Biomedical engineering students take advising role

Alexandra Sousa  
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Due to the budget cuts that have distressed every department at Cal Poly, the biomedical engineering department has faced personnel cutbacks that threaten the department’s viability, affecting its day-to-day operations.

However, the student Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) plans to be the driving force in picking up the slack and doing much of the department’s day-to-day chores, such as providing student advisement for classes and widening internship and job opportunities for students. The student group will also help coordinate the department’s Welcome activities for incoming students.

In the past, many of these duties fell to the department’s clerical staff and faculty.

“This year, I am hoping for BMES to be 100 percent different from previous years,” said new BMES president Bobby Nijjar, a senior in the department.

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With its new expanded duties, Nijjar is hoping that this year will produce a student club that “will run in order to help students with the curriculum, in order for them to be more successful overall, in biomedical engineering.”

The department’s faculty seems to agree.

“This year BMES is very open and transparent,” professor David Clague said. “All the faculty feel that they have the freedom to offer what they feel is important. I really like transparency.

In comparison to previous years, though it cannot be definitively linked to the new way things are done, there has been a lot more participation. There is a sense that people need more help getting a job and BMES does that,” Clague said.

Nijjar and the other student officers set up this year’s program to meet three specific criteria: offer a diverse industry relation, promote student academia and improve social interactions within the biomedical engineering department.

“I have fresh ideas and an approach that is not as conventional as previous years,” Nijjar said.

Sixty percent of the job of BMES is to help the department by learning their load by advising students about classes, the biomedical engineering department and any questions about student life here at Cal Poly,” Nijjar said.

“The other 40 percent of the time is spent on helping the student, whether it be helping students get internships, make connections within the industry and provide a helpful tutoring program,”

Clague said the club is good for students as well.

“The club allows students to build networks with the industry and it is a shared goal with the biomedical engineering department to assist our student by pairing them with an upperclassman tutor,” Clague said.

Students are looking forward to the student club’s expanded role.

“I hope that BMES will give me a better understanding of biomedical engineering, give me the opportunity to connect with other students and faculty of that major and to have a better understanding of how to get a career in this field,” biomedical engineering major Tiffany Morin said.

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are doing our assignments on our own, and he is always offering help to anyone who looks like they may be struggling," he said.
In Rossman's classes, students are not just crunching numbers but understanding the concepts through applications, Chance said. "Rossman is really committed in the classroom, and pulls off his activity-based approach by letting the students figure it out themselves," she said.
Outside of the classrooms at Cal Poly, Rossman has been a major influence in the statistical and mathematical worlds. His published materials are being used across the country, and he puts on workshops and presentations to spread his unique teaching style. "I hope the idea that Chance and I have are impacting other teachers of statistics around the country and getting them excited about teaching statistics and helping their students," Rossman said.
Rossman and Chance have worked together on two textbooks, "Workshop Statistics" and "Investigating Statistical Concepts, Applications, and Methods." These books are designed with a series of questions that lead students to develop their own thoughts, and creates a classroom environment that nurtures active discussion.
As part of his award, Rossman is allowed to give a 20-minute address about his teaching philosophy. His speech titled "Asking Good Questions" is based on the notion that interesting questions will make students learn and retain information more easily.
"To be honest the biggest perk this award does for me is to give me the chance to give a talk to a big audience, where I can try to convince them that my ideas about teaching are good ideas, and maybe I will convince some of them to adopt some of my ideas," Rossman said.
Fort Hood shooting suspect was under FBI probe in 2008

Josh Meyer and Greg Miller

WASHINGTON — The FBI and the Army last year investigated contacts between a Yemen-based militant Islamist prayer leader and the Army psychiatrist accused of last week's deadly shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, but they dropped the case after concluding that he didn't pose a terrorist threat, a senior federal law enforcement official said Monday.

The disclosure on Monday that Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan communicated with an imam who had ties to Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers was sure to raise the question of whether U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies had information that, if properly shared and investigated, might have helped to prevent the attack.

