A week to ‘Remember’

Kelly Cope Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly community is playing host this week to events dedicated to the awareness of sexual assault and violence against women. Presented by Cal Poly Women’s Programs through Student Life and Leadership, Remember Week, as it is called, involves events both on and off campus.

The events began with a memorial Monday night at the Luna Café for five local women who were victims of violence: Kristen Smart, who disappeared in 1996; Rachel Newhouse and Andressa Crawford, who both disappeared in 1998; Christina Hogan, who was killed in 2001; and most recently Laci Peterson in 2002, who was a Cal Poly alumna. The events will conclude with “Walk A Mile in Her Shoes: Men’s March to Stop Rape,” which will be held on Saturday, April 29.

“Remember Week works to provide avenues to educate the Cal Poly community about how to end sexual violence while empowering survivors,” said Julia Palm, a Remember Week coordinator.

The events draw a large number of participants and spectators every year, especially at Take Back The Night, which is held downtown at the Farmers’ Market from 6 to 9 p.m. This year, about 200 people are expected to attend.

Volunteers are also in high demand, as the week requires as many people as possible to be successful. This year, Residential Life and the greek system on campus are helping out, and Remember Week organizers expect about 50 assistants.

“What I find amazing about Remember Week is that it is put on (mostly) by volunteers who are passionate about raising awareness about sexual assault. These persons dedicate much of their free time advertising, designing events, soliciting donations, and educating others,” said Aimee Williams, a Women’s Programs volunteer involved with the production of the events.

Remember Week involves the entire San Luis Obispo community. Many local businesses will be drawn in, such as Crazy Jays, Optical Illusions, Boston Bagel Company, Janisha Juice, Lucy's Juice, Steinern, La Cuesta Inn, California Blonde, Cowboy Cookies, House of Bread, Girl 2 Girl, The Secret Garden and Hanks Gallery.

The week is full of many events, including speakers and service projects. Today from noon to 1:30 p.m., the Soup and Substance luncheon will be held at the Chumash Auditorium East Wing. For more information, see Remember, page 2.

Computer engineering, science students design future of library Learning Commons

Kendra Deutsche Mustang Daily

Cal Poly computer engineering and computer science students developed proposals on effective ways to use the Learning Commons in the Kennedy Library as part of a class project during winter quarter. These proposals are being exhibited at the Learning Commons from April 10 through May 12 during regular library hours.

Students and faculty will be available to answer questions about their projects at a special event, named Genius Day, on Tuesday, April 11 from noon to 2 p.m.

“Visitors of the exhibit can see how students would utilize the space and some of the infrastructure in the library,” said Franz Kurles, advisor for the project. “This is an excellent opportunity for people to voice their opinions on how the library can improve the facilities for learning.”

“It’s a great idea (for students to attend the exhibit), since Kurles’ whole class will be there, to come and ask questions about software being developed for students, by students, in hopes of making everyone’s lives easier,” said Dustin Anderson, a computer science senior.

Christine Le, a computer science senior, explained that the students are basically trying to decide what will be in the Learning Commons and it is important for students to visit the display because it affects them. “I really liked working with the students, and I hope we can get an idea from this (of how to use the Learning Commons space),” she said. For more information, see Display, page 2.

