Students lend helping hand to Tijuana housing project

By Andy Castagnola
MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Senta family does not have oceanfront property. They have no stained-glass windows or French doors or cedar-lined ceilings. Instead, their simple home of concrete blocks sits next to a trash dump in a Tijuana neighborhood of makeshift homes and muddy roads.

But the Senta family still smiles, and when 26 students from Cal Poly's Newman Catholic Center arrived to help build the Senta's new home last weekend, their smiles only brightened.

"Seeing the smiles on the family's faces after we finished was worth more than a million words," said business sophomore Heather Hart.

During two days of construction, the students were charged with mixing concrete, stacking blocks, arranging rebar in the blocks and filling the blocks with concrete to form walls.

Although hugging concrete around a construction site isn't a glamorous chore, the volunteers had no complaints. Instead they were grateful for the opportunity to help.

Newman Center Associate Director Sister Mary Part White said she actually enjoyed passing buckets of concrete down an assembly line of volunteers.

For mechanical engineering junior Mike Ross, the volunteer trip opened his eyes to the reality of poverty. "It really helped me see how poor a lot of places in the world are and how great we have it here," Ross said.

"I feel bad about complaining about studying," she said. "I think how lucky we are to have the opportunities that people (in Tijuana) never have."

The home's foundation and the beginnings of walls were in place before the students arrived at the project directed by Esperanza International. Most walls were finished and a window was in place by the end of the weekend.

"It's a folly to think that Cal Poly alone will stop sweatshop abuse, but showing support is important," Collins said.
Men favor daring dresses on other girls, not theirs

Confidential tip to the girls — men like daring dresses only on the other fellow’s girl — not theirs.

That was the essence of opinion expressed by a group of collegians, including Eugene Rossides of Columbia football fame, who served on Cosmopolitan magazine’s male-tested fashion jury at New York’s Stork Club.

“Believe it or not, they voted consistently for gowns that had a sophisticated but not too exposed look,” Mrs. Wister said. “In fact it’s a look the boys pronounced ‘dreamy.’”

Rossides was particularly impressed with the slit hemline of one of the winning dresses which embodied all the fashion points that had been emphasized.

“It was a royal blue crepe gown that bared the shoulders but covered the arms completely,” Mrs. Wister said. “The skirt, with sophisticated hip-line drape, tapered to a narrow hemline.”

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Teen-ager pleaads guilty in massacre plot

PORT HURON, Mich. (AP) — One of three teen-agers accused of plotting a massacre at their middle school pleaded guilty to a lesser charge Tuesday, the day jury selection was to begin in his trial.

Justin Schnepp, 14, pleaded guilty to a juvenile charge of conspiracy to commit assault with intent to commit great bodily harm.

He had been charged as an adult with conspiracy to commit murder.

Schnepp’s attorney, Daniel Traver, said he agreed to the plea because his client could have been sentenced to life in prison. “We didn’t feel that we had the right to take that kind of risk with a boy’s life,” Traver said.

Schnepp and three other boys were arrested in mid-May after Holland Woods Middle School classmates told administrators they overheard talk of committing a massacre bigger in scope than the Columbine High School massacre.

The proposed sentence would send Schnepp to a juvenile reform school for four years. Formal sentencing is Dec. 13.

Trials for Daniel Pick, 13, and J ediah “David” Zinzo, now 15, are scheduled for Dec. 7. Pick has been charged as a juvenile, Zinzo as an adult.

A fourth boy was cleared of murder conspiracy charges after the judge ruled a statement he made to police was inadmissible as evidence.
Site debates quarters vs. semesters, bridges gap between students and ASI

By Matt Sterling
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Although Cal Poly's academic calendar will not change for at least four years, mechanical engineering sophomore Andrew Hunt already is trying to educate students about the possible change to the semester system.

"I want to inform students and faculty of the up's and down's of semesters and quarters so they can make an informed decision on all levels," Hunt said.

Hunt is the director of Academic Affairs for Associated Students Inc. board of directors.

Cal Poly is contemplating a change to the semester system in order to create a unified calendar with the rest of the California State universities. CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed wants to see a uniformity among the campuses' academic calendars, and the Academic Senate and ASI are beginning to compile ways to gather opinions and inform students about the issue.

