Cal Poly presidential candidate series: Dr. Steven R. Angle

**Wright State University provost visits today**

Jessica Barba

Dr. Steven R. Angle is the last of the three candidates in consideration to fill the post of Cal Poly president. He is scheduled to visit today.

The three forums Angle will attend are designed for students, faculty, staff and community members to ask questions of him, respectively.

Angle is the provost of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Since beginning in 2007, his duties included overseeing the university’s colleges and nationally-funded research centers. He also supervised the divisions of Business and Finance, Advancement, Student Affairs, Enrollment Management, Curriculum and Assessment, and Research.

At the time of his acceptance, administrators were very excited to have him join the university, said Wright State president David R. Hopkins in a press release in 2007. "He has had great success as an administrator of a complex and multifaceted organization," Hopkins said. "He has demonstrated a personal commitment to diversity and a dedication to building quality and excellence in higher education."

Wright State University has more than 18,000 students, about 2,000 less than Cal Poly. It is also credited with establishing the National Center for Medical Readiness, a program intended to train medical personnel for large-scale emergencies such as natural disasters or military-related attacks.

Angle is known to have a good reputation amongst the campus community, said Jenna Ziegler, a Cal Poly graduate and member of the current Cal Poly presidential candidate series. "Through shared governance, or shared decision making, students and faculty have him join the university," said Ziegler. "Ihe provost is the last of the Cal Poly presidential candidate series: Dr. Steven R. Angle, aren’t at Cal Poly for students and faculty to interview them. The candidates are at Cal Poly in order to see if this would be a good fit for them, he said."

"What we want is for all three of the candidates to fall in love with Cal Poly," Christy said. "That way, when the Board of Trustees makes its decision, the best one will want to come to Cal Poly."
He has a good presence amongst the students and has been a good asset at Wright.

— Jenna Ziegler
Wright State University social sciences education writer

Varieties Science, Genomics and Geology Buildings, and the Boyle, Webster and Batchelor Halls.

Angle began his career in the education system when he became an assistant professor of chemistry in 1986 at UCR. He became a full-time professor in 1994 and received UCR's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1991. He was also elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1999 and an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow in 1993. These awards granted him the funding and means to pursue new research on chemotherapy and experiment with the design of new anti-cancer compounds.

Prior to working at UCR, Angle was vice president of Angle and Bah

strategies, bioorganic chemistry and biomimetic synthesis.

Angle will visit the campus Wednesday to meet with students, staff and faculty. He will attend the Associated Students Inc. Student Open Forum from 10:50 to 11:30 a.m. in Chumash Auditorium, then meet with faculty and staff from 11:10 to 1:50 p.m. at Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre. A university and community open forum will also be held from 4:10 to 5:30 p.m. in the Advanced Technology Laboratories.

"Cal Poly Prompts and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob said while all three candidates' academic backgrounds and experience are important, he hopes to see more depth to the their character to see how they will adapt to the campus.

"I am looking more for their value set," Koob said. "This is a growth position that they will have to grow into. College administration is a learn-by-doing job."

Koob said while all three candidates have backgrounds rich in math and science, he hopes to see them use their experience to think creatively to support Cal Poly's programs in this difficult fiscal environment.

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Trieu's diligence shines beyond first-place accolades. Jin, who has been Trieu's master's program thesis adviser since 2007, said he has authored four papers and co-authored another five, while maintaining a 3.4 GPA in electrical engineering and business administration master's programs.

"Simoon bears a high degree of curiosity and innovative approaches to problem-solving and has greatly contributed in (gallium nitride) LED research," Jim said. "He is an excellence example of Cal Poly graduate students."

They were first nominated by their respective colleges and then selected in a preliminary competition at Cal Poly. Final competitors submitted written papers and made oral presentations to judges of experts.

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Bartley competed against other master's students and said she felt it was an even playing field because "art is a somewhat subjective discipline, and every project had its own merits and strengths."

"It was exciting — my project was so different than the others, so it was a focus on presenting."

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showed quarterly price declines in 13 of 20 major markets.

"Housing demand is increasing because of an improving job mar-
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cause of foreclosures," Patrick Newport, a housing economist for IHS Global
Economics, warned in a note to inven-
tors, predicting no bottom in home
prices before next year.

