Construction center begins groundbreaking future

Jennifer Hall

The shovel finally hit the dirt on Saturday, May 6, signifying the start of construction at the Cal Poly Groundbreaking Celebration for the new Center for Construction Excellence building.

The construction management faculty, part of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, is being built in place of the Air Conditioning building located on South Perimeter Road.

The official groundbreaking ceremony, part of a weekend of activities to celebrate the new building, took place at 3 p.m. on Dexter Lawn.

"This building has been 10 years in the planning," said Allan Hauck, the department head for construction management. "This is the next-to-last big step on this journey."

The 58,000-square-foot center including lecture space, labs, classrooms and office space will cost an estimated $21.3 million to build. Funding for the facility was raised both publicly and privately and an alumni campaign to raise an additional $1 million is underway.

"This is the first time we've combined funds to increase square footage," Hauck said. "We almost doubled the square footage because of private donations."

A large majority of those private funds came from two founders for the building, Rob and Robin Rossi.

Students celebrate Palestine Awareness Week

Christina Casci

The Muslim Student Association is putting on four free events to promote Palestinian awareness this week. The Progressive Student Alliance and Poly Greens are co-sponsoring the week that put on four free events to promote Palestinian awareness this week. The Students celebrate Palestine Awareness Week's Culture Night.

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Dr. Drew to advise students on alcohol, sex

Britney Peloquin

Dr. Drew Pinky will appear at the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center Tuesday at 7 p.m. to address two of the biggest concerns on college campuses: Alcohol and sex.

Pinky is well-known for his radio talk show, "Loveline," on which he answers callers' questions about sex, drugs and everything in between.

Pinky is a board-certified physician and addiction specialist. In addition to hosting "Loveline," he also hosts a show on the Discovery Health Channel called "Strictly Sex with Dr. Drew."

After a short introduction, Pinky will welcome students to ask any questions related to alcohol and sex.

The event is presented by the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC), a group of students who collaborate with Health Services to represent the needs of the student body and ensure the quality of health care they provide.

The council decided to host a question-and-answer session with Pinky to reinforce awareness of the dangers of excessive drinking by Cal Poly students. The seminar will be one of a number of events that SHAC will hold on campus this year in an attempt to get students to consider their drinking habits.

"Students who don't care about their conduct will be interested in what he has to say," she said. "He's respected by his audience. Maybe they will respond to hearing something from him instead of their peers."

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Rossi and C. Nicholas Watry, both Cal Poly alumni.
"Cal Poly has always been a great
school of architecture," Rossi said. "It
continues to be a great legacy."
The celebration included a golf tourna­
mament, a barbecue, product presenta­
tions, an ice cream social, a construction
management open house, the ground­
breaking ceremony and gala dinner on
Saturday with a family day at Cuesta
Park on Sunday.
The main purpose of the ground­
breaking is to honor the donations," Haeck said. "A lot of people at Cal Poly
contributed."

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in an electrical engineering senior "I stopped
out of my comfort zone and ate all the
food instead of pizza."
Tonight, Manzar Fonohoz, a history
professor who specializes in Latin America
and the Middle East will be speaking. She
will give an eyewitness perspective on the
situation in Palestine, Chowdhry said. This
will take place in the Agricultural
Engineering building, Room 123 at 7 p.m.
Wednesday night will be a movie night
featuring the film "Anna's children" in
Philips Hall at 7 p.m.
"The film exposes the harsh reality of
growing up in Palestine," said Nynarah
Kolkata, a biology senior and religious
student from 1989.
"It just shows that all of the Palestinian
children have dreams but unfortunately,
they can never make it," Chowdhry said.
Thursday is a night focused on civil
rights for a more political view, Kolkata
said. There will be a presentation called
Conversations of the Holy Land by civil
rights activist Amr Abdel Malik.
"It is giving a view of what has hap­
pened in the past few years over there," 
Chowdhry said.
This event will take place in the
Business Rotunda, Room 213 at 7 p.m. on
Thursday night.
The thought behind all this week is to
raise awareness, Kolkata said.
"We want people to know that the
Palestinians are crazy lunatics trying
to ruin the Israeli state," she said.
Chowdhry said he hopes attendees will
realize that Palestinians are normal people.
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"Party, but party responsibly."
As a state-mandated council, SHAC gives health
administrators perspective on decisions made about
health services, promotes the health center and works
to create materials and services for students. In the past
two years, the group has made strides in becoming
more active on campus and in the local community
about addressing health concerns. One of their blood
drives resulted in a record number of donations for the
Tri-Counties Blood Bank. They also provide alcohol
screenings and anxiety screenings as a service for stu­
dents to assess if they are at risk for a problem.
Math senior and SHAC vice president Musa
Namikan said that the council is a good group of people
who want to reach out and help.
"They want to make a difference and that
means taking an extra step," he said. "It's not just something
to put on a resume."
Director of Health and Counseling Services Dr.
Martin Bragg said that, according to a recent survey,
Cal Poly is above average for risky alcohol behavior.
"College students expect to see alcohol use and
they don't think it's unusual," he said. Bragg and the
students of SHAC hope the presentation with Pinsky
will give them an opportunity to get answers to questions
that may help them discontinue the risky behaviors.
The event is also a chance for the staff of the Cal
Poly Health Center to get a clear picture of students'
concerns that they are too afraid to ask about.
SHAC member Chris Messick, an agricultural busi­
ess sophomore from Sigma Phi Epsilon, said his seniors
will have "interesting" questions for Pinsky.
"It might be a little awkward," he said. "But it will
be entertaining."
WHO SAID THAT?