On Hunt's, ASI-sponsored site, www.calpoly.edu/~ahunt, he answers many questions about semesters and quarters and potential impacts to Cal Poly if a switch to semesters occurs.

Among the questions answered on the site are how the structure of classes would change under the semester system and potential effects of the change on students.

"I think it's great," board Chair Damien Johnson said of the Web site. "It's got lots of information, gives outside information from other colleges, gives the names of people to contact and shows both sides of the issue."

Another feature on the site compares Cal Poly's quarter system calendar with a semester calendar. Students can see longer vacations on the semester system and shorter classes times with the quarter system and are left to form their own opinions.

"(ASI President John) Moffatt wants to get students involved in the issue, and the site allows that to start happening," Johnson said. "The issue hasn't yet gone to the board — we just want to educate the students on the issue."

Hunt's goal with the site is to bridge the information gap between the board of directors and students. It urges people to talk to their board of directors. It opens up a long connection channel between students and their representatives," Hunt said.

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Web calendars track days until new millennium

It's that time of the year again. College students (and their professors too, perhaps) are still reeling from the Y2K bug and exhausted of the dread that slipped through our fingers.

We're waiting impatiently for Thanksgiving so we can give, uh, thanks, only to be greeted with dead week and the dreaded finals we so loathe.

All this means we're looking forward, toward the end of the year, and for the first time in our lives, the new millennium. You're probably tired of hearing about the Y2K bug and exhausted of hearing people's great plans for a memorable New Year's Eve.

Plants are a natural part of this
Granting mercy to some murderers can teach society a valuable lesson

On Thursday, Nov. 4, a killer got mercy.

That morning, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Commentary

Tamas Simon

Tamas Simon is a mechanical engineering senior.

"In his death, Shepard became not a victim, but a hero; a martyr not only for the gay community but for all victims of hate crimes."

That McKinney's life was spared strengthened that role, showing the world that justice doesn't have to incorporate violence, and that forgiveness can prevail over hatred.

However, these circumstances surrounding the Shepard case are rare. Not every murderer lends itself so completely to those principles worth upholding. Not every murderer reveals himself to be an embodiment of the prejudice and antipathy that smudges in the public psyche.

Then there's Rex Krebs: the 13-year-old Avila Beach man who is accused of killing two San Luis Obispo college students, Rachel Newhouse and Aundria Crawford. According to an article in the Oct. 13 Tribune, prosecution will ask for the death penalty should Krebs be found guilty. This makes sense.

There is no underlying principle on which to base those Krueger's life. He cannot be held up as an example of anything except evil.

The women Krebs allegedly killed had been stalked. Their killer sat in ambush, watching and waiting for his chance to kill. There was no rhyme or reason to the killings; his motivations are unclear. He may have acted due to a perverse drive or smothered anger. Whatever it was, it's nothing that can be used to show the world that the women died, attitudes have changed, and awareness has been raised. The only cause to fight for in this case is the lives of the women that were so cruelly snatched away.

If Krebs is guilty, he will surely die, and rightfully so. The manner in which he refused Rachel and Aundria mercy make it impossible to show him any.

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Respect those who fight for your freedoms Editor,

I am a cadet in the Cal Poly ROTC program and a Christian dedicated to all ROTC students. I would like nothing more than to see an end to war and violence on this planet; I pray for the time when humans will accept each other as brothers and sisters and conflicts no longer arise. But do I think that by not defending freedom do I move the world closer to the goals of my prayer?

I think you, Mr. McGowan, believe what you said in your article ("Don't glorify war," Nov. 15), and I believe you deeply feel that it is needed to be said. Perhaps it's only me, but don't you find it ironic that those same people who you degraded in your article have fought and will fight again, for your right to write it? I also wish to inform you that one of your sentences was written: "Capt. Kwon ..." not simply "Kwon ..." Captain Kwon has earned his title through much hard work and sacrifice — like millions of others — defending your right to free speech. Please give him this minimal respect.