Also weighing on consumer senti-
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slump. The Dow closed down 226.7
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above the psychological threshold of
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While their investments and re-
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American consumers are seeing their
dollars go further. Europe's problems
have brought down oil prices, which
have reduced gasoline prices nation-
wide, and inflation, as measured by
the consumer price index, is sub-
dual.

Inflation rose 2.2 percent over the
past 12 months and fell a tenth of
a percentage point from March to
April, the first such drop in a year.
Core inflation, which excludes the
volatile energy and food sectors,
posted a 12-month increase in April
of just 0.9 percent, the smallest gain
since 1966.

"Go buy a lot of flashcards
and Red Bull."

Judith Mendez, agricultural
business senior

"Drink more coffee and Red
Bull."

"Rest and study."

Wesley Nguyen, electrical en-
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Miranda Morgan, business
administration sophomore

"Go buy a lot of flashcards
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"Go over all my old mid-
terms."

Karnica Watanabe, electrical
engineering junior

"Not a whole lot because I
don't have hard classes."

Colin Lawson, earth science
junior

"Going to a concert with Kevin
Black."

"Christine Agani, business ad-
ministration sister."

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(HEY, IT’LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO TALK TO MOM ABOUT.)
Elderly Chicago couple trapped under trash for weeks

Deanne Williams-Harris, Pat Curry, Jeremy Gorner and Jennifer Delgadillo

CHICAGO — David O'Neal said he hasn't seen his sister, Thelma Gaston, for six to eight years.

Gaston's neighbors in Chicago's South Side said they, too, haven't seen her or her husband, Jesse Gaston, for an extended period of time.

That's what the neighbors told the Chicago Fire Department when they came to the Gastons' second-floor apartment Monday evening.

The couple apparently were the only residents in the building.

Grand Crossing District Police Lt. Dale Kingsley said, "It (the residence) was packed from floor to ceiling."

"It just brought me to tears to see the condition they were found in," said next-door neighbor Reola Valente, 59, who called 311 about 4 p.m. Monday to ask for the well-being check.

"I love and care about her," he said of his sister.

Chicago Police conducting a well-being check on Jesse and Thelma Gaston at the request of a neighbor about 6:30 p.m. CDT Monday in the South Side's Grand Crossing neighborhood detected an overpowering odor and called the Fire Department to make a forced entry, police said.

A fire official on the scene said the couple had not been heard from for three weeks and the 75-year-old woman had injuries that resembled rat bites. Both she and her 76-year-old husband were taken to Jackson Park Hospital in critical condition. A nurse there said Tuesday morning their conditions were improved, though they still were in intensive care.

Thecu's home, which has been completely gutted, is now being forced.

"I was surprised. I wanted to come to Chicago as soon as possible," said O'Neal, who lives in the Seattle area.

"I feel for my sister but I haven't seen her since 1965, said the couple had lived in the building as of Monday. Other people had lived there within the last five years, though, she said.

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Fields said firefighters arrived eventually at the couple's residence and carried the couple out the back.

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City building inspector Lauren Mosley photographs the kitchen at a home in Chicago where an elderly couple was found.

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Stock volatility threatens quick economic recovery

Kevin G. Hall
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WASHINGTON — You wouldn’t know it from watching the stock market, but the U.S. economic recovery has gathered steam, with gains in employment, consumer confidence and a host of other indicators. The reasons range from federal capital markets, however, threatens these gains.

There are numerous positive signs, according to the numbers which included a return to hiring in most states and economic growth for three consecutive quarters.

The National Association for Business Economics, in an outlier released Monday, revised upward its prediction for economic growth and business activity. The group of 46 forecasters now expects the U.S. economy to grow 3.2 percent this year, driven by pent-up demand for goods and services, improved consumer sentiment, job growth and business investment.

“Although risks involving Europe have increased in the outlook in this country has improved in most respects. Growth prospects are stronger, government deficits are lower, and worries ... have diminished,” the NABE Outlook survey said.

Troubling signs remain, however, ranging from doubts about the strength of housing-market recovery to huge state and federal deficits that could spook investors.

Stock prices historically reflect sentiment about economic conditions six months or so into the future. From that perspective, the large run-up in stock prices last year and most of 2010 so far reflected an expectation on the mend.

Now, stocks seem to be pointing to a slowing recovery later this year as federal stimulus money phases out and problems abroad plus a strengthening dollar hurt U.S. exports, one of the few consistent bright spots over the past few years.

