Bike offenders ticketed, claim crowded racks are to blame

Overcrowded bike racks make it difficult for students who bike to get to class on time.

Bridget Veltri
MUSTANG DAILY

Due to overcrowded racks, students biking to school may have to park farther away then they want, but according to the University Police, that's just the rules of the road.

Though parking on campus can be difficult at the start of the quarter, students biking to class should think twice before deciding to chain their bike somewhere other than a bike rack.

Bikes not parked and locked in the designated racks will be impounded by the University Police. Students have 24 hours to pay the $10 fine or their hikes will be seized.

The process is similar to having a boot put on your car.

"The first two weeks we try to educate as much as we can," Community Services Officer Kevin Ratliff said. "The ultimate goal is to prevent people from parking illegally."

"We get complaints about bikes getting impounded because there wasn't enough parking in the racks by their building," Ratliff said. He explained that the same rules for driving to school apply to biking. "Just because you can't find a close parking spot doesn't mean you can just park on the lawn."

Ratliff said there is ample parking on campus for bikes, though he acknowledged that certain areas of campus are more impacted than others, such as the business and engineering buildings.

Some students disagree.

"There are some days that I have to go clear across campus to find a spot during peak hours," mechanical engineering senior Bryce Beatty said. He added that the same rules apply when parking on the street.

Some students have found parking to be even harder outside of campus.

"It's not even worth looking for a spot," Bryce Beatty said. "There are some days that I have to go clear across campus to find a spot during peak hours."

"The bottom line is that the Earth's magnetic field, in geologic time, half the time your compass would point to the north and half the time it would point to the south... The understand- ing of this in the most direct way possible comes from rocks," Hoffman said.

"We're specifically looking at lava flows in this research that capture this period of time where the axial dipole is extremely weak and this second field is emerging. The spatial pattern that we find is very site specific," Singer said.

"We'd like to have a lot more complete set of observations over a longer distance across the surface of the Earth and more records spanning a larger time scale but this is our hypothesis at the moment. We'd like to have more and better records," Singer said, adding, "The grant would help us find records that are quite a bit older."

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Palin said Obama had voted to raise taxes 94 times — an allegation that Biden disputed and then countered by the same reasoning, he said. McCain voted "477 times to raise taxes."

They clashed over energy policy, as well, when Palin said Obama's vote for a Bush administration-backed bill granted breaks to the oil industry, by contrast, she said, McCain voted "477 times to raise taxes."

They debated nuclear proliferation, as well, when Palin said that as governor, she had stood up to the same industry, and noted that McCain had voted against the bill Obama supported.

Biden said that in the past decade, McCain had voted "29 times, against funding alternative energy sources and thinks, I guess, the only answer is drill, drill, drill.

"The chant is, 'drill, baby drill,'" Palin countered quickly, unwilling to yield to Biden on that issue — or any other.

On the environment, Palin declined to attribute the cause of climate change to man-made activities alone. "There is something to be said also for man's activities, but also for the cyclical temperature changes on our planet," she said, adding that she didn't want to argue about the causes.

Biden said the cause was clearly man-made, and added, "If you don't understand what the cause is, it's virtually impossible to come up with a solution."

Bikes

any problems finding a spot on campus, but when she returns to Poly Canyon Village it's a different story.

"I've had problems parking at Poly Canyon," she said. "People bring their bikes to school and never ride them, so they just sit there taking up space, making it hard for those who do."

Agriculture graduate student Troy Thompson recently received a warning on his bike for not locking it up in a rack.

"If I don't find a spot I usually try to chain it somewhere it won't be in the way," he said.

Ratliff said that the university has had problems with students blocking disability ramps with illegally parked bikes.

Police may be responsible for impounding bikes but they aren't solely responsible for the amount of bike racks on campus.

"We work with facility services and are constantly analyzing where bike racks should be put in," police sergeant Carol Montgomery said.

Thompson doesn't blame campus police for doing their job.

"I don't think the warnings and tickets are a bad thing," he said.

"They are effective,"

Montgomery said that new bike racks are in the process of being ordered, but where they will go has yet to be determined.

Students that have questions about biking on campus, or need to rent a bike lock can contact Susan Rains of commuter and access services at 805-736-6680.
Searchers find Fossett's plane but not his body

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More than a year after the mysterious disappearance of millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett, searchers have found the wreckage of his plane in the rugged Sierra Nevada along with a bone fragment suitable for DNA testing.

