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Due to a potential future fall in the number of college graduates, the California State University has implemented programs aiming to increase college attendance and graduation rates and rekindle the state's struggling workforce.

According to the April report, "Closing the gap: Meeting California's need for college graduates," the state will lack nearly 1 million college graduates by the year 2025. By then, it is predicted that only 35 percent of working-age adults will have a college education in an economy that will need about 41 percent.

However, the CSU system has already begun addressing this issue. In May 2008, the Board of Trustees embraced the Access to Excellence plan, a system of small-scale programs which will hopefully cut current achievement gaps in half during the next 10 years.

"Part of the CSU's mission is to provide high-quality, accessible, student-focused higher education," CSU media relations specialist Erik Fallis said. "We also educate California's workforce of the future. Making sure our students attain their degrees goes hand-in-hand with our mission."

Working in conjunction with community colleges across the state, the CSU created the Lower Division Transfer Pattern (LDTP), a program that prepares students for transferring to four-year universities. The LDTP tells students exactly what they need to accomplish in order to transfer to a specific major at all 23 CSU universities.

The LDTP also provides detailed plans, comprised of general education coursework, to students who are not sure which CSU campus they want to attend. All students need to complete at least 60 units to transfer to a CSU campus.

Cuesta College student Lindsay Walker will be transferring to Cal Poly as a nutrition major next fall. For Walker, figuring out transfer requirements hasn't been a difficult task because Cuesta and Cal Poly work closely together to iron out minimum standards for all majors.

"My counselor actually printed out a page from the Cal Poly catalog and gave me a list of Cuesta classes that are equivalent and transferrable," Walker said.

The Cuesta catalog lists transfer requirements for CSU schools.

The CSU system has also developed a standardized test that gauges college readiness in high school students. The Early Assessment Program (EAP) tests high school juniors' proficiency in English and mathematics and determines whether remedial work is necessary before entering a CSU campus. High school students who perform poorly on the EAP can tailor their senior year towards college preparation.

According to the CSU's Web site, 346,000 students volunteered to take the EAP in 2007 — 80,000 more than the previous year. Only 16 percent of the students taking the English EAP demonstrated proficiency, while 55 percent of the students who took the mathematics EAP showed proficiency.

The CSU has created a college poster which is designed to keep middle school and high school students on track for college entrance. This poster informs students about class requirements as well as financial and statistical information about college.

"The CSU has a great working relationship with high schools and community colleges throughout the state," Fallis said. "The success of these programs will be seen over the long-term."

According to Fallis, fall 2009 transfer applications are up 13.7 percent compared to fall 2008 an early indicator of the CSU's success.

"As the nation's largest public university system, the CSU has taken a leadership role in providing access to quality higher education," he said.

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Students let loose with May Mayhem

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Outside in the UU Plaza, three bands, including Dirty Sweet, The Silent Comedy and HBI will be performing on the stage throughout the night. Around 8 p.m., during a transition between bands, the 2009 ASI presidential election results will be announced in front of the crowd.

"Last year it was a coincidence that May Mayhem landed on the day of the election results," Curro said. "It was such a success because it built up so much energy with the students, so we decided to announce the results again this year."

ASI presidential candidates will be in attendance and are excited to hear the results with the rest of the students.

"I will definitely be there," ASI presidential candidate Jon McElroy said. "I am looking forward to seeing how the students voted."

Apart from the presidential unveiling, a slew of activities will happen within the UU. The Craft Center will offer lessons in clay throwing, hand building and custom hemp bracelets.

Free cotton candy will be available in the new Rose Float office, which is next to the Craft Center. Outside, Poly Escapes will host a climbing competition on the rock wall.

Further art-related activities will happen upstairs. UU room 220 will feature henna tattoos and a caricature artist. Free popcorn will be given out in the student government office.

Organizations inside the UU will be involved as well. The Multicultural Center will be sponsoring a Red Carpet Runway and the Pride Center is organizing a root beer pong competition.

"We tried to invite everybody in the area to participate and they are all excited," Curro said. "Any space in the UU will be used."

One of the largest and most popular attractions at May Mayhem is the beer pong competition.

Last year's event featured live bands and high student attendance. All activities are free to students with a PolyCard.

hem will be laser tag in Chumash Auditorium. According to Curro, the student line for the laser tag arena was so long last year that two arenas will be set up tonight.