“Stock prices incorporated the turnaround, but now you are incorporating a slower track, and the economic data are confirming what was in market prices for a while,” said Vincent Reinhart, a researcher at the American Enterprise Institute, a free-market policy-research organization.

A former top economist at the Federal Reserve, Reinhart added: “Equity prices are telling us something that wasn’t show up for about six months, that it is going to be a modest expansion, and there are considerable risks associated with that.”

Still, the wild swings in stock prices — including a 292-point dive the Dow Jones industrial average at the start of trading Tuesday — are overshadowing what for now is a clearly improving U.S. economy.

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The one major disappointment was the employment reading, which fell to 71.8 from 72.1 in May.

The revisions for May included a larger than expected increase in the unemployment rate, which climbed to 9.1 percent from 8.8 percent in April. The increase was due to the addition of 300,000 workers seeking full-time jobs for the first time.

The number of unemployed workers fell 307,000 in May to 13.8 million, the Labor Department said. The unemployment rate has fallen from 10.1 percent in February, but is still above the 5.8 percent rate in May 2009.

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Students choreograph dance for show at Spanos Theatre

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Hip-hop, modern and ballet are just a few of the styles featured in the annual student-run spring dance concert held on May 27 and 28 in Spanos Theatre. Titled "Element," the concert features 20 original dance pieces, each choreographed and performed by students.

The spring dance show has been a place for those wishing to perform, but may not be a part of the Cal Poly dance department. This year's student director, business administration senior Joni Fleischer, said auditions are open to anyone who has a passion to move.

"It's really cool because you don't have to be taking a dance class at Cal Poly, you don't have to be a dance major, you don't have to be in Orchesis — it's all just students who like to dance," Fleischer said.

Hopeful dancers and choreographers showed up to the first meeting in March, where choreographers demonstrated a few of their dance steps. Dancers then could sign up for as many dances as they wanted, depending on the skill-level required. Computer science senior Ryan Badilla, who choreographed a break dancing piece titled "Get Down McTown," said he invited all levels of dancers to try out for his piece as long as they were willing to learn.

"What I did was open it up to whoever feels they're confident to learn something like this. I know that break dancing is really specific, and not a lot of people do it. So I just opened it up to everybody. We can have all different levels," Badilla said.

Other choreographers found that advanced dancers were attracted to their direction. Recreation, parks and tourism administrations senior Meghan Hudson, a member of Cal Poly's dance company Orchesis, said her modern piece "Cunningham" has drawn mainly Orchesis dancers.

"My pieces is a tribute or investigation of his technique," Hudson said. "A lot of dance is based on emotion or a story, and his is very much about dance, but what is dance, it's all just students who like to move. You don't have to be in Orchesis, you don't have to be taking a dance class at Cal Poly, we didn't even do it in class, but we didn't really get to perform, so it's nice to be in that again.

Other students decided to take on a heavier load and with practices for each dance at two hours a week, the time adds up. Business administration senior Lindsay McQuaid is performing for the first time in the spring concert in three dances: "Bollywood," an Indian dance, "Lady Marmalade," a jazz number, and "Make Me Go Woo Woo," a hip-hop number.

"I had basic knowledge of jazz, and the hip-hop just looked like a lot of fun, and 'Bollywood' was something new to learn and have fun with and not be super serious," McQuaid said.

With tickets almost sold out, the variety of students and dancers should prove for a colorful two-hour concert, filled with energy and excitement of both first time and experienced dancers.

"I just had a lot more time to do it this year. The practices are on weekends, so I figured, why not?" McQuaid said.

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‘American Idol’ loses excitement factor, slips in ratings

Scott Collins
LOS ANGELES TIMES

As it speeds toward its ninth season finale Wednesday, fans of "American Idol" may wonder, figuratively speaking: Does the show have its, er, pants on the ground?

Evidence abounds that Fox's singing contest may be crumbling its way to irrelevance. Although it's still at the top of TV's programming heap, "Idol" has slipped a worrying nine percent in the ratings this year, according to the Nielsen Co., and the show has lost more than one-fifth of its audience since its peak in 2006. Critics have spent much of this season harping on a crop of finalists that was widely deemed uninspiring, with few moments of spontaneity outside of would-be contestant Larry Platt's tap, "Pants on the Ground," which came during the early audition phase.

"I don't get the sense it was as exciting a season as mine or as others have been," Anoop Desai, a Season 8 finalist who just released his first album, said in an interview. "It's lacked the oomph it's had in seasons past."