The oblong piece of bone, measuring 2 by 1/2 inches, was discovered by a sheriff's department investigator amid a football-field-sized stretch of debris, the National Transportation Safety Board said Thursday at a press conference.

Some personal effects also were found at the crash site in a steep section of the mountain range, the authorities said.

"We found human remains, but there's very little. Given the length of time the wreckage has been out there, it's not surprising there's not very much," said NTSB acting Chairman Robert Wite. see Fossett, page 4

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Suicide attackers strike Shi’ite mosques, kill 24

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Suicide bombers struck two Shi’ite mosques in Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 24 people and wounding dozens during celebrations marking the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

To the north, suspected Shi’ite militiamen gunned down six members of a Sunni family, including women and children, police said.

In the deadliest attack, a suicide car bomber detonated his explosives about 20 yards from a mosque in Zafaraniyah in southeastern Baghdad. The blast killed 14 people, including three Iraqi soldiers, and wounded 26, police said.

The death toll would likely have been higher, but Iraqi soldiers prevented the attacker from driving closer to the mosque, police said.

“Pools of blood and the smell of burned flesh were everywhere and I saw a man of about 70 bleeding and lying on the ground,” said Ammar Hashim, 25, whose brother was also wounded by broken glass in his shop.

In the other attack in the capital, a suicide bomber who appeared to be in his late teens and wearing a woman’s dress exploded his car bomber detonated his explosive belt as worshippers were leaving the Rasoul mosque in the eastern New Baghdad district.

Ten people died and 24 were wounded, police and officials at al-Kindi and Ibn al-Nafis hospitals said.
McCain campaign writes off Michigan


LizSidoti
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican presidential candidate John McCain conceded battleground Michigan to Democrat Barack Obama Thursday, a major retreat as he struggles to regain his footing in a campaign increasingly dominated by economic issues.

In another sign of McCain’s woes, his campaign signaled that it would counter Obama’s efforts in Indiana, a state that hasn’t voted for a Democrat since 1964. And, a New Hampshire survey showed the Republican trailing by double digits.

With polls showing Obama leading comfortably, McCain’s campaign confirmed it was pulling staff and advertising out of the economically distressed Michigan, and one adviser said it was “off the list.” The GOP nominee also canceled a visit there slated for next week. Michigan, with 17 electoral votes, voted for Democrat John Kerry in 2004, but Republicans had poured money into an effort to try to place it in their column this year.

“Operations will be scaled back,” said Mike DuBie, the campaign’s political director.

In Indiana, surveys show a competitive race after Obama spent months pouring money into the state and Republican reunited counterattacking. Now the Republican National Committee is running TV ads to fight for the state’s 11 votes, and McCain senior advisor Greg Strimple said: “We’re going to go there.”

Separately, a Saint Anselm College Institute of Politics poll showed Obama leading McCain 49 percent to 37 percent in New Hampshire, a state Kerry narrowly won four years ago and that McCain is hoping to capture.

The Michigan decision marked the first time either McCain or Obama has tacitly conceded a traditional battleground state in a race for the White House with little more than a month remaining.

In a campaign now unfolding across states that a dozen states, the decision means Obama can shift money to other states like Virginia, Colorado and North Carolina, where he is trying to cement his traditional Republican territory. McCain’s resources were being sent to Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Florida and other more competitive states, and aides said he would try to put Maine into play as well.

By pulling out of vote-rich Michigan, McCain conceded a large part of the electoral map in the heart of the industrial Midwest.

The move underscored McCain’s troubles on the economy, which he has acknowledged is not his strongest subject, as well as his struggle to beat an opponent who has the money to compete in many states.

President Bush won four years ago. Polls show Obama has pulled ahead or tied McCain in many of those states.

Obama rejected public financing so he can spend as much as he can raise. McCain’s direct spending is limited to $84 million in taxpayer money. But McCain is getting help from the Republican National Committee, which announced Thursday that it had raised nearly $66 million in September. The Democratic National Committee has not been as big a help for Obama, but his massive fundraising makes him less reliant on the party.

As Nov. 4 approaches, both sides are adjusting their strategies daily to find the best state-by-state path to the 270 electoral votes needed for victory.

