New Zimbra email is here

Lauren Rabaino

Although two-thirds of all Cal Poly students forward their school e-mail to a personal account, that number may decrease when they switch to a new collaboration suite next week.

The new suite's e-mail interface, created by Yahoo-owned company Zimbra, closely resembles that of GMail or Yahoo! Mail.

"These tools aren't meant for people to e-mail just for the heck of it,\" said Linda Sandy, information services infrastructure director at ITS.\"It's truly about your academic experiences.\"

Cal Poly's current e-mail service, Oracle, has received criticism over the past five years of the school's contract for being slow, unreliable and overflowing with spam.

"I never really liked the web client,\" Sandy said of Oracle.\"But I know where they were going and I think they would have eventually changed it.\"

At noon Friday, Oracle e-mail services will go down and the transition to Zimbra will start with an expected completion date of Tuesday, Sept. 2.

The calendar implementation will come in late October or early November.

"It's been a lot of work and we hope that it's perceived as a benefit to the campus,\" Sandy said.

The department expects minimal problems with the switch after having completed two full "test migrations" from start to finish.

ITS enlisted campus technical support coordinators to assist in reviewing and testing the project, and has reviewed other campus implementations from places like Stanford and Texas A&M to assess the best switchover methods.

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"The new e-mail system will be available at 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2, and all e-mails from the prior system will transfer over.\n
Students who forward their e-mail to an outside provider will need to sign in to my.calpoly.edu and change their settings to access Zimbra.

Increasing the size of the student's calendar will allow for 250 MB of storage, whereas a Gmail account provides more than 7,000 MB of free storage and increases that amount by 3.3 MB daily.

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Cal Poly Tech Park
bidding in works

Camas Frank

A new on-campus technology park designed to facilitate collaboration between Cal Poly and the technology industry is set to begin contractor bidding on Sept. 13, bearing approval by the CSU Board of Trustees.

The California Central Coast Research Partnership (C3RP) proposed the technology park project over the last several years. Now, with an on-campus site selected and a list of tenants being drafted, technology-based companies involved in research in areas such as bio-engineering and software development may have a permanent home on campus by spring 2010.

Plans are currently for one building providing 25,000 square ft. of space located on Mount Bishop Road on the site of the old softball field, across from the dairy unit buildings.

Tenets will lease the space from the Cal Poly Corporation and the local economy will benefit from the tax revenues generated by retail sales and payroll taxes on the approximately $60 new jobs immediately created, said James Dunning, the project administrator for C3RP.

Students are expected to benefit from the arrangement through internships and part-time employment opportunities, working in their majors and possibly finding placement after graduation.

"That gives the student the opportunity to see the companies — they're in close proximity. (...) they work for them, see their management team, see what kind of opportunities may be available,\" Dunning said.

Dunning's idea of a day for a typical student employee would see them starting off with a 9 a.m. class, working from noon to 4 p.m. at the facility a short bike ride away, and perhaps taking an evening lab.

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Lawyer: Poly still wants accused bank robber

Scott Silver

An incoming Cal Poly men's basketball player who was arrested after an alleged involvement in a Wisconsin bank robbery on Aug. 16 is still being considered as a possible member of the team, according to his attorney.

Anthony Di Loreto of Minnetonka, Minn., was just weeks away from beginning his college career when he was arrested along with an alleged 16-year-old accomplice after their reported involvement in the robbery of Bremer Bank in Danbury, Wis.

Di Loreto, who allegedly waited outside the bank and was

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Di Loreto meant to be the getaway driver, was charged with being a party to the robbery of a financial institution and possessing a sawed-off shotgun.

He will likely enter a plea of not guilty at his initial appearance in Wisconsin's Burnett County Circuit Court on Sept. 12.

Nelson said that despite his client's legal issues, Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley is still committed to Di Loreto, who, according to the criminal complaint filed Aug. 18 in Burnett County, admitted to Minnetonka authorities that "he and (the minor) had made plans the previous night to rob the Brenner bank."

According to the complaint, Di Loreto also told authorities he had the shotgun in the trees at a Minnetonka park.

"My conversations with coach Bromley are that he wants this not to ruin Anthony's life," Nelson said. "He thinks that Anthony has a bright future and that he hopes that Cal Poly Mustangs will be a part of that future.