And there's more trouble on the horizon. Lead judge Simon Cowell is buzzing to bring Fox his own show next year, the British hit "The X Factor," though rumors by that producers are talking about Cowell's retaining some sort of on-air role with "Idol." Although plenty of names have been bandied about — Harry Connick Jr., Jamie Foxx, Elton John — producers have been mum about who will replace him. And in maybe the unkindest cut, CBS announced on Monday that Paula Abdul, who exited "Idol" last year after failing to reach a renewal deal with producers, will be the lead judge, executive producer and mentor on her own new reality-contest show, "Go to Dance." A CBS spokesman said no decision had been made yet about a time slot or premiere date for the Abdul show.

"I don't think anyone can replace Simon; he became the captain of the show," said veteran reality TV producer Scott Sternberg, who is not connected to "Idol." "Whatever they bring in is not going to be what he is. They're going to have to find their way. It's possible the producers could even decide not to replace Cowell at all and see what happens by returning to a three-judge format, he added.

For their part, the show's producers and Fox executives aren't about to show their hands. A spokesman for Fremantle Media and 19 Entertainment, the companies behind the show, said a producer was unavailable to comment for this story.

In a phone call with reporters last week before Fox's unveiling of its fall schedule, Fox broadcasting chief Peter Rice said that the network will soon begin discussing format changes with the show's producers. But Rice batted aside worries about "Idol's" long-term viability. "The wonderful thing about the show is that we get a new cast every year," he said.

Many viewers were less than thrilled with this year's finalists, however. Ratings at first followed the typical "Idol" pattern of a big premiere, followed by a midseason slump. But in a surprise twist, the program didn't see its usual late-inning ratings bounce — in fact, after the Top 10 were selected, "Idol" sank to some of its lowest numbers in years. The May 4 performance show, dedicated to the music of Frank Sinatra, slumped to just 17.5 million viewers, far below the season average of 24.9 million.

This year's top two finalists, Crystal Bowersox and Lee DeWyze, have relatively reserved on-camera personalities, unlike, say, Adam Lambert, last season's drama-loving runner-up. Bowersox and DeWyze also create an alternative vibe that might be more commercial than the R&B, power-pop and country formats that have formerly proved "Idol" sweet spots. DeWyze said this year's lineup generally lacked the soaring, dramatic voices of years past.

"Idol" in past seasons has always been a good thing, but at the same time it sacrifices a little of the excitement
U2 puts tour on hold, cite Bono's back injury

Randall Roberts
Los Angeles Times

After hurting his back during concert rehearsals in Munich, Germany, Bono and U2 have been forced to postpone the 16 dates on the band's summer American tour, the band announced Tuesday morning. The band also canceled its highly anticipated performance at the Glastonbury music festival.

The band's manager, Paul McGuinness, explained Bono's decision via U2.com.

"Our biggest and I believe best tour has been interrupted and we're all devastated," he said. "For a performer who lives and works on stage, this is more than a blow. He feels robbed of the chance to do what he does best and feels like he has badly let down the band and their audience. Which is of course nonsense. His concerns about more than a million ticket buyers whose plans have been turned upside down, we all share, but the most important thing right now is that Bono make a full recovery. We're working as fast as we can with Live Nation to reschedule these dates.

Bono underwent emergency surgery on Friday, said the singer's doctors. Dr. Mulher Wohlfeil: "Bono suffered severe compression of the sciatic nerve. On review of his MRI scan, I realized there was a serious tear in the ligament and a herniated disc, and that conservative treatment would not suffice. I recommended Bono have emergency spine surgery with Professor Tonn at Munich's LMU University Hospital on Friday.

The statement continues: "Professor Tonn, who carried out the operation, added, 'Bono was referred to me by Dr. Mulher Wohlfeil late last week with a sudden onset disease. He was already in severe pain with partial paralysis in the lower leg. The ligament surrounding the disc had an 8mm tear and during surgery we discovered fragments of the disc had traveled into the spinal canal. This surgery was the only course of treatment for full recovery and to avoid further paralysis. Bono is now much better, with complete recovery of his motor deficit. The prognosis is excellent but to obtain a sustainable result, he must now enter a period of rehabilitation. Live Nation, which is promoting the band's "U2 360" tour, has confirmed that the Band will reschedule the dates for 2011.

"I think it's at least another good two months," said the singer, "and then, like all shows, it'll be just one step away.'