It seems to me that people have vast potential. Most people can do extraordinary things if they have the confidence or take the risks. Yet most people don’t. They sit in front of the telly and treat life as if it goes on forever.
— Philip Adams

Aristotle was famous for knowing everything. He taught that the brain exists merely to cool the blood and is not involved in the process of thinking. This is true only of certain persons.
— Will Cuppy

If there are no stupid questions, then what kind of questions do stupid people ask? Do they get smart just in time to ask questions?
— Scott Adams

Wordly Wise

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SAN DIEGO — A Mexican man has pleaded guilty to playing a key role in a plot by U.S. authorities by claiming he was going to smuggle a nuclear bomb into the country.

Jose Ernesto Beltran Quinonez entered his plea Friday in U.S. District Court in San Diego. He faces a maximum of five years in prison and a $25,000 fine when he’s sentenced Aug. 15.

Beltran, 34, cried during the hour-long hearing and said that he was under Blackmail him by threatening to release a $2 million negative campaign ad if Garamendi’s complaint and couldn’t approve Proposition 103, a 1988 measure that slashed auto insurance rates for drivers in rural and suburban counties, Fairbanks said. The fliers are to be released against me.

Spokeswoman Kathy Fairbanks said Tuesday asking the FBI, the U.S. Attorney’s office and law enforcement agencies to change and adapt to the laws.

But, the mailer mentions Garamendi by name several times and the television advertisement in which he was aware of Sragow’s call on April 25, the day after it was made.

Tom Dresслаt, a spokesman for the state attorney general’s office, said once Garamendi files his complaint “we will undertake a serious, thorough review to determine whether any laws have been violated.”

Cathy Viray, an FBI spokeswoman in Los Angeles, said she hasn’t seen Garamendi’s complaint and couldn’t comment.

The Department of Insurance is accepting public comments on the proposed regulations until May 17. It will submit the regulations next month to the Office of Administrative Law, which will rule on whether they carry out the intent of the law.

State Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi accused a group of insurance companies Monday of trying to blackmail him by threatening to release a $2 million ad campaign against him. The proposed regulations would allow auto insurers to use ZIP codes in setting rates, "but they cannot be more important than the three mandatory factors: driving experience, miles driving and driving record,” Garamendi added.

He said the insurers oppose the regulations because “they are unwilling to change and adapt to the laws. They have for decades used ZIP codes as predominant in pricing auto insurance … and they don’t want to change their marketing practices and their computer systems.”

Garamendi said the offer to drop the ad campaign came during a May 9 meeting with Larry Sragow, a Los Angeles attorney and former political consultant who ran Garamendi’s unsuccessful campaign for governor in 1994 and advised him on his campaign for commissioner in 2002.

Sragow said he was contacted by “someone who works for one of the large insurance companies” in mid-April. He was asked to tell Garamendi that a coalition would put together the ad campaign unless he put off consideration of the regulations until his successor takes office next year.

Garamendi is running in the June 6 primary election against state Sens. Liz Figueroa, D-Sunol, and Jackie Speier, D-Hillsborough, for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.