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tal said. The dead included a guard who blocked the attacker from enter ing the mosque, police said.

The Iraqi army said 17 people were killed in the two blasts. But area hospitals said that figure did not include victims who died later from their wounds.

The attack on the Sunni family occurred in Ovidal, a heavily mixed province north of the capital. Police said gunmen sprayed the family’s vehicle with automatic weapons as they traveled to the provincial cap ital of Baghaha to visit relatives.

The dead included two children, three women and a man, police said. Another woman and her small child were wounded.

Police said the area was controlled by mostly Shiite security forces and that they suspected Shiite militia members were responsible for the attack.

The police officials all spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the press.

Victims of the Baghdad attacks were attending prayers marking Eid al-Fitr, the religious holiday that comes at the end of Ramadan. Sunni films and other Sunni groups celebrated Eid al-Fitr earlier in the week.

Iraqi police and soldiers have been on alert for sectarian attacks around Ramadan, when devout Muslims fast from dawn until dusk and religious fervor runs high.

Last weekend, five bombs exploded in Shiite areas of Baghdad, killing 32 people and wounding about 100. U.S. officials believed al-Qaida was behind the blasts.

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Nine bodies were found Thursday in the border city of Tijuana while seven alleged cartel hit men were behind bars in Mexico City.

Eight of the bodies found in Tijuana were dumped face down in an empty lot near a day care center. Their hands were tied and a message nearby read: “Here are your people. The one was latched with shell casings.

The ninth body was found wrapped in a sheet in another section of the city.

An official for the state prosecutors’ office said the killings were believed to be tied to drug cartels fighting each other for control of Tijuana.

About 30 people have been killed in drug-related violence in the past week in the border city, including what appeared to be the remains of two people stuffed in a barrel and dissolved with acid. Officials were still running tests on the barrels’ contents to confirm them as human.

In Mexico City, an anonymous tip led police to a downtown restaurant where seven alleged members of the Gulf cartel’s infamous Zetas hit men were arrested, according to a statement issued late Wednesday by the federal Attorney General’s office.

Officials gave no other details, but Mexican media reported the suspects were taken into custody at Los Arcos seafood restaurant in Mexico City’s Roma section.

The Zetas were initially formed by an elite group of Mexican army deserters and have grown to become Mexico’s most infamous and feared hit men.

Three other alleged Zetas were recently arrested for throwing grenades that killed eight people at an Independence Day celebration in the western city of Morelia.

-Associated Press
There should be several provisions for anyone who wants to go see "Choke". No one under 17 should be admitted, nor anyone over 65. Anyone who believes that the act of sexual intercourse is sacred and is easily offended should go see "Nights in Rodanthe" instead. In this movie, sex isn't about love — it's about power, control and physical gratification.

Adapted from Chuck Palahniuk's (of "Fight Club" fame) novel of the same name, "Choke" follows the dysfunctional life of Victor Mancini (Sam Rockwell), a worker at a colonial theme park who forces himself to choke on food at fancy restaurants in order to receive the pity and patronage of rich diners. When not having sex during his sex addict meetings, hanging out with his best friend and fellow sex addict Denny (Brad William Henke), or running his scams, Victor visits his dementia-ridden mother Ida (Anjelica Huston) in a nursing home run by extortionist nuns.

One day while visiting with Victor, Ida confides in him — she believes he is a long-dead lawyer named Fred — that she has enormous guilt over concealing the true identity of her father. Victor, who thought his father was a traveling salesman from Norway, turns to his mother's nurse aide, Paige Marshall (Kelly Macdonald). Throw in about three more plotlines, including one where Victor is potentially the twin of Jesus, and you've got yourself an hour and a half of offensive, lewd and often hilarious dialogue.

"Choke" is a character-driven dark comedy that leaves viewers in a daze, as the lives depicted are about as far from the norm as you can possibly get. Sam Rockwell faced the difficult task of making Victor likeable but successfully adds a roguish quality to the otherwise despicable character.

Likewise, Anjelica Huston performs at her usual exemplary level, and while Kelly Macdonald did a fine job, the slowness and tone of her voice, though complimentary to her character, are a bit irritating.

