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Cal Poly en route to ADA compliance

Lauren Rabaino

Looking into Laura Weiss’s piercing blue eyes, you’d never guess that she’s blind.

Although she sometimes returns the gaze — a habit she picked up from the first 30 years of her life when she still had vision — all Weiss can see now are faint blurs in her peripheral vision.

It’s this characteristic that places Weiss, a social sciences junior, among the 73 students at Cal Poly categorized as "disabilities students" who rely on compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) to receive an education. The law was passed in 1990 and outlaws discrimination against people with disabilities. Recent revisions involving electronic compatibility have forced the California State University to adopt a system-wide goal of achieving full ADA compliance for all digital information by 2012.

The university has already begun implementing ADA compliance with three focus areas of Web accessibility, instructional materials accessibility and software adoption.

Trey Duffy, director of disabilities resource center on campus, explained the process simply.

"Anything that can be heard needs to be seen and anything that can be seen needs to be heard," he said.

For Web developers, compliance ranges from avoiding color combinations that could trigger seizures to closed captioning videos for the hearing-impaired. A Web page that is unread-sees ADA, page 2

Laura Weiss, a social sciences junior, is partially blind and relies on the disabilities resource center to assist with her studies. Above, she uses her assistive software to help her see the computer monitor.

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Landscaping services is responsible for landscape design and construction, sports turf management, weed control and irrigation, according to the Cal Poly Landscape Services Web site.

Dropping from about a $12,000 to about a $10,000 budget this year, Cal Poly landscaping services will decrease regularity of mowing, trimming and watering. For example, hedges that were trimmed every one to two weeks might be trimmed every two to four weeks instead, Loosley said.

In addition, landscape services will not allocate any money towards landscaping projects, including annual installation and maintenance of flowerbeds and trees, he added.

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Head of the landscape architecture department, Margarita Hill, agrees that Cal Poly has a high standard when it comes to landscaping.

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Although landscaping services cutbacks might go unnoticed, the decreased frequency of many custodial services, including the cleaning of interior and exterior walkways, reception areas, labs, private offices and windows, might be more apparent.

Faculty offices will most likely see the biggest reduction in cleaning frequency. Before budget cuts, faculty offices were cleaned once a week. It is currently undetermined what the cleaning frequency will be for the upcoming school year.

"Hopefully the faculty can pick up some of the slack by taking out their own garbage and recycling to communal bins in the hallways and helping to keep their offices clean," Loosley said.

Window washing is another custodial service that has been, and will continue to be, drastically reduced. Only high-profile buildings like the Performing Arts Center will undergo frequent window washing, Loosley said.

Unlike private offices and windows, all of the restrooms and classroom will continue to be cleaned every day.

Grass isn’t greener in 2009: Facilities cuts services

Katie Koschalk

Cal Poly Facility Services reduced the frequency of landscaping, custodial and building maintenance services to adjust to budget cuts beginning in fall.

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In order to maintain a good image, high-priority lawns such as the Spanos Stadium field and the lawn in front of the Performing Arts Center will not be affected. Other, more discreet lawns, such as the lawn outside the Alan A. Uehar Agriculture building, will see a reduction in watering and mowing frequency, Loosley said.

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Two California State University (CSU) students filed a lawsuit last week against CSU to prevent the 20 percent fee increase that the CSU Board of Trustees approved on July 21.

Thomas Donelson of San Bernardino State University and Christian Adame of San Francisco State University are filing the lawsuit on behalf of all CSU students. The complaint they filed said that because the university already sent a bill for the fall, it established a legally binding contract that sets a price for those classes; by increasing the amount due for classes the university is breaking that contract.

The attorneys representing Donelson and Adame represented students in a similar case in 2005. Danielle Leonardi and several other attorneys filed a successful suit against the University of California (UC) that involved the double billing of students.

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able to a computer program is the equivalent to a physical world without ramps and elevators, Dufuy said.