In addition to storyboard ideas for the future design of the Learning Commons in the library, photos of students who worked on the designs are also on display.
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This luncheon will include a speech on domestic violence by a member of the San Luis Obispo Women's Shelter.
Also tonight, the SARF Center will be giving their responder training from 5 to 7 p.m. in the University Union, Room 219. This workshop will also provide resources for survivors of sexual assault.
Tomorrow, the SARF Center will continue its involvement in the week's festivities with its self-defense workshop, which is to be held in UU 220 from 1 to 4 p.m. This will be an active three hours in which participants will learn assertiveness, awareness and self-defense techniques. Participants are asked to come dressed in comfortable clothing. Also, spaces are limited, so sign up soon in the Women's Center.
"One in Four" is a presentation geared toward men to teach them how to help a sexual assault survivor. It is scheduled for tomorrow night from 6 to 8 p.m. in Philip Hall (Performing Arts Center Room 124).
On Thursday, Helen Zia, an award-winning journalist, scholar and contributing editor to Ms. Magazine will give her speech entitled "Crossing Boundaries: Social Change in the New Millennium" in the Vista Grande Café from 7:30 to 9 a.m. as part of the Provocative Perspectives series. Other events on Thursday will include the Women's Fair, from 11 a.m. to noon during ULI Hour in the UU Plaza, and the Take Back The Night festivity from 6 to 9 p.m. in downtown San Luis Obispo during Farmers' Market on Garden Street. Performances will also be a part of Take Back The Night. Something Irish, Jill Knight and more bands will play as part of the night's entertainment.
On Friday, a food drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Women's Center. This food drive will benefit the San Luis Obispo Women's Shelter and landscaping for the Life Steps Foundations.
On Tuesday April 18, the SK Run 2 Remember will start at 7 p.m. on the Health Center lawn at 7 p.m. Registration is $15 per person, and includes a T-shirt commemorating the event, a water bottle, a glow stick and more. It is a fund-raiser for Remember Week. Organizers expect about 300 participants to be involved.
And finally, on Saturday, April 29, Mitchell Park in San Luis Obispo will be the starting place for the "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes: Men's March to Stop Rape." This event begins at 10:30 a.m. and the march itself starts at noon. Music, lunch and a raffle will conclude the festivities. Registration for individuals is $25, and for teams of four or more, it is $20 per person. Registration also includes five raffle tickets and an event T-shirt, so all participants of the registration are turned in, forms and money, by April 21.

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said Catherine Trujillo, assistant curator for the center.
The projects came from a class project assigned by Kurfess, in which students thought about ways to use the Learning Commons area as a premise for the project. Trujillo said, "The idea is to develop computer-based systems with an emphasis on what the users need, rather than what engineers and programmers can do," Kurfess said. "The exhibit shows the results of teams project in my class," said Kurfess.
Students chose their own topics for the projects, which were designs for computer-based systems for tasks that involve learning and related issues, he said. Some of the ideas were technologically driven, others were group-space driven, said Trujillo.
"We started off with storyboards and went on to actually building a prototype," said Le.
From these storyboards, prototypes for the project could be anything from building a software program to a diagram, depending on the topic.
Anderson worked with his group to develop a "senior project portal," which would make it easier to share senior project ideas between students and professors and look up past projects to aid students in completing their senior projects.
Additional proposals to be on display at the exhibit include potential tools for clubs involved in ASI and a multimedia area on campus for movies and interactive projects, according to a press release, as well as large, technologically-equipped spaces to help students working on group projects.
Additionally, there are projects not specific to Cal Poly. "Some of the projects don't relate 100 percent to Cal Poly, and in that case, it would probably just be interesting to see some of the ideas students have about what kind of life technologies they'd like to see built in the future," Anderson said.

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where organizers estimated the crowd at 5,000 but the California Highway Patrol post in charge of Capitol protection would not provide an official estimate.
"Our roots are Mexican and we don't want to lose that, but at the same time I feel more American," said Fausto Cervantes of Gak, who said he found work picking crops after coming to the U.S. illegally.
At one point, marchers halted to draw on John Baker of Dixon, who yelled, "USA, USA, no to amnesty." Baker, 22, a carpenter, said he was not against immigration, just illegal immigration.
"You come to a country, you should follow the law of the land," Boker said.

More than a thousand people crowded a corner in San Francisco's largely Hispanic Mission District, chanting "Amnesty! Amnesty!" as speakers talked about workers' rights.
Many people said they want full rights and amnesty for illegal immigrants. Others took it a step further, including a man who held a sign that read: "You are on stolen Native American and Mexican land."
The protests seek to help an estimated 11 million immigrants who are illegally in the United States by influencing decision-making in the future.

