Architecture seniors ‘coalesce’ for final project

Lauren Zahnner
MUSTANG DAILY

Five years of hard work culminated in one weekend for Cal Poly architecture students during Coalesce, the third annual exhibition of fifth-year design-studio work held in the University Union.

Friday’s reception started the event with free food, wine and live jazz. Students, parents and practitioners walked around looking at the 180 projects that filled Chumash Auditorium and the surrounding area of the UK. It was one of the biggest exhibitions of its kind between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

“I think that one reason to have an exhibition is to educate people about architecture. The second is probably more important, that is, to be able to show the diversity that happens in architecture and the different paths students take,” architecture professor Barry Williams said. “Some of the students are very pragmatic and some are very theoretical; they try out new concepts in architecture. All those have a level of value that is important to architecture.”

The name of the exhibition, “Coalesce,” was submitted in a contest and won on by a student committee. Keila Berne, an architecture senior and committee member, said the name “Coalesce” captures the way not only the projects have come together, but also the students.

“We voted on which (name) captured the spirit of this class,” Berne said.

Projects ranged from a design for a school in China to a cow-print chair. Tiny city blocks and miniature buildings with anti-traffic plastic people littering endlessly around the see Coalesce, page 2

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More than 180 graduating architecture students exhibited their thesis design projects (above) in “Coalesce,” a weekend featuring designs for furniture, affordable housing, urban areas, airports and other projects.

California ballot initiatives focus on learning

Alexa Vaughn
DAILY MUSTANG

LOS ANGELES — On the ballot for California’s June 6 primary election are two propositions aimed at changing the quality of education in California, though many debate their ability to make an effective change.

Proposition 81 would raise $600 million in taxes to build and revamp state libraries.

Proposition 82 would fund preschool for all 4-year-olds in the state.

The goal of Proposition 81 is to establish libraries as a center of learning for the entire community, especially young students who need a place to get help with homework or hang out after school, said Les Spahnn, a spokesman for Yes on 81.

But groups who oppose higher taxes criticize the proposition for looking for funds in the wrong place.

“A no” vote forces free-spending politicians to cut welfare for illegal aliens who pay for our libraries,” said Thomas Hudson, executive director for the California Taxpayer Protection Committee in his “con” statement for the California primary election ballot measure summary.

But Spahnn said the situation is not so simple. “It’s far more complicated than that. Libraries cannot simply obtain funds reserved for welfare and use it,” Spahnn said, adding that this means the proposition is important to obtaining the necessary funds for library improvements.

Both propositions involve increases in taxes, but not for everyone.

Proposition 82, if passed, would fund preschool by taxing individuals who make more than $400,000 a year and couples who make more than $800,000 a year. Under these guidelines, less than 1 percent of the population would be taxed.

Online courses to provide distance learning, interaction for students, faculty

Kelly Cope
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With the “Real Art for Real Learning” series of online classes, students will be able to receive credit for taking classes online in the comfort of their own home.

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edges sit side by side, creating rows of senior thesis projects. Williams said the projects are good lessons in problem solving.

“Fifth-year projects are pretty unique because students find a site, come up with a thesis about something that needs to be done with either that site or the use and they go about trying to prove it,” Williams said.

Work on the projects started fall quarter with research for the thesis. By winter quarter, students began designing and working on the practicality of their projects. Spring quarter was devoted to production and developing the thesis. During the month leading up to the exhibition, Beene said, they spent 10 to 12 hours in the lab each day.

“I think we’re afraid to sit down and count … to add up the hours because it will just make us more depressed,” Beene said. Williams said the time would add up to days and months.

“There could literally be a thousand hours on some of these projects,” he said.

On top of the individual projects, students ran the exhibition. Architecture professor Jonathan Reich told the guests that the student committee started planning for the event in January.

“I have to admit that many of us have learned as much or more from our students than they learned from us,” Reich said.

Williams said the show works against some of the things that give Cal Poly students a bad reputation.

“People have to see this and kind of understand the worth of education,” he said. “Most of the students are really industrious, hardworking people.”

Professional architects from all over the state were invited to the event. Ray Ladd, associate director of advancement for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, said some of the practitioners were probably those scouting out talented students.

“Our program is rated by Western practitioners as best in the nation,” Ladd said, citing a recent poll.

Besides education, Beene said the biggest change was the way students are getting their education.

“The exhibition was one of our last together as a class, which made the event bittersweet. It’s overwhelming to see what your classmates have done and it just gives you a sense of accomplish- ment,” Beene said. “We can get some sleep now.”