Sragow wouldn’t say who contacted him other than to say it was "somebody I have known professionally.”

He said Garamendi told him “hell no, no way, it’s a nonstarter,” and he passed on that response to the person who contacted him.

In a statement posted to the Department of Insurance Web site, Garamendi said State Farm’s regional vice president, Greg Jones, told Garamendi’s chief deputy that he was aware of Sragow’s call on April 25, the day after it was made.

A State Farm spokeswoman said the company and Jones were referring calls to Fairbanks, who denied there had been an attempt to blackmail the commissioner.

Garamendi said he waited until Monday to make his blackmail claim because he didn’t know until late Friday that a campaign group had been set up pay for the ads.

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Toby Keith vocalizes thoughts on white trash

Kendra Deutsche
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Toby Keith's newest album is yet another success for the provocative and sarcastic country artist. The album, "White Trash With Money," is currently No. 12 on the national Billboard Top 200 list, and has spent the last three weeks high in the charts since its release on April 11 peaking at the No. 2 position.

Fans of the hit country artist will be pleased to see that Keith humorously talks about a girl who has to drop out of school due to pregnancy. He also brings in politics and religion to this song, reminiscent of past songs such as "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue," when he says "If God blessed America/ Then how could someone vote/ To take prayer from our classrooms/ Right when we need prayer the most." He effectively expresses his opinions without throwing his beliefs at his listeners.

The last three songs of the album are more of Keith's famous bus songs, though this time, they are studio recordings instead of the past live versions. Either way, he brings songs that were originally intended for himself and his band mates to his fans. One such song, "Brand New Boss," even uses a kazoo, something rarely heard outside of elementary school birthday parties, to successfully keep the theme of the album going.

"White Trash With Money" is arguably one of Keith's best albums, as it uses all his high points of the past while bringing in new, humorous themes. Fans are sure to enjoy his latest release.

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'An American Haunting' hit the big screen last weekend, but fails to frighten despite it's cast of ghouls

Ryan Chartrand

'Mission: Impossible' films make their debut. I've regretted twice now missing out on other films that have been overlapped by Tom Cruise's shining glory.

Of course, the first time I decide to skip a "Mission: Impossible" flick happens to be the same weekend one of the worst films of the year comes out — "An American Haunting."

Have you ever seen a thriller with wolves, witches, creepy kids, ghosts, bad acting or exorcism? Boy, I don't think I've ever seen a film with any of those. In fact, a film consisting of all of them would be highly original and constantly unpredictable.

What some call "America's greatest ghost story" has already been done countless times and without anything all that unique and entertaining. "An American Haunting" is a unnecessary as Paula Abdul on "American Idol."

The so-called script written by the same guy who did "Dungeons and Dragons" (another record-breaking terrible film) is so repetitive and rushed that it makes you wonder if someone spilled coffee on all of the important pages.

Unfortunately, the writer just added another film to his stack of pointless films. If anything, a story about a 17th century Tennessee family and their acquaintance with an evil Casper should have some frightening moments. I'll admit, there are a few jumps, but overall there's more laughter than terror. Imagine for a moment a young girl sleeping peacefully in her bed. Suddenly, someone begins to pull her covers off. Within a few seconds the girl is hovering above her bed, hanging by her hair and being slapped silly by a ghost. Her parents walk in and do nothing but stare at her. At this point, the audience can't tell if it's the latest "Scary Movie" or just flat-out wrong. Either way, I suppose there is some entertainment value in "An American Haunting."

'Courtsey Photo

'An American Haunting,' starring Donald Sutherland (above) and Sissy Spacek, is based on true events that took place in Tennessee during the 1800s.

I'll admit, there is some laughter. Either has a modern haircut or a lack of talent. Unbalanced, unrealistic and unbearable. Is there any better formula for flawless acting?

To top it all off, "An American Haunting" comes fully equipped with a twist ending that is explained through a minute-long hallucination.

That's right, the entire film builds up to be explained by a meaningless sequence of poorly-edited film that "An American Haunting" refers to as "a twist." I preferred the twist when I got up and asked for my money back, apparently not all twists give refunds.

Finally, it should be noted that everything you have read here could actually be a terrifying experience for anyone who thinks "Red Eye" is a scary movie. Here's warning if you just thought of your girlfriend. "An American Haunting" is a waste of time and proof that if a "Mission: Impossible" sequel just came out, there's truly nothing else worth seeing. Someone warm up the 2006 "French de crap," because "The Benchwarmers" finally has some company.