But "Choke" is an overly ambitious project that doesn't quite succeed in making as big of an impact as it could. The multiple plotlines, accompanied by flashbacks throughout that tell the saga of Victor and his mother, are often disorienting and cause the movie to lack fluidity. Perhaps if a few had been eliminated, the audience would have received the chance to delve deeper into the remaining plotlines and therefore react with more emotion toward Victor's plight.

True to form, a surprising plot twist accompanies Palahniuk's work, and just like that of Fight Club," takes top prize though. If you are searching for a new psychotic favorite, while it may be worth your time to watch this movie, you might enjoy re-watching Tyler Durden's struggle a bit more than Victor's. Instead of the total, "Wow, that totally blew my mind" sensation experienced after "Fight Club," you instead just feel violated and weird after viewing "Choke," though you probably had more than one good laugh.

Bottom line: See this movie if a) you appreciate offensive, dirty, yet smart humor, b) want to study the art of choking yourself for money or c) have an obsession with colonial America and/or sex.

Local art festival incorporates business

Jennifer Titcomb
MUSTANG DAILY

For students with an affinity for art and fashion, look no further than tonight's Art After Dark in downtown San Luis Obispo. During the event, San Luis Obispo art studios and galleries stay open past their normal business hours to highlight the work of local artists and showcases unique art exhibits. Sponsored by the San Luis Obispo Art County Art Council, the event is free with the majority of businesses providing wine and appetizers for their guests.

Art After Dark runs from 6 to 9 p.m., allowing art enthusiasts enough time to make stops at the several shops participating.

While the event takes place monthly, the themes
RENO, Nev. — An eclectic group of artists, architects, scientists and writers are gathering at the Nevada Museum of Art on the edge of the Sierra this week to explore how nature and culture intersect in their chosen fields at a conference on "Art and Environment."

"It is sort of an interesting mix," said David Wright, executive director of the museum. "The idea was to get all these different people to come to Reno and share with us — through their own lens — what they've been doing that we consider part of art and environment," he said. "We have done some research and we believe the conference is the first of its kind."

"We're trying to get away from that pigeonhole of being an environmental conference," Wright said.

Programs at the three-day conference that began Thursday range from the lessons of environmental stewardship taught by tribes who have lived in the region for thousands of years to the experiences of artists and scientists who have spent significant time working in extreme desert and polar regions.

"This is no small idea," said William L. Fox, a Los Angeles-based writer and poet who is a former Nevadan and has served as a visiting fellow at the Getty Research Institute and the National Museum of Australia.

"We're going to examine how we untangle what we are doing to the environment and what the environment does to us. It's a two-way street," said Fox, whose nonfiction books include "Making Time: Essays on the Nature of Los Angeles" and "In the Desert of Deceit: Las Vegas and the Culture of Spectacle."

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"We're going to talk about the idea of landscape and how that affects everything from the artistic project itself to the writer and how it can be a totally different work if you are based in the mountains or the desert or a city," said Geoff Manaugh, senior editor of Dwell magazine and the author of "The BLDGBLOG Book" who also operates an architectural blog.

"As a blogger and a magazine editor for that matter, there is a certain placlessness to that. Theoretically, I could write from anywhere. So how does someone from a placeless media interact and ground yourself with place?" he said from his home in San Francisco.

Presenters include Vito Acconci, who received his master's in writing at the University of Iowa in 1964 on his way to a diverse body of work ranging from performance art to film and video, photography and sculpture. He's worked with Acconci Studio in Brooklyn, N.Y., since the late 1980s and taught at the San Francisco Art Institute, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Yale University.

Dan Good, another presenter, works at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., where he designs four-dimensional objects but he also has created a pipe organ out of soda bottles and gardens at Huntington Gardens in San Marino, Calif.

Others include Chris Drury, who has made site-specific outdoor works all over the world. Some of his work is on exhibit at the museum in Reno, including oversized prints of mushroom spores made out of dust collected in the museum's air ducts and hanging mushroom sculptures he made out of sagebrush which will turn to dust when the exhibit is removed.

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"As a blogger and a magazine editor for that matter, there is a certain placlessness to that. Theoretically, I could write from anywhere. So how does someone from a placeless media interact and ground yourself with place?" he said from his home in San Francisco.

Presenters include Vito Acconci, who received his master's in writing at the University of Iowa in 1964 on his way to a diverse body of work ranging from performance art to film and video, photography and sculpture. He's worked with Acconci Studio in Brooklyn, N.Y., since the late 1980s and taught at the San Francisco Art Institute, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Yale University.