Even before that disclosure, lawmakers were calling for inquiries into whether the Army, the FBI and the see FBI probe, page 4

Secretary of the U.S. Army John McHugh, left, discusses the shooting spree at Fort Hood as Army Chief of Staff George Casey, center, and Fort Hood Commander Gen. Robert Cone look on at a news conference.

Life without parole not allowed for teens, Supreme Court says

Lesley Clark

WASHINGTON — Florida's tough prison sentences for juveniles came under scrutiny Monday at the U.S. Supreme Court, as the justices appeared divided over whether locking up teenagers for life constitutes cruel and unusual punishment.

Attorneys for two Florida teenagers who are serving life in prison with no opportunity for parole told the justices such sentences are unjust to teenagers, who often outgrow their felonious ways.

Florida argued banning such sentences would undermine the state Legislature's efforts to cut down on serious violent crimes by juveniles.

The court's conservative bloc — Chief Justice John G. Roberts and Justices Antonin Scalia and Samuel Alito — seemed reluctant to embrace an outright ban on such sentences, suggesting instead judges take factors such as age into account during sentencing.

"Your client — his crime is horrendously violent," Roberts said to Bryan Stevenson, an attorney for Joe Sullivan, who was convicted of raping an elderly woman when he was 13. "At the same time, he is much younger than in the typical case. And it seems to me that requiring ... consideration of his age avoids all these line-drawing problems.''

However, Bryan Gowdy, an attorney for Terrance Jamar Graham, see Teens, page 5

Close to campus
CARACAS, Venezuela (MCT) — A U.S.-brokered deal that was supposed to return Assad to power has collapsed and his supporters printed much of the blame Monday on the Obama administration.

Assad's main claim is that the case has moved "outside the normal constitutional process, and raising objections to inquiries into the assassination of the late Washington Post editor Dan Pearl, 38, who disappeared six weeks ago and was killed in Pakistan.

Angry at the deaths of his own soldiers and of critical civilians, including civilians who were captured by rebel forces, the Syrian regime has moved to close all contacts with the international community, including the United Nations.

The report made public this year by the International Commission on Nuclear Safety said that the United States has been in contact with the Syrian regime on the issue of US forces in the region, and that the United States has been in contact with the Russian government on the issue of nuclear proliferation.

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who was convicted of armed robbery
who was 16 and 17, argued a ban on sentences of life without a
chance for parole would be more ef
fective than a case-by-case review.
"We can't tell which adoles
cents are going to change and which aren't," he
said.
"It needs to happen later," the
Jacksonville, Fla., attorney told the
justices, speaking of decisions about
parole. "Once he has matured, once he's reached
adult lifehood." 

Goudy and Stevenson noted in a
2005 ruling, the high court prevented
those younger than 18 from being
sentenced to death for their crimes
because young offenders are more
easily stored and lack the judgment
of adults. Life without parole, Steven
son argued, is comparable to a death
sentence.

Execution

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Maryland Attorney General
Douglas F. Gansler agrees, though he
objected to Adcock's 2002 decision to
move the case.
"It has worked out for the better. If
you are going to have a death penalty,
John Muhammad — just like Tim
McVeigh — is the poster boy for the
death penalty," Gansler said, referring
to the Oklahoma City bomber who
was executed in 2001. At the time of the
Washington shootings, Gansler was
county prosecutor in Montgomery
County, Md., where six of the mur
ders occurred.

Besides the 10 killings in the Wash
ington area, Muhammad and Malvo
were believed to have killed at least
seven others in their cross-country
shooting spree.

It began on Sept. 5, 2002, when a
restaurant owner in Clinton, Md., was
shot six times as he left his establish
ment. He survived, but a young thief,
appeared Malvo and fired $3,500 in cash
from him. Ten days later, the owner of
a nearby liquor store was shot and
robbed.

It was not until Oct. 3 that the
shootings gripped the Washington
area. At 6:17 a.m., a taxi driver was
deftly shot while fleeing his car.
Fifteen minutes later, a woman was fa
tally shot in the head while sitting on
a bench outside a restaurant. Less than
two hours later, another woman was
fatally shot as she stood next to her
and that evening, a man was shot
on a street in northwest Washington.