'An American Haunting' poorly rivals M: I-3

but someone should be ashamed that it involves beating little girls.

Donald Sutherland, who has been in almost everything ever recorded on film since "M*A*S*H," is surprisingly the star of the film, playing the father of the misfortunate family. It's always nice to see someone with talent holding a poorly-made film together. On the other hand, starring Sissy Spacek ("The Ring Two") and her blatant plastic surgery in a 17th century role looks ridiculously out of place. Everyone else on the cast either has a modern haircut or a lack of talent. Unbalanced, unrealistic and unbearable. Is there any better formula for flawless acting?

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Chair Nominations

Nominations for the DB-07 Chair of the University Union Advisory Board (UUAB) will be accepted at the UUAB meetings on May 9 and 23 in IU 218 at 3 p.m.

Elections will be held at the May 23 meeting

Membership on the University Union Advisory Board provides a "front row seat" for experiencing issues involved with the University Union, Recreation Center and Sports Complex operations. The UUAB is the official advisory board to the University President, and ASI Executive Director regarding UI fee funded facilities, programs and services.

The Chair of the UUAB also serves as an officer of Associated Students, Inc. For more information call the Student Government office at 756-1291.
Stuntman fails in bid to hold breath nearly 9 minutes

Anne Gezan
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stunt artist David Blaine was pulled from an aquarium by divers Monday nearly two minutes short of his goal of setting a world record for holding his breath underwater.

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She spoke hours before she was to confer on Iran with other permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

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Meanwhile, the United States is lin­ ing up a backup plan with willing nations to impose their own sanc­ tions or penalties if the Security Council fails to act.

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Blaine’s medical team and is an asso­ ciate professor of neurology at Yale University School of Medicine, said before the attempt: “He is push­ ing his body immeasurably to the limits.”

Pat Milton
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International briefs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Violence killed at least 34 people including a U.S. soldier as efforts to finalize the new Cabinet bogged down Monday in a web of conflicting interests. A roadside bomb attack Monday occurred when a car exploded near an Iraqi coast guard base in Baghdad, killing five Iraqi civilians and wound­ ing 10, police Lt. Col. Fahd al–Mohammed, a spokesman for the Iraqi police. — The Associated Press

BEACONSFIELD, Australia — Two Australian miners who survived for two weeks trapped 3,000 feet underground walked unaided out of the Beaconsfield Gold Mine early Tuesday, freed by rescue crews drilling round-the-clock by hand. Brent Webb, 37, and Todd Russell, 34, punched the air in jubilation as they emerged, their heads and shoulders glowing in the pre-dawn light. Hundreds of local residents gathered at the mine gates chanted in cheers. — The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico A key Puerto Rico bond was downgraded to one notch above junk status on Monday in response to the government's dr­ opping budget impasse, likely forcing the U.S. territory to pay higher interest rates.

Moody's Investors Service's rating cut of Puerto Rico's general obligation bond to Baa2 was the result of ongoing negotiations to resolve a budget impasse, which forced the territory to default on a payment due Thursday. Moody's agency's lowest investment grade above junk status, affects about $25 billion of government debt, John Cline, a vice president at Moody's, said in a statement to the Associated Press.

The bad news came as the island's government was in the middle of a two-hour meeting to discuss its budget issues after the governor and the legis­ lature failed to agree on spending plans for 2005 and 2006.

The Associated Press

LONDON — A former British army colonel said Monday that the fatal crash of a British military helicopter in Iraq was a "double tragedy" because it highlighted the military's lack of resources in fighting the insurg­ ence.

Col. Tim Collins, speaking at the Oxford Union, said British troops in Iraq were in danger, and that the British government faced the "clear choice" of either giving them adequate body armor and other resources or withdrawing them from Iraq.

The helicopter crashed Saturday in the southern city of Basra on Saturday, killing the five­ member British crew. Apparently downdrafted by a gust or sucked into a two-story house. A crowd of Iraqis cheered and threw stones at British forces who raced to the scene to seal off the area.

The Associated Press

In turnaround, Iran president writes Bush proposing "new solutions"; White House dismissive

Nasser Karimi ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's president wrote to President Bush on Monday proposing what the nation's top nuclear negotiator called a new "diplomatic opening" between the two countries. The United States was dismissive, saying the letter did not offer any new proposal.