When you say we ROTC cadets will be forced to take part in the next round of state-sponsored murder, that it comes down to the individual's goal, and I think that by not defending freedom is a contradiction in terms. Webster's definition of murder clarifies murder as outside of the law, yet it is also useless. But even Jesus (remember him, the turn-the-other-cheek guy), said war IS necessary even though he didn't advertise his way of peace. I would like to finish this with a question to you. Where do you stand on the freedom issue?

I'm obviously going to smoke pot. I'm obviously going to smoke pot. I'm obviously going to smoke pot. I'm obviously going to smoke pot. I'm obviously going to smoke pot. I'm obviously going to smoke pot.

Allen Vaughn is an engineering junior.

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Letters to the editor

Pot is good in general Editor,

I am writing in response to Christine Janicki's Nov. 16 commentary regarding the medicinal use of marijuana ("Medicinal mari­juana is not a threat to society"). In fact, I feel compelled to expand on the views presented regarding this evil substance. First of all, pot is not physically addictive (by the classic definition of addiction as it pertains to drugs). It can be psychologically addictive, but I have friends who are more addicted to James Bond on Nintendo 64 than people "addicted" to pot.

In addition, pot doesn't have nearly the number of negative consequences associated with it as do some other substances that are legal — alcohol being a prime example. Drunk driving, domestic violence and alcohol poisoning are all nega­tive results of using this substance, which are unparalleled in smoking pot. Another prime example is smoking cigarettes. Nicotine is a highly addictive substance that keeps smokers coming back for more until they eventually die of lung cancer. In addition, pot smokers aren't forced to take part in the war.
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the time they packed up to return.

Before their return, the students toured the border region near the beach in Tijuana. Looking at a lush, green park on the United States side of the border, the students saw what Mexicans see and long to reach everyday.

Mechanical engineering junior Mike Ross said he noticed about 500 crosses along the border fence in remembrance of those who have died trying to get to the other side.

White said looking at the park from Tijuana made her realize all that Americans have and all that Mexicans have not.

“This must be what it’s like,” she said. “The lifestyle we have here is denied to our brothers and sisters over there.”

White said she hoped the students left with the same realization.

“T win students to grapple with the reality. I wanted them to go there to help and hopefully come back learning something.”

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time of year, when holidays are just around the corner, and the World Wide Web is a great place to go for tools to make it easier.

“Tools” may be a little bold a name for a calendar, but the interactivity of the web gives these planning calendars another dimension that your spiral-bound Day-Timer or hanging wall calendar can’t compete with.

For starters, there are a number of tough competitors in the online calendar set, and they’re as established as the web itself: Yahoo!, Excite and many of the other search sites have worked feverishly to grab their own corner of the calendar market.

See, you are likely to spend a little time playing with your online calendar and advertisements like that, so they’ll buy space on these sites to capture your wandering eye.

Other online calendars—they’re all really more than just calendars, though—include PlanetAll (from the people who brought you Amazon.com), Jump.com, and the newest contender, Anyday.com.

Each site focuses its energy on giving you the best calendar interface. Yahoo! emphasizes your ability to add daily tasks and a small note attached to each task. Jump.com has a cool look that present you with “The Paper” when you log into its calendar page. The best-looking calendar is at Anyday.com, but that’s the least of its capabilities. By far the most outstanding in its field, Anyday.com lets you customize each part of the page to your liking, down to details that make you want to keep coming back.

Perhaps the most interesting part of Anyday.com is the feature that lets you publish a web page that contains the information on your calendar so all your friends and family can see it.

That way, if you want to publicize an event you’re planning, you now have a template that makes it simple. It’s also extremely easy to update that information once you’ve created it, so it remains flexible (as plans tend to do).

Also of benefit in Anyday.com’s interface is a service it offers called RSVP, which lets you schedule get-togethers from within your calendar, making it easier to plan around all those friends’ busy schedules.

If you go to Anyday.com, you’ll need to sign in, trading some degree of privacy for your name, address and phone number, but the trade-off is a no-brainer.

While there’s no place on the web that can make your finals any easier or your day any less busy, online calendars can make the process of planning for those days a lot more fun.

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El Corral stays on cutting edge of fashion

Dan Carpenter has been El Corral's general merchandise manager since January 1997. He also graduated from Cal Poly with a business degree in 1976 — and got out in less than four years.