Nelson added that the final decision would ultimately come down to school officials such as Provost Billurgin and Athletics Director Alson Cone.

"The situation with his scholarship and his ability to play basketball are still being looked at," Cone said Wednesday when asked of Di Loreto's status.

"We're still trying to make a determina-


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up to 25 percent of the space in the building could be "wet labs," laboratories where chemicals, drugs or other biological matter are tested and analyzed, requiring special utilities, said Johan Uyttewaal, Cal Poly's associate director of facility planning and capital projects. The companies will pay for the amenities, but under leasing agreements the university will allocate a budget for property improvements, Uyttewaal said.

While the range of industry being housed at the technology park is limited to research and development, job opportunities may be forthcoming for students from unrelated majors.

"They're technical fields so all of the engineering curriculum - and that includes software, maybe some architecture and engineering combined, the industrial manufacturing curriculum, the folks at the College of Business - all may find work out there," Domin said.

As companies at the park expand and develop new ideas, there may be a need for technical writers and media work.

"I'm going to try to promote to the companies in the tech park that we have a very extensive graphic arts program here, and have the student-run print shop," Domin said. "So (there are) not just opportunities for engineering but there could be marketing and business teams working for these companies as well."

While businesses, especially local companies, may be interested in taking up residency in the technology park because of the opportunities to access Cal Poly's faculty, students and lab equipment, there are other less tangible reasons as well.

"Just lose the Central Coast," Applied Biotechnology Institutes president John Howard said of his decision to locate at the tech park.

Howard's company has already had offices for two years in building 36 on campus, and finds it to be an advantageous arrangement for occasional collaboration with professors and students.

He said that the company already had most of the talent and capital needed but the advantage of being at Cal Poly is in the school's equipment and expertise.

Uyttewaal said the project is pending final approval from the CSU Board of Trustees before a contract can be handed out to begin work on the tech park.

"I would say that there is a 99 percent chance that we get this project but it still has that step."

While his scholarship and basketball eligibility would seem in question, Cone stressed that his ability to attend Cal Poly as a student is not up in the air.

"He is eligible to attend Cal Poly as there is no ban under Title V or California education code that precludes him from eligibility," Nelson hopes that Cal Poly administrators are able to look at Di Loreto's overall character and not what he calls an isolated incident.

"Coach Bromley was impressed with Anthony's character," Nelson said. "And we hope this is viewed as youthful indiscretion, not as an act of hardened criminal."

Cone said that coaches have a different perspective on the players they recruit than school administrators, which is part of the reason that the school's administration has final say in athletic eligibility.

"Players get an attachment to players, and develop a different kind of relationship with players," Cone said. "That's why universities set policies that allow decisions to be made at a higher level."

While Cone will play a big part in the final decision on Di Loreto's future, she stressed that depending on the decision, Cone and administrators followed, the player will probably have a say in the process.

"It's kind of depends on what document or policy the decision is based on," Cone said. "We have a lot of athletic policies that prescribe the process a decision in consultation with the athletic director. We are still doing some research."
Arctic sea ice drops to 2nd lowest level

Seth Borenstein
and Dan Joling
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More ominous signs Wednesday, scientists say, that a global warming "tipping point" in the Arctic seems to be happening before their eyes. Sea ice in the Arctic Ocean is at its second lowest level in about 30 years.

The National Snow and Ice Data Center reported that sea ice in the Arctic now covers about 2.03 million square miles. The lowest point, since satellite measurements began in 1979 was 1.65 million square miles last September.

"We could very well be in that quick slide downward in terms of passing a tipping point," said senior scientist Mark Serreze at the data center in Boulder, Colo. "It's tipping now. We're seeing it happen now." Within "five to less than 10 years," the Arctic could be free of sea ice in the summer, said NASA ice scientist Jay Zwally.

"It also means that climate warming is also coming sooner and faster than the models are predicting and nobody's really taken into account that change yet," he said.

Five climate scientists, four of them specialists on the Arctic, told The Associated Press that it is fair to call what is happening in the Arctic a "tipping point." NASA scientist James Hansen, who sounded the alarm about global warming 20 years ago before Congress, said the sea ice melt "is the best current example" of that.