The shootings continued through out
the month. The FBI eventually
used fingerprints on ransom notes to
trace Muhammad and Malvo back to
Washington state, where their shoot
ning spree began.

FBI probe

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that he was involved in an "terror
ist planning or plotting."
"I don't know if it will greatly
affect our assessment of the case,
what motivated him. It remains to
be seen whether this means any
thing or not," said the federal of fi
cial, adding that authorities still be
lieve Hasan acted alone when firing
a machine gun at a Virginia mosque
that killed 13 people and injured an
other 29.

The official said that Hasan
did not appear to have known Awlaki
in person, except perhaps in pass ing,
even though the militant prayer
leader was the imam at a Virginia
mosque that Hasan attended in

The mosque drew the attention of
the FBI at the time, and later the
Sept. 11 commission, because of
Awlaki's connection to at least two
of the Sept. 11 hijackers, who may
have followed him from a mosque
in San Diego to the Dar al-Hijrah
Islamic Center in Falls Church Va.,

Awlaki, a U.S. citizen, left the
United States in 2002 and is be
lieved to be in Yemen and actively
supporting the Islamist jihad, or
holy war against the West, through
his Web site.

Several U.S. officials said U.S. in
elligence agencies first intercepted
communications between Hasan and
Awlaki starting in late 2006 as a
result of another investigation, and
that the information was given to
one U.S.-based multi-agency joint
Terrorism Task Force (JTF) and
then to another one based at the
Washington Field Office because of
Hasan's assignment at the Walter
Reed medical center.

The Washington task force,
which included FBI agents and
Army criminal investigative per
sonnel, opened a probe and deter
mined that Hasan was contacting
the radical cleric — who has ties to
other al-Qaida-affiliated individuals
— within the context of the doc t or's
position and what he was do
ing at the time, conducting research
on the issues of Muslims in the
military and the effects of war in
Muslim countries.

The federal official said Hasan
had "reached out to Awlaki several
times before he got a response," and
that there was little in the corre
spondence to raise serious red
flags.

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Theater professor's original play to debut on Spanos stage

Theater junior Max Sopkin plays the role of Zero, a character who runs for president of the fake country of Grode. "Zero to Infinity" opens in Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Nikol Schiller

A rather fat man in a black suit is sitting in his living room blowing up an oversized, vinyl sex doll. His wife, a woman with basketball-sized breasts and a head full of luminous, pink hair, looks at him and blabbers, "Zero, it's time to get off your kidoodles. Life is kicking along and you have nothing to show for it."

So begins the opening scene of theater professor Al Schnupp's "Zero to Infinity," which will debut on Nov. 12 in the Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre. Schnupp's made-up language and outrageous, clown-like characters show the hoops politicians have to jump through in today's political circus.

Schnupp began writing this absurdist play about seven years ago when he was "thoroughly appalled and disgusted by politics at that time." Though the play never mentions names, he said that the circus of events could be considered a spoof on the Bush-Cheney administration.

"The administration was just appalling immoral in my opinion. There were no weapons of mass destruction. Cheney did make a ton of money off of his Halliburton company," Schnupp said. "I love absurd plays because I think they're really a reflection of reality. So during the Iraq surge when Condoleezza Rice was asked, 'Oh, is this troop increase an augmentation?' and she said, 'No.' Then they said, 'Well what is it? Well she said, 'It's an abolition. To me, that's absurd.'"

Though the play does have an underlying satirical message, the overall atmosphere is more light-hearted, silly and colorful. The 14 short, fast-paced scenes that make up the production show the political campaign of husband and wife, Zero and Maxie's outrageous campaign to help Zero become president of a country called Grode.

Psychology and theater senior Ashleigh Droz, who plays Maxie, was drawn to the character because of her over-the-top, emotional personality.

"I really liked her part and her role with the other characters," Droz said. "She's smart. She's ambitious. She really wants power and money and luxury."