For Weiss, accessibility is very personal.

"It's about making people with disabilities be the best that they can be," she said. "If it wasn't for the DRC, I wouldn't be able to make it through college."

Information technology systems (ITS) and DRC have approached the process of ADA compliance in three phases. The first step, which is now over, was raising awareness. Cal Poly is currently transitioning between step two, knowledge, and step three, skills.

Mary Shaffer, who is in charge of overseeing the compliance process at Cal Poly, said that an overall change in perspective needs to be made. "It's only a test."

But to a blind person, this text can be. "Once you show them how to use it, they can make it part of their work," he said. "I'm optimistic. We can reach 100 percent compliance by 2012. But when a site is compliant, you're not done... it needs to be an ongoing habit."

For practicality purposes, Shaffer and Dufuy said the emphasis is on compatibility of new sites, rather than retrofitting of older sites. But the act isn't only limited to the Web. "Our material that is not currently needed to be accessible too, including PowerPoint slideshow."

Weiss is a student with retinohoritasis, meaning she can still see movement in her periphery. She uses a monoscope in class to zoom in the projector screen.

"To get an idea of how she views the world, she said to hold your fists up to your face and focus on them without looking away. Everything in the farthest edge of your peripherals -- usually indistinguishable -- is the same thing that she can see.

"At the end of the day, she reviews her class materials in a digital format on one of her two massive computer screens at home. She uses a program called Zoomtext that magnifies the text so large that only four words fill the screen at a time. She puts the monitor to her face and listens as the robot-sounding voice reads the text back to her.

When her class materials are not provided in an accessible digital format, the DRC steps in to make accommodations.

Dufuy said the DRC scanned 78,000 pages worth of non-compliant material in 2008-09 and turned it into a digital format. If the full compliance was achieved by the 2012 goal, though, the DRC would no longer have to play the "game of telephone" between publishers and disabilities students.

"We're basically putting ourselves out of a job," Dufuy said. In addition to Web sites and instructional material, compliance also extends to instructional software. Before departments purchase software more than $15,000, it will be screened to ensure that it can be available in multiple formats to accommodate for those with disabilities.

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A challenge, Dufuy said, is that the virtual world can be controlled by anyone.

In the real world, architects are licensed and forced to follow building guidelines for accessibility. In the cyber world, anyone is qualified to create a Web site, making it hard to enforce.

"Our approach is education, not enforcement," Shaffer said. "Strict enforcement at this point is going to make us an enemy in the long run."

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“Our highest priority is making sure that we maintain all health and safety standards,” Loosley said.

Other services, including recycling and garbage collection from classrooms and outside bins and street sweeping will not be reduced, as cutting back on these services could generate unnecessary conditions, Loosley said.

Like custodial services, building repairs might go longer without attention.

“Buildings might go longer without paint jobs, something like a roof leak might go longer without repair and a bathroom might remain out of order longer,” said

Mark Hunter, the executive director of Cal Poly Facility Services.

A reduction in facility services goes hand in hand with a reduction in staff and a reduction in facility staff work hours.

Dufuy said that the landscape services staff was reduced by two full-time employees out of a total of 24 employees.

Student labor will also be reduced, creating fewer on-campus job opportunities in facility services for students, Hunter said.

In addition to reducing staff, the implementation of two furlough days per employee, which began Aug. 1, will also decrease the number of working hours of each employee by 10 percent. Landscapers will lose the equivalent of about one full-time employee. Custodial services, with a total of 81 employees, will lose the equivalent of about eight full-time employees due to furloughs, Loosley said.

"We are trying to organize furlough days so that they have the least impact on the facility services," Loosley said.

Although it is certain that the frequency of facility services will be cut, detailed specifics as how much and what are still being discussed.

"We plan to get a database established and post the frequencies of services on our facilities Web site," Dufuy said.