Last year was an unusual year when wind currents and other weather conditions coincided with global warming to women sea ice melt, Serreze said. Scientists wondered if last year was an unusual event or the start of a new and disturbing trend.
Rage Against the Machine draws 9,000 in Denver

An anti-war concert headlined by the reunited Rage Against the Machine drew thousands of fans to the Denver Coliseum, many with tattoos, body piercings or "Iraq Veterans Against the War" T-shirts. The mood was both laid-back and political as the show got under way.

Dems choose Obama in historic acclamation

Barack Obama stepped triumphantly into history Wednesday night, the first black American to win a major party presidential nomination, as thousands of Democrats transformed their convention hall into a joyful, shouting celebration.

"I think the convention's gone pretty well so far, what do you think?" called out the Democrat's man of the hour in a surprise last-night visit to the hall. "The crowd thundered in approval, and he and running mate Joe Biden bailed in the cheers.

Obama invited the delegates to help him "take back America" in the fall campaign against Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

Earlier, former rival Hillary Rodham Clinton asked the convention to interrupt its roll call of the states and make its verdict unanimous "in the spirit of unity, with the goal of victory."

And they did, with a roar.

Competing chants of "Obama!" and "Yes we can!" surged up from the convention floor as the outcome was announced.

Obama, the son of a black Kenyan father and a white American mother, is now one victory from becoming president of a nation where, just decades ago, many blacks were denied the vote.

But even as he won the nomination, there was open talk in the convention city that Obama's race remained a stumbling block to winning the White House.

"A lot of white workers ... and quite frankly a lot of union members believe he's the wrong race," AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Richard Trumka told a breakfast meeting of Michigan delegates.

Obama will face McCain, who will accept the Republican nomination next week in St. Paul-Minus.

The polls show a close race ahead with McCain, a former Vietnam prisoner of war a few days shy of his 72nd birthday, and Obama was hoping Democrats would keep their convention united despite the hard feelings remaining from a bruising primary campaign that stretched over 18 months.

Former President Bill Clinton did his part, delivering a strong pitch for the man who defined his wife for the nomination. "Everything I've learned in eight years as president and the work I've done since, in America and across the globe, has convinced me that Barack Obama is the man for this job," he said, to loud cheers.

Michelle Obama, watching from her seat in the balcony, stood and applauded as the former president praised her man.

And Obama, delighting the crowd with his appearance on stage, praised both Clintons as well as his wife for their prime time speeches this week.

"If I'm not mistaken of Democrats tonight, John McCain rocked the house last night," he shouted.

The convention ends Thursday with Obama's acceptance speech, an event expected to draw a crowd of 75,000 at a nearby football stadium where an elaborate backdrop was under construction.

Biden, who has twice sought the presidency in his own right, won his place on Obama's ticket by acclamation.

In his acceptance speech, Biden said Obama was right about Iraq, a war he opposed from the start, and McCain was wrong.

"These times require more than a good soldier. They require a wise leader," Biden said. "A leader who can deliver change." The change that everybody knows we need!

Obama isn't the first black man to seek the White House, but is the first with a chance to win it. Others, including Jesse Jackson in 1984 and 1988, called their appeal largely to blacks or lower-income voters of all races.

Obama's reach for political power and history was different, aimed at the broad American political middle. And his nomination, delivered so jubilantly, represents a gamble of sorts by the Democrats. Party that a country founded by slave-owners and desegregated only in recent decades — and even then sometimes violently — is ready to place a black man in the Oval Office.

Sen. John Kerry, the party's 2004 nominee, said Obama's victory shouldn't be a close call. In some of the stranger anti-McCain rhetoric of the convention week, he said his long-time friend is merely masquerading as a maverick.

"The candidate who once promised a country where 'we have nothing left but personal attacks,'" he said, "... Hose insulting ... how pathetic ... how desperate."

Hillary Clinton's call for Obama to be approved by acclamation -- mandated through the traditional roll call of the states — was the culmination of a painstaking agreement worked out between the two camps to present a unified front after their long and often-bitter fight for the nomination.