Maxie convinces Zero to illegally obtain funds to finance his campaign, which is followed closely by Inspector Oodles, who tries to figure out how Zero came up with the money.

Throughout the play, Inspector Oodles uses several different disguises to investigate Zero's campaign, including a Swiss yodeler, a French sculptor and an Italian chauffeur. Theater sophomore Ryan Austin, who plays Inspector Oodles, uses eight different accents throughout the play to match each one of Inspector Oodles's disguises.

"He is a very motivated investigator. He will pretty much try anything to get what he needs, although he may not be the best at it," Austin said.

The political game that Zero plays to win over the people of Grode resonates closely to the way presidential candidates in the United States campaign.

"There are so many landmines that politicians have to walk through to even be considered 'serious,' and I find that absurd," Schnupp said. "One of the events Zero must walk through is an interview with the media. Two life-sized puppets with skeleton faces, named Paul and Appalling, interview Zero about his quest to become president. The irony is that Paul and Appalling never seen to ask Zero any questions, but rather ask and tell Play, page 8

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Always in color
Holiday movie lineup lacks major blockbuster releases

Ross Britt

LOS ANGELES — No wizards named Harry, no lords charging, no bunnies of national treasures, no sights at a museum. Not even Bond is showing up.

This year's holiday movie schedule is relatively sequel-free, save for a teen-vampire flick and few high-pitched chipmunks. And ремacs are just as scarce, with only Scrooge and Sherlock Holmes on the agenda.

Yes, for the 2009 holiday season, Hollywood will be left to its own devices to get by — and it could end up being one of the industry's biggest boxoffice ever.

"There really aren't those guaranteed blockbusters," said Brandon Gray, president of BoxOfficeMojo.com. "The season is more interesting because you don't have those big franchise movies."

The closest thing to a "guaranteed" blockbuster sequel this year is "The Twilight Saga: New Moon," and that guarantee is somewhat mute.

The original "Twilight" teenager vampire vampire film debuted last November and did well, but not spectacularly well enough to prop up an entire season of movie going. The film, whose main audience is teenage girls, took in $383.7 million worldwide.

That puts it at 123rd on the all-time list — well behind all six "Harry Potter" movies and countless other holiday entries. Independent studing Summit Entertainment made the film for a reportedly relatively paltry sum of $37 million, bringing a ten-fold return on receipts.

But Gray says it may be tough for "New Moon" to beat "Twilight"s numbers because the film series, based on Stephenie Meyer's popular books, was already well-known prior to the first film. "The amount of hype was pretty high for the first movie," Gray said.

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Viggo Mortensen and Kodi Smit-McPhee star as a father and son traveling through a rugged America in "The Road," out Wednesday, Nov. 25.
Movies

a little less than half that long and comprises about 18 percent of the overall receipts, or close to $2 billion.

"Wek-for-week, dollar-for-dollar, animation is important at the summer season," Dergardenian said.

Whether this holiday season can live up to that notion remains to be seen.

One of the big gambles this year is on "Avatar," the first feature film directed by James Cameron since 1997's "Titanic," still the all-time box-office champ. "Titanic" made $600 million in the U.S. and $1.8 billion worldwide.

"Avatar" cost a reported $250 million and took four years to make.

It's the story of a band of humans that visits a distant planet and finds

their culture different from the natives via a top-secret process — and a little Hollywood magic. He's assigned to infiltrate the enemy, but he ends up defending them.

Distributor Twentieth-Century Fox no doubt is looking for that to be the case as it did for "Titanic," its co-venture with Viacom Inc.'s Paramount Pictures unit.

"Avatar," like "Titanic," has a limited release of Disney's second animation entry for the season, "The Princess and the Frog." It's rare that Disney, the art form's leader, would revisit traditional animated film, "A Christmas Carol" in that it's all hand-drawn sketches, an art form becoming virtually obsolete in an era now dominated by computer-generated images.

Disney first announced plans for "Princess" at its 2007 annual meeting in New Orleans, the city where the film's story takes place. It was there that John Lasseter, the one-time Pixar chief who now oversees all Disney animation, announced the studio would revisit traditional hand-drawn animation. Along with "Avatar," "Princess" is one of the most anticipated films of the year.