When the frequencies are determined, the campus will be notified, most likely by means of a campus-wide e-mail, Loosley said.
Day before Afghan elections, media says no to censoring

Afghan people pass by a wall of election campaign posters in downtown Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday, on the eve of the presidential elections. The Taliban have threatened to attack polling stations on election day.

ABUL (AP) — Afghan journalists charged Wednesday that their government was violating the constitution by trying to censor reports of violence on election day, and they vowed to floor the order issued by an administration that appears increasingly hostile toward the media. Increasingly Imostile toward the media.

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Meanwhile, a separate statement from The Associated Press. We have reported increasingly rough incidents. An AP photographer who witnessed the event. An Afghan local media — the country has a host of newspapers, radio stations and television news outlets is condemned the statement as stifling freedom of the press that was supposed to have returned after the ouster of the Taliban in 2001. "We will not obey this order. We are going to continue with our normal activities and broadcasting news," said Rahimullah Samander, head of the Independent Journalist Association of Afghanistan.

U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Feur Cowan said the U.S. acknowledged the sovereign rights of the Afghan government but believed that free media reporting "is directly linked to the credibility of the elections." Foreign Ministry spokesman Ahmad Zahir Tagiri said the order was made to "benefit national interest and national security." Media watchdog groups condemned the order. Reporters Without Borders said in a statement that the order "puts media freedom but also the fundamental right of Afghan citizens to know what is going on in their country".

Robert Mahoney, deputy director of the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, said the move echoes attempts by security forces in Iraq to eliminate negative press in 2007 and 2008 by blocking journalists from covering attacks. "If authorities impose a gag on international news organizations inside Afghanistan, there is no doubt that reports of any violence will be spread by rumor and word of mouth, which may be more chilling," said John Daniszewski, the AP senior managing editor overseeing international news in New York. He also said he was troubled at early reports that journalists were being harassed and intimidated in the run-up to the vote. "People around the world have a keen interest in election news from Afghanistan on this important day," Samander, of the journalist association, said a presidential spokesman called him Tuesday night to tell him to inform members not to report violence on election day. He refused. When there are rumors of violence, "the first thing they do is turn on their radios or TVs, or go on the Internet to read news," he said.

Life expectancy in U.S. up, while deaths remain lower, CDC says

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. life expectancy has risen to a new high, now standing at nearly 78 years, the government reported Wednesday. The increase is due mainly to falling death rates in almost all the leading causes of death. The average life expectancy for babies born in 2007 is nearly three months greater than for children born in 2006.

The new U.S. data is a preliminary report based on about 90 percent of the death certificates collected in 2007. It comes from the National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Life expectancy is the period a child born in 2007 is expected to live, assuming mortality trends stay constant. U.S. life expectancy has grown nearly one and a half years in the past decade, and is now at an all-time high.

Last year, the CDC said U.S. life expectancy had inched above 78 years. But the CDC recently changed how it calculates life expectancy, which caused a small shrink in estimates to below 78.

The United States continues to lag behind about 30 other countries in estimated life spans. Japan has the longest life expectancy, 83 years for children born in 2007, according to the World Health Organization.

The CDC report found that the number of deaths and the overall death rate dropped from 2006 to about 769 deaths per 100,000 people from about 776. The death rate has been falling for eight straight years, and is half of what it was 60 years ago.

Heart disease and cancer together are the cause of nearly half of U.S. fatalities. The death rate from heart disease dropped nearly 5 percent in 2007, and the cancer death rate fell nearly 2 percent, according to the report.

The HIV death rate dropped 10 percent, the biggest one-year decline in 10 years. The diabetes death rate fell about 4 percent, allowing Alzheimer's disease to surpass diabetes to become the sixth leading cause of death.

Alzheimer's has been climbing the death chart in recent years, though that may be partly because declines in other causes are enabling more people to live long enough to die from Alzheimer's, Anderson said.