Washington, D.C.
A bill passed by the House would crack down on illegal immigrants and strengthen the U.S. border with Mexico. A broader overhaul of immigration law stalled in the Senate last week and lawmakers went on a two-week break.
"I think it was wrong for them to leave Washington and not have an agreement to have a guest worker program and to make sure we secure the border," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said after touring the state's flood operations center in Sacramento on Monday.

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I pay very little regard to what any young person says on the subject of marriage. If they profess a disinclination for it, I only set it down that they have not yet seen the right person.

— Jane Austen (1775 - 1817), “Mansfield Park”

A gift — be it a present, a kind word or a job done with care and love — explains itself ... and if receiving it embarrasses you, it's because your “thank box” is warped.

— Alice Childress

Wordly Wise

Soporific: Causing sleep; also, something that causes sleep.

Salmagundi: A mixture or assortment; also, a kind of mixed dish or salad.

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SACRAMENTO — Tens of thousands of Sacramnto-area community college students who had been riding the region's buses and light-rail trains for free may have to start paying a normal fee.

For students in the Los Rios Continuity College District have been subsidized since 2004, but college administrators and state lawmakers are considering a plan that would raise rates for some students.

— The Associated Press

COSTA MESA — About 100 demonstrators waving American flags gathered at City Hall to protest the recent immigration rallies where scores of people carried the Mexican flag.

"This is my first time doing something like this. It's time to get involved," said 55-year-old protestor Linda Newman. "It's not about racism. It's about illegal immigration."

— The Associated Press

National

ATLANTA — Tens of thousands of immigrants spilled into the streets of Atlanta and other cities across the country Monday in a national day of action billed as a "campaign for immigrants' dignity." In North Carolina and Dallas, immigrant groups called for an economic boycott to show their financial impact. In Pittsburgh and other cities, protestors gathered outside lawmakers' offices to make their voices heard as Congress considers immigration reforms. At the Minnesota Capitol, they sang "We Shall Overcome" in Spanish.

— The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former Enron Corp. Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling declared he was "absolutely innocent" Monday as he began to testify in his own defense in his fraud and conspiracy trial.

Projected showed Enron's coalition leading in the Senate, but the two sides running neck-and-neck in the lower Chamber of Deputies.

— The Associated Press

International

ACCRA, Ghana — An overloaded motorboat carrying about 150 passengers on a vast lake in this West African nation has sunk, and 119 people are missing and feared dead, police said Monday. Only 40 people are known to have survived the sinking Saturday afternoon on Lake Volta, said Akwasi Ayeh-Ahoh, a police official in the region. He said hopes for finding more survivors were slim.

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STATE OF THE STUDENT ADDRESS

WASHINGTON — College graduates are flocking to America's big cities, chasing jobs and culture and driving up home prices.

Though many of the largest cities have lost population in the past three decades, nearly all have added college graduates, an analysis by The Associated Press found.

The findings offer hope for urban areas, many of which have spent decades struggling with financial problems, job losses and high poverty rates.

But they also spell trouble for some cities, especially those in the Northeast and Midwest, that have fallen behind the South and West in attracting highly educated workers.

"The largest predictor of economic well-being in cities is the percent of college graduates," said Ned Hill, professor of economic development at Cleveland State University. To do well, he said, cities must be attractive to educated people.

Nationally, a little more than one-fourth of people 25 and older had at least bachelor's degrees in 2004. Some 84 percent had high school diplomas or the equivalent.

By comparison, in 1970 only a bit more than one in 10 adults had bachelor's degrees and about half had high school diplomas.

Seattle was the best-educated city in 2004 with just over half the adults having bachelor's degrees. Following closely were San Francisco; Raleigh, N.C.; Washington and Austin, Texas.

Molly Winkel, who has a doctorate in educational administration, said she moved to the Washington area for a job, and the culture of the city pulled her from the suburbs. Winkel, 51, grew up in eastern Tennessee and works at a company that develops and training materials. She recently bought a home in the city.

