain was poised perfectly
to convey its lyrics to the intimate audience looking on.

The Rothschilds have been playing music together for most of their lives, and it is evident when they are on stage. Each movement and sound was
perfectly balanced between the brothers, radiating a feeling of complete ef-
forced as creating a seamless performance throughout.

The name "Round Mountain" pays homage to a place the brothers ex-
plained as children in their hometown of Santa Fe, New Mexico, as well as their belief that mountains are sacred.

To put Round Mountain in one musical category is impossible. The brothers switched instruments constantly and at times would play two
at once. Char seemed to have two minds, one for focusing on the trumpet he
was expertly playing, and one for the accordion that his fingers moved with
ease.

The sounds could be labeled as Balkan and West African mixed with
traditional Appalachian music. The brothers collected many techniques and
ideas when traveling the world, and have formed a patchwork quilt of melo-
dies woven perfectly together. If you ask the brothers how they would de-
scribe it, they might have to ponder for a moment.

"We are the worst people to ask about that," Char said with a grin.

"It's all a traveling music," Robby offered.

"Because music has always traveled," Char added. "The way that light travels from the stars to the earth, it takes a long time for the light to ar-
rive, and the light is taken out of the song by the earth. We like to think that it
would be good to hear in the car, because the beauty is in the transitions.

We were young folk back to all of the songs, it was at times not far off to
compare the two to Simon and Garfinkle. That is, if Simon and Garfinkel
corporated international derivations and an Irish bouzouki into their
music.

The brothers attribute their love for music to listening to their mother
and "folkie" friends.

The opening song of the night was titled "Venus in the Tower," and displayed quickly that this show would not be typical. The opening notes
were reminiscent of something that would be in the background of a Span-
ish bullfight, and quickly transitioned into an uplifting beat pouring from
Robby's fast hands on the drum.

With a story to tell about the meaning of each song, the audience
quickly connected with the music, nodding in tandem to the band's explanations.
Soon the coffee house was brimming with curious onlookers, as those sip-
ing coffee on the patio swore to the enthralling rhythms. The third song of the night, "Burn it Down," was dedicated to Robby's
daughter because he said it was her favorite. It was easy to see why this song
could become anyone's favorite as the rhythm seemed to fade away and only
the intense and meaningful lyrics and graceful guitar picks remained.

The brothers incorporated their international derivation of the lyrics while
"Sequestered in Memphis," establishes the
trend, dealing with the intense and meaningful lyrics and graceful guitar picks remained.

After delivering the rock anthem opener, the sec-
ond track, "Sequestered in Memphis," establishes the
album's recurring theme of problems with the law —
in this case trial deliberations — but eventually showcases the band's Western cool with a lilt of tiny town America portrait.

"One for the Cutters" keeps the trend, dealing with
an affluent young woman who parties with the "town-
ies" while away at college. It seems a strange story for
a group of middle-aged rockers to tell — until one
realizes it also speaks of universal humanity and the in-
equities of the justice system. With a melodic harpsich
ord introduction and a smooth background, a delicate
balance is maintained between the rock edge and a sympa-
thetic protagonist.

In "Joke about Jamaica," the band dealt with the influ-
ence of drugs and alcohol in a city in the middle of a
prairie, where Finn's lyrics frame the hedonism of the moment as
something magical amidst the naivete of youth. As the track
progresses the guitar kicks in with an unearthly vocal qual-
ity, guttural and reminiscent of Steppenwolf's "Magic Carpet Ride.

The light filters in with the optimistic title track "Stay Positive." An
inspired backup chorus breathes life into the arrangement, as
Finn foretold of the overcoming of troubles ahead. The song sums up recurring themes found throughout the
entire album. There is certainly no lack of sex, drugs and rock & roll in this album. The Hold Steady's music, but despite
utilizing the staples of a genre, it manages to stay inde-
pendent and even unsettling.

"Stay Positive" is an excellent album to load on an
iPod and give a smooth background when there's time to take
in all the images and meaning. It just may not be the
sort of thing to crank up the base and rock out to on a Saturday night.

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The appearance of hip-hop MC Immortal Technique, best known for his revolutionary spirit and lyrics dealing with politics, poverty, religion, and racism, was part of Summer Skool Fest at Downtown Brewing Co. last weekend.

The event featured performances by Public Defender, Venomous Voices, The Circle, 40 oz. Freaks, Crown City Rockers, Diabolic, and Rakim.

