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Cassandra Keyse

With hiring at a record low, the odds of finding a steady job straight out of college seem increasingly slim. More and more college students are seeking different ways to pass the time between walking at graduation and finding that dream job with a steady salary.

"The job market is definitely going to impact students," said Carole Moore, program coordinator and career counselor at Cal Poly Career Services. According to Moore, Cal Poly students are handling the poor situation well and taking advantage of the options available to them.

"Students are actually not panicking," she said. "They’re coming and using their resources. They are talking to counselors more than ever, coming to our events, coming to job fairs and just trying to figure out what their strategies are.”

One of the strategies Moore offered was for students to accept that they may have to pursue different job options as a pre-cursor to starting their career. She mentioned jobs in non-profit groups, government and education, among other options.

"We are trying to get students to cast a wider net," she explained. "Getting that good opportunity, whatever it might be, might take a little longer, but you don’t have to have the dream job straight out of school." If students desire to find an alternative career path in a structured environment, a federal program might be a perfect fit. And luckily for Cal Poly students, the Central Coast and the Cal Poly campus have numerous resources for students to find a program right for them.

Americorps

Located in the University Union’s Student Life and Leadership Office is an opportunity to work for various non-profit companies in San Luis Obispo County through Americorps, the federal service program started by the Clinton Administration in 1993.

Americorps participants dedicate one year of service in exchange for a living allowance and eligibility for an education award to be paid at the end of their term.

"It’s a great opportunity to do something get really good marketable skills, be in the work force and do good work, then to have a chunk of money waiting for you at the end to pay for continued schooling or repay student loans," Americorps Program Coordinator Jose Torrey said.

The program that Cal Poly students and graduates see Lab, page 2

New engineering lab aims to develop technology in prosthetics

Matt Fountain

Beginning this fall, Cal Poly College of Engineering students will have the opportunity to use their knowledge to directly improve the lives of disabled veterans, thanks to a sizeable donation from one alumnus.

Jon Monett, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a 1964 industrial engineering graduate, recently donated $500,000 to found the Quality of Life Plus laboratory, with the aim of helping those who were injured in the line of service.

"I’d like to see this program grow and innovation come out of it for those that need it," Monett said. "And hopefully, it will expand to a major program for the university." Monett, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and the C.I.A., said he was inspired to help develop the lab after seeing the soon-to-be-released Terry Sanders documentary, "Fight for Life," which chronicles the daily activities of military doctors, nurses and medics on the front lines in Balad, Iraq and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"The movie inspired me to do it. As I saw them treat these people, I felt that Cal Poly has such a good engineering program and students, that I thought it would be great to put them to use to help these people," Monett said.

Senior Associate Dean of Academic Programs and Administration Dan Walsh praised Monett for his donation.

"Jon Monett is a gentleman who has lived a career of life in public service," Walsh said. "He is part of the Cal Poly Coa Nort. He saw a terrible need and he felt he could help with some of the resources available to him after he successfully sold his company (Telenus Solutions, a global security consulting and intelligence advisory services provider)."

"It’s not just a gift of money for him," Walsh said. "It’s a gift of his time, a gift of his effort. I think he bleeds green and gold, I really do." According to Walsh, the scope of the project is not limited to injured military personnel, but is intended to include government employees at all levels.

"Quality of Life Plus is focused on providing help to civilian servants - federal, military, state, county, city - folks that have been injured in the line of their duty," Walsh said. "This laboratory will take the capabilities that we have here at the university and bring those talents to bear on the needs of those folks who have been disfigured, or in some way disabled."
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participate in is the Central Coast Volunteer Corps, in which participants work in a variety of fields within the nonprofit sector. There are opportunities to work in the arts, education, environment or with children, seniors and the homeless, among others.

Torrey has noticed an increase in interest from Cal Poly students in the past few months since the economy has slowed down. "I just finished up recruitment and I interviewed a lot of wonderful candidates, but we didn't have room for all of them," Torrey explained. "We've had a lot of recent graduates that are having trouble finding jobs who want to stay in this area or who are from this area and want to come back to live here. We have people from all ages in here and I've definitely heard from quite a lot of people that they have been constantly looking for work."