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Investigate “innovative uses of technology in the classroom.” Duffy said they received the grant and went to work developing the course series.

“The original target audiences for the class were teachers who wanted more training in arts education, pre-service credential track students wanting course work in the arts, (and) artists who wanted to learn more about the state visual and performing arts standards who might eventually seek employment as visiting artists in public schools,” Duffy said. “We anticipate that there will be a steady increase in enrollment.”

Houser noted that the environment created online matched the one in a physical environment and in some ways even improved upon it.

“One of the problems with distance learning — whether through early correspondence-style courses or bulletin board courses over the Web — has been the lack of real-time interaction between students and the instructor or a student and other students,” he said.

Houser said the idea was developed to use real-time Web conferencing tools both to increase that interactivity and to see how closely they could reproduce the physical classroom experience in virtual space.

“Related to the latter, we’ve found that we have not only reproduced the classroom experience incredibly well, but we can improve upon the physical classroom experience. For example, by recording the sessions so the students can watch upon the classes again at their discretion,” Houser said.

Another challenge that the group encountered while conceptualizing the class is how to market and advertise it to potential students, since many of them are teachers who are not necessarily associated with the university.

“We weren’t even certain in January what form the (spring quarter) course was going to take, (along with other concerns), so it took away from the marketing efforts,” Patapoff said.

However, she too expects the courses’ enrollments to increase over time.

Patapoff designed the course series after obtaining her master’s of arts degree from Ohio State University with the help of an online course. The university is home to the top arts education program in the country, and her experience with the online courses, especially the delight of receiving such specialized attention from her instructors, has driven her to create a similar environment for students at Cal Poly.

“She was thrilled with the attention I got from my professors,” she said. “She also found that she could take more control of her studies through the online courses, and I didn’t have any education,” she added, adding that she could ask “what could I do more?” Through this feedback and communication with the professors, she also made suggestions to improve the courses. In this way, she said, she had some research done on what worked — and what didn’t — in an online course setting.

Currently, enrollment is available through Continuing Education, but plans are in the works to make it available through the liberal studies program in the fall, to make it easier on students’ pocketbooks.

“Right now students can sign up through Continuing Education. They can get academic credit for it, but there is an extra fee for going through Continuing Education. In the fall we hope to offer the series of classes through liberal studies which would allow students to register and have their normal tuition cover the cost of units,” Duffy said.

All five classes in the series will be available for students this summer, during the second five weeks of the quarter.

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State briefs

GARDENA — Councilman Steve Bradford accepted a campaign contribution of $16,800 from Hunter magazine publisher Larry Flynn and his associates a day before voting to allow the Hunter Casino to expand, according to state campaign finance records.

Bradford took the money on Feb. 27 for his Assembly bid, the documents state.

The next day, the City Council unanimously approved Bradford’s motion to grant an exception to city parking requirements needed for the casino to expand.

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The diploma, the tassel, the Hefty Bag gown — give it to a more eager soul. As far as I'm concerned, I graduated May 19, the day Cal Poly tripped on its own incompetence and cancelled my music festival.

The KCPR, Garden Party, scheduled May 20 at Downtown Brew, was intended to be a full-day fiesta of eclectic music and independent culture, as well as a fund-raiser for our school's under- ground radio station. (As the club's General Manager, I had also par­ticipated in the event into my senior project.) But after a year of plan­ning, and the false security of Associated Students Inc. and the Cal Poly Journalism Department's approval, the festival was terminat­ed less than 24 hours before its advertised start.

The reasons were sketchy — they involved previously un neces­sary insurance, a stunningly anal fear of rock 'n' roll, and an organ­istic melee of miscommunication and cancellation, ASI and the Risk Management Department. (Pick up this week's Times New for more info.) To save the festival, KCPR was forced to remove its name and presence entirely from the event, terminate the headlining bands, and lose over $2,000. I personally parted on better terms; now the divorce will outshine the honey­moon. Thanks for reading!

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How-to book gives reading for pleasure a new meaning

Meghan Marsville

HARRISONBURG, Va. — Lou Paget creates a sexual heaven where the streets are paved with condoms and the Astroglide flows like wine in her book "How to be a Great Lover." Her tips are sure to send any couple into ecstasy.

The possibilities for furthering one's sexual education seem endless, especially with chapter titles like "Beyond the Bedtime," "To Lube or Not to Lube, there is No Question," and "Blowing his Mind!"