On tour to promote the release of his new mixtape-album "Led World," Immortal Technique continued the evening's revelry by galvanizing the crowd before the last performer, Rakim, took the stage.

While Technique is provocative and bombastic on stage, he can be soft-spoken and contemplative before the show. During an interview, he followed his tradition of drinking tea with honey and explained why he likes to examine the bigger picture in his lyrics.

"A lot of rappers in the mainstream, they talk a lot about their hood, about where they represent. They never talk about why they have those conditions in the place they're from," he said. "They're so desperate to be considered real because they're from the street that they never talk about the socioeconomic matrix. They don't have to speak in such universal terminology about it, but they could stand to talk about it more."

During his set, he interspersed his profanity-laced songs about American support of repressive regimes in South America and the realities of harsh urban conditions with direct social commentary on the hypocrisy of the American lifestyle.

While hip-hop culture is often steeped in the thug mentality, Immortal Technique takes time to decry the glorification of hood imagery. In music and commentary, he attempts to provide an accompanying exploration of the ruthless realities of existence.

Sometimes the truth can be shocking.

"Every time I play ("Dance With the Devil") here people get a little fucked up. They are shocked, and they talk my ear off going, 'Yo, is that a true story? Is that a real story? Did that really fuckin' happen?' and I tell 'em 'it (rape) happens every day in every city in every country around the fucking world.'"

"Sometimes I have to visualize some of the more violent and some of the more unpleasant things about society that we may like to forget about, things that create the conditions that we have today," he added.

The Peruvian native who immigrated to Harlem at an early age, compares the social conditions that create similar positions for people in New York, California or the third world, "whether they're stacked vertically in the projects or spread out single-story in the ghettos of suburban neighborhoods."

"Some of these things we don't even realize," he said. "For example, there's food crisis in the world and people don't connect that a lot of times with the fact that 20 percent of the world's wheat is going to bio-diesel. So I think that, as nice as we like to believe the world is turning, I generally provide examples of the work that we need to do."

From the stage Technique addressed the audience with an attitude of scorn.

"You don't fulfill your revolutionary responsibilities by showing up to a fucking performance circuit," he said.

The audience clearly enjoyed his performance, participating in the clamor of call and response, rhythmically answering to the world, with fans in the air. "We are the rebel army!"

It was unclear, however, if anyone took the evening's message to heart. His positive and proactive attitude does win over a local following. Before turning the stage over to Rakim, Immortal Technique announced that he would also appear on Monday to meet fans and promote "3rd World" at Boos Boss Records on Monterey Street. The store estimated that between 50 and 75 people turned out to hear posters, albums and paraphernalia signed by the artist.

Immortal Technique has gathered a widespread and loyal fan base due to his socio-politically charged lyrics.

Music

Robby said, "Everything I write has nature references in it. I seem to feel so much inspiration from where we live in New Mexico, we both have a huge connection to it."

The brother said they enjoyed playing at Limanor because it provided the mellow atmosphere of a coffeeshop, with the attentiveness of a theater.

As the songs continued to pour into the small room, the paintings on the walls seemed more alive than when the place was filled with random chat-chat an hour prior.

The music was danceable, delicious. Melody after melodic, the vibrancy of the sounds stayed true, never becoming predictable.

Two separate times, Round Mountain requested the participation of the audience with clapping out a beat, and then by singing a chorus. The crowd complied and in a moment everyone in the room was connected.

A long-time fan of the band, Casey Green of Los Osos, said that what she loves most is its heart.

"I'm always blown away by their music," she said. "They are probably one of my favorite people, and musicians."

At the end of the bands two-hour set, Car and Robby hanged in the coffee house chatting with fans, and thanking people for attending. They were off to another show in Los Angeles in the morning, the third-to-last stop on their tour.

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JENNIFER ESPERANZA

Thursday, August 14, 2008

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In a time when the "war on drugs" can be considered a huge waste of time and resources and smoking pot is considered mainstream, how does the owner of a community-owned medical marijuana dispensary get arrested and convicted of multiple felonies?

As the Mustang Daily reports on the front page today, Central Coast resident Charles Lynch was found guilty last week on all federal counts for selling medical marijuana from his dispensary in Morro Bay.

This case could prove to be the precedent case when it comes to medical marijuana laws in California. But lynching the dispensary, Lynch is in illegal in any way, shape or form. Under state law, selling it for medicinal purposes is legal, that of course, federal law trump.