The nation's infant mortality rate rose slightly in 2007, to 6.77 infant deaths per 1,000 births, but the rise was not statistically significant. It has been at about the same level for several years.

Another recent CDC report containing early data for 2008 counted 2.45 million deaths last year. That's an increase of more than 29,000 deaths from the 2.42 million deaths in 2007.
State

FORT BRAGG, Calif. (AP) — Mendocino County authorities say a former Army paratrooper who served in Iraq and Afghanistan fatally shot an ex-girlfriend before killing himself.

Sheriff's Lt. Rusty Nee says 25-year-old Jacob Swanson apparently shot 26-year-old Michelle Salo and then shot himself in the head Monday afternoon.

Nee says the motive is unknown. But Swanson's mother, Tracy Swanson, blames the post-traumatic stress disorder she says her son suffered after seeing heavy combat during multiple tours of duty.

Nee says Swanson and Salo were found dead of gunshot wounds in a mobile home north of Fort Bragg, where both were born and raised. A handgun was found near Swanson's body.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles police say they have generated more than 1,500 reports through a new program that investigates possible terrorist-related activities or other crimes.

Police Lt. Robert Fox said Wednesday at a meeting that departmental Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) helps officers gather and analyze information they receive from the community or other sources. Fox said several of the reports have led to investigations.

New York (AP) — Hundreds of commuters who were trapped in half and unspotted throughout Central Park on Wednesday after a severe thunderstorm with winds as high as 80 mph battered through the area overnight.

The storm swept through the area Tuesday night, snapping the park's famous American elms trees in half while uprooting others. One tree lay across the tennis courts at West 96th Street, and a few lamp posts stood a number of feet from trees crushed into them.

Several parked cars were also damaged when trees landed on them.

International

BERLIN (AP) — Germany, home to brands including Volkswagen, Porsche and BMW, became the latest country to fast-track development of electric cars, when the government approved a plan Wednesday that aims to put 1 million of them on the road by 2020.

The goal is ambitious. Of the 41 million cars in the country, only 1,452 are electric, and Germany is covering an increasingly congested road.

This month alone, Nissan Motor Co. in Japan unveiled the Leaf, an electric car scheduled to go into mass production for a global market in 2012. General Motors introduced triple-digit mileage figures for its rechargeable Chevrolet Volt. And President Barack Obama committed $2.4 billion in federal grants to develop next-generation electric vehicles and batteries in the U.S.

EHSAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — The deputy head of the Pakistan Taliban said Wednesday that he was temporarily assuming leadership of the militant group because its chief, whom Washington and Islamabad have said was almost certainly killed by a U.S. drone strike, was no longer in control.

The announcement by Mohammad is a sign that Taliban are vying for power after the death of Mokhtar on Aug. 5.

Briefs

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Unapproved TV spots land ‘Survivor’ Hatch in jail

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The lawyer for “Survivor” winner Richard Hatch said Wednesday that her client was taken to jail because he granted two TV interviews without getting the required permission from the federal Bureau of Prisons. Hatch had been serving the remainder of his prison term for tax evasion on home confinement at his sister’s house in Rhode Island. He granted three television interviews this week — to NBC’s “Today” show, NBC affiliate WJAR-TV and the NBC-owned “Access Hollywood.”

In the interviews, Hatch accused the prosecutor of misconduct and said the judge in the case discriminated against him because he was gay.

The Bureau of Prisons would not comment on Hatch’s case, but spokesman Traci Billingsley said that inmates for home confinement cannot grant interviews without first getting permission. Approval typically takes a few days, she said.

Hatch’s lawyer, Cynthia Ribas, said she had thought the permission Hatch got extended to all NBC properties, but federal rules consider each media outlet separate. Ribas said a lawyer for the Bureau of Prisons told her Wednesday that it had given permission for the “Today” show interviews, but not the other two.

All three interviews were filmed Monday at Hatch’s sister’s house in Newport, Rhode Island, and aired within a single interview, Monday night, and on Tuesday morning.