"I just enjoy walking around looking at the architecture and the way people have renovated these 100-year-old homes," Winkel said. "I love the landscaping and the lovely mix of many races, straight people, gays, singles, older people, younger people." The AP analyzed census data from 21 of the largest cities from 1970 to 2004. The AP used every-10-year census data from 1970 to 2000, and the Census Bureau's American Community Survey for 2004.

The 21 cities were chosen because of their size and location to provide regional balance. The analysis was expanded for 2004, the latest year for data, to include all 70 cities with populations of 250,000 or more.

While most states in the Northeast had high percentages of college graduates, their cities do not.

Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey were among the top five states in the percentage of adults with college degrees in 2004. But the Northeast placed no city among the top five, and only one from the region — Boston — was in the top 20.

CITIES WITH FEW COLLEGE GRADUATES

With a hard time generating good-paying jobs. That, in turn, makes it hard to attract more college graduates, said Richard Vedder, an economics professor at Ohio University.

Cities such as Newark, N.J.; Detroit and Cleveland have relatively few college graduates, which helps explain why they are struggling to recover from the decline in U.S. manufacturing Vedder said.

Among the three, Cleveland had the largest share of college graduates in 2004, 14 percent of those 25 and older.

"Society is paying more people for their brains than for their brawn," Vedder said. "The nerds and the wimps and the geeks are ruling the world!"

College graduates made about two-thirds more money than high school graduates in 2004, according to the Census Bureau. The median income — the point at which half make more and half make less — for adults with bachelor's degrees was $42,404. It was $25,360 for high school graduates.

Adults who did not graduate high school had a median income of $18,144.

Many cities with a lot of college graduates also have expensive homes, even with the softening real estate market.

San Francisco was the costliest in 2004, with a median home value of $662,000, according to census data. That was more than four times the national median of $151,000.

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What people weren't looking for on the first Easter.

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After a record-setting attendance at his Backstage Pizza performance in January, Sacramento musician Corey Nitschke will be filling the pizzeria parlor with music again today from 11 a.m. to noon.

"He's got a great sound. He's great on the guitar — a lot of the guitar skill that Jack Johnson has, at least in my opinion," said Bryar Nay, a business senior who first met Nitschke in Chico. "His voice will just fill up a room and he's got a great range. You can just tell when you're at a show that he just loves what he's doing."

Nay said Nitschke's music appeals to a wide range of audiences, especially the "coffee house crowds" and people who like acoustic.

"Anybody who enjoys a little more comedic type of music will appreciate his sound," Nay said.

Nitschke is known for his upbeat original songs like "She Hates Me," and his deceivingly disguised cover songs.

"(The covers) really get people to laugh because they come out of left field," said Nay, explaining that Nitschke's cover of "Hit Me Baby One More Time" is unrecognizable until the chorus.

Another of Nitschke's original comedic songs is "The Marriage Song."

"It's about my wife. I don't know who she is yet because I'm not married," Nitschke said.

Nitschke's concerns are mostly impromptu start to finish. He recently did a show for a largely English audience. When he introduced himself, he told them he was originally from England and everyone believed him.

"During a show there's a lot of humor, a lot of dry humor," he said. "And I always think the jokes that not everyone gets are the best."

During breaks at his shows, Nitschke likes to talk to people in the audience, to see how they are doing and try to "connect" with them. Sometimes he will purposely do a certain song based on how the audience is feeling.

"There's a definite rush that you get onstage. I'm wired for an hour after I get off-stage," he said. "You could say it's like a drug."

"How did he get into the music business?"

"I first got into music in general in the womb," he said. "When the doctor slapped me, instead of screaming I just sang."

It was not until high school, however, that Nitschke began writing music. He started by writing poetry for school, but found little encouragement.

"One of my biggest criticisms from my teachers was that I rhymed too much," he said.