Peace Corps
Another, more international opportunity students have taken advantage of for years is the Peace Corps. The on-campus information office, located on the first floor of Kennedy Library, is the place to go for information on how to become a service volunteer overseas. This federal agency sends volunteers abroad for 27-month periods to help native communities with specific issues.

According to Kate Kuykendall, public affairs specialist of the Los Angeles branch of the U.S. Peace Corps, the skills that volunteers gain from experience with the organization are valuable to future prospective employers.

"I think that employers are looking for leadership and they're looking for people that can problem solve, especially in unstructured situations," she said. "(Volunteers) go into a community and, along with the local people, evaluate the needs of that community. Then they have to put a plan of strategy together to try to problem solve in order to address those needs. I think that's a very transferable skill that they will have upon coming back to the U.S."

Kuykendall said that there has been a 16 percent increase in applications from the 2007 to the 2008 fiscal year. Along with the slow economy, she attributed the increase to two other factors: Obama's mentioning of the organization in speeches leading up to his inauguration and the global-mindedness of the current generation of college students has both pumped greater Peace Corps interest.

The Armed Forces
Joining the Armed Forces is yet another option students can look into. Although there has not been a significant increase in ROTC participation since the economic downturn, this does not mean that there is a lack of interest overall.

"We have seen an increase nationally in recruitment across the board for all branches of the military," said First Lieutenant Justin Duncan, military science Department Chair Lieutenant Colonel Gary Sargent said.

"Military experience on a résumé is helpful because of the many leadership and management skills that it provides. Second Lieutenant Dustin Duncan said.

"For a lot of companies, the Armed Forces will actually help you get a job," he said. "We produce officers here and officers in the military are like the management in charge of a lot of troops in a leadership role. So in any job you are applying for as far as a management position, you will have experience."

Duncan explained that almost any civilian job could be done in the military. There are jobs for people from engineers to medical professionals.

The military science department on campus trains cadets to become either active in the Army, National Guard or Army Reserve. An individual's choice on the direction they take after graduation will determine the level of commitment they make to the Army.

Choosing to become an active soldier without any scholarship requires three years of active service and five years of reserves. The National Guard and the Army Reserve both require eight years of active service that involves one weekend every month, then one week of active duty per year and five weeks of active duty every other year.

Joining the military has been a strong and continued interest for military science Department Chair Lieutenant Colonel Gary Sargent said.

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Thousands rally for climate change

Several thousand demonstrators on Monday urged Congress to pass legislation to reduce greenhouse gases, and they targeted the government's own Capitol power plant as a symbol of the problem.

An enthusiastic crowd of mostly young people marched from a park to the Capitol building during an environmental rally on the Capitol Power Plant in Washington, D.C. on Monday.

Despite attempts by lawmakers to clean up the power plant in southeast Washington, it still burns coal and accounts for a third of the legislative branch's greenhouse gas emissions.

"We need to move rapidly for a clean energy future," said Charlie Green, of Silver Spring, Md., who was dressed as a smokestack. "I asked about what he hoped the rally would accomplish, he replied, "We want to make sure a good bill gets passed, not a watered down one."

Alyson Aver-Segrave, an American Indian who lives in Michigan, said coal is destroying her community's way of life.

"Every inland lake in Michigan is contaminated with mercury," she said. "This is the first generation in the history of our people that our children cannot eat fish given to us by the creator."

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Norton and others at the rally said they were encouraged by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid who last week called for converting the plant entirely to natural gas in a letter to the Majority Leader Harry Reid who last week called for converting the plant entirely to natural gas in a letter to the Architect of the Capitol, which oversee the maintenance and operation of the Capitol Complex. The protest on energy and climate change as Washington began digging out from its largest snowfall of the season. Organizers noted that climate change causes more extreme weather, and they said the issue is important enough that people were willing to brave the cold. “God has a sense of humor,” said proponent Rhody Streeter, of Louisville, Ky., referring to the weather.