Also in December, Sony will release the thriller "Armored" on the Friday before Thanksgiving, along with another animated feature, Sony's "Planet 51" and "The Blind Side," a sports drama from Warner.

Other releases include "Sherlock Holmes" from Warner Bros., with Robert Downey Jr. in the title role, and two Paramount films that are expanding to wider audiences: "Up in the Air" with George Clooney and "The Lovely Bones," from "Lord of the Rings" director Peter Jackson.

The season will have its share of Oscar bait but the campaigning is sure to be heavier this year, since the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has expanded its best-picture nominees list from five to 10 films.

Dergardenian says that list may include a film from every year in the industry, including such popular entries as "Star Trek," "Harry Potter" and the "Hallow-Blood Prince."

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A year after Obama's election, America's racial rifts are deep and persistent

George Curry

When Barack Obama was elected president, 70 percent of Americans were convinced that race relations would improve as a result. A year later, however, optimism about solving race problems in the United States has dropped to where it was nearly 50 years ago, according to a recent Gallup poll. The Oct. 29 poll asked respondents: "Do you think that relations between blacks and whites will always be a problem for the United States, or that a solution will be worked out?" Gallup reported, "Responses to this long-standing trend today are almost exactly where they were in December 1963, when Gallup first asked the question. Fifty-five percent of Americans in 1963 were hopeful that a solution to the race-relations problem would eventually be worked out. Now, some 46 years later, the hopeful percentage is an almost identical 55 percent.

Maybe that's why Obama titled one of his books "The Audacity of Hope." Americans were never more hopeful about race relations than when Obama, the son of a white woman from Kansas and a black man from Kenya, was elected president. A Gallup poll on Nov. 3, 2008 — one day after the election — found that 67 percent of Americans felt a solution to problems between blacks and whites would eventually be worked out.

A year later, that figure has shrunk by 11 percent.

In the 2008 poll, 70 percent of those questioned said they expected race relations to improve as a result of Obama's election; 28 percent said they expected race relations to get a lot better; and 42 percent expected things to get a little better. An additional 17 percent said they expected race relations to remain unchanged, and 10 percent expected them to worsen.

On the campaign trail, Obama audaciously raised hopes that he could close the racial divide. In his Philadelphia speech on race, he said, "Race is an issue that I believe this nation cannot afford to ignore right now." He continued, "Contrary to the claims of some of my critics, black and white, I have never been so naive as to believe that we can get beyond our racial divisions in a single election cycle. But I do believe this nation is at a crossroads — particularly a candidate as imperfect as I am.

As it turns out, far from moving beyond our divisions, America remains a sharply divided country even as it would seemingly be worked out. Obama has for the most part studiously avoided directly addressing race during his time in office. The chief exception was a comment he made on a confrontation between Henry Louis Gates Jr., a black Harvard professor, and James Crowley, a white Cambridge, Mass., police sergeant. At a prime-time news conference, Obama accused of Crowley of "acting stupidly" in arresting the professor for disorderly conduct after the two exchanged "strong words" over Gates' home to investigate a possible break-in.

Despite later softened his language and invited Crowley and Gates to meet with him over beers at the White House. The president said, "My hope is that as a consequence of this event, this ends up being what's called a teachable moment." But nothing was ever taught by Obama or anyone else. In fact, blacks and whites were sharply divided over the incident. A Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll found that 39 percent of blacks faulted Sgt. Crowley, and 46 percent blamed Gates. Among whites, it was the opposite: 32 percent said Gates was more at fault, while 7 percent said Crowley was.

Race came up again when former President Jimmy Carter told NBC News, "I think an overwhelming portion of the intensely demonstrated animosity toward President Barack Obama is based on the fact that he is a black man." Press secretary Robert Gibbs quickly distanced the White House from the comment, saying Obama "does not believe that the criticism comes based on the color of his skin."