Well, that, Nitschke decided that instead of becoming a poet, he would be a songwriter. His experience writing lyrics for the group Deep Red inspired him to learn guitar as well.

"I don't write songs from my personal experiences. I write them from other people's experiences. It's more fun that way," he said.

His influences include John Mayer, The Who, Eric Clapton and The Beatles. He said he wants people to enjoy the happier aspect of his songs.

"We're too serious," he said. "In life, people get so caught up in all the trivial things that don't matter and lightheartedness is not something that we really get into."

Nitschke will also be performing downtown at Frog and Peach tonight starting at 11 p.m.

"I love his music," Nay said. "It's contagious. I get addicted all the time."

Aulos Ensemble brings energy, intelligence to PAC

Christina Casci
MUSTANG DAILY

The reputable Aulos Ensemble will be coming to Cal Poly for the biggest performance of their career today at 8 p.m. Usually only featuring eight to 10 players, the band will expand to 22 musicians for this show.

The band originated in 1973 and was started by Julliard graduates. The ensemble has released over a dozen recordings and performs every year for a Christmas concert in New York, according to their official Web site, www.aulos.org.

Even though the ensemble has performed in much bigger theaters, the musicians are excited for the show in the Performing Arts Center on campus.

"It's going to be like a big party," said Marc Schachman, an oboist in the ensemble. "All of our friends from the East Bay will be with us, so it should be fun."

Expanding an ensemble is difficult because specific people must be hired to do the job correctly, Schachman said.

"You can't just hire anyone," he said. "These people are specialists in their field."

The ensemble has a reputation for putting on an exciting performance with some intellectual taste.

The audience will appreciate the performance, Schachman said, adding that the type of music is great to listen to.
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**America’s most outrageous congresswoman**

Who is Cynthia “Queenie” McKinney? A) an embarrassment to the United States Congress B) a crazy woman who uses unique (hip-hop) style C) a congresswoman who should be facing grand jury indictment for striking a police officer D) all of the above. Yes, the answer is D.

Cynthia McKinney is a black congresswoman who struck a police officer after being grabbed by the officer. The officer had warned her multiple times to stop after she had bypassed metal detectors without showing any identification outside of a House office building. Two days after the incident, Rep. McKinney made comments to the press claiming the officer inappropriately touched her and that she was a victim of racial profiling. For weeks, Rep. McKinney and her lawyers maintained this position, until a grand jury indictment became a reality. She then made an about-face, expressed “sincere regret” and offered an apology to the House (but not offering an apology to Capitol police or admitting any culpability).

This story demonstrates two things: first, people (Congress people included) act in outrageously and silly ways; and second, some people attempt to use race to hide behind silly and outrageous actions. Rep. McKinney played the race card and used a claim of rights, with the sole purpose of being a race as a factor in suspect profiling, to distract the media from her criminal acts.

Many Democrats and the NAACP who have been here... and for decades! He has become a real possibility. She then became a real possibility. She then became the “right to be here.” As one letter to the editor said, immediately following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, a Gallup poll reported by the Boston Globe, showed that 71 percent of blacks (as opposed to 57 percent of whites) supported the racial profiling or special treatment for Arab-Americans at airport security checkpoints. Wait, the majority of blacks supported racial profiling for a group (Arabs) that is arguably more likely to commit an act of terrorism, but the NAACP (a group that claims to represent Black interests) is using support for similar tactics involving everyday crimes. To me, when a police report about a black car thief in a green sport utility vehicle goes out, it makes sense to stop and investigate black drivers in green SUVs.

But not to the NAACP. Likewise, if an Asian did the same thing, it would make sense to stop Asians.

Another example of this hypocrisy is the President’s port deal and the commonism it caused with democrats. When the president offered to hand over security of our ports from a British company to a business owned by the Arab Emirates, we would have thought that Democrats would have applauded our president on his acceptance of diversity (a term that Democrats love). Imagine the surprise when Democrats were outraged that the president would consider such a thing. I guess the Democrats who trust the British over those with Arabs with port security must be racists (since in their eyes, the support of racial profiling certainly is racist).