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States a Congress looks to limit greenhouse gases and require more of the country’s energy to come from wind, solar and other renewable sources.

The issues hammering the clean-up — politics, cost, and technological barriers — could tip up similar efforts elsewhere. The United States counts on coal-fired power plants for about half of its electricity; the plants are also the biggest source of heat-trapping gases.

So if Congress cannot act locally, it’s too big a problem for how we can and must do better,” said Mike Tidwell, director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network.

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Don't let Facebook do the dirty work: do your dumping in person

When I was a naive freshman I started dating an older man, a wise and mature sophomore. There was something about his quicksilver attitude and lightheartedness that made him relatable to my post high school years. A month went by and there were cute texts and dates. I thought things were really going well until I logged onto Facebook one afternoon and saw a message with the subject titled “News.”

“Hey, I hate to tell you this but I am getting back with an ex-girlfriend of mine. I owe it to her to give our relationship another going. I’m sorry for all this and hope that we can still be friends. I just had to come out and tell you as it wouldn’t be fair if I didn’t. So yeah, that’s my story as of now.”

I defiantly stood my ground and didn’t write back to that message either. However, my self-controlled was waning. Every up of alcohol I took with my friends that weekend only hardened my commitment to no communication. It was after drinking too much plastic vodka that I did one of the dumbest things I’ve ever done in a relationship: I drunk dialed the guy who Facebook dumped me from a hook-up and called me a bitch. The late night call didn’t get answered and to this day I still wonder what I would have said. I had no plot but I imagine I would have stammered out “Hey my Internet’s down, What’s up?” or “How are you and the girlfriend?”

The next day I realized to my disappointment that my missed call hadn’t gone unnoticed. I was greeted with another friendly Facebook message. It was obvious at this point that it was his preferred medium of communication: “so did you call me saturday just to yell at me or did you actually have something to say?”

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Ashley Ciudal

Kat McGill, better known in the poetry world as Simply Kat, will bring her emotionally-charged brand of poetry to center stage just in time for Women's History Month.

McGill, performing at this month's Another Type of Goose: Spoken Word Poetry, will be the first featured poet at Cal Poly to kick off the celebration of women's history this month.

Simply Kat introduced herself to the microphone at age 17. She is a member of a Mic in Dim Lights which meets in Pomona, Calif. Performing for colleges across the country, group homes, festivals and summer camps based on the arts of dance and writing, McGill seeks to educate while entertaining audiences of all ages. She also aims to help improve creative expression and literacy rates in young people in the workshops she conducts.

Josie Urrutia of the Multicultural Center said McGill intrigued her because she is a female poet and that corresponds well with women's history month and that he also appreciated that fact that she hails from Los Angeles.

We try to find many points of view when looking for poets. Last (month's) poet was from the East Coast We want to have every poet be from a different place so the school can be exposed to diverse backgrounds and perspectives," Urrutia said.

McGill showcased her talents on HBO's "Def Poetry Jam" and has also appeared in "Sip" an independent movie about the connections between hip-hop and poetry. She was a member of the 2005 and 2006 Hollywood Slam team and the 2007 Los Angeles Slam Team. She has won the title of Slam Champion of the Highways Theatre Poetry Slam and released her first solo album in 2007. She is currently working on a play, "Corner Sweet" and "Nausheen the Dancing Lion," a children's book.

One hour prior to the show, ARTS Obispo will present the third year of "Poetry Out Loud," an adaptation of a national recitation contest that will host students from Nipomo, Paso Robles, Arroyo Grande, Lopez, Mission College Preparatory, San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay high schools. Students will recite poems of their choice while being judged by a panel of judges.

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Students For Justice and Peace in the Middle East brings controversial politics to the forefront

Genevieve Loggins

Recent events in the Middle East have raised concern for one group on campus, Students For Justice and Peace in the Middle East (SJPME), who are making their cause heard beyond the Cal Poly campus.