The event runs from seven-11 p.m. and is free for all students with a PolyCard.
Wildfire threatens Santa Barbara area

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Fierce winds sent a wildfire surging into the city Wednesday, igniting homes and forcing evacuations as columns of smoke rose from many neighborhoods in one of California's most scenic coastal enclaves.

TV news helicopters showed homes ablaze but the number could not be immediately determined because of thick smoke columns that streamed over the city and out over the Pacific Ocean.

"The fire is moving very very rapidly," said Santa Barbara County fire Capt. David Sadecki. "The fire is burning from the north to the south. It is wind-aided fire with 40 and 50 miles per hour gusts."

Sadecki said there were unconfirmed reports of two firefighters being overcome by flames. One firefighter suffered a head injury. More than 800 firefighters were on the lines, and 20 more strike teams totaling about 1,300 firefighters were requested.

"The firefighters are picking houses and seeing if they can make a stand," Sadecki said.

The fire was reported at 10 acres at midnight when winds were calm. There was no immediate new estimate of its size.

After the fire broke out Tuesday, 1,200 homes were ordered evacuated. That number was expanded to 2,000 on Wednesday.

Authorities had warned earlier that residents in the threatened area at least $1 million and many are $2 million or more.

As he drove home, Piato said the smoke from the fire turned from gray to black. "That's the color when homes start burning," he said.

Santa Barbara, with a population of more than 400,000, is a 100 miles west of Los Angeles. The city dates to the Spanish colonial era and is a major tourist destination on the state's central coast.

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In the months after Hurricane Katrina swamped the University of New Orleans campus in August 2005, the basketball team practiced at a school six hours away in Texas and played almost its entire season on the road, winning just three games.

Some team members quit, but for those who stuck it out, "it made us closer," said Jada Frazier, who was a freshman from Albany, Ga.

Frazier is a member of the Class of Katrina — the graduating college seniors who were brand-new freshmen when the hurricane plunged New Orleans into anarchy and ruin four years ago.

While many of their classmates left and never came back, they returned, whether out of loyalty to their school or affection for the city. And for some of them, it was a life-changing experience.

Tulane University student Denali Landers, a Boulder, Colo., native and Tulane University senior talks to students in a New Orleans charter school in New Orleans, Monday.

weeks later to find major damage at Dillard University, Xavier University, the University of New Orleans and Southern University at New Orleans. Tulane and Loyola universities fared better.

Other colleges around the country took in New Orleans' students for a semester before classes finally resumed in the city in January 2006 — in trailers at some of the flooded campuses or, in the case of Dillard, at a hotel. It was a dreary, depressing experience.

An international business and Spanish major, Ashlee Yates of Memphis, Tenn., recalled a Dillard gym peeling ceiling-high with the belongings of students who wouldn't be coming back for them. Her dorm room had flooded, and she had lost everything. "The morale became really, really low after the hurricane," Yates said. "A lot of students that came in with me aren't here anymore."

Jasmine Bouette, a student at Dillard, didn't just lose what she had on campus; her family in New Orleans lost their home to flooding. It was, she said, a shock to her then-materialistic soul when she wound up in Houston with no extra clothes, dependent on

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the kindness of strangers.
"I've really changed from how I
was. I would never want Wal-Mart
clothes and things like that, and that's
what I had to resort to right after we
evacuated," Boutte said. "I just never
thought I would have to have people
give me things when I used to be
the one giving all the time."

When she returned to New Or­
leans, Boutte helped paint and clean
damaged property, tutored school­
children and participated in the
building of a Habitat for Humanity
house. She also took part in a 2006
tour to encourage displaced residents
to vote — the kind of civic-minded
activity she said she never would have
participated in before.
"I was kind of materialistic before
Katrina. I've really learned not to
take anything for granted," she said.

"My whole views on having this and
having that have really changed."

Matt Limbach, a Tulane student
from Chesterfield, Mich., who had
to flee less than 24 hours after ar­
riving on campus, said he never gave
any thought to transferring to an­
other school. When he returned, the
university dispatched him and others
to the hardest-hit area of the city to
help with the cleanup.
"It was pretty dismal when on the
first couple of weekends back they
send you down to the Ninth Ward,
where you're going through houses
where you find dead animals, dead
pets," Limbach said.

But he and other graduating stu­
dents said they were grateful to have
been part of the city's healing.