The letter, which was not made public, appeared timed to blunt the U.S. drive for a U.N. Security Council vote this week to restrain the Islamic regime's nuclear ambitions. It was a striking change after the fiery Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's campaign to vilify Washington and its allies as bullies.

Iran contends it has the right to process uranium as fuel in nuclear reactors to generate electricity. The United States, Britain and France are concerned the program is a cover for making nuclear weapons.

The letter was the first from an Iranian head of state to an American president in 27 years and could signal a demand that Ahmadinejad be treat­ ed as an equal negotiating partner in any bid to arrange the international dispute.

Iran has long sought what it terms a "normal footing with the West.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the letter was "17 or 18 pages long and covered histo­ ry, philosophy and religion. It was not a diplomatic opening, the said.

"This letter isn't it. This letter is not the place that one would find an opening to engage on the nuclear issue or anything of the sort," Rice said. "It isn't addressing the issues that we're dealing with in a concrete way. It is not at all a proposal."

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Bush had been briefed on the letter, which the White House received Monday through the Swiss embassy in Tehran. He would not comment on whether it was actually signed by the Iranian president.

"It does not appear to do anything to address the nuclear concerns" of the international community, McClellan told reporters traveling on Air Force One with Bush to Florida. Earlier, John Bolton, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., said he was skeptical the letter would change the administration's mind.

"I don't know what offer they would want to make, but it wouldn't be surprising. It would fit the para­ digm of their activity before and then once the squeeze let up a little bit, back they go to enrichment, back they go to their current fragile sit­ uation of the world," Bolton said.

The White House spokesman said the Iranian letter "is not a new solution to the current problems of the nuclear issue.

According to government spokesman Gholam-Hossein Elham, the letter proposed "new solutions for getting out of international problems and the current fragile situ­ ation of the world."

Elham declined to reveal more, stressing "it is not an open letter." And when he was asked if the letter could lead to direct U.S.-Iranian negotia­ tions, he replied: "For the time being, it's just a letter."

In Turkey, Ali Largur, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, said the Iranian commu­ nication did not mention the nuclear standoff and said the missive spoke to the larger U.S.-Iranian con­ flict, which dates to the 1979 hostage crisis.

"The language is a bit too soft", Bush told the German newspa­ per Bild on Friday, according to a transcript released Sunday. "When people speak, it is important that we listen carefully to what they say and then take them seriously."

Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki described the letter to the Swiss ambassador Monday, ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told the AP. The Swiss Embassy acts as a U.S. interest section in the Iranian capital.

Bush said he made sure the letter led from several Iranian television and radio shows throughout the day. The official IRNA announced the letter on its front page under the headline: "Important letter from Ahmadinejad to the American president."

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God hates fags

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so the Bible says ... at least, according to the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) of Topeka, Kansas. During a long drive to L.A. this weekend, I thought of something that Louis Brandeis once said: "Sunlight is the best disinfectant." What Brandeis meant was that if you want to expose something for what it is — if you want people to "see" — shed light on it. So today, I dedicate this column to the WBC, in hope that I will shed some light on the people that give them as much life as Fox seemed to be the least of my worries. Ms. Roper authored the King James Bible. Perhaps if they had, they would understand why his courtesans often called King James, "Queen Mary." Clearly, the WBC's never asked this question about who authored the King James Bible. Perhaps if they had, they would understand why his courtesans often called King James, "Queen Mary." I start by asking myself, "Who is the author?"

I had a chance to return to the site to gather more information after a more thorough search of the site, it became quite clear that the WBC's Web site, worse than actually being a "fag." Needless to say, I thought the Web site was a joke at first. But after a more thorough search of the site, it became quite clear that what I perceived to be a morbid joke of some Web designer with too much time on his/her hands is actually the official doctrine of an actual church. I immediately took-marked the site, knowing that I'd like to find out more about the WBC and the warped doctrine of Christianity being spilt from its pulp. But before I had a chance to return to the site to gather more information to fuel my expose, those bastards at Fox "News" beat me to it. I admit, I secretly love Fox — I love to hate it. So that when I saw the Topper漫画, I was a bit of a surprised, but the other half gets in:"Sad," when I listened to Shirley Phelps-Roper of the WBC explain why "God hates fags" and why we should all "pick on" AIDS, for Sept. 11 and for dead soldiers," Fox seemed to be the least of my worries. Ms. Roper explained to Fox's "Hannity & Colmes," exactly why God is punishing America by sending our troops home dead. Allegedly, the U.S. military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy is "enabling faggots," which is, according to the WBC's Web site, worse than actually being a "fag."