Perhaps his ability to move quickly through the system prepared him for the fast-paced world of retail marketing. He now spends most of his time buying popular styles of Cal Poly clothing and merchandise. As a buyer and a manager of merchandise, he knows he must give new and regular customers new reasons to buy new products.

"I'm always looking for that next garment that somebody will just latch on to and say 'I've gotta have that,'" said Carpenter.

Right now, the most popular garment is the hooded Cal Poly sweatshirt. "The students are more fashion-oriented, and that's why they're buying the navy and the gray, and the alumni tend to be a little more traditional-oriented, buying the green and the gold. So we try to cater to both," Carpenter said. He goes to trendy places in big cities to find out what kinds of fashions are popular, and then he discusses retail options and ideas with manufacturers every month. New lines and fashions come in all the time. If something doesn't sell well at the bookstore on campus or Cal Poly Downtown, he'll reduce the inventory with a series of markdown sales.

Between the on-campus bookstore, the downtown store, the web site and catalog, El Corral sells about 10,000 T-shirts, 6,000 license plates, 5,000 sweatshirts, 3,000 caps and hats, and 1,500 Teddy bears each year. When Cal Poly sports do well, spirit merchandise sells well, too.

Having lived in San Luis Obispo his whole life, Carpenter has seen some changes in university and community relations. While students like to do the same kinds of things now as they did 25 years ago, he thinks the university was a little more tolerant of some of the things college students did back when he was a student at Cal Poly.

"I think the quality of students has gone up considerably as this campus in the CSU system becomes more and more of the elite campus," he said. "I have about ten students that work for me, and I'm just impressed all the time at where they're at, and where I wasn't at (when I was) their age."
Discrimination reigns among Harvard's faculty

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — If one cause has defined Neil L. Rudenstine's tenure at Harvard University, it is race-based affirmative action. But while aggressive recruitment practices in Berry Hall's admissions office have been successful in diversifying the student body, Harvard's senior administration has not been as effective in changing its demographics.

At the highest levels of its 10 schools, Harvard has had only one minority dean without "assistant," or "associate" in his title. Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences Dean Venkatash Narayanaswamy, not, because his department is within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, even Narayanaswamy isn't technically on the level of the dean of the Divinity School or Graduate School of Education.

Minority students and faculty say this lack of diversity is more than embarrassing — it leaves Harvard without potential minority mentors and role models.

But the roots of this problem — like Harvard's difficulties hiring women at the same high levels — lay in the demographics of academia in general and Harvard's tenured faculty in particular.

The dean of Harvard's schools are nearly always drawn from the ranks of senior faculty — and more often than not, from within senior faculty at Harvard.

Without many minorities in senior faculty positions like department chairs, some say it could remain hard to find qualified candidates to fill these top positions.

Officials say none of Harvard's 12 schools — including the graduate schools and FAAS — have ever been led by a minority dean.

"The fact that there aren't any minorities doesn't tell the whole story," Rudenstine says.

Rudenstine says that, in several searches for new deans, women and minorities have made it onto his short list but not gotten an offer.

"We care very much about women and minority representation," Rudenstine says. "We take it into account at every stage [of hiring decisions]."

In 1992, Rudenstine appointed a black woman, Linda Darling-Hammond, as dean of the Graduate School of Education. After first accepting the position, however, Darling-Hammond turned it down to become a professor by making Harvard.

Besides Darling-Hammond's appointment, Rudenstine has filled the deanships of all Harvard's schools, except the Law School, and appointed three provosts.

Professor becomes Scrabble champ

(U-WIRE) MONTREAL — Joel Wapnick, McGill University chair of music education, became the new world Scrabble champion in Melbourne, Australia on November 7.

In the finals he faced off with his arch nemesis.

"His name was Mark Nymeyer," Wapnick recounted. "I placed him to the finals in '93 as well. It was best out of five; I won the first game, lost the second game, won the third game, and the fourth game was very tight. I eventually won it by one point."

In 1993, Wapnick lost to Nymeyer in the finals, so this time around he went prepared.