Charles Figdor, a psychologist and
disaster trauma expert who was re­
cruited to work at Tulane after the
storm, said the students' reaction is
common among those who have
stood against great hardship.
"It was a source of inspiration and self-confi­
dence that emerge as a result of some
terrible disaster."

Recognition of the graduating
Katrina veterans is planned at com­
 mencement ceremonies, beginning
this weekend. Tulane, where more
than 1,100 of this year's 2,000 gradu­
ates are former Katrina exiles, will
distribute a program with a photo
essay on the disaster and a list of 600
universities that took in Tulane stu­
dents in 2005.

WORD ON THE STREET

"Lebron James or Kobe Bryant?"

"Kobe because he knows what
his team needs at all times. If
the team needs offense, he'll pick
up the best offensive player and
defend them. If the team
needs defense he'll score
points on call. Kobe by far."

Hal Kelley, business junior

"LeBron because he way nicer
than Kobe Bryant. Kobe Bryant
is really selfish. LeBron is the
man and no one can touch
him."

Devin Matoe, kinesiology junior

"I would pick LeBron
because he hasn't had any
rape allegations."

Jenn Tan, English senior

State Briefs

PACINES, Calif. (AP) —
Six years after they were released at
Pinnacles National Monument, a pair of endangered California con­
dors has hatched an egg and is car­
ing for the youngster.
Biologist Joe Barnett of the
nonprofit Ventana Wildlife Society
said the couple is a 6-year-old male
released at the Pinnacles in 2004
and a 6-year-old female who flew
north from the Big Sur flock.

Barnett and National Park Ser­
vice biologist Scott Scherbinski had
watched the condors' natural egg
for one laid by captive condors to
ensure a viable offspring. The shells
of eggs produced by free-flying
condors often are weakened by
pollutants.

The hatching hatched April 18 is
the first in San Benito County in
70 years. The nest is on a private
ranch southeast of the park.

Country fire Capt. David Sadefski
says there are unconfirmed reports
of two firefighters being overran.
Theives Like Us release dance-worthy album

James' "DANCE". Asher Roth's "Love College" and Lady Gaga's "Just Dance" did a good job of convincing everybody that the bars and parties mostly existed for dancing and revelry. Thankfully, the new album "Plays Music" from Thieves Like Us actually grounds itself in the reality of the dance floor and builds equally from indulgent revolt and the desires of the lonely. Sure, this generation may find freedom in the drunken movements of their body but they are equally interested in the beautiful transcendent fuck at the end of the night that never gets found.

Thieves Like Us hit the scene with rare anthem "Drugs In My Body," a single that served as a mission statement for this LP. The keyboards and drums move cyclically as perpetually "the days go fast, the nights they go slow." The singer searches for somebody, pumping drugs into his body and hitting up parties with an end goal to "stay up late put some heat in my heartache." In the video for the song, an iconic group of teens vandalize a mall and hit the dance floor over and over until a young couple breaks off, fleeting into a night of sexual release.

The bars and drunk lines of many of the songs trundle like taxis taking the lonely into the city and back out. While all of the album's denizens are looking for somebody to remove their sense of isolation, only a few are willing to take what they can get, "a free release, a soft affair" or to put it more vulgarly, they ask themselves, "Should I fall inside her?" The others are held back by girlfriends, lofty goals and self-imposed morals. They never find release and instead rely on parachuting ecstatics in the bathroom and staring across the dance floor "paralyzed, unfailing." It sounds depressing but let's be honest, the bars are equally depressingly free and freeing. For every beautiful bejeweled Aphrodite out that night, there's a matching simmered out mess puking in the toilet done. Dance music lately has made us believe that the Long Island we plow through to free our bodies on the floor are statements of revolution. It's not always true sometimes we're just trying to escape the pangs of isolation stared by our amole lives. There is nothing better than grinding up on somebody to a song that can say that, Thieves Like Us have plenty of songs that can.

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Many movie and comic book fans credit Bryan Singer's original two X-Men films ("X-Men," "X-Men United"), along with Sam Raimi's "Spiderman," with reintroducing the superhero genre in today's film industry. Following the success of Singer's revival, filmmakers gained enough confidence to treat audiences with the effective restoration of both the Superman and incombable Batman franchises, along with the introduction of Iron Man. Unfortunately for fans of the famed mutant legacy, director Gavin Hood's addition to the storyline could possibly result in the death of a previously respected franchise. After realizing the plot's failure about 15 minutes into the story, the film's short run time became one of its most appealing aspects. "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" starts off bad and closes in an even worse state, representing everything that is cheesy and generic in derivative comic book movies. The movie begins with our young hero James Howlett (whose eventual name change to Logan is oddly never explained) in mid-1800s Canada, realizing his mutation for the first time after witnessing the death of his father — at the hands of his real father. His newfound half-brother and best friend Victor Creed, a character who eventually becomes Sabretooth, portrayed efficiently by the talented Liev Schreiber.