SJPME focuses on the Middle East in general, engaging in political activism and education to increase understanding to students and the community.

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Al Jazeera and the BBC to get more accurate information, since she believes that American media offers a limited view on the world. Horose Idris started participating in SJPME activities to raise concern for parts of the world where violence occurs almost every day. His participation has earned him the respect and admiration from members of the community.

Kirschner said its the club's mission to increase understanding of the recent events in Palestine. "Lately, we had a vigil to remember the victims from the violence in Gaza," Kirschner said. "And we held a protest on Israel's violation of international law."

Kirschner joined the club after SJPME sponsored a campus speaker who discussed the recent violence and turmoil throughout the Middle East, she said.

"I think it's important to know many of us aren't from the Middle East, but what we all have in common is raising awareness on human rights concerns," she said.

All 10 members of SJPME access mainstream news to get involved in occurrences throughout the Middle East. Kirschner listens to Democracy Now, and alternate news sources like Al Jazeera and the BBC to get more accurate information, since she believes that American media offers a limited view on the world.

Most students watch the news media for unbiased news, and we want to change the discourse of the subject," Kirschner said.

The group claims that it is focused on presenting the most accurate information in an unbiased way to students and the community, strictly to raise concern, she said.

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"We're showing this film because we don't want people to forget what is occurring in Palestine, and ensure that the discussion continues to exist," Kirschner said.

The club will hold a weekly event in March, focusing on a different country each day to further expose the culture and new issues each country faces, Kirschner said.

SJPME meets every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon in the Frank E. Pilling Computer Science building, room 251 and is open to anyone interested in learning more about events in the Middle East or what direction the club should take.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of club profiles the Mustang Daily will be featuring this year. Check back for features on Hilltop and other on-campus clubs.

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Society wants testosterone in its sports

The Cal Poly women's basketball team is 18-8 (10-4 Big West Conference) and the men's basketball team is 7-18 (3-10 Big West), so why is there such a big difference between the attendance numbers for the Mustang basketball teams?

I did a little bit of research and also asked some friends to see what sorts of answers were out there and, surprisingly, found some similar ones.

First, most people seem to find the majority of women's sports "boring." A word I saw across Web posts and heard from friends, both male and female. Besides three main exceptions (tennis, figure skating, and gymnastics) people seem to think of women's sports as unexciting. Even female friends who participate in sports said they didn't like watching women's sports (with the exception of those three already stated).

Second, the 1972 way for the gender equality in sports and as a result women are competing and participating in more and more sports, but the number of women who actually watch sports, either on TV or in person, is not large. The audience watching women's sports like basketball and soccer are mostly made up of men.

A column for ESPn.com, "Sports Wom-en's Sports?" by Steven Fussman, was quoted in a New York Times article, "Idea & Trends: Why Don't Women Watch Women's Sports?" as saying, "I'm bored out of my skull at women's basketball games. I prefer a few women's events, like tennis, but I refuse to be politically correct about basketball. I'm sorry, but 40 minutes of under-handed lay-ups is not entertaining."

I'm all for equality for men and women in every field, but there must be women that men sports are more exciting, and therefore more appealing to audiences. Biologically, there are some factors that would seem to contribute to the "excitement" theory.

Part of it seems to come down to hormone level. According to a word New York Times article, "Men, Women and Speed: 2 Words: Got testosterone," the hormone affects the amount of Type 2 muscle fibers (used to create speed and strength) the number of red blood cells produced (more red blood cells lead to more hemoglobin, which leads to the muscles' ability to obtain oxygen while exercising, the amount of body fat a person has and the size and strength of the muscles and heart. In having more testosterone, men have the advantage over women because they have more Type 2 fibers, produce more red blood cells, have less body fat and larger muscles, including the heart.