"For a couple hours a day, I recite lists of words in my head about 16,000 words," Wapnick explained. "They are all seven or eight letter words. I do it when I'm walking around in the evening."

Wapnick even traveled to Australia five days before the tournament.

"Well, I was crossing ten time zones," he said of his early arrival. "I was afraid I would be jetlagged. As it turns out, I was jetlagged to a certain degree but I recorded a positive. I was in fine shape in time for the tournament."

The World Scrabble Championships are held every two years, and the competition lasts four days. Wapnick divulged the logistics of the tournament.

"It started on Thursday and trou­­ished on Sunday. It was very well organized there were 98 competitors from 35 countries. There are 24 games, eight a day for four days. After the 24th game, the two players with the top records play in the finals," he explained. "You are allowed 25 min­­utes for all your moves. After 25 min­­utes, there is a ten point penalty for every minute that you go over time. When there are challenges you must contest a word then the clock is stopped. We use two word lists [no accept the challenge], one of which was devel­­oped in North America, the other was developed in England. Both lists are combined."

Scrabble is a simple board game where players gain points by making words from letters they randomly pick out from a pile. This sport has been gaining significant popularity not only in North America but also in the rest of the world.

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After the Fair

Follow-up in a timely manner. Send a thank you note thanking representatives for their time and information. Include another resume and any other information requested during your discussion.
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the question most.

"I'm kind of glad it's not functioning perfectly," he said. "It stops me from giving any serious thought to coming back and it doesn't affect the grip on my putter one bit. My putting game is over."

With the wait still lingering from his bout with Benjamin, Jordan didn't want to discuss the finger. "I'd rather not comment and give the media ammunition to talk about it."

Nobody at Bulls headquarters doubted that. Not Jerry Krause, the general manager who hastened the Bulls' breakup, nor Tim Floyd, the coach brought in to preside over the wreckage.

Asked whether he would take Jordan back, Krause had a ready answer: "I'd handle manning who hastened the Bulls' fare."

Floyd wouldn't indul in that.

"It stops me from coming back into the fold," Jordan said. "It stops me from planning and Floyd gets to keep his job. Jordan takes the $1 million exemption as a veteran player, then gets Bulls management to pay him 10 times that for coaching. The last step is to get management to handle lackluster."

The Lakers' Glen Rice is an immediate possibility. Add Jordan's powers of persuasion to Kobe's salary slot and the names heading Krause's wish list — Dennis Rodman Hill and San Antonio's Tim Duncan — suddenly don't seem as far-fetched.

Bill Russell was Boston's player-coach from the 1966-67 season until 1968-69. After winning the championship nine times in his first 10 years as a player, he won twice more in his last two seasons doing double-duty.

Russell was 32, and the Celtics team he coached were loaded. Jordan turns 37 next February and would command a bunch of hand-me-downs, leftovers and might-be-also-rans.

Dickey Simpkins, one of his few pals still on the laughaバラ球 says that's one reason the chances of Jordan coming back right now are "zero."

"It could change," Simpkins said with a laugh. "By the end of the month, it could change."

Jim Litke is an Associated Press columnist.

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One positive for Cal Poly is that it plays in a very tough conference. The Mustangs face perennial volleyball powers No. 5 Pacific, No. 7 Long Beach State and No. 9 Santa Barbara twice a season.

In the past, the Mustangs usually drop all six of those contests, devaluing their record and practically dropping them out of contention for a post season berth. That all could change this season, mainly stemming from a five-game victory over Santa Barbara on Oct. 7 in Morro Gym. The win was the first over the Gauchos in a decade and instantly earned respect for the Mustangs.

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NYC (AP) — Angry that Los Angeles could lose third baseman Adrian Beltre, Dodgers senior vice president Tommy Lasorda said Monday that teams have signed dozens of underage players.

"I bet you there's 50 ballplayers in the major leagues that have signed illegally," Lasorda said during a news conference honoring one of his former players, New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine.

Beltre's agent, Scott Boras, last week asked the commissioner's office to declare the client a free agent because he was 15 when the Dodgers signed him. Baseball rules teams to sign only players 16 and older.