A lot of Republicans believe, on the other hand, that race is a factor (but not the only factor) to be judged in investigations.

These Republicans don’t believe in singing out a particular race arbitrary, but believe in treating all races equally in their profiling tactics. Likewise, Republicans apply the idea of equality so ideas like affirmative action and hate crime legislation, which emphasize inequality and need to go.

Another example of this hypocrisy is a materials engineer survivor and a Mustang Daily columnist.

**Immigrants might be "illegal," shouldn’t be scapegoats**

I read an interesting article in the Mustang Daily last Wednesday about the Cal Poly "Facebook." According to the article, ethnic and racial diversity is being augmented at Cal Poly. This phenomenon was illustrated in Thursday’s letters-to-the-editor section, acceptance of those who are racially and ethnically different is increasing. Some students feel very strongly about the current immigration issue. Strength comes from those who have become xenophobic, dehumanizing immigrants and willing to make them the scapegoats for all of our society’s problems — a society that most people do not consider them to be immigrants even to be part of. At least, not legally.

Before continuing, I couldn’t call myself a student of political science if I didn’t try to define the terms we often use, and don’t fully understand. When speaking about immigration, some people refer to those who are here without documentation as “illegal,” while others simply refer to such people as “undocumented.” So which is correct — “illegal” or “undocumented”? The problem with the former term is that by defining something (or someone) as “illegal” implies that it is part of the legal system. According to Black’s Law Dictionary, illegal is defined as “against the law.” Behavior that can result in either criminal sanction or civil sanction is illegal.

Clearly the term “illegal” immigrant is a misnomer when used to refer to people who have no “right to be here.” Using the word “illegal” implies that such people are, in fact, part of our legal system. If you or I do possess a “right to be here,” as one letter to the editor claimed, where exactly does it say what gives you and I the “right to be here” that these other human beings do not have it? I have studied the Constitution for some time now, but nowhere, not even in the Bill of Rights, have I ever encountered the right to be here.”

These immigrants didn’t just suddenly appear. Here. They’ve been here... and for decades. The only reason this issue has come into the limelight is mainly political. Heading into a midterm election season, the climate surrounding the GOP has been anything but conducive to re-election. With the rise of Iraq/Katrina/money laundering scams, the economy and 9/11, Republicans are desperate to as to the economic role/function of immigrants. Exactly what is their economic role? How does their economic role contribute to or detract from their playing a greater part in American society? And to any other legal beagles out there: What are the ex post facto implications of creating legislation today, legislation that would make them citizens of states deemed “illegal” years ago, a crime?

Jack Ingram is a political science senior and a Mustang Daily columnist.

I urge all readers of this commentary to write in and share your answers to these questions, and hopefully, raise new ones. E-mail me at bishopm@calpoly.edu or simply write a letter to the editor.
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Byrne was first introduced to track at age nine when she joined a local running club in her hometown, about an hour from Dublin.

At first she ran for fun, but beginning in her late teens, during secondary school, the Irish equivalent of high school, Byrne traveled to Ireland to compete in the European Track and Field Championships.

Upon completion of secondary school, Byrne was recruited to Providence College by the track coach there, also a native of Ireland.

Although she has competed in cross country as well as track, Byrne says she favors the 800 and 1500 because "personally, they’re the events I can compete in the best."

"Cross country is so long. It’s a 6k, that way too far," she said. Byrne claims the most difficult aspect of her move to Cal Poly is the distance between her and family and friends.

But even thousands of miles from her native country, Byrne has discovered the perks of running as a Mustang.

"I love just running around Poly Canyon," she said. "Obviously, I like the competition as well. I suppose you have to be somewhat competitive to be in the sport."

Byrne remained in San Luis Obispo this past weekend as a portion of the track team traveled to UCLA for the Rafter Johnnie Mack Joyner Invitational.

She will compete in the Big West Championships May 10-13 in Northridge and the NCAA West Regionals May 26-27 in Utah.