Dan Good, another presenter, works at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., where he designs four-dimensional objects but he also has created a pipe organ out of soda bottles and gardens at Huntington Gardens in San Marino, Calif.

Others include Chris Drury, who has made site-specific outdoor works all over the world. Some of his work is on exhibit at the museum in Reno, including oversized prints of mushroom spores made out of dust collected in the museum's air ducts and hanging mushroom sculptures he made out of sagebrush which will turn to dust when the exhibit is removed.
Cold War Kids have taken their fans to a new rock 'n' roll utopia with the release of their sophomore album, "Loyalty to Loyalty." From their rhythms to their lyrics, they have provided every stoner, groupie and virtuoso "A)oyalty to Ioyalty." From their rhythms to their lyrics, it reminds me a bit of The Strokes. The song is extremely catchy, well-put-together and divine. Similarly, the album's single, "I've Seen Enough," brings Kings of Leon to mind with its high-paced, high-energy feel and flow.

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and participants vary each time. Downtown stores recognize the event's ability to bring attention to their business while highlighting the art of the community.

For example, the management of Central Coast Surfboards, in their new location at 855 Marsh St., plans on using tonight as an opportunity to show off their new store as well as local clothing designer Kate White's clothing line, SCISSOR. The clothing line will debut with fashion shows at 7 p.m., 8 p.m., and 9 p.m., followed by a reception.

SCISSOR is an example of the event's appeal to younger audiences. White describes the line as "kind of a urban spin-off with a bohemian look, really comfy clothes, kind of throw it on and go. I am a big fan of finding that one piece that you don't have to worry too much about in the outfit; so that is the kind of wear I like to make."

Some art will feature a social message. The art at Linnean's Café on Guadalupe, for example, will function as part of a fundraiser for the nonprofit organization Thirst-Aid, which strives to make drinking water safer around the world. An exhibit of international photos by Kameron Ahler, Daniel Neal and Marianne Ortme will be showcased. Gallery sales, raffle and some framing costs will be donated and all proceeds from food and beverages sold that evening will go to Thirst-Aid.

ARTS Space Obispo, 570 Higuera St. #140, is kicking off their 10th Annual Open Studios Art Tour Digital Preview tonight. There will be three projectors set up to show work by 284 local artists. "San Luis Obispo County is fortunate to have so many talented artists and we are really excited to showcase their work," said Jason Steel, ARTS Space Obispo's program director.

We expects a large crowd and said the event could not be done without the help of great volunteers. Many of the artists from the preview will be at the event to talk about their creations.

Steel encourages Cal Poly students to come check out the event and support the many young artists on the tour.

Art After Dark features an activity that is hands-on as well. If one is searching for a place to rest their own art abilities, Arts and Crafts Pottery Studios, 570 Higuera St. #140, will be open for their usual clay pottery classes. Owner Sheldon Sullivan invites people to both watch and partake in the art process.

Pieces will be available to fine or people can sign up for classes which are $25 per two hour session. "We teach wheel throwing, hand building and sculpting," Sullivan said.

For a full list and map of the participating galleries and studios visit http://www.sloartscouncil.org/artafterdark.html.

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**Don’t let government define who can get married**

I was happy to see Mr. Stevenson in his column “Prop 8 protects marriage” discuss the discrepancy between the law’s intention and its effect on gay couples. The law should not be determined by the law’s proponents, but rather by the law’s actual impact. If we define marriage as two people of the same sex, then this definition is discriminatory. The government should not have the power to define who can get married. The government should be guided by the Constitution and the Supreme Court’s decision on same-sex marriage.

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**Injuries and Solutions**

The Cardinals, who are clinging to third place in the NL West, have had their share of injuries this season. However, they have been able to find solutions to keep their team competitive. One example is the return of second baseman Kolten Wong, who missed most of the season due to a broken hand. Wong's return has provided the Cardinals with a steady presence at second base and has helped to shore up their infield defense.

**Boxscores**

Red Sox third baseman Mike Lowell touts the Los Angeles Angels' Vladimir Guerrero in the eighth inning of Boston's 4-1 Game 1 victory.

