Out with the old: SLO Textbooks moves into Aida's old space

Chris Jagger
MUSTANG DAILY

After maintaining a strong presence in the San Luis Obispo community since 1996, Aida's University Book Exchange has officially gone out of business and cleared out all merchandise. However, SLO Textbooks, a new bookstore and buyback center for Cal Poly and Cuesta students, has already taken over the lease in the same building.

"We intend to do the exact same thing (as Aida's) as far as providing low prices and high buybacks," SLO Textbooks General Manager Brendan Wood said. "From a customer standpoint, their experience will not change much. They can just know where we're going to have the textbooks they need, better prices and the lowest buybacks."

The shelves at SLO Textbooks have not been thoroughly stocked yet, but the business is currently open for student buybacks Monday through Saturday. A small amount of school supplies, including Scantrons and lined paper, are also currently available.

Wood does not anticipate a need to order large amounts of new textbooks for summer quarter. Many of the same classes were offered during spring quarter and buybacks will supply a large amount of the inventory. This means that a lot of the textbooks being sold over the next few months will be used.

"We can afford to pay higher prices on textbooks; we can afford to charge a little less than what you're going to find at the on-campus bookstore," Wood said. "Students have confidence in that. Establishing trust is important and we definitely want to do that with our customers."

Wood is the General Manager of LDI University Book Exchange. The company is based in Seattle, Wash. and has similar locations in Seattle and Denver, Colo. According to Wood, LDI has been familiar with the San Luis Obispo area and this particular location for a while and believed Aida's customer base would provide a good market for a new bookstore.

"We know that the customer base is here," Wood said. "When we were working very hard to just get the store open for buyback a day after signing the lease, we had people already knocking on the doors, 30 to 40 people a day. We do buyback at higher prices so the students' overall perception has been great so far.

"What we're really focusing on is making sure that the students know we're here and we're still open, just under a new name and that's about it."

Students want the right to carry guns on college campus.

John Hackleman tells his side of the story on Chuck Liddell's retirement and his new gym.

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Gates: No reason to build up US troops in Korea

Lara Jakes
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Gingerly trying to advance Mideast peace, President Barack Obama on Thursday challenged Israel to stop settlement construction in the West Bank on the same day the Israelis rejected that demand. Obama pushed Palestinians for progress, too, deepening his personal involvement.

"I am confident that we can move this process forward," Obama said after meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the White House. The president said that means both sides must be willing to "meet the obligations that they've already committed to" — an element of the peace effort that has proved elusive for years.

Earlier in the day, Israel rejected blunt U.S. requests to freeze Jewish settlement construction in the West Bank, a territory that would make up the Palestinian state, along with the Gaza Strip, as part of a broader peace deal.

In strong language, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton had said Wednesday that Obama wants a halt to all settlement construction, including "natural growth," Israel uses that term for new housing and other construction that it says will accommodate the growth of families living in existing settlements. Israeli spokesman Mark Regev responded Thursday by saying some construction would go on.

"Normal life in those communities must be allowed to continue," he said, noting Israel has already agreed not to build new settlements and to remove some unauthorized settler outposts. Regev said the fate of the settlements would be determined in peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

With that as a backdrop, Obama said part of Israeli obligations include "stopping settlements." But he also struck a hopeful tone.

"At the same time, we also realize that that's a very provocative, that are aggressive, accompanied by very aggressive rhetoric," he said. "And I think it brings home the reality of the challenge that North Korea poses to the region and to the international community.

Gates appeared to try to tamp down some of the tough rhetoric that has flown between Washington and Pyongyang this week, since North Korea said it successfully detonated a nuclear device in its northeast on Monday and followed with a series of short-range missile launches.

Gates also cited a silver lining of the situation: an opportunity to build stronger ties with the Chinese government.

"Just based on what the Chinese government has said publicly, see Korea, page 2
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that the Israeli leader needs to work through
the issue with his own government.

"I think it's important not to assume the
worst, but to assume the best," Obama said.

The president also pushed Palestinians to
hold up their end, including increased security
in the West Bank to give Israeli confidence in
their safety.