"I'm not sure whether Fox reaped the benefits of Sunderland's" casting her," Sternberg said. "She said not a lot, a few jokes here and there. She was extraordinar­ily neutral ... I'm not sure if she was 'Leather & Pound' or 'Leather & Snare,' but she was 'Leather & Pound.' She was a little chemistry with (lowell — the other two were dogged by reports of mutual dislike and were rarely seen in

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teracting at the judges' table. Picking a replacement for Cowell could give the producers a chance to reinvigorate the show — or hasten its decline. "His replacement will have to know the business, be brutally honest and snarky and preferably (have) a British accent, as Americans love snippy British judges," Shari Anne Brill, an independent programming analyst, wrote in an e-mail.

"But others say "Idol's" biggest problem may be beyond fixing — even if the producers find many more "Pants on the Ground" moments. Simply put, the show's novelty may be wearing off for millions of viewers.

"I think it's at least another good couple of seasons in it," Sternberg said. "And then, like all shows, it'll just start to fade away.'

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New president should learn from Baker's blunders

As three contenders fight for Cal Poly's top position, we should address the task facing our next leader. For the last 50-plus years, Warren Baker has seen Cal Poly climb to national recognition and subsequently plummet in overall "excellence." Statewide education has made a significant dent in Cal Poly's ability to achieve such excellence, but wasteful spending and other preventable factors have plagued this campus throughout the past three decades as well. Cal Poly needs a fresh face in the administration — one willing to steer the university back in the right direction.

As such, here are a few thoughts and questions that should be considered by our three final candidates:

Free Speech

Recently, Cal Poly has had a spotty record of First Amendment protection. From the Steve Hinkle case of 2002 to the Smile and Nod poster incident of 2007, Cal Poly has stumbled when it comes to free speech. This has cost us national embarrassment (Lou Dobbs of CNN called President Baker "coward and a fool") and over $40,000 in attorney fees (FIRE).

What will you do to preserve freedom of speech on campus, and how will you deal with the pressures of special interest groups or other offices unconstitutionally demanding punishment? Do you think the crop house incident was handled correctly? How will you manage administrators that demand punishment? And finally, do you think free speech should ever be compromised on a college campus?

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) has rated Cal Poly a "yellow-light" campus in matters of free speech, inferring that the current regulations of our campus produce a "chilling effect" for students wishing to express their First Amendment rights.

What will you do to change this tide of ignorance toward the First Amendment, and bring Cal Poly to a "green-light" status?

Administrative-Faculty Relations and Transparency

The only time we seem to hear anything from our current president is when he announces a new costly construction project or the assignment of another unnecessary vice president. The current president has destroyed any chance of a relationship with the faculty after increasing his own salary once again in 2007. He currently earns, or rather "takes," over $300,000 a year in salary and benefits, and has increased the salaries of our many vice presidents and administrators. Just to give you an idea, Calla estimates that the average full-time professor (with 25 years experience) receives $87,715 a year. When you consider all the teachers and professors whose jobs could have been saved throughout the years, this is absolutely chilling. سعود has created a tremendous impasse in the relationship between administration and faculty.

What will you do to increase your visibility on campus and create a better relationship with students and faculty? Would you be willing to reduce your own salary or consolidate the excessive number of vice presidents and administrators? How do you plan on creating a more transparent work environment for current and future faculty?

Additionally, transparency on campus is just short of being opaque. In our CSU system, millions in expenditures remain undisclosed, and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has vetoed Senator Vee's recent bill demanding transparency from the university system, the Fresno Bee reported. Contributing to this theme of shadiness, Cal Coast News stated that our current president has steadfastly taken a $12.15 million line of credit from the ever-so-shady Cal Poly Corporation to fund recent construction projects. It seems as though the president's legacy has come to be more important than the financial stability of our university.

How will you reassure the public about Cal Poly's overall honesty and forthcomingness with regards to the legality of funds? How will you ascertain that the university exercises complex financial accountability?

Diversity-Based Curriculum

Lastly, the current inclusive Excellence movement has taken a turn from the original outcomes of the Cal Poly curriculum. According to the American Association of Universities and Colleges, the ultimate goal is to promote a curriculum that emphasizes the diversity of perspective. Well, a quarter is only so long, which means that other valuable curriculum would need to be omitted in this attempt to promote diversity awareness. Moreover, they attribute the decline of "higher education rates" among Americans to the "collective failure to educate students of color and those from lower socioeconomic groups." Diverse students should be able to get accepted based on their merit. Their decrease in education level is not Cal Poly's failure.