“We’re going to do our best to get permission to do the ‘Today’ interview,” said a lawyer for the Bureau of Prisons for do five interviews, including with other TV networks, and they asked her to put it down to one, but Hatch chose NBC.

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The fee increase was one of the reasons the CSU board of trustees approved the $64 million deficit the CSU system faced after a state budget crisis.

Leondard said the fee increase should not have been an option for the university.

“The law says they can’t double bill students,” she said.

A temporary restraining order of the fee increase was denied on Monday but the court granted an expedited hearing for Aug. 31.

WORD ON THE STREET

“Do you think Cal Poly should cut back on watering? What do you propose to save money?”

“Saving water is better than laying off employees … I think they could’ve redirected the funds for construction.”

— Chris Rogalla, civil engineering sophomore

“Grass dying isn’t a big deal. I would cut back on campus dining and make financial activities more transparent.”

— Nicole Martin, chemistry senior

“I think it’s a good thing if it’s taking water of the system. You could save electricity, install low-flow toilets and use hand dryers.”

— Camilo Velez, civil engineering senior

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"Post Grad" fails to make the grade

Alessa Bloddel and Zach Gilford star in "Post Grad," the story of a college graduate who moves back home after her dream job falls through.

Christy Lernée

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Post Grad," a comedy about a driven, hardworking college student who's unable to find a job after the graduates, actually might have been relevant. It might have been a satirical and insightful look into how our sound economy has dashed the dreams of a generation.

Instead, it's a flat and tonally jumbled amalgamation of "Adventureland," "Little Miss Sunshine" and "Some Kind of Wonderful."

In other words, it has no idea what it wants to be; as a result, it gets nothing right.

Alessa Bloddel maintains a steady level of wise-crackiness as Ryden Malby (a name that looks like an anagram), who just got out of school with an English degree and dreams of working at a prestigious Los Angeles publishing house. That doesn't get the job she applied for, so she ends up back home in Los Angeles, working as a fling with her sexy Brazilian neighbor (Rodrigo Santoro), even though — dude, the guy she's supposed to be with has right in front of her all along. Things pick up briefly with Santoros' arrival, if only because he adds some physical spark, but then that story line goes nowhere for no reason.

Ryden herself doesn't give us much more to hold onto — which is a problem, because we're supposed to rooting for her to succeed.

Ryden, like her less brother (Bobby Coleman), who likes to lick his classmates' heads and communicates through his sock puppet, seems like a pretty normal little kid. And Jane Lynch, as her mother, plays the straight woman for once — which isn't a whole lot of fun.

Meanwhile, Ryden schuffs the romantic advances of her best friend, the handsome and pastoral Adam (Zach Gilford), who would rather write love songs for her than fly across the country to attend law school at Columbia. Instead, he enjoys a fling with her sexy Brazilian neighbor (Rodrigo Santoro), even though — dude, the guy she's supposed to be with has right in front of her all along. Things pick up briefly with Santoros' arrival, if only because he adds some physical spark, but then that story line goes nowhere for no reason.

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Christy Lernée
More needle exchanges could help curb AIDS epidemic in U.S.

Since the first diagnosis of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the U.S. in 1981, over 500,000 Americans have died from the disease.

One-third of the fatal cases in this country can be attributed to drug users who were infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus leading to AIDS, after using dirty needles.

Well, even with the number of HIV/AIDS diagnoses on the rise, some people still don’t understand the close correlation shared between needle exchange programs and death.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2006, 36 percent of AIDS cases in the U.S. were among intravenous drug users, their children and their sexual partners. Twenty-eight percent of new HIV infections were in the needle exchange programs.

This high transmission rate is largely due to contaminated needles.

An attempt to contain the epidemic, needle exchange programs were established as a means to offer sterile needles and syringes to drug users that could possibly spread the disease throughout the community.