Obama said he told Abbas the Palesti­

ans must find a way to halt the incitation of
anti-Israeli sentiments that are sometimes ex­
pressed in schools, mosques and public arenas.

"All these things are impediments to peace," Obama said.

The Palestinian leader said "we are fully
committed to all of our obligations" under the
peace framework known as the road map. Dur­
ing so, Abbas said, is "the only way to achieve
the durable, comprehensive and just peace that
America is working to package a 2002 Saudi
Arabian plan that called for
Israel to give up land it has
occupied since the 1967 war
in exchange for
normalized relations with Arab countries. Ab­
bas gave Obama a document that would keep
intact that requirement and also offer a way to in­
centivize a required Israeli freeze on all settlement activity, a
timetable for Israeli with­
drawal and a realization of a
two-state solution.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said Obama
affirmed to Abbas that Is­
rael has an obligation to
freeze settlement expan­
sions, including natural
growth.

The U.S. and much of the world consider the
settlements an obstacle to peace because they are
built on occupied land the
Palestinians claim for a fu­
ture state. But successive U.S. administrations have

I want to use the occasion to deliver a
broader message about how the United States
can change for the better its relationship with
the Muslim world.

—Barack H. Obama
President of the United States

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they're clearly pretty unhappy about the nuclear test
in particular, and they weren't very happy about the
missile test either," Gates said. "And my impression is
they were surprised by the nuclear test. And so, as I said,
I think there may be some opportunities here."

He added: "I don't want to put the burden solely
on China, because the reality is that while China has
more influence than anybody else on North Korea, I
believe that that influence has its limits. But it is im­
portant for the Chinese to be a part of any effort to
try to deal with these issues with North Korea."

Gates suggested that diplomatic talks among six
countries: Russia, China, Japan, South Korea, North
Korea and the U.S. — to get rid of all nuclear weap­
on the Korean Peninsula have not worked. He
said that while the discussions should continue,
the nations other than North Korea now need to focus on
what he described as "where do we go from here?"

"I think that they clearly have not had the impact
in North Korea that any of us have wanted," Gates
said of the talks. "That doesn't mean they are useless
by any means, and we are still committed to the six­
party talks. But I think that we need to figure out a
way to try and move forward with North Korea."

Gates said direct talks between the U.S. and North
Korea are, for now, at least, "the way to go."

In what the Pentagon called a first for a U.S. de­
defence chief, Gates was to meet with his Japanese
and South Korean counterparts at the two-day Singapore
conference. He also was to meet briefly with the head of
China's military.

Gates said North Korea would likely dominate the
Singapore discussions and hinted that additional eco­
nomic or military sanctions might be put on Pyong­
yang as punishment for the tests. But he said that any
sanctions should impact the communist government
and not its citizens, whom he said have already suf­
fed "enough damage" by their leaders.

He cited North Korean exports of missile and nu­
clear technology as a top worry, and said the United
Nations, Russia and China in particular, need to be part of any efforts to curb them.
``Do you think students should be legally allowed to carry guns on campus?''

``I would say no. It's pretty clearly a big safety issue. I am all about self defense but not at school.''

-Andy Nunes, computer science sophomore

``There was that thing with Virginia Tech so I don't know. I have friends who are into guns but I don't think (guns) should be on campus.''

-Ilya Seletsky, computer science sophomore

``No, I wouldn't feel comfortable with other people with guns on campus.''

-Soloman So, city and regional planning junior

``No, I don't think someone who is 18 or 20 should be carrying a gun. I really don't see a need for it.''

-Chris Glasser, industrial technology freshman

Colleges nationwide have unconstitutionally barred students from handing out literature, protesting and gathering in support of the right to carry weapons on campus, students and an advocacy group say.

Christine Brasher, a freshman at the Community College of Allegheny County near Pittsburgh, said a dean recently told her she had to stop distributing fliers for the group Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, which has chapters at many colleges, and destroy the pamphlets she had designed.

``I just wanted to start a student organization. I didn't think it was going to get this much attention,' Brasher said. ``It only got this attention because they stopped me. People don't like to hear about suppression of free speech.''