What follows is the title sequence, which for me proved to be this film's only enjoyable scene. It encompasses an impressive sequence of transitions showing Logan and Victor's service side by side in every major American war, culminating in Vietnam. After Victor lashes out at a fellow soldier through the subtle means of incapacitation, he and Logan are both sentenced to death by firing squad, a punishment they obviously survive as a result of their mutations. They soon garner the attention of Gen. William Stryker, a character we were previously introduced to in Bryan Singer's second installment. Stryker, played by respected veteran Danny Huston, wishes to recruit Wolverine and Sabretooth into his newly formed special unit, a group of mutants that carries out secret operations. Logan however eventually abandons his brothers' after witnessing the slaughter of a number of innocent civilians in Nigeria, a decision that does not sit well with Victor. To his dismay, Wolverine later learns that the group's main goal is actually to capture and experiment on other mutants, attempting to realize Stryker's dream of creating the ultimate mutant killer. Wolverine, who has a variety of powers that includes Cyclops' eye lasers combined with Wolverine's own healing power and retractable blades.

Films like this are disappointing not only as a result of surprisingly boring action sequences, but also because of disrespect and negligence in to the source material. Essential fan favorites like Deadpool and Gambit are degraded and altered to the point of randomly mouthing off witty comments and killing a few bad guys. Gambit was one of the main reasons why so many fans were eager to see this film, but unfortunately I realized the filmmakers had denoted him about two minutes into his first scene. This unfortunate revelation instilled the feeling that this film could have been equally as terrible even if these characters were omitted and 'saved.' There is little dialogue, except for Wolverine's growling and Stryker's lecturing, and the plot encompasses the restoration of the same lines over and over again. All that exists is chaos and the annoying use of computer generated images in many scenes that don't even need it. However, what surprised me the most was the fact that this film was directed by Gavin Hood, who gained the respect of almost every critic with his Oscar-winning foreign film "Tsotsi." He almost surely took this job in order to reach a more commercial fan base, a trap that is all too familiar with Hollywood directors.

Alex Petrosian is a biological sciences freshman and the MUStanji Daily's film reviewer.

"X-Men Origins: Wolverine" opened last weekend across the country. The film stars (from left to right) Ryan Reynolds, Taylor Kitsch, Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber and Lynn Collins. It opened to mixed reviews from critics and the public.
Amazon seeks more paths for sales with new Kindle

Rachel Metz
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NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon, com Inc. hopes a bigger version of its Kindle electronic reading device can be a hit, even if it’s more expensive, and the company is aiming it in part at college students who are eager to save money on their textbooks.

Since the Kindle debuted in late 2007, it has jacked many users and technophiles, but electronic readers from Amazon and rivals such as Sony Corp. are still in an early stage. Amazon has not disclosed Kindle sales figures, and the publishing industry has said e-books account for less than 1 percent of book sales.

Now, by offering the larger, $489 version of the Kindle DX and the smaller $359 Kindle 2, Amazon will try to open more avenues for digital versions of books — and other kinds of content. The New York Times, The Boston Globe and The Washington Post have pilot programs in which they will offer the new Kindle at a discount to some readers who sign up for subscriptions to read the news on the device, the way cell phone providers subsidize phones.

In an interview, Amazon founder and Chief Executive Jeff Bezos said that because the newest Kindle has a 9.7-inch screen, it will be better suited than the 6-inch regular Kindle at showing "complex layouts" in everything from cookbooks to travel guides.

"Things like those that have a lot of layout, structure, look really good on a big screen," he said on the sidelines of a press event Wednesday at Pace University in New York.

The Kindle already had features that could aid textbook reading, like the ability to highlight and bookmark passages. Users could tap the Kindle’s typewriter-layout keyboard to look up words and annotate text. But besides a larger screen, the new version also offers more data storage — room for 3,500 books instead of 1,500 on the Kindle 2.