Inside the convention hall, the outcome of the roll call of the states was never in doubt, only its mechanics.
WORD ON THE STREET

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Chelsea Bieker

The Central Coast Musician’s Exchange said “cheers” to the launch of its all new Web site that will provide a resource for local bands to network, book gigs and advertise.

The festivities were alive with local music at Downtown Brew in San Luis Obispo, featuring acts from Central Coast Musician’s Exchange launch party at Downtown Brew with their hard rock sound.

Chad Land, lead singer of Axia, has known Phillips for several years and claims the site “to be one of the best tools she has put together. His room is deep in the local music community, and describes Axia’s sound as “hard rock.”

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“At the launch, Axia kicked off the night of music with some head-bopping tunes that entertained the ever-growing audience immediately. Cal Poly art and design senior Jack Knoebber was in attendance and, although not previously aware of the site, now has an appreciation for what it is trying to accomplish.

“I thought this was a good way to get the word out about the new Music Exchange Web site that they were starting,” he said. “I had no idea what it was, but went to the show to hear some tunes and ended up learning what the whole deal was about. I think the variety of music helped a lot in getting a bigger crowd and it was a good venue.”

The night rocked on from Axia’s performance into a more intimate, eclectic experience brought to the crowd by Trojoe, whose self-described “from trance to dance” music made for a nice transition into a calmer mode after Axia’s hard rock vibes. Local band Grant Leonard from the band were excited to be playing at Downtown Brew and supporting the cause of the site.

“The Central Coast Musician’s Exchange has been a growing thing and it’s going to be a most wonderful thing as we keep it going,” Mahin said.

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The quality of the filming and humor is surprising. This site is worth at least an hour of uninterrupted viewing and appreciating the level of inappropriate situations and language.

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Still Time livens up the Main Stage

Downtown Association looks to concert series to make Farmers’ Market dance

There was something a little different going on at the west end of the San Luis Obispo Farmers’ Market last Thursday night. That was and Still Time, formed by Cal Poly and Cuesta College students, got people singing, dancing, and jumping at the normally sedate market end.

Under most circumstances, a slow trickle of customers ends up the Nipomo Street end of the market, forming lines in front of any of the three vendors selling baby-huck ribs, but there isn’t much foot traffic.

To remedy the situation, the Downtown Association, which runs the market, started a quarterly concert-series using the large mobile stage from the successful Concerts in the Plaza. The events, called Main Stage, have featured local bands paired with local business sponsors.

This time it was a good match, with Still Time brought out by One Way Board Shop: the caygawing, no-worries surfer spirit of fun and adventure was apparent in the performance of the five-member band.

Starting out with a slow harmonica and drum duet to draw the reluctant crowd into the empty section of street, the smooth vocals of lead singer Dan Carrico quickly got the passersby to stop and listen.

By the second song in the set, Carrico’s passionate onstage persona, pacing and stomping to an electronic, revved in the song “Power of Now,” engaged the audience and set a tone for the evening of rapid mode switches between energetic, even emotional, vocals and long instrumental rifts that featured the talent of all the band members.

From the bass rhythm of Paul Smith-McCurt there was a particular driving force heavily featured in “a song about dead rock stars.”

The slower song “American Dreams” featured the harmonic and acoustic guitar, giving a spectacular country rock feeling that was distinct from the band's electric transition rift, the band more than met the evening’s goal of livening up the outskirts of the market with different points getting a conga line started, inviting small children to dance on stage with them, and leading sing-along segments.

Before moving on to the after-dark portion of the evening in which moody back-lighting drove home the reggae-influenced feel of the band played “Better Things,” a song they described as being, “about skipping a lot of classes.”

It featured themes of college life and the tendency of kids from small towns to comeanize the image of their hometown as never changing after they leave. Regardless of where they’ve come from, the band said they now consider San Luis Obispo home and are grateful to be back after a six-week tour.

While not all audience members at Thursday’s performance may have noticed a difference, some of those who had followed the band since its 2005 formation said they are better now than ever before. Hernandez quickly got the passersby to stop and listen for a moment.

The potential impact of retrofitting on the face of the downtown shopping area is yet to be seen, but Hernandez sees a grim future for many of the small, locally-owned shops.