Brasher is licensed to carry a concealed firearm but doesn't take it to school because CCAC, like most colleges and universities nationwide, does not allow weapons on campus. Some states explicitly ban students from carrying weapons on campus, while others — like Pennsylvania — allow the schools to set policy.

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But since April 16, 2007, when Seung-Hui Cho went on a shooting rampage at Virginia Tech University, killing 32 people and injuring 17 before turning the gun on himself, more students have been advocating for the right to carry guns on campus, and state lawmakers have been tackling the issue as well.

As a result, more universities and colleges have suppressed the rights of students to organize, said Robert Shibley, vice president of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit that defends students' civil liberties.

``In the late 90's and early 2000's, campuses across the country were very closed off,' Shibley said. ``Now that the gun debate is back on campus, the.tpl for university freedom has been increased. They have increased their freedom to express their politics and their views.''

``But I think the government and the courts have extensively decided that college campuses are public institutions, and therefore they have the ability to restrict student speech,'' he said.

``I think the courts are correct in saying universities are public institutions, and not private clubs. They do have the ability to restrict speech as long as they don't discriminate against viewpoints,' Shibley said.

``I'm a gun owner. I'm not afraid to defend myself, but in public places I don't carry a weapon. I don't want gun-toting students on my campus, but I respect their right to carry guns on campuses with anti-gun policies. This is not about me. It's about them and their right to carry guns.''

``I think these restrictions are scary and it's a big issue for me. This is not about me. It's about students and their right to carry guns.''

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Schwarzenegger: More pay cuts for state workers

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will ask that more than 200,000 state employees take an additional 5 percent pay cut to deal with California's growing budget deficit, on top of an earlier reduction of nearly 10 percent.

The proposal comes after the governor ordered two-day-a-month furloughs that began in February and will be part of his plan to cut an additional $3 billion in state spending, Schwarzenegger Communications Director Matt David said.

State

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Riders on the Bay Area Rapid Transit system will have to pay even more for each trip beginning in July.

BART's board of directors announced Thursday that fares will go up an average of 6.1 percent on July 1. Fares on short trips will go up by 25 cents, while the surcharge on rides to San Francisco International Airport will go up $2.50.

BART is facing a $247 million, four-year deficit. The board says two-thirds of that will be erased by reducing expenses, with the rest coming from riders.

Officials are also adding a $1 a day parking fee at eight stations that previously had free parking.

Next month, the BART board will consider parking back weekend and Saturday service to trains every 20 minutes, instead of every 15 minutes.

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — Investigators believe the killer of a Ventura County husband and his pregnant wife targeted the couple before stabbing them in their beachfront home.

Sheriff's Sgt. Bill Hester told residents at a meeting Wednesday evening that the investigation into the deaths of Brock and Davina Husted is preliminary. The residents were told there is a lot of evidence to sift through and a lot of information investigators cannot share.

Authorities say the couple's 9-year-old son saw an intruder in a motorcycle helmet confront his mother in the kitchen late in the evening on May 19.

National

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Hip-hop star Akon spoke to students in uptown New York about gun violence as part of a plea agreement for tossing a fan off stage at a concert nearby.

Akon pleaded guilty in December to tossing the teen off stage at a June 2007 concert at Dutchess County Stadium in Fishkill, N.Y.

He won't serve jail time but must complete 65 hours of anti-violence and anti-gang community service.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cool and collected, Kavya Shivashankar wrote out every word on her palms and always ended with a smile.

The 13-year-old Kansas girl said she saved the biggest smile for last, when she rapped off the letters to "Laodicean" to become the nation's spelling champion.

The budding neurosurgeon from Olathe, Kan., outlasted 11 finalists Thursday night to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

He took home more than $41,000 in cash and prizes and, of course, the huge champiion's trophy. After winning, he was mobbed by schoolmates, fans and family members.

But most of all, Kavya got huge hugs from her father, mother and little sister.

Kavya was making her fourth appearance at the bee, having finishing 16th, eighth and fourth over the last three years.