If you are curious as I was about the WBC, I invite you to check out their Web site. There you will find out why the WBC has taken its stance against the not only "fags," but the U.S. mili-

tary, Sweden, Catholics, Jews and, of course, Canada (if we need someone to tell us why we should hate Canada.)

Now I'm no Baptist preacher, just a "fag" who, as a confirmed Catholic, was forced to read the Bible numerous times, until I decided Catholicism wasn't for me. So while I'm not a theolo-
gian by any means, I do happen to have a rudimentary under-
standing of not only the Bible, but of that pesky little thing called history.

As you may, or may not be aware, most books printed today are 
dubbed the King James Version, since it was King James VI of 
Scotland who ordered a committee of biblical scholars and priests to translate the Bible into vernacular. But is it King James who is 
given all the credit, since he approved of the final translation. 
Now, whenever I read a book, I like to find out a little more about the author, so that I can be aware of not only my own "subject position," but also about any bias the author may bring. I start by asking myself, "Who is the author?"

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"There's a lot too much bigotry in this country.

God hates fags'
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Continuing first team, the Cal Poly and Big West record holder in high jump with a jump of 6-4 and Big West record holder in shot put and Big West record holder in the Year. She also qualified for Olympic trials.

"Athletic ability exceeds most athletes in a way that comes naturally to her," McQuity said in an e-mail. "She strives in everything she does, especially in track and soccer. She is very strong, fit and her speed is one aspect that stands above the rest."

Day will be a senior when soccer season returns in the fall, and she has high hopes for the team to make it into the NCAA tournament after failing to qualify last year.

"In the past, we've got to make it to the first round of the NCAA tournament. Our goal is to make it past that first round though because we have never been," Day said.

"We have our notes from the athletic department," Day said. "We have our hopes for the fall season and we're looking forward to it." She didn't think the team would just be getting back into shape. Getting my cardio back up, and stuff like that, so we're getting ready for our first meet.

When in season, Day doesn't see her schedule as intense. She works out about two hours each day, five days a week and describes herself as a quiet person who enjoys shopping and, when she can, "just chill and try to do nothing."

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The past few months have been different for Day because her injury has changed her daily routine. Before, she would be up by 6:30 a.m., at practice by 8 a.m., work out and attend classes in the afternoon and by 6 p.m., would begin to wind down from the day.

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"When I have a schedule it's easier to stay on track with those things, but now I have so much time, I procrastinate, don't get stuff done (or quickly). It's a lot harder to be motivated to do stuff because I have so much free time," Day said. "She's very humble," Crozier said. "She's still basically had no idea if you were just put to walk up and meet her on the street. You wouldn't know what she was capable of doing. Her personality on the field as a competitor and her personality off the field is very quiet."

She chose McQuity because she knew she wanted to do something related to sports, but wasn't sure of an exact focus.

"I'm really happy with that choice I made," Day said. "I like the classes a lot. It's interesting learning about how your body works and stuff like that. It's a big part of who I am."

Day is unsure of her summer plans, but says she will probably split time between San Luis Obispo and Costa Mesa for training.

While for the summer she is looking to challenge yourself, build your athlete of the year, and turn stuff in early or late or whatever. All my teachers have been really understanding."

It will be a challenge for Day as her foot continues to recover and she begins training again, but she doesn't doubt that she will be able to do it.

"We'll see how everything goes," Day said. "It's hard to think the main thing that will just be getting back into shape. Getting my cardio back up, and stuff like that, so we're getting ready for our first meet."

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Coach Kaupp heads strength and conditioning

Amy Dierdorf

Former Cal Poly student and football player John Kaupp now heads Cal Poly's strength and conditioning program after Chris Holder left the Mustangs for a job with San Jose State this winter.

Kaupp, announced as the strength and conditioning coach several months ago by athletic director Alison Cone, looks forward to coaching at his alma mater.

"He just brought the total package," said Cone. "I'm excited why she appointed Kaupp to the position.