While lawmakers had a good start by implementing the needle exchange programs, others decided they wanted about handouts and the spread of drug needles and syringes. Hence, they prohibited any funding to centers operating within 1,000 feet “of a school, public or private park, elementary school, school, junior college, university or public swimming pool, park, playground, video arcade or youth center, or an event sponsored by any such entity.”

With many urban areas being the center for most drug operations, this restriction could virtually eliminate a program willing to combat a major contributor to the AIDS epidemic. Needle exchange centers not only allow drug offenders a place to exchange dirty needles but also provide them with the necessary programs and information for getting clean. They also provide a safe haven for those in the community to get screened for HIV.

Those who oppose needle sharing programs on adult’s tendency to share needles is often due to their lack of care for their own health and a false sense demonstrated by their own recreational drug use.

However, many paraphernalia laws play a major role in preventing the availability of clean tools. Legislators that require a prescription to buy needles and syringes that are normally available over the counter has been adopted by 11 states as well as the District of Columbia. In addition, one could be prosecuted if caught distributing the items. Legislation such as this only further hinders the use of dirty needles since it makes it too difficult to find clean ones.

Despite studies that have shown decreased HIV transmission and heroin use in cities like New York, cities that have needle share programs, federal funding for these programs was cut in 1988, according to Harm Reduction Journal.

According to the CDC’s Web site, in 2007, some of the highest rates of AIDS cases in America were in cities where the centers have been completely outlawed, including 41.7 cases per 100,000 people in San Francisco, 36.6 in New York and 34.5 in Washington D.C. By refusing to allow needle exchange facilities in urban areas, cities are noticeably concerned about their communities are denouncing drug users, the access to clean needles that would prevent them from infections, as well as counseling services available through many of these centers. The centers are also equipped to dispose of contaminated needles, which could cause danger to people who don’t use drugs when improperly disposed of.

Up to this point, society is taking an “out of sight, out of mind” approach to not only the AIDS virus, which is currently upon the well being of our cities.

There are currently 185 needle exchange programs in the U.S., operating in 36 states. This is hardly a drop in the bucket when considering how much damage AIDS has caused across the country.

While the “War on Drugs” has received much attention, the public health hazards addicts are exposed to, ones that could hurt more than just themselves.

Beyond distributing sterile needles and syringes, the presence of these needle sharing facilities confront society with the AIDS issue that many choose to believe is a distant problem or simply inapplicable to themselves.

Jessica Barba is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily part-time intern.
"Other than a couple of stubborn tire marks, I was able to fix him up to your specifications."

The New York Times
Crossword
Edited by Will Shortz  No. 0716

Across
1 Recreating
7 Commercial prefix with vision
10 Election night fads
14 Ships whose rubbers don't touch water
16 Sounds heard in a bowl
17 36 Across of 57-Across that equals 12-Down
18 Medical suffix
19 Bobsled challenges
20 Aesthete
22 The Btg East's Panthers, for short
23 They travel through tubes
24 Winter driving hazards
26 Start of a Hemingway title
28 Less affluent
31 Philosopher Zeno of
32 Signature piece?
35 See 17- and 57-Across
38 Nav rank
39 Container for folding scissors
41 Something a chair may hold
42 Pie crust pattern
45 Rubber gaskets
49 Endocrinological prefix
50 Status follower
51 Tolkien villains
53 Destination of Saul when he had his conversion, in the Bible
55 Reader of someone else's diary, say
56 Sparkling wine source
57 35-Across of 17-Across that equals 12-Down
58 Neither high nor low
60 Neither high nor low
61 HaM-dome construction
62 Govt ID
63 First arrival

Down
1 Take a breath
2 Swiss cheese
3 Cry just before a rabbit appears?
4 Dwells in the past?
5 So, so long
6 Feminine side
7 Extraordinary
8 Red-spotted
9 Singer of the Wagner aria "Lohengrin"
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SMALL EASY MEDIUM HARD
2009 Mustangs have varying success in minor leagues

The Cal Poly baseball team had possibly its best season last year, obtaining a Division I post-season berth for the first time in program history. So it's no surprise that many of the players from the team were drafted and are now working through the minor league system in an effort to join their big league squads.