International

GENEVA (AP) — An independent U.N. human rights investigator said Thursday that the United States is failing to properly investigate alleged war crimes committed by its soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Although some cases are investigated and lead to prosecutions, others aren't or result in lenient sentences, said Philip Alston, the U.N. Human Rights Council's special rapporteur on extrajudicial killings.

"There have been chronic and deplorable accountability failures with respect to policies, practices and conduct that resulted in alleged unlawful killings — including possible war crimes — in the United States' international operations," Alston said in a report dated May 26 and published out a U.N. Web site.

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — A strong earth quake struck early Thursday off the coast of Honduras, collapsing shacks in Honduras and Belize and sending people running into the streets in their pajamas as far away as Guatemala City. No injuries or deaths were immediately reported.

The magnitude-7.1 quake struck at 3:24 a.m., at the relatively shallow depth of 6 miles, according to the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colorado. The epicenter was 80 miles northwest of La Ceiba, Honduras, and 206 miles from the capital, Tegucigalpa.

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following the cases and writing letters protesting them.

FBIE has not taken any cases to court, but Shibley said the group has not ruled it out. FBIE's philosophy is to work with the universities to get them to independently change their policies.

In the case of Tarant County College in Fort Worth, Texas, Shibley said he would not comment on whether FBIE would sue. But "it's always an option when constitutional rights are violated," he said.
Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Elmer Fudd and Foghorn Leghorn are some of the cartoon characters many associate with their childhood.

Waking up early and turning on “Looney Tunes” with cereal in hand was often the highlight of the weekend. Smiles would form with each crescendo and quirky melody.

Now, cartoon aficionados and interested listeners alike can experience the nostalgia of childhood when saxophonist and clarinetist Don Byron performs cartoon-inspired jazz at the Performing Arts Center tonight at 8 p.m.

Byron, a finalist for the 2009 Pulitzer Prize in Music, will perform with Cal Poly’s University Jazz Band directed by Paul Rinzler, director of Jazz studies. TIME Magazine credits Byron with transcending categorical genres, but he was one of the first jazz musicians to highlight music used in cartoons by featuring 1930s composer Raymond Scott in his work.

“Cartoon melodies of the ‘40s would use what Raymond Scott had done in the ‘30s as background,” Rinzler said. “The music would fit the cartoons really well because it has kind of a quirky sound to it. Don Byron has taken back and rediscovered the music of Raymond Scott.”

Byron has an East Coast style and performs challenging music that the band members are eager to experience, said Brandon Rolle, University Jazz Band guitarist and music senior.

“The music is really difficult and some have the pre-concert jitters, but it is good every so often to hear (a different perspective) and point out something that we may have missed,” Rolle said. “It’s a really useful experience.”

Byron won the Samuel Barber Rome Prize for Composition that will send him to Rome to work on a chamber opera based on the novel and film, “Gentleman’s Agreement,” according to his Web site. Tonight, he will perform pieces such as Scott’s “The Penguins,” which aptly describes Byron’s music, Rinzler said.

“I can think of no better representation of the cuteness of the penguin in kind of a cartoonish way,” he explained. “It captures the character of a penguin, how cute they waddle, it just captures that perfectly in a jazz way.”

The jazz band will rehearse with Byron as well as participate in workshops and clinics to get his input.

“I don’t think students are intimidated, it’s a combination of initial respect,” Rinzler said. “They go through a process of checking him out, seeing what type of musician and person he is, he will do the same to the band.

They will identify a common ground musically and come together to create a musical performance as a unit.”

Rolle values the opportunity to meet established musicians such as Byron as a means of networking.

“It’s a great contact for one, someone from different parts of the country,” Rolle said. “Top-notch musicians set the bar high for the rest of the group.”

“He will give students advice as far as how to approach the music that will tighten up and refine what they are doing,” Rinzler said.

Tickets are $12 and $15 for general admission, $10 and $13 for seniors and Jazz Federation members and $6 and $10 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Blame ballot box for poor decisions in California

By Josh Green

California knows disaster and have lived through several natural ones. Earthquakes, fires, floods; you name it. If anything, it's rare that the state suffers two disasters in a week's time, but that's exactly what happened last week on successive Tuesdays. One was a fiscal disaster, the other a moral one.