Kaupp's duties include overseeing the weight room and the conditioning of all varsity athletes. He works with them on every aspect of their training including lifting flexibility, running, technique and mechanics.

"My goal is making the athletes better in their sport," said Kaupp, who is certified through the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association. Kaupp spent the last two years as the assistant strength and conditioning coach for the San Diego State Aztecs, working mostly with the football, softball and men's and women's basketball teams.

I didn't work with many teams," said Kaupp of his position with the Aztecs. "Now I have more scheduling and administrative duties.

At Cal Poly, Kaupp is now in charge of all 20 intercollegiate sport teams.

"This is the first program where he's running the show," said Cone.

Kaupp, a native of Sol Deborah, Calif., earned his undergraduate degree in agricultural business at Cal Poly in 2003 after transferring from Hartnell College.

He was also a two-year letter winner with Cal Poly's football team.

During his time at Cal Poly, Kaupp interned under former coach, Chris Holder, the man whom he recently replaced Holder left to become the strength and conditioning coach for the football team at San Jose State.

"I had a really good experience being in the program," under him," Kaupp said of Holder. "He did a great job here."

After completing his internship, Kaupp left Cal Poly to serve as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Idaho, where he also completed his master's degree in recreation in December 2004.

Even as a former football player for Cal Poly, Kaupp has no preference for training one athlete over another, as long as they work hard.

"I give my all to everybody that comes and gives me everything they've got," see Kaupp, page 11

SPORTS

Sharon sees a better Day coming

Kathrene Tiffin

As the track season nears its end with conference, regional and national championships remaining, Cal Poly will have to do without the services of defending national high-jump champion Sharon Day.

During final week in December 2005, Day went for a free-run and tripped over the pole. At first, she thought her foot was just bruised, but the next day she was barely able to walk. The fall had fractured metatarsals in her foot and forced her to redshirt the 2006 track season.

"I thought, there's no way it could be that serious," Day said. "I've never had an injury anywhere near this before."

Day broke the fifth metatarsal in her foot and, due to the low blood supply in that area, fractures heal very slowly. Doctors told Day that recovery would include four to six weeks in a cast and two weeks in a cam walker before she could begin running and jumping. "But, it's been four months and I still can't do more than walk," Day said. "It's just healing really slowly."

Day is scheduled to have another surgery this week to help speed up the healing process. She doesn't think the surgery will interfere with school, but she will have to be on crutches for a while.

"That's the goal, to be ready for soccer," Day said.

Besides winning a national championship in the high jump as a sophomore with a leap of 6 feet 4 inches, Day doubles as one of the top scorers on the women's soccer team.

In 2003, Day was named Big West Freshman of the Year. In 2004, she led the soccer team in goals scored, tied for fifth in Cal Poly history for most goals scored in one season, was named to the Big West All-Confangan All-West Region third team.

"This was very unfortunate, but she can't play, she can't," women's soccer coach Alex Crezier said. "Everyone's body heals at a different rate."

"Her foot injury was definitely unexpected because when it happened we didn't think it would come down to two surgeries and a few months of rehab to get back to her normal self," wrote Heidi McCutney, the senior captain on the conference first team and Soccer Magazine's All-West Region team.

"I'd be great if she can play but if I knew Sharon and she will work hard to have a strong, quick recovery and she is just one of those people that is able to recover quickly," McCutney wrote.

She has a really strong work ethic (and she's) really determined. Every time I've seen her she's in the weight room when I'm in the weight room."

-Jessica Eggleston

CAL POLY soccer and track and field standout Sharon Day sports her national championship ring. Day won the high jump at the 2005 NCAA Outdoor Championships with a leap of 6 feet 4 inches.

Conference first team and Soccer Magazine's All-West Region third team.

"It's a nice balance between school and sports, so it's not really that much of a difference,"

Some people have described Day as the best athlete at Cal Poly.

"Her athletic abilities are phenomenal," Crezier said. "To win a national championship in an individual sport is quite a feat in and of itself, and to do that and be one of the leading scorers and outstanding players on the soccer team combined with that, there's not that many people that can do that in two sports in college," Crezier said.

"She's very focused when she competes," track and field teammate Rachel Valliere said. "(She) has her goal in mind and is willing to work to achieve the goal."

In 2005 she was Big West and national champion in high jump, named to the Big West All-