Three textbook publishers — Pearson PLC’s Cengage Learning and John Wiley & Sons Inc — have agreed to sell books on the device. Collectively, they publish 60 percent of all higher-education textbooks, Bezos said.

At least six universities have said they will run Kindle pilots in the fall — Pace, Arizona State University, Case Western Reserve University, Reed College, Reed College and the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. The schools will work with publishers to make sure books assigned for courses are available in the Kindle format, and some colleges might subsidize the devices for their students.

Case Western President Barbara Snyder said the school will equip 40 students with the new Kindles to study their effects on how they take notes, work in teams and retain knowledge. Snyder said she was not sure who would be paying for the Kindles, but that the students would not.

She believes the device may enable students to get textbook content more cheaply.

Indeed, for students, the biggest advantage could be the lower cost of electronic textbooks. Reading material on the Kindle is consistently less expensive than printed versions, with new releases of mass-market books typically costing $10, for example.

A 2005 Government Accountability Office report said the average cost is $900 per year for students at four-year public colleges, though the textbook industry argues the figure is closer to $625. Typically the prices are high because publishers are trying to capture as many sales as possible in the first year of release, before students can buy used versions.

The Kindle’s size and weight — 18.9 ounces, which is almost twice as heavy as the Kindle 2 but lighter than most laptop computers and paper textbooks — could also be appealing to students on the go.

Amazon won’t be the first to venture into the digital textbook realm. CourseSmart, a Belmont, Calif.-based company started by several textbook publishers, is already trying to cut down textbook prices by selling digital copies to students, who can download or view them online.

An August study by Make Textbooks Affordable, a joint project of a number of student advocacy groups, was critical of CourseSmart’s digital textbooks, however, saying that they were still too costly and that most of the ones they surveyed expired after 180 days.

Bezos believes electronic versions will eventually dominate, though. "It just makes so much sense," he said.

Whether portable, electronic versions of newspapers make sense will remain to be seen. But publishers that have struggled to get people to pay for digital versions of news stories in Web browsers are exploring the Kindle and similar devices.

Ultimately, this is about providing our readers with what they want and need," said New York Times Co. Chairman Arthur Sulzberger Jr., who joined Bezos on stage for the event.

When the Kindle 2 was unveiled, NPD Group analyst Ross Rubin predicted that book readers reach broader audiences, the price would have to come down — something he didn’t expect to happen until must-haves like textbooks become available for the devices. Since the Kindle DX actually costs quite a bit more than the Kindle 2, "it makes sense to explore other forms of distribution, such as subsidization by newspapers," Rubin said.

Bezos said another potential improvement in the Kindle — a color screen — is being explored but "many years away from commercial readiness."

"The electronic display people are using now, that was in the lab for 13 years," he said.

Amazon shares rose 9 cents to close Wednesday at $81.99.
U.S. should free itself from entangling alliances

A few weeks ago I mentioned the threat posed by piracy as an excuse for another "war on terror." This week, I would like to step back to examine the greater issues at hand. The "war on terror" is not the only method governments are using to enhance their authority at home and abroad. American and foreign government officials have increased efforts lately to increase global oversight and regulation over a broad spectrum of topics. Operating within international organizations with global agendas, heads of state and their advisors have revealed radical plans to transform government as we know it, creating what is popularly referred to as a new world order.

Founding father Thomas Jefferson once advised, "Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations -- entangling alliances with none." Today, globalists have infiltrated both major American political parties, working toward forming powerful new alliances to compromise US sovereignty and create a world government.

The United Nations (UN) is the primary force behind the world government agenda. America has been using the UN as a surrogate for Congress for decades, even prior to the Korean War, UN "peacekeeping" troops, and UN-authored military operations by the United States have created a global police force intent on maintaining status-quo governments and enforcing international rules created by UN architects.

Coming off the recent rocket launch by North Korea, President Obama asserted, "Severus will break the rules, but that is why we need a structure in place that ensures that when any nation does, they will face the consequences." Obama has surrounded himself with advisors and filled his branch with bureaucrats who share his globalist agenda. Secretary of State, Timothy Geithner, recently stated he was open to supporting a global currency proposal from China while attending a Council on Foreign Relations ( CFR ) meeting. These types of comments are typical from CFR members, whose membership roster includes leaders of the Obama's cabinet, staff and executive departments. For decades, the CFR has worked to infiltrate governments with members who share the private organization's globalist agenda.