On May 19 the voters — at least the quarter of them who bothered to show up — decided to stick a finger in the eye of the legislators and send free ballot measures down in flames. The compromises between legislators that were supposed to dig us out of a budget hole were scoffed at by the electorate, which seemed to think a year of "educating" the adult population decided that gays and the white of the blues, that these are the groups that vote in higher numbers than ev-

everyeye. This is not the fault of educated, wealthy whites, it's just a fact. Somebody's civil rights should not be judged by a self-se-
lected quarter of the population.

But this reality of voter turn-
out, combined with an infeasible system in which initiatives cannot be overturned except by another initiative or a reluctant state Su-

preme Court, have left us with a


The Prop 8 disaster can't be blamed on low turnout because the 2008 presidential election attracted people to the polls in droves. The blame for its passage (or lack, depending on which side you're on) can be passed around to those who put in se-

rious money to the campaign: Mormons, Catholics or fill-in-

the-blank right-leaning organization.

But I blame the opposition campaign. It didn't muster the votes it needed in the most con-

servative parts of the state and it ran a confusing, ineffective media campaign.

After Tuesday's decision, the gay marriage campaign can go nowhere except back to the same ballot box. Prepare yourselves to vote on repealing Prop 8 in either the spring or fall of next year. The folks running the repeal campaign seem to think that a year of "educat-

ing" the red parts of the state will do the trick, but I think they're blinded by their passion for the issue. I can't see 2 percent of vot-

ers — potentially 268,000 people — being convinced by next year that their moral value sys-

tem needs rethinking. There's no doubt that California has lost its

status as the most progressive state in the union. When Iowa paces us by attracting someone who's something other than a
carpetbagger, forcing another divisive battle at the polls right away might not be the answer.

— Cameron Show

Response to "Cal Poly hires staff to educate geek life following SAE amis"

It's rare that the state suffers a fiscal disaster and a moral disaster in the same week. This basic civil right to all Californians makes one wonder that this is the way it has to be. It is sometimes rather frustrating to see fire falling from the sky yet people still believe the state is in ruins. I know — you don't. But there are things that you can do to help.

— Brandon

Response to "Cal Poly hires staff to educate geek life following SAE amis"

Nicely written, Steph. Liberals are often accused of being blindly pacifist, but there are things we can do when it is necessary to take up arms against oppressors, and most liber-

ab understand that.

— Lucas

Response to "North Korean government deserves condemnation"

Some have tried to blame an aggressive Bush Administration and a new conservative Senate leader in South Korea for these troubling developments. I think that disingenuous, as our previous attempts at negotiating in good faith have repeatedly resulted in North Korea backtracking in order to get more concessions.

I don't think there's anything we can do to get Korea to give up its nuclear or missile programs. It's unlikely that even China could get them to change course, unless this is all a bluff to begin with (presuming China wants to be helpful) The best we can hope for is to limit their export of those technologies.

— Lucas

Response to "North Korean government deserves condemnation"
Christian Bale’s Memoir Chapter, “’Roid Rage”

I put on 110 lbs. of muscle in six months to play Batman, then went crazy on my mom and the Terminator set. But because I don’t play baseball, no one really cared.

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Hackleman on White, Liddell and New Gym

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Former Cal Poly wrestler Chuck Liddell, left, trains with The Pin owner John Hackleman in March.

Scott Silvey  MUSTANG DAILY

John Hackleman may train one of the baddest mixed martial artists of all-time in former Cal Poly wrestler Chuck Liddell, but he never trained for the battle that’s he’s undertaking outside the cage with UFC President Dana White.

When Liddell suffered a knockout loss to Mauricio Rua at UFC 97, his third knockout loss in five fights, White pronounced his career finished.

“He’s a huge superstar and we could still sell lots of tickets (with Liddell),” White said at a post-fight press conference. “But I don’t care about that. I care about him. It’s over man. It’s over.”