When you hear people discussing sports the day after a game, are they talking about the seemingly impossible and by Larry Fitzgerald, the down throw tackle by Kay Lewis, Kobe Bryant's one-on-one battle that still resulted in a perfect shot and Lebron James blocking a shot into the stands. That's what people want to see. That's why they watch sports.

Unfortunately, to a lot of women's sports, their bodies just are not made for these "insane" catches, throws and tackles. That's why they don't watch women's sports (with the exception of those three already stated). The removal of more than 10 percent of the population is not large. I hear women out there who are capable of dunking a basketball, it's just that the majority are not. Maybe it's like some people have been saying for years now: women simply need time to catch up because they've been discriminated against for so long. But maybe it has to do more with women's bodies and men's bodies and the fact that they are very, very different.

I don't want these facts to discourage women from playing sports, because I definitely support female athletes. I just want to look into the action part of sports (dunking, catching, throws, etc.) and so when we watch women's sports we become bored because they cannot, or do not, do the same things. Our vision is skewed towards men's sports and their level of competition.

Unfortunately, our society is also obsessed with the idea that sex and women and sports should be sexy all the time. So sports like volleyball, particularly beach volleyball, gymnastics and tennis, where women either wear almost nothing or t h e clothing they wear is tight and short, get more attention than other sports and not necessarily for the right reason. Some of the most popular professional sports right now (football, basketball, and hockey in terms of terms of revenue, ratings, popularity) don't even have counterpart women's teams (with the exception of the WNBA). If people can't watch the players on television it's hard to promote your team or sport and you won't pull in advertisers or money. The U.S. women's soccer team was doing well for a while, but Americans in general don't watch much women's sports (the less scores surely have something to do with this), so women are at a disadvantage. Sponsors and advertisers mean money, which means more TV time, more exposure and more popularity.

It would be nice, of course, if everyone could appreciate both women's and men's sports for their unique qualities and celebrate female athletes as much as male athletes. But with the emphasis on everything being "bigger and better" I don't see this happening anytime soon. It's one of the reasons that sports like the WNBA need to extend the effort to watching women's sports, not just playing them. Only by growing up watching strong female athletes, young fans of both generations accustomed to what women can do and hopefully continue watching as they grow older. This might be the only way to ensure a long lasting audience for women's sports and guarantee that women's sports continue to exist at a professional level.

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Radicalism, student power and nonviolent direct action sparked images of the '60s protest against the war, the free speech movement and the civil rights movement. Student activists lobbied the U.S. Congress, marched the White House, staged boycotts, strikes and sit-ins and participated in civil disobedience. This was a time marked by such overt societal decay that people, especially young people, became sick of the powerless visions that led the country. Young people raised their voices and refused to be an accomplice to what they believed to be wrong.

The '60s movement was limited by its inability to create widespread engagement and change. Rallying and protesting presented people's ability to interact and get involved. Now we have entered a time in history fraught with such moral, environmental and economic uncertainty that people from all disciplines are coming together to find solutions to eminent challenges: ending the use of coal power, creating green jobs and building a clean energy infrastructure.

It seems like today's movement is shaped by constantly evolving sustainability conferences, energy town hall meetings, interactive environmental justice workshops, ecological literacy outings and local food parties. These gatherings emphasized the cultural, entertainment and lifestyle aspects that create a positive energy and vision. This weekend, thousands of students from across the United States gathered in Washington, D.C., to attend Power Shift 2009, a historic youth summit and lobby day aimed at pressuring congress to take aggressive action on the climate crisis. The summit, organized by the Energy Action Coalition, featured workshops, a green job fair, music and fun. "The workshops, lectures and panels covered just about the whole spectrum... from environmental justice, to the nation's energy policy, to transportation," explains Donald Nielsen, a Cal Poly student and Power Shift attendee.

Events frame the way we perceive the world, connect us to quality people and create a community around our efforts. Some of the speakers included House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the Environmental Protection Agency's Carol Browner and the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. Director Van Jones. "The result of Power Shift isn't in the conference itself, but in the energy that will translate back into the college communities across the country," said Tyler Hartrich, AEEnvironmental Affairs Officer and attendee of the conference. Events become a cultural experience with great leaders, and a site for renewed strength.