Former Mustangs infielder Adam Buschini was the highest Cal Poly player taken in the draft this year when he went in the fourth round to the defending champion Philadelphia Phillies. After some difficulty settling in with the Williamsport Crosscutters, hitting just .163 through July, Buschini has turned the corner and raised his batting average to .232.

Joining Buschini in Williamsport is former Cal Poly closer and teammate Eric Missingham. The former Mustang reliever has settled into a late role for the Crosscutters, collecting four saves while allowing just a 0.76 ERA in 23.2 innings. He has collected 32 strikeouts in eight walks in 13 appearances.

He was named PECU Cutters Player-of-the-Week from Aug. 11 - 16 after hitting .411 during the span. Shortstop Kyle Smith, taken in the 14th round by Cleveland, is hitting .242 in 51 games with the Mahoning Valley Scrappers. Like Buschini, Smith made some adjustments and after a 11-32 stretch has raised his batting average 15 points.

Former Cal Poly pitcher Jared Estes picked up victories in three of his first four professional starts for the Jupiter Mets. Estes is currently 6-1 with a 2.06 ERA for Jupiter, striking out 37 while walking just six in 39.1 innings.

Outfielder Ryan Lee, who set a school record hitting in 26 consecutive games last season, has been elevated from rookie ball to Class-A Kannapolis is currently hitting .321 for the Intimidators in five games.

Right-hander Kevin Castner had a 39.49 ERA for the Spokane Indians of the Northwest League. He allowed 11 earned runs in 1.2 innings over four appearances. Castner is no longer listed on the Indians roster after being taken in the 26th round by the Texas Rangers.

The Mustangs had seven players chosen during this year's MLB draft, one short of the record eight players chosen in 2008. Cal Poly has had 14 players selected in the first 10 rounds of the draft (2004-09). Three other Mustangs signed free-agent contracts with Major League organizations and three more signed deals with independent league teams.

The Mustangs have had a total of 29 players drafted since the 2004 season.

Favre risks health and legacy in return

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It's worth remembering one more time that Brett Favre was for retirement before he was against it. So even if we believe the gap is grossly conflated, as opposed to selfish, you've got to admit. It's quite a coincidence that Favre has managed to retire twice in 11 months without missing a single game.

What's really shocking is not that he's back, or that the Vikings front office broke nearly every rule in the book about team-building to make it happen. Or that closing in on 40, Favre is willing to risk getting hurt or retiring his legacy into a permanent punchline.

It's not even having to endure another of those photos-halves, tear-filled farewell that he's turned into a rite of spring.

No. It's that Minnesota might just be the latest stop in Favre's "Revenge on the World" tour, starring a cranky, increasingly cranky QB who doesn't know what to do with himself so he sets out to averge every slight going back to Packer days.

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But I doubt it. The Vikings have the best running back in the league in Adrian Peterson and last season's No. 1 defense against the run. Those things argue for a quarterback who manages the game carefully and turns the ball over almost never.

Favre wasn't that quarterback in his 20s or even 30s. He has yet to be that quarterback in his final five games with the New York Jets. He isn't the most-intercepted QB in league history by accident.

The Vikings are already folding orders for his No. 4 jersey in purple, but short of a Super Bowl appearance or a Favre-fueled run deep into the playoffs, it's hard to see how this thing ends well. Or even that it ends at all.

"This is not about revenge or anything like that, believe me," Favre said at his first news conference in Minnesota. "You can't take away the 16 years I had in Green Bay. It was unbelievable. It was great and that will be forever cherished by me and the guys I played with. And you know, they're moved on. I've moved on, I think it's great for football.

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