Problem was, no one told Liddell or Hackleman. When Hackleman protested that Liddell hadn’t informed anyone of his future plans, the often outspoken White unleashed his fury.

“Obviously, John Hackleman didn’t pay his house off yet,” White told Sherdog.com “John Hackleman needs some money, because anybody who claims they care about Chuck Liddell even a little bit would not be making these fucking statements.”

Hackleman may be in for a bigger battle than he ever had in his fighting career.

“It’s like the dirty fighter that’ll come in and bite your ear,” Hackleman said of White. “He doesn’t have to watch what he says or does because his two business partners are multi-billionaires.”

While Hackleman said he disliked White’s tactics, he knows that White was trying to come from a good place.

“Dana White had good intentions,” he said. “But he did the wrong thing with those good intentions. I think he cares about Chuck but to say that at a press conference without talking to him — that was just rude.”

Hackleman stressed that he isn’t saying that Liddell will fight again.

“We’re not going to push him to fight or say he’s going to retire,” he said. “We’re going to let him make the decision.”

While Hackleman fights a war of words with White on one end, he’s celebrating the grand opening of his flagship gym, The Pit, on Grand Avenue in Arroyo Grande.

While the building opened a couple months ago, Hackleman and Liddell are celebrating in opening to the general public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

“We’ve got about 30 of them now,” Hackleman said of his numerous gyms. “(But the Arroyo Grande location) is my main one. This is where I’m always at.”

Hackleman estimates that he works with about 20 Cal Poly students, teaching them the art of Hawaiian Kempo.

“We do our world famous pit curriculum,” Hackleman said. “We work on striking, grappling, and conditioning. We have specialized standout striking classes as well as classes for people who just want to work on their grappling or conditioning.”

Hackleman defined Hawaiian Kempo as “33.3 percent striking, grappling, and conditioning” and noted that while new UFC Light Heavyweight champion Lyoto Machida is known as a karate fighter, to be a good professional a mixed martial artist must be balanced.

“As a fighter you better to be good at everything,” Hackleman said. “The flavor of the month thing might be good, but for the long run you’re going to have to know more.”

Hackleman said he hopes to train with more Cal Poly students as he plans to initiate a new program for college students.

“We’re going to call it the Cal Poly four by four or something,” Hackleman said. “Basically it takes four to five years for most people to get their degree. We want them to be able to get a degree and a black belt in that same time. This is like another family where you can train and hang out. If you’re away from home and at college, instead of hopping to the bars, getting drunk and acting stupid, you can hang out with healthy people doing healthy things.”

Cal Poly ready for first NCAA Division I postseason appearance

The Mustangs will play Oral Roberts (31-13) in their first Division I postseason game at 2 p.m. today in the Tempe Regional. The game will be carried on ESPN Radio (1280 am).

SPORTS  MUSTANG DAILY

Heading into the Big West Conference championship two weeks ago, Cal Poly track and field director Terry Crawford said his team could play the role of spoiler.

After the events had played out, the Mustangs were a surprise second place while the men finished third.

“Certainly we accomplished (our goal) on the women’s side,” Crawford said. “The women’s team was really the team in question throughout the year in terms of where we would come together and score some points.”

Crawford said she was proud of the effort put forth by the men’s team as well.

“It was a battle to the end,” Crawford said. “We’re really proud of how those guys fought. I think we did surprise a couple of teams even on the men’s side knowing that we had taken some major hits with— in our sprint core and yet we were still able to finish the way we did.”

The Mustangs were without top sprinter Jarred Houston who had been injured in spring football practice. Houston was expected to be one of Cal Poly’s major contributors when the NCAA West Regional begins today.

Instead Crawford will look toward the 18 athletes that made the trip to Eugene, Oregon, hoping to find a way into the NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. next month.

“We’re excited about (the impact) they are going to have this week-end,” Crawford said. “For many of these athletes their best performance is ahead of them. That’s what we’ve worked toward all year long.”

The athletes that qualified for the regional did by meeting a “regional standard” requirements. That requirement is measured as being among the top 30% collegiate athletes in that event in the country.