Do you think diversity awareness is more important as a workplace asset than depths of knowledge in a particular field? How will you prevent the slippery slope of affirmative action as the university attempts to bring more diversity to campus?

Cal Poly needs a "sustainable" president — one that is less concerned with building a legacy, and more concerned with preserving this fine institution. If you're in it for the perks and the glory — go away. Cal Poly doesn't need another 31 years of wastefulness and corruption.

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I abhor racism, I think it’s a bad business decision to ever exclude anybody from your restaurant, but at the same time, I do believe in private ownership,” Rand Paul said.

If you notice, they have never been on our side. “They” meaning social conservatives. “Our” meaning African-American people.

They were not there in the century after the Civil War, as conservative Southern Republicans violently repressed would-be black voters, made a shadow government of the Ku Klux Klan, turned a deaf ear to the howling of lynching mobs and lynching victims. They have not been there in the half century since, as conservative Southern Republicans fought affirmative action, repressed would-be black voters, then dismissed the whole thing as “abstract,” and “obscure.”

It all starts at the top and this guy who’s the head of Cal Poly must have the right to view child pornography.

Rand is posing a legitimate question. A government does not have the right to interfere with an individual’s personal rights.

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"We're both really pumped and we've both been training really hard," Blalock said. "We're going to get there and get a couple of days to acclimate with the different time zone, location and courts. That will help us relax and get used to it so when we go and play that first match it's going to be all business."

No matter what the result at the championships, Bream said he is proud of what Blalock and Matzenauer have achieved in their years at Cal Poly both on and off the courts.

"I'm really going to miss them and there's going to be some sadness — but more pride in how they committed to their sport and their school over their time here," Bream said. "I'm really excited to see where they are going to go from here, after their college experience at Cal Poly."

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Senior Brittany Blalock went 15-6 in dual matches this season. Along with doubles partner Suzy Matzenauer, the duo recorded a 17-3 record.

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At the beginning of the 2010 women's tennis season, senior co-captains Brittany Blalock and Suzie Matzenauer had one goal in mind: compete in the NCAA Championships as a doubles pair.

The duo, ranked first in the Big West and 68th in the country, did just that as they secured one of 32 spots in the NCAA Championships, which begin on Thursday in Athens, Georgia.

From the beginning of the season, head coach Hugh Bream said he knew that Blalock and Matzenauer were capable of competing against anybody. Their relationship throughout this year as friends and doubles partners has helped bring about success.

"They both have a lot of self-confidence and they both believe in their individual abilities and in themselves as a team," Bream said. "They are both experienced enough to know that this is a really difficult process to get down to the final 32 teams out of 3,000, and if you cut any corners, you aren't going to be one of those teams."

A big key for both players is having the other one there to lean on when things are tough. Matzenauer said it would have been much easier for her to keep things going had she not had Blalock to encourage her not to give up.

"We put our heart into this year," Matzenauer said. "Even if we had a midterm or a final or were stressed, we came out on the court and put it behind us and focused solely on tennis."

Blalock and Matzenauer said they are not just satisfied with making it into the tournament. "It's the place you want to be at the end of the season," Blalock said. "We're happy to be here, but we want to do as well as we can there and we aren't going to be satisfied unless we accomplish our goals."

"Brittany is right there with a smile on her face and encouraging me, so it motivates me to work even harder," Bream said.

For both players, this year was a culmination of four years of hard work and dedication to the women's tennis program. Matzenauer said they were successful this year because they were able to put the distractions off the court behind them and concentrate on just playing tennis.

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Blalock and Matzenauer are ready to show people that they can play at the highest level. Bream said the duo can compete against anyone in the country.

"Whether you're in a program that has all the bells and whistles and a big stadium or you're in a great medium-sized school like Cal Poly in a beautiful area, we feel like we can accomplish every bit as much as the top programs," Bream said.

For Matzenauer, she is excited to be able to represent Cal Poly on the biggest stage. It's an honor to represent Cal Poly, and I'm just looking forward to playing with Brittany and competing against the best girls in the nation," Matzenauer said. "The coolest thing about it is showing them that even a small school can do really well and compete against the biggest names in tennis."

The pair has been successful this year because they balance each other out on the court. Bream said Matzenauer is the aggressor and more fiery as a competitor, while Blalock is more even-keeled — the two are the perfect combination.