The Power Shift events were followed by yesterday's rally to the Capitol's very own coal-fired power plant. Members of Congress promise to close the Capitol Power Plant from coal power. "We strongly encourage you to move forward aggressively with us on a comprehensive set of policies for the clean energy infrastructure.

As the youth of America, we must network and connect with all sorts of people in order to do the work that most needs doing. It is our generation that must uphold a moral compass and create a vision for our shared future. Sometimes, we must stand up and speak out against the engine that drives our challenges.

We know sustainability rejects the notion of over-consumption and promotes equity and resource conservation. So what's the next step? It is time to identify a new vision for our community, our state and our nation. I encourage you to find an issue that interests you and make Cal Poly and your community a test-bed for your ideas. If we all take a little piece and work together to share our efforts, we can rephase our future.

Nancy Cole is a city and regional planning senior, the former vice-president of the Empower Poly Coalition and is graduating this quarter. This is her last column for the Mustang Daily.

The '60s are back: students march for environmental change

Omar, I just don't see what you are arguing here. You sound like a socialist, trying to cap the salaries of people in business. These coaches bring revenue to the school. This revenue is used to upgrade the school technology and infrastructure. The comparison of these coaches toRockies is ridiculous. You are putting governors on a pedestal, as if they are performing a job that is helping us citizens immensely. Let's take a look at what our own governor has done for us. Forty-eight billion dollars in debt, new taxes and IOUs (instead of tax refunds). Politicians and businessmen should never be put in the same sentence. One of them is paid to spend our money, the other is paid to perform a service to generate money. Politicians don't generate money, they take it (by taxation).

College sports is a business. People pay to go to games, they are televised, there are advertisements, etc. The only difference is that students are not paid (directly) in college sports. I suggest you take a basic class on capitalism and economics, and then present a new argument.

— Jason Carian
Response to "Coaches keep fat paychecks despite nationwide university budget issues"

I confess, I too, deep down, want to be a hipster. They're so cool and funky and goddamn hip. They seem to pull off everything too. Damnit.

I confess again: I'll wear the occasional V and have purchased at least two items of clothing at "AmerApper." Alas... that is neither here nor there. Loving the Handsome Furs immediately. They're one of those hipster bands I'd heard of, but not heard. "Beau" and "Behaaron" and "Getler" are my latest obsessions... but if you've heard of them, they're probably not hip enough. Right?

— Dan
Response to "Face Control" provides pleasant mix of instruments and styles"
Pop Culture Shock Therapy by Doug Bratton

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Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

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and slow to get hyped up. "I warm up two hours before," she said. "As I do that I'm listening to R&B. I love John Legend, Anthony Hamilton, R. Kelly or something like that.

The tempos in their music preferences seems to pick up with the speed the athletes train. Long jumper Marcus Cunningham favors bands like AC/DC.

"It gets my heart pumping," Cunningham said. "After I like a little Bob Marley and Coldplay just to throw some names out there, to help me sleep."

It gets faster; sophomore long jumper Tony Hodges likes his pre-game music a bit more "screechy."

"A little. As I Lay Dying, it helps me get into my zone and focus and not think about things going on around me," he said.

However, a trip back to Motown yields hip-hop as the crown of Cal Poly athletics.

Men's basketball senior guard Chad Thomas said it's mostly rap he likes that.

"I'm mostly rap, we're playing with confidence. We tell our players that you have to win on the road to be a quality college baseball program."

Prior to last weekend's series against Sacramento State over the weekend, Lee told his team that a dominant performance would put them on the bubble for a shot in the polls.
The Mustangs would go on to sweep the Hornets. The sweep coupled with a series win against then-No. 3 Rice and a midweek win against defending national champion Fresno State put Cal Poly over the top.