Despite such unequivocal statements, conservative commentators such as Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck have repeatedly tried to paint the president into a racial corner. Criticizing Obama's appointment of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court, Limbaugh said Obama is the "greater being example of a reverse racism," and now he's "grounded." Beck accused the biracial president of being a "raccoon" who has "a deep-seated hatred for white people and the white culture."

Fortunately, the improvement of race relations does not hinge on the attitudes of those on the fringes, left or right — or on President Obama, for that matter. His election a year ago did not usher in an era of racial harmony. It looks as if that's something we'll have to accomplish ourselves.
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check every Sunday.

So when Manning and Phillip Rivers met again five years later, I found myself hoping Eli got his condescension.

It looked bleak for San Diego, as LaDainian Tomlinson had just 22 yards rushing to lead the team. But Rivers led a dramatic late drive to give the Chargers a one-point win.

Score one for the good guys. But something tells me Manning wouldn't give it all up to go back and take his selfishness back. He's probably laughing his way to the bank in the back of a limousine while polishing his championship ring right now.

Wild no more

If there is a team in the NFL that doesn't need any redeeming, it's the Patriots. They won an average of what seems like 14 games a season.

But they let some games get away last year, particularly a game against Miami where the newly-coined Wildcat offense went bereft for 36 points and Bill Belichick's head exploded like in the movie "Scanners."

And although New England would win the rematch, the Wildcat again would pose problems.

I'm sure Belichick spent the majority of the offseason figuring out how to stop the Wildcat. He didn't need to work at all on his offense with Tom Brady coming back and with two of the best receivers in the league, he was left to ponder the crazy offense.

While the Dolphins threw in a wrinkle this year with rookie quarterback Pat White often times leading the offense, as the Patriots didn't really let it get off the ground this time.

With the exception of a 16-play, 11-minute drive in the third quarter, the Wildcat sputtered most times in a 10-point loss.

But you know who I feel sorry for in this equation? Chad Henne. He runs on and off the field five or six times per drive. He's probably out of stamina by the time the first third down of a drive rolls around. And then half the time he gets on the field, he sprints out to a wide receiver position where he is promptly ignored by the defensive back who is already cheating away from Henne towards the line of scrimmage.

Just once I want to see them throw a wide receiver screen to Henne, or have him run a route.

Konnie Hrovat can actually throw the ball, and Pat White was a quarterback, so why not give it a shot?

Vince Young went 12 of 19 for 172 yards with no turnovers against the 49ers last week. His total passing yardage marks his best this season.

THIS WEEK IN MUSTANG ATHLETICS

Football
Saturday, Nov. 14th
VS. South Dakota
6:00PM
Senior Day
Alex G. Spanos Stadium

W. Basketball
Sunday Nov. 15th
VS. New Mexico State
2:00PM
Home Opener
Mott Gym

We are the Mustangs
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Wednesday of the NCAA tournament despite tailing to UC Santa Barbara in the first round, where they were able to pull off a 1-0 victory. In the next round, Cal Poly failed to extend their season and fell to UC Irvine, 3-0-1.

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With the Anteaters falling to Cal State Northridge on the last day of the season, the Mustangs were able to nab the second seed in the tournament. The second seed means home-field advantage in the tournament's first game and the Mustangs are 6-1-1 at home in 2000, having never set the season opening day. "I think it's the biggest thing for us," sophomore defender Patrick Nagle said. "We know the field very well and we have only lost once this year so we're very comfortable playing there."

After a rough 0-4 start Cal Poly has proved they can rebound from failure. "We didn't put our tail between our legs and quit on the season, we kept fighting," head coach Paul Ho-\n
locher said. "This is a new season ... put everything you can into one game Wednesday night."

The Mustangs will have to showcase that effort against a very strong offensive team in UC Irvine. The Anteaters hold the statistical leaders in points, goals, assists and game-winning goals in the Big West. Forward Amani Walker leads the Big West in goals (9) and midfielder Irving Garcia leads the nation in points (22) and assists (8). "(UC Irvine is) a good attacking team," head coach Paul Locher said. "We know the field very well and we have only lost once this year so we're very comfortable playing there."

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