But we believe that the issue at stake in the Lynch case is not federal law versus state law, but personal liberty versus government regulation. This case is about so much more than the legalization of medical marijuana. It's about legalization of what substances people freely choose to consume and for whatever reasons they choose to do so.

In criminalizing the use and sale of marijuana, the government has assumed the role of an overbearing parent, telling consenting adults exactly what they're allowed to do with their own bodies.

In a free society an adult should have the right to make his own decisions about his personal health and happiness. He may choose to drink alcohol, he may choose to smoke cigarettes or not. Some people choose to consume vast amounts of caffeine (aspiring young journalists who work until all hours of the night to put out newspapers like this) can't imagine life without coffee. Is drinking coffee a personal choice? Yes. A health hazard? Perhaps. Illegal, or infringing on anybody's rights? Certainly not.

So who is marijuana any different? The federal government has apparently decided that it knows better than individuals themselves how they should treat their bodies, and it invests billions of dollars annually in fighting this victimless crime. Time and resources would be much better spent attempting to put real criminals behind bars, such as drunk drivers and child molesters.

We have never smoked pot and have yet to find a compelling reason to do so. But we respect the fact that any other person's decision to light up is exactly that — a personal decision, and one that in no way infringes on our lives or causes harm to any other.

Charles Lynch attempted to operate his business as a legal and licensed business, providing his product to the customers who sought it. Whether or not those customers all enjoyed marijuana for purely medicinal purposes is irrelevant. What is relevant and important is that legalizing marijuana is about granting people the right to make their own decisions regarding the substances they use in their own bodies.

Every free nation is always in a constant battle to preserve freedom, from oppressors both near and far. In this case, the story of the Morro Bay man convicted for selling a drug that shouldn't be illegal in the first place is exactly how we know we are right and neither will falter. Either Charles Lynch makes the whole 'war on drugs' idea look like a threat to national security, or C'mon Freberg, get real. The only threat to national security I see in your blue.

Freberg did make a very good point though: "This is all about money... big money." And those serious words I live by. I would sell my own mother to the Sands if the price were right.
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9. Gun blast
10. Proverbial saver
11. "Beetle Bailey" building
12. 1986 world champion American figure skater
13. "The Last Tycoon" director
14. "I was at a movie theater when it happened," e.g.
15. Pants part
16. Kentucky's ___ College
17. Try to strike
18. "My Cousin Vinny" Oscar winner
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Elite junior college transfer joins Mustangs racing to replace Reid

Chelsea Bieker

The Cal Poly men's and women's cross country teams have been eagerly preparing this summer in anticipation of their first race this season. The men's side figures to come back strong, having lost only two seniors from last season's squad that finished 11th at the NCAA Championships (outstanding national ranking of 22 entering the race). One of them who will not be returning is two-time All-American Philip Reid, who finished third overall last year.

"We lost our best guy," Swier said. "Phillips is a really good guy. Having a runner like that helps, but the team is still really deep, and we are still going to be really good. Maybe someone will be able to step up and replace what Phillips did for us the last couple years."

Swier said the Mustangs have been preparing for the season by running about 90 to 100 miles per week, and because official practice did not start until recently, the squad has been working together over the summer to maintain its focus.

"We all live within a block of each other — we all run together," he said. "We pretty much have to motivate ourselves to do it!"

Swier said one of his individual goals is attaining an All-American spot, but "it won't be easy." Cal Poly head coach Mark Conover said that even without Reid, the men's team has a lot of depth, with many key runners returning.

"Three of the guys are regional runners coming back," Conover said. "And the best transfer junior college runner in the entire state and one of the best in the country (Daniel Gonzalez) is coming in and he will be able to step right in, hopefully and be part of our main group."

Last spring with San Diego Mesa College, Gonna ran the 10K in 31 minutes, 2.61 seconds and the 5K in 14:56.38 to claim both California Community College titles. Even so, Conover said the men's squad is comprised of a group whose strength will likely remain in running as a pack.

"Part of our M.O. in the past has been solid group running," Conover said. "We certainly have that potential this year with who we have coming back, and then adding our top recruit into the mix, too."

The women's squad is young, but Conover said its training has progressed well over the summer.

"The goal for the women is certainly to make improvements and work our way up the conference ladder," he said.

Junior Kimberly Dottrell said the team decided before the summer to put in a lot of mileage over the break.

"Our team is very young, but I think we can still be good," she said. "Our guys' team is known for their team, but I think the women's team can be just as good. We have the talent, so it's just coming together, and I think that's a huge goal for all of us."