Several U.S. presidents and many cabinet members have been CFR members, as well as many major corporations and philanthropic organizations. As the world London Summit of the G20 organization, heads of state and officials from the top 20 economically influential nations and the international organizations of the IMF, World Bank and European Union presented globalist solutions to the pressing problems of our time.

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At the April London Summit of the G20, the United Nations (UN) -- the driving force behind the world government agenda -- is the primary force behind the world government agenda. America has been using the UN as a surrogate for Congress for decades, even prior to the Korean War, UN "peacekeeping" troops, and UN-authored military operations by the United States have created a global police force intent on maintaining status-quo governments and enforcing international rules created by UN architects.

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Corrections

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American, pro-choice, anti-choice, a lawyer, a governor or a law professor. Will he or she prefer Coke to Pepsi, margaritas to martinis?

While these questions can be overwhelming, Obama, a former University of Chicago law professor and current president provided us with his criteria for a nominee at a Friday White House press briefing he interrupted.

He said, "I view the quality of empathy, of understanding and identifying with people’s hopes and struggles, as an essential ingredient for arriving at (at) just decisions and outcomes. I will seek somebody who is dedicated to the rule of law, who honors our constitutional traditions, who respects the integrity of the judicial process and the appropriate limits of the judicial role.

He continued, "I will seek somebody who shares my respect for constitutional values on which this nation was founded and who brings a thoughtful understanding of how to apply them in our time."

I think the most interesting aspect of what Obama said is that he will "seek somebody who shares (his) respect for constitutional values."

Perhaps Obama is considering someone who shares so many of his views that he has been called "the other half of Obama's brain," according to the Oyez biography. "The Bush White House assured the Republican far right that Souter would be a "Home run," he ended up to be a liberal-leaning but free-thinking jurist."

The reason I make this point is that several GOP politicians and Republican iron hearts are aligned with the fact that Obama, a far left president, will have the influence of public policy making not only for the next two years, but possibly for the next 20, 30 or even 40 years. Are my regular Republican critics reaching for their inlaws yet?

For the past week the media has been considering what racial background and experience Obama's choice will have, and they will continue to speculate until the nominee is confirmed. Will he or the he Afro-American, an open-mindedness that the Supreme Court could use.

My offering of Jarrett as a possible nominee was not the blasing headline at the end of this week when Obama is rumored to be planning an announcement, but I think that anyone who meets his list of qualifications as well as Jarrett would be a good choice. Not as activist, but someone with ambition. Not politically biased, but someone who fully comprehends and understands the effect of the law. Not a radical, but someone who will be forward-thinking and have sound judgment. Like Obama and Souter.

Stephanie England is an English junior and a Mustang Daily political columnist.
So the Mustangs will close out the season with series against Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State and UC Riverside. Cal Poly is currently locked in a three-way tie for second in the Big West standings behind No. 1 UC Irvine.

It seems that the Mustangs have a great chance at making the postseason regionals, which includes 64 teams fighting to make it to Omaha, Nebraska, the home of the College World Series.

This weekend will surely be a great chance at making the post-season regionals, which includes 64 teams fighting to make it to Omaha, Nebraska, the home of the College World Series.

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Vic Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press.
ThePasswords had traded a draft pick from their twitter feed during the draft. was no quit in his team and vowed to get the Bostonians that night.

Some sports tweets are better than others to find out why, but my guess is he would be as unanswered in the mundane things I would pick into 140 characters as I am with what he has to say. That is, of course, unless he calls his shot from the dugout just before going out and facing Jonathan Papelbon.

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The basic idea is sound, unfiltered advice and actually go to a game, please guilty to sending out a tweet the other day promoting my new book. The basic idea is sound, unfiltered information straight from the source, all in 140 characters or less. That's how I learned golfer Morgan Pressel likes to shop and seems to eat an awful lot of Chinese food, and it only gets better with the twitters went by. Granted, it was a Friday night and it was conference play, but it was much more than that. I was expecting. The hot dogs were great (but not cheap), the fans were great, the extra-innings game was great and it was all for free admission. I don't know if it's like this every year or if it's just because of Cal Poly's run at a championship, but either way it's well worth the walk to the stadium.

So if you're going to take my advice and actually go to a game, see Baseball, page 12

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Cal Poly sophomore infielder J.J. Thompson rounds the bases during the Mustangs' most recent home game, a 7-4 win last Sunday.