“A lot of the small mom-and-pop type stores like ours are having to either go out of business or move out of downtown,” she said. “If you’re in a place where you don’t get a lot of walk-in traffic, it’s hard to keep things going.”

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“Some days were the bare minimum that they legally had to give us,” Hernandez said. “It took us nearly the entire 60 days to find a new place to lease.”

The search for a new building was a lengthy process for the shop, which Hernandez said did not fit the mold of many buildings available at the time.

“I don’t think we’re a shopping center sort of business,” Hernandez added.

Owner Debi Hernandez knew the retrofitting would force Costume Capers to move, but the abruptness of it took her by surprise.

“The potential impact of retrofitting,” she said, “is really something that’s going to affect the theatre community, the downtown and all the different stores that we’ve ever had in the past.”

While a costume shop seems to be run by more of a whimsical success than a year-round profitable business, Costume Capers employee Sharon Doran explained that it is a vital part of the theatre community.

“The San Luis Obispo Little Theatre is doing a production of ‘Ray,’” Doran said. “The production spans from the ’50s to the ’70s. We’ve provided all the costumes for that. So that’s anything from a dark skin suit to a leather ‘70s jacket and go-go boots. They rely heavily on us for that kind of stuff.”

Doran said she enjoys working for the shop and suggested anyone with an eye for old fashion pour to check it out.

“It’s really an eclectic collection of inventory,” Doran said. “It’s basically a fashion museum. There are garments here that are over 50 years old. It’s really cool if you like fashion.”

Scott Silvey
Thursday, August 28, 2008
Lowering drinking age could curb binge drinking

The worst way to make a young adult do something is to tell them not to. It means that reason so many college students who have escaped Mom and Dad's watchful eye ready to do whatever they want to do, whatever it is, in order to avoid getting caught and doing more harm than good.

But what if drinking alcohol wasn't forbidden to the pre-teen? Or what if we didn't need to be in the same program in order to drink safely and responsibly? Or what if we didn't have to worry about being taken to the hospital or earning a fine if we were caught drinking?

The Amethyst Initiative is a petition signed by more than 100 university presidents and chancellor nationwide that supports lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18. It means that binge drinking would decrease if young people didn't try to hide their alcohol consumption and thereby drink safely and responsibly.

It also acknowledges the obvious fact that students with lower drinking age are less likely to drink with the goal in mind of getting drunk. No one gets another person to drink with them, students think, and the law is rational and willingly disregarded by behavior more for younger friends.

However, Cal Poly and its president Warren Baker openly oppose the initiative, saying that lowering the drinking age will result in more deaths among the under-21 demographic and more automobile accidents. For a university with an above-average rate of alcohol consumption among its students, and among the highest in the CSU system, it seems odd that they wouldn't want people to learn their tolerance before coming to college. After all, it reflects poorly on universities and supports the "Animal House" image of college being a non-stop party zone.

According to surveys taken of about 1,600 incoming students, 45.5 percent of Cal Poly students report drinking alcohol multiple times per week and 8.7 percent drink almost daily, the Mustang Daily reported in May. It's not like people magically become safe consumers of alcohol when they turn 21, or that they can't be responsible if they are younger. It's one thing to take the second hand that signifies the end to the era of drinking illegally, but the wisdom imparted on them that convinces them to drink moderately and make good choices. That would be nice, but the truth is, there's absolutely no difference between 18-year-old binge drinkers and 25-year-old binge drinkers. It's experience with alcohol that leads to good decisions, because many 30-year-olds get pulled over for driving under the influence.

Some assume that lowering the legal age will cause earlier binge drinkers. Vice President of Student Affairs Cornell Morton told The Tribune that students who "behave underwhelmed by the allowance of alcohol from the start of their college experience," and "developmentally, they're not where they can do it safely." It's unfair to assume that, given the chance, everyone will become a binge drinker. First of all, if someone underage really wants to drink, it's not difficult; take ID's and friends buying for friends are common occurrences. And the current system does not prevent binge drinking at all, it encourages it. For example, think of a friend's 21st birthday. Bartenders, friends and random strangers force as much alcohol into the newly legal drinker as they can, all because they were supposedly deprived for so long (though, realistically, have been drinking for many years prior to that).