Both the men's and women's teams will begin their seasons at the UC Santa Barbara Lagoon Open at 9 a.m. Aug. 30.
Mustangs look to fresh faces to climb ladder in Big West

Chelsea Bierker
MUSTANG DAILY

Although the Cal Poly women's soccer team will have to make up for the losses of several departed stars from last year, those absences haven't dimmed the Mustangs' hopes heading into this season. "Of course losing seniors is always hard, but we had a strong team in the past, and we have integrated a lot of people," senior defender Cara O'Hagan said. "There will be a lot of new changes, but we're all determined and driven."

Cal Poly, tabbed to finish third in the Big West Conference in its preseason coaches poll released Tuesday, lost five seniors from last year's 8-9-3 squad, including two all-conference second team selections (goalkeeper Alii Tramel and forward Sharon Day) and one all-conference honorable mention (midfielder Erica Zaushalben). "I don't see it as a void," senior forward Ashley Vallis said. "We're not going to focus on what we did back then. We want to come together as a unit. We want to win conference and we want to go to the (national tournament)."

Last season, the Mustangs came up just short of that, falling 4-3 on penalty kicks to Cal State Fullerton in the Big West Tournament championship. The conclusion halted a late-season surge in which the Mustangs went 5-2-1 in Big West play and went 7-1-2 in their final 10 outings.

Vallis suggested this year's leaders have something of a chip on their shoulders. "There is an urgency for the older players to prove that we're better than what has been said," she said. Atop the preseason poll was UC Santa Barbara, which received four first-place votes and finished with 74 points.

Long Beach State garnered three No. 1 ballots and tallied 73 points ahead of Cal Poly's two first-place votes and 62 points. Cal Poly head coach Alex Cozier, who said his team is focusing on igniting an attacking rhythm with its defense, echoed the confidence of Vallis and O'Hagan.

"They have this great chemistry together — I think it is going to take us very far," he said of the team as a whole. "We want to win the conference, and get into the NCAA Tournament, and get as deep into that as we can."

Cal Poly opens its season by hosting BYU at 7 p.m. Aug. 22, the conclusion halted a late-season surge in which the Mustangs went 5-2-1 in Big West play and went 7-1-2 in their final 10 outings.

Cal Poly forward Ashley Vallis, now a senior, leaps over Pacific defender Alisha Bledsoe during the Mustangs' 1-0 win at Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Oct. 28, 2007. Last season, Cal Poly won six of its final eight regular-season games before falling in the Big West Conference Tournament final.

Miles wins silver medal in eventing

Cal Poly graduate Gina Miles rides McKinleigh for the U.S. during the show jumping portion of the equestrian eventing competition during the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Hong Kong on Tuesday. She won a silver medal individually. Other Cal Poly alumni in the Olympics are Stephanie Brown Trudson (in the women's dressage), Sharon Day (women's high jump) and Jimmy Van Ostrand (baseball). Current Mustang Mark Barr will swim at the Paralympic Games.

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Cal Poly weighs move to FBS

Scott Silvey
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly football team will take a step up in competition this year when it plays two Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) teams. But don't expect the Mustangs to go to the FBS permanently — at least not yet.

Responding to a recent comment from Fresno State head coach Pat Hill made to the Fresno Bee suggesting Cal Poly would eventually belong to the Western Athletic Conference, Cal Poly athletic director Alison Cone said such a move is unlikely to take place in the near future. "We have no immediate plans other than to continue to upgrade our football situation," Cone said.

She said Cal Poly and Fresno State have been in contact about playing a game at Bulldog Stadium in 2010, but the arrangement has not been finalized.

Messages left Tuesday afternoon for WAC officials were not returned by press time.

"While Cone does not see the Mustangs making a move anytime soon to the WAC, which plays its football at the FBS level, she sees several possibilities for the future growth of the football program, perhaps culminating in a move up to the FBS."

"I think there are a lot of different scenarios and Division I-A would be one of them," Cone added.

There are potential roadblocks for a move from the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) to the FBS, including a clause stating that attendance must periodically average more than 15,000 in five home games each year.

In last year's home opener against Weber State, Cal Poly set an attendance record with 11,075 filling into Alex G. Spanos Stadium. Cone said that with future renovation to the stadium, Cal Poly could achieve the required attendance numbers.

Community and financial support would also be necessities for making the step up.

"There are a lot of things that go into it," Cone said. "I think it is going to take us very far," he said of the team as a whole. "We want to win the conference, and get into the NCAA Tournament, and get as deep into there as we can."