Girls, pay attention to page 104 for a handy little trick called the "Ode to Bryan." It's the most important thing you'll ever learn in college. Well, maybe not, but it's pretty darn close. (A little warning for the guys: Do NOT try it yourself. The last guy to take a crack at it is still in intensive care.) It requires a certain level of hand-eye coordina­tion. Paget is a safety girl and will teach you that safe sex can still be "dirty." Have you ever wondered about proper etiquette after a one-night stand? It's never OK not to kiss someone afterward. Take a look in chapter three, "The Art of Kissing," where you'll learn that a "kiss is never just a kiss;" it is never wasted and can communicate any mes­sage. According to Paget, "If a picture is worth a thousand words, then a kiss is worth a billion."

"Art Beats" later, what remains? Realized dreams, definitely. The transformative thrill of art and music, and the fortune to con­tribute. Optimism (except in bureaucracy). And a renewing sup­ply of gratitude.

Thank you to my friends for inspiring love. Thank you to KCPR for showing me passion. Thank you to those who took a chance on me, in all that implies, and to those who read this col­umn and enriched my truest writ­ing experiences.

And thank you to Cal Poly for teaching me that, above all, educa­tion can only come from within.

Stacey Anderson is a departing journalism and music senior and KCPR DJ. Catch her last for radio sets Sunday from 7 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. E-mail her at stansden@calpoly.edu.

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Wednesday, May 31, 2006
Rock concert raises funds for SLO Women's Shelter

Four local bands and the Progressive Student Alliance join forces to raise awareness of domestic violence

Jennifer Hall
MUSTANG DAILY

Drum beats and guitar chords filled Phillips Hall at Cal Poly on May 26 during a benefit concert for the San Luis Obispo Women's Shelter. Lamai Son, The Halls, Clay Pharaoh and Afterhour Shower, four local bands in conjunction with the Progressive Student Alliance raised $191.20 in donations the shelter during the four-hour concert.

"We wanted to put something together on campus," said Matt Sutter, a history senior and lead vocalist for Afterhour Shower. "(PSA) made the suggestion for a benefit show."

"PSA believes the women's shelter is an important resource to our community," said Andy Scott, a mechanical engineering sophomore and co-director of PSA.

The concert consisted of a mixture of music. Lamai Son, an experimental noise band, played first, followed by The Halls, a punk-rock band from Paso Robles. The all Cal Poly student band Clay Pharaoh made one of their first stage appearances and Afterhour Shower, a combination blues rock and alternative band, headlined the show.

"All in all a successful evening," Sutter said. "It was a good haul for the women's shelter and we got a standing ovation."

The bands asked for a $3 to $5 donation at the door to benefit the women's shelter and in return handed out "Beat the Punch" bracelets in support of the shelter's new campaign to end domestic violence.

"The Beat the Punch campaign is preventative," said Lindsey Dunn, an outreach development employee for the women's shelter and a Cal Poly alumna. The campaign was designed by four Cal Poly art and design students who created a series of posters and advertisements for the media campaign.

"We're trying to create social change and stop it before it starts," Dunn said.

The San Luis Obispo Women's Shelter was one of seven pilot sites chosen by the state to experiment with a new campaign against domestic violence. If the campaign is successful it may go state or nationwide.

"Domestic violence isn't a highly visible crime," Sutter said. "It's behind closed doors."

The campaign is targeting 18 to 24-year-old men in an attempt to raise awareness about domestic violence amongst the age group that is most susceptible to it.

"We're not trying to come off as saying you're wrong," Dunn said.

"We're looking for guys to buy in and come help us."
Three unidentified people talk near the large pile of dirt at Hidden Dreams Farm in Milford Township, Mich., on Tuesday, left over from excavations done by federal agents digging in attempt to find the body of former Teamsters leader Jimmy Hoffa who disappeared in 1975.

Morganroth said that the search had ended without any remains found at the Hidden Dreams Farm in Milford Township.

The FBI Defnew, citing an anonymous federal official, also reported Tuesday that the search had ended with no trace of Hoffa.

The FBI said Hoffa disappeared in July 1975 from a Detroit-area restaurant about 20 miles from Hidden Dreams Farm, and once owned by Hoffa. Associated Press


The FBI has not revealed the cost of the search.

When agents arrived at the farm earlier this month, based on what Hoffa's remains, a local prosecutor said.

He said he was at the farm that morning delivering a proposal to do electrical work on a new barn to replace one the FBI destroyed in the search.

"They just didn't find anything, and they're just winding her down," Comb said.