**Beatharris**

**Anaheim — Justin Spier dashed through the Los Angeles Angels' clubhouse Thursday, wearing a wetsuit and totting a boogie board, with his flippers slapping against the carpet.**

"Coach, is there practice today?" he yelled to manager Mike Scioscia, who couldn't help but smile and wave his arm dismissively in the pitcher's direction.

The rest of the Angels laughed out loud, with Spier's one-liner. "I expressed pitcher's direction."

Guerrero hit .398 during his nine-year career with the Angels, who are in the AL West.

**The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim slide home, scoring L.A.'s lone run of Wednesday's Game 1, 8-2 loss to the Boston Red Sox.**

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There’s running in most places in the country — and then there’s running in Eugene, Ore. The Nike “swivel” defined on running shoes there in 1972. The legacy of Steve Prefontaine, revered when he ran for Oregon then, lives on through major motion pictures. Thousands pack the stands and chant at Hayward Field for the Olympic Trials.

And starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, the Cal Poly cross country team will take it all in at the Bill Dellinger Invitational at Springfield Country Club.

“Distance running at the college level and beyond is synonymous with Eugene throughout history, with Steve Prefontaine and the legacy that goes on them.” Mustangs head coach Mark Conover said. “Cal Poly’s runners” look forward to going up there and competing where it’s a community that really respects and enjoys and embraces its distance running and track and field.”

It will be the seventh time running there for Mustangs senior Troy Swier, but he said he expects it to be “just as fun” as the first race. “I’m stoked,” he said. “I can’t wait. It’s the only place in the country people call Tracktown, USA. Everyone loves racing here.”

The Mustangs, whose men are ranked 23rd in the US Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association poll, won’t be the only team there with high expectations. Oregon is ranked first on both the men’s and women’s sides. Others ranked in the men’s three-loop, 6,000-meter race include No. 5 Alabama, No. 7 Portland and No. 17 UTEP. The women’s two-loop, 6,000-meter race also features No. 11 Arkansas, No. 17 Colorado State and No. 23 BYU.

“IT’ll be a really good opportunity to gauge where we’re at,” Conover said.

Last year, the Cal Poly men entered the NCAA Championships ranked 22nd but finished 11th. Just two runners graduated from that group.

“Of those lost was two-time All-American Phillip Reid. A key in replacing him could be junior Dan Engrain, who will be playing his first game coming back from injury,” Conover said. “Fortunately for Cal Poly, he’s a very solid student and he wanted to study engineering, which I think might have helped the cause how far he’s gone to kind of lean toward Cal Poly, but he also had his depth. He told me that when he was in high school he always dreamed of coming to Cal Poly.”

The Cal Poly women may be led by junior Bridie McCauley, who finished 18th among 278 entrants at the Stanford Institutional on Saturday. Most of the Mustangs spent September away from actual competition, though.

“I decided I’d be better for them this year to use all of September to get a big kick of training in,” Conover said. “This year’s squad has a resemblance to last year’s, Conover added.

“We’re going to surprise some people, I think,” he said.

“Last year is last year,” he said. “We haven’t even talked about that He might have reason. The Mustangs, whose youthful lineup is highlighted by 11 freshmen, have won five of their last eight entering conference play, in sharp contrast to last season’s 1-8-1 overall beginning.

Cal Poly (5-6), however, followed a 1-0 win over Utah State on Sept. 26 with a 1-0-1 loss to Utah on Sunday.

“We don’t have the numbers, but I think we’re generating a pretty good attack,” Crozier said of Cal Poly’s offense. “Our attacking rhythm won’t be great this weekend, but once we keep possession of the ball and pick and choose our moments, the goals are going to come.”

The Titans (5-5-1), who’ve been ranked as high as No. 21 in the NSCAA/adidas poll, rely on a balanced attack that features a trio of players with at least three goals. Cal Poly, which visits UC Riverside at 1 p.m. Sunday, has allowed one or no goals eight times.

“I think we’re pretty solid defensively,” Crozier said. “Everyone’s on the same page.”

The Mustangs could exceed other expectations again.

“Donovan Aird — If he is still available, I think there’s a good opportunity to gauge where he rests and what he is.” Conover said. “I don’t see similarities,” he said. “Daniel should definitely have a lot of confidence and just adds to that depth that we have employed the last few years, so it’s a very similar kind of makeup.”

Kroes agreed that the Mustangs could exceed others’ expectations again.