"It's something that is important for Cal Poly to get that name recognition out there and you never know what non-conference wins early in the season are going to get you that extra vote to get you into postseason competition," Lee said.

If anyone knows the importance of earning extra votes to get into the postseason, it's Lee's Mustangs.

Despite several strong showings, including a second-place Big West finish in 2005, the Mustangs have yet to reach regional competition at the Division I level.

If the early season success is any indication, Cal Poly should be well on its way.
The Spartans provide another early season test for the Mustangs with a pitching staff that carries a stingy 2.83 ERA into tonight's contest.

Cal Poly will spend the majority of the next two weeks on the road. After San Jose State, the Mustangs will spend the weekend in Texas to take on Houston, followed by a weekday game against Pepperdine and a three-game set against Cal next weekend.

Sleeve said that being on the road will have its positives and that his team is up for the task.

"There's less distractions on the road," he said. "It's a good atmosphere for us. It's something we're looking forward to."

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Warner smiled the words "I'm not talking" through the window to reporters as they drove through a security gate.

The Warriors were expected to fly home Monday night, but Mccloughlin and ouster Jed York indicated they might have dinner plans or further decisions before he returned to Phoenix.

Last season Warner proved he's still at the top of his game. After clinching the Cardinals' starting job from Matt Leinart, Warner passed for 4,873 yards and 30 touchdowns, leading the franchise to its first division title since 1975. He also started in four playoff games, completing 68 percent of his passes for 1,147 yards and 11 TDs.

Singularly has been unwilling to designate veteran Shaun Hill as his starter for next season even after Hill led San Francisco to five wins in its final seven games and a 7-9 record that knocked the interim tag off Singletary's title. Hill has been an effective quarterback over the past two seasons, going 7-3 as a starter, but he doesn't have the arm strength or pedigree that worries coaches.

Alex Smith, the injury-plagued former No. 1 draft pick, is working on restructuring his contract to stay with the 49ers, who'll release him if they can't reach a deal with a much lower base salary than the $9 million in his current contract.

The 49ers might not be the ideal football fit for Warner, who would leave a lineup with star receivers Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin to join a run-based offense with no proven pass-catchers—although Warner's arrival might persuade longtime Rams teammate Isaac Bruce to put off retirement for another season.

San Francisco's biggest signing Monday also pointed to another reason Warner might not be perfectly suited for the Niners. Fullback Moran Norris signed a three-year contract to return to the 49ers, who have repeatedly said they plan to build a run-first offense around running back Frank Gore and new coordinator Jim Harbaugh.

But Warner met with Ryan and quarterbacks coach Mike Johnson on Monday afternoon, talking football and weighing his options.

"We just said hello," York said of his interaction with Warner. "He's a great guy, class act, great person."
Music serves as inspiration for many Poly athletes

Omar Sanchez

Who says hip-hop is dead? No, you might think so, but it’s alive and well in Cal Poly athletics. From the baseball fields to the wrestling room, the upbeat sound of hip-hop dominates athletes’ playlists.

Cal Poly’s No. 1 singles tennis player Andre Dome credited Lupe Fiasco as his motivation before matches, mirroring the women’s team which also prefers hip-hop.

But Dome might be alone in his taste if women’s senior tennis player Shannon Brady’s assumption is correct in that “The guy’s team likes listening to techno.” Nonetheless, it seems every great athlete has a certain genre or artist they prefer before competition.

Twelve-time Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps explained, “The lyrics, the melody, it has it all. It gets me pumped up and calm at the same time, good balance,” Ortez explained.

In fact, he likes the song so much that it’s his walk-up song during an NCAAs this season. “The lyrics, the melody; it has it all. It gets me pumped up and calm at the same time, good balance,” Ortez explained.

There certainly is no balance on what athletes listen to, but perhaps the most genre diverse bunch has to be the track and field team.

Sophomore middle distance runner Blake McDowall explained, “The guy’s team likes listening to techno.” Nonetheless, it seems every great athlete has a certain genre or artist they prefer before competition.

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