"Brittany is really level-headed and every day she is there with the same mindset working very hard," Bream said. "Suzie's really enthusiastic and she can get really emotional in a positive way. Suzie's fire combined with Brittany's ice really combined to help them in a doubles team a lot."

Blalock had similar comments when asked about what Matzenauer brings to their team. "Suzie's definitely very fiery and very competitive," Blalock said. "She has a huge serve and big volleys and has a very aggressive game style that's intimidating to our opponents."

Matzenauer said Blalock's consistency has carried the team and allowed them to remain in every match.

"Brittany is just so solid on the baseline and her returns are phenomenal," Matzenauer said. "She's got a huge serve, and I can always count on her to get that ball back and deep into our opponents. I know Brittany is going to be there."

Throughout their time at Cal Poly, Bream has served as more than a coach for Blalock and Matzenauer. They both said he has been a mentor and has allowed them to grow as people.

"He believes in us a hundred percent and gives us all the tools to train and become the best players we can be going into the tournament," Blalock said. "I couldn't see that with anybody else."

Matzenauer said Bream is a friend who is always there cheering them on and helping them develop.

"He's very competitive, just like us, and he gives us 24/7 of his time to help us get better," Matzenauer said. "He's an amazing coach but really just someone that I respect with everything that I have."

Bream loves the competition and is glad he can be with the two of them as they go for the national championship.

"I just think it's a great way to go out with the two of them, and they are certainly one of the teams that are capable of winning the national championship," Bream said. "They've done everything they can do to play well and they are going to play well.

With the championships fast approaching, Blalock and Matzenauer are both excited for play to commence.

"It's hard to motivate yourself when you're doing it on your own, but when you have a partner you create that bond together during those tough days and practices," Matzenauer said. "Brittany is right there with a smile on her face and encouraging me, so it motivates me to work even harder."

"The wins keep coming. The Mustangs (21-31) pieced together a late-inning rally to push Cal Poly past Loyola Marymount (22-30-1) in Thursday night. Trailing by four runs, the Mustangs took the lead on a bunt-loaded walk in the eight inning. Starting pitcher Kyle Anderson pitched two innings, allowing five earned runs and eight hits. Jeff Johnson (above) came in relief; he pitched 6 innings, allowed four hits and one earned run. In the eight inning, the Mustangs lead the Lions comeback hopes with a Bobby Crocker RBI triple and a Mitch Helinger RBI double."

"It's an honor to represent Cal Poly, and I'm just looking forward to playing with Brittany and competing against the best girls in the nation," Matzenauer said. "The coolest thing about it is showing them that even a small school can do really well and compete against the biggest names in tennis."

The pair has been successful this year because they balance each other out on the court. Bream said Matzenauer is the aggressor and more fiery as a competitor, while Blalock is more even-keeled — the two are the perfect combination.

"Brittany is really level-headed and every day she is there with the same mindset working very hard," Bream said. "Suzie's really enthusiastic and she can get really emotional in a positive way. Suzie's fire combined with Brittany's ice really combined to help them in a doubles team a lot."

Blalock had similar comments when asked about what Matzenauer brings to their team. "Suzie's definitely very fiery and very competitive," Blalock said. "She has a huge serve and big volleys and has a very aggressive game style that's intimidating to our opponents."

Matzenauer said Blalock's consistency has carried the team and allowed them to remain in every match.

"Brittany is just so solid on the baseline and her returns are phenomenal," Matzenauer said. "She's got a huge serve, and I can always count on her to get that ball back and deep into our opponents. I know Brittany is going to be there."

Throughout their time at Cal Poly, Bream has served as more than a coach for Blalock and Matzenauer. They both said he has been a mentor and has allowed them to grow as people.

"He believes in us a hundred percent and gives us all the tools to train and become the best players we can be going into the tournament," Blalock said. "I couldn't see that with anybody else."

Matzenauer said Bream is a friend who is always there cheering them on and helping them develop.

"He's very competitive, just like us, and he gives us 24/7 of his time to help us get better," Matzenauer said. "He's an amazing coach but really just someone that I respect with everything that I have."

Bream loves the competition and is glad he can be with the two of them as they go for the national championship.

"I just think it's a great way to go out with the two of them, and they are certainly one of the teams that are capable of winning the national championship," Bream said. "They've done everything they can do to play well and they are going to play well.

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