Jury reaches verdict in second sniper attack trial

Fourteen people were reportedly killed and at least 32 injured during a two-week shooting rampage in Virginia in 2002.

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Muhammad was scheduled to be executed by lethal injection last week, but the momentum was killed when his attorney for the first time on the stand that he had been framed.

Prosecutors told the jury that Muhammad carefully planned and carried out the shootings with a teenage accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo, who implicated his former mentor for the first time on the stand.

Both men had previously been convicted in attacks in Virginia, and Muhammad was sentenced to death there.

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Acting as his own attorney, Muhammad told the jury in his closing argument Friday that he was only in the Washington area during those three terrifying weeks to seek his ex-wife and children. He said government agencies planted evidence and collaborated to pin the crime on him and teenager Lee Boyd Malvo.

"My case is based on one thing. It is very simple. They lied on two innocent men," Muhammad said.

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Acting as his own attorney, Muhammad told the jury in his closing argument Friday that he was only in the Washington area during those three terrifying weeks to seek his ex-wife and children. He said government agencies planted evidence and collaborated to pin the crime on him and teenager Lee Boyd Malvo.

"My case is based on one thing. It is very simple. They lied on two innocent men," Muhammad said.

Prosecutors told the jury that Muhammad carefully planned and carried out the shootings with a teenage accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo, who implicated his former mentor for the first time on the stand.

Both men had previously been convicted in attacks in Virginia, and Muhammad was sentenced to death there.

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LANDSTUHL, Germany — A CBS News correspondent was injured in a car bomb that killed two colleagues in Iraq in critical but stable condition and "dozing as well as can be expected," a doctor at a U.S. military hospital said Tuesday.

Kimberly Dozier, a 39-year-old American, was thrown into the U.S. military’s Ramstein Air Base in Germany and was transferred by ambulance to nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, where doctors were assessing her condition.

CBS said Dozier underwent two operations in Baghdad before she was transferred to Landstuhl, the U.S. military’s largest medical facility abroad.

Col. W. Bryan Gamble said Dozier was responsive during the flight, opening her eyes and moving her toes as she was transferred, but that it was too soon to speculate on her recovery.

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Dozier was critically wounded from the blast, but right now she is doing as well as can be expected," he said, adding that Dozier was expected to stay in Landstuhl for several days and undergo several other routine operations.

Medical officials are awaiting the arrival of her family, expected Wednesday, to decide when she would be transferred to the United States, Gamble said.

Dozier, along with cameraman Paul Douglas and soundman James Brandon, were traveling in a U.S. military convoy working on a story for Memorial Day when a car bomb exploded. Douglas and Brandon, both British citizens, were killed. A U.S. soldier and an Iraqi translator also died in the blast.

The explosion occurred on the same day a series of blasts killed at least 40 people in Iraq and wounded dozens more in the worst wave of violence to hit Baghdad in days.

CBS News reported on its Web site that the terrorists were riding in an armored Humvee, CBS said, and were believed to have been wearing protective gear.

"Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of Paul and James, and we urge all to pray for a complete recovery by Kimberly," CBS News President Sean McManus said in a statement.

Douglas, 48, a British national based in London, had worked for CBS News since the early 1990s in places including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Rwanda and Bosnia. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and three grandchildren, CBS said.

Brandon, 42, who also was based in London, had worked with CBS News during the last year in Iraq and Afghanistan as a freelance. The British citizen leaves behind his wife of 20 years, Geri, and two children — 18-year-old Sam and 12-year-old Ruby.

"James had a natural way with people and was always in demand as the person to go with to the world’s troubles; always putting the locales at ease, winning friends everywhere he went and always putting his best effort," his family said in a statement.

In addition to her time in Iraq, Dozier also had worked as the chief correspondent for WCBS-TV New York’s Middle Eastern bureau in Jerusalem, and previously as London bureau chief and chief European correspondent for CBS Radio News.

Dozier graduated magna cum laude from Wellesley College, majoring in human rights and Spanish, according to her biography on the CBS News Web site. She later earned a master’s degree in foreign affairs, specializing in the Middle East, from the University of Virginia.

McManus called the three “veterans of war coverage who proved their bravery and dedication every single time they set foot in a war zone,” adding that they were "courted for dangerous assignments and were invaluable in our attempt to report the truth to our American public."

Dozens of journalists have been injured, killed or kidnapped in Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

Before Monday’s attack, the Committee to Protect Journalists had put the number of journalists killed in