"If this was done illegally, they gave the birth certificate to us, which simply means that they knew that he wasn't the right age," Lasorda said. "Why should he be able to go out into the world and make millions of dollars?"

Los Angeles was fined $200,000 earlier this year for signing two underage Cubans who were declared free agents.

Lasorda, speaking rapidly with a voice filled with emotion, compared the situation to Cuban defectors, some of whom have turned out to be older than they claim. Several defectors have come over in rafts, and in the case of the New York Yankees pitcher Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, legal papers show he is 34, not 30.

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Lasorda said, referring to an agent for many Cuban players.

"Just like him, this guy turns them in and says they were left on a raft for 14 days."

These guys never lost an ounce from the time they left Cuba. They pick them up two miles out of the limit, get them on a yacht, take them to the Bahamas, they put them in a suite, they feed them like kings, and these guys say they were on a raft for 14 hours, fighting sharks, and landed in the wrong place and lost his direction. They never saw the Dominican Republic, and we are in this country believe it."

Detectors usually establish residency outside the United States and Canada so they are not subject to baseball's amateur draft and are declared free agents.

Cubs did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

Lasorda, the Dodgers' general manager when Beltre was promoted to the major leagues, said if Beltre is declared a free agent, the Dodgers should be reimbursed for the time and effort it took to prepare the player.

"How about giving us the money back," he said. "The house is built with him. You know how much per hour I charge working with players?"

Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office, said an investigation will start this week.

"It's something that could take several weeks, depending on the amount of travel involved and the number of interviews that need to take place," Alderson said.

Earlier this year, the Dodgers lost a pair of Cuban players because they signed before they were 16. Investigators in New York and Chicago spent two weeks in Cuba, meeting with the families of several of whom have turned out to be older than they claim.

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Never say never — Jordan may return to Bulls

He made the game up on the fly. The best ones always do. Michael Jordan took off plenty of times thinking one thing and wound up doing something else in the air. So what was he thinking showing up at Bulls practice Wednesday for a very public little one-on-one with Corey Benjamin?

"Today was just to break a sweat and see some of the guys and try to help the morale a little," Jordan said. "Please, don't take it any further than that."

Jim Litke — of he returns his profile to the "low" setting. If Jordan turns up at other NBA camps, it raises the spectre of secret workouts and meetings abroad, remember? We've seen this before.

There is a grateful way for Jordan to come back into the business as player-coach of the Chicago Bulls, better yet, as player-assistant coach.

Something is up, and maybe it's nothing more than Jordan's basketball bones. Before he made it to Bulls practice, he caught their sorry act in Atlanta. That's more than a week before he saw them last season. And Monday, Jordan chatted up on-old friend Patrick Ewing for a Knicks game in New York.

What no one knows is whether this little bit of competition will scratch the itch. It seems Benjamin, a reserve guard who arrived in Chicago too late for any of the six championships he's won on Jordan's teams but for some time. The second-year player listed Jordan as his favorite athlete and was just phobic enough to write, offering to school the old man on what he was missing.

Calling Jordan out of retirement wasn't much different from doing it in his prime. Not if you are Corey Benjamin. People who've seen the videotape said Jordan made his first five shots, ran out to a quick 10-4 lead and coasted home 11-9.

Benjamin wasn't the only one curious whether Jordan has fit into his old coach, Phil Jackson, the new coach in Los Angeles, and Ewing both asked in recent weeks whether he's positive he's through.

Jordan said he told them the same thing he told the New York Post last week; the tendon he severed in his right index finger 10 months ago made

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Women's volleyball awaits word from NCAA

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team can't wait for the NCAA's answer.

The Mustangs, owners of a 19-7 overall record, are eagerly awaiting word from the NCAA selection committee, hoping for a trip to the NCAA Tournament. The Mustangs were past-over by the NCAA last year despite an 18-9 record.

Cal Poly will be attempting to send its second NCAA Division I team to a National Tournament this year. The women's soccer team made the tournament, eventually losing to Stanford in the second round.

What's more, the volleyball team, along with numerous members of the athletic department, plan to watch the NCAA selection show at Firestone Grill much like they did with the women's soccer team. The selection show will air at 7 p.m., Nov. 28.

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