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Upon the events I can compete in the European Track and Field Championships.

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Jose Cheshire, who represents one of the team’s captains, said the report indicated attorneys for both teams saw samples from all over the alleged victim’s body, including under her fingernails, and from her possessions, such as her cell phone and her clothes.

They swabbed about every place they could possibly swab from her, in which there could be any DNA,” he said.

Cheshire said even if the alleged attackers used a condom, it’s likely there would have been some DNA evidence found suggesting an assault took place. He said in this case, the report stated there was no DNA on her he that she had sex of any type recently.

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Ireland native trying for nationals

Katie Hofstetter

From Irish green to Cal Poly green and gold, track athlete Deirdre Byrne's journey to San Luis Obispo has been a long one.

After an Irish upbringing and a four-year stint at Providence College in Rhode Island, a change of scenery attracted Byrne, 23, to California for her last year as a college athlete.

While at Providence, Byrne suffered a stress fracture in her foot that cut her East Coast running days short but still allowed for an extra year of eligibility.

"When I got hurt last year I figured I might as well use my eligibility for NCAA," she said, her Irish brogue still recognizable. "I wanted to see a different part of the country and California kind of stuck out in my head."

Byrne, who runs the 800 meter and 1500 meter races, is looking to elongate her final season with a trip to the NCAA West Region meet in late May and has a goal of running in the NCAA Championships.

Defender: No DNA match in lacrosse case

Tim Whitmire

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DNA testing failed to connect any members of the Duke University lacrosse team to the alleged rape of a stripper, attorneys for the athletes said Monday.

Citing DNA test results delivered by the state crime lab to police and prosecutors a few hours earlier, the attorneys said the test results proved their clients did not sexually assault and beat a stripper hired to perform at a March 13 team party.

No charges have been filed in the case.

"No DNA material from any young man was present on the body of this complainant," said defense attorney Wade Smith.

The alleged victim, a 27-year-old student at a nearby college, told police she and another woman were hired to dance "ot comment on the findings. North Carolina Central University, where the alleged victim is a student, said after the crime occurred. He went to say he would have other evidence to make his case should the DNA samples to investigators.

Because the woman said her attackers were white, the team's sole black player was not tested.

District Attorney Mike Nifong stopped speaking with reporters last week after initially talking openly about the case, including stating publicly that he was confident a crime occurred. He went on to say he would have other evidence to make his case should the DNA analysis prove inconclusive or fail to match a member of the team.

Smith said Nifong now has the evidence needed to change his mind.

He doesn't have to do it," Smith said of filing charges. "He is a man with discretion. He doesn't have to do it, and we hope that he won't."

Nifong's assistant said earlier Monday the prosecutor would not comment on the findings. North Carolina Central University, where the alleged victim is a student, said after the results were released that the prosecutor would appear at a campus forum on Tuesday to discuss the case.

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49ERS NARROWLY ESCAPE MUSTANGS

The Cal Poly softball team fell 1-0 against Long Beach State in their third game of the weekend against the 49ers. After recording one loss and one win against last year's Big West champions, the Mustangs were unable to recover from an early run by Long Beach State. With the loss, Cal Poly falls to 16-19 overall and 3-3 in conference while the 49ers improve to 19-15 overall and 4-3 in conference.

Cal Poly split their doubleheader with the 49ers on Saturday, losing 3-1 in the first game and winning 1-0 in game two. The Mustangs played the two-time defending Big West champions close in all three games.

Cal Poly continues conference play next weekend when they host Cal State Northridge for a three-game series at Bob Janssen field. The Mustangs will play a doubleheader on Friday, April 14 at 1 p.m. and a single game on Saturday, April 15 at 12 p.m.

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Club sports teams, send your results and other media related info to mustangdaily@gmail.com. We're nearing the end of several seasons and the Mustang Daily, as well as the student body, wants to hear about your season's accomplishments.

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Best of luck to the teams still competing.