If drinking loses the feeling of excitement and sticking it to the man, people may not abuse it so much. If people have supply when they have demand, they won't feel so inclined to stock up. Since going off to college is often the spark that lights the flame of desire to drink, the drinking age should coincide.

Once the initial stage of drinking experimentation has passed, people are more moderate consumers. A glass of wine with dinner or drinks with friends at a date are usually the best choice. And they're not there for kicks and their friends wouldn't want the time that those in college would have to drink alcohol to do without saying the experience, or the feelings that result from that.

I could have become a chain smoker, given my no-nonsense lung cancer and died from emphysema after I turned 18. But I didn't. I could have become a binge drinker, forgoing classes and work for drinking with friends or by myself. But I didn't. The government shouldn't assume the worst in people, it just shouldn't assume the impossible.

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we don't pick Mort Gym — it wasn't easy to get Nebraska to come here. They sell out every match. For Stanford, and now it's reversed and to be the team in awe of playing them."

"I think especially early in the season, you're not exactly sure who or what (Lindley) is," he said. "Right now we have no idea."

For that matter, Ellerson's been trying to get a better idea of what his secondary will look like.

Only junior strong safety David Fullerton appears entrenched, with redshirt freshman Greg Francis and sophomore Scottie Corlender battling for free-safety duties, and true freshman Asa Jackson and sophomore, converted wide receiver Eric Gardley each making dark-horse bids at cornerback.

"The very competitive" unit won't be fully sorted out until game action, Ellerson said.

That will likely be a trial by fire against San Diego State, looking to tune up for a Sept. 6 visit to Notre Dame.

"We've conditioned our guys to say, 'Hey, we play Cal Poly first,'" Long said.

The Aztecs have plenty of reason to approach their opener like a season, you're not exactly sure what or who (Findley) is," he said. "Right now we have no idea."
Carina Frank

After a 2007 that saw the Cal Poly men's soccer team put together its best season in the Division I level, it's ready to make the playoffs this year.

"The team in general feels confident that we can make the playoffs this year for sure," sophomore forward and 2007 All-Big West Second Team member Kyle Montgomery said. "We know we haven't played at our best yet, so it's just a matter of putting it together." The season opener is 1 p.m. Sunday at Alex G. Spanos Stadium against Air Force, which went 5-12-1 last season.

"(The Falcons) are probably pretty direct in how they play," they say. Cal Poly head coach Paul Holocher said they're "going to be a handful."

A date Holocher said his team is especially excited for is Oct. 17, welcoming UCSD that will take place on the anniversary of the two teams' historic last meeting, in San Luis Obispo.

Holocher said he hopes to rewrite the attendance mark, shooting for at least 8,000, as Fox Soccer will nationally televise the game.

"We play a pretty attacking brand of soccer with a lot of focus on the quality of our passing," Holocher said. "I think it's fun for the fans to watch and I think it's made a lot of people soccer fans last year."

Much of the Mustangs' renewed energy comes from the leadership and experience of returning seniors — some of whom have already accumulated up to 60 games under their belts.

"For our senior class, this is going to be my third year working with these young men," Mustangs' head coach Brian Reed said. "It's (Holocher's) fourth year working with three of them because (senior) Julian Alvarez, Jeff Meyer and Austin Peterlin came down with (Holocher) from (UC) Santa Cruz.

After a 23-8 season in 2007, Mustangs' non-conference slate includes the Loyola Marymount Tournament (featuring a home game against Kentucky) from Sept. 5-7 and the New Mexico Tournament from Sept. 12-14.

It should be a varied build-up to the Mustangs' foray into play in the Big West, which implemented a conference tournament wherein the top four regular-season squads will vie for an automatic bid to the College Cup.

"I think this year, the Big West is in a conference that could deserve three teams in the NCAA playoffs, and the Big West championship can possibly help with that," Holocher said.

Cal Poly was able to finish third in the Big West coaches preseason poll, behind USC and UC Davis.

"I thought they were right-on," Holocher said of the predictions. "Top-to-bottom, the Big West is great."

The Gauchos garnered six first-place votes along the way to 20 total, while the Aggies collected the remaining first-place ballot and 19 points after finishing second in the Big West. Cal Poly opens Sept. 1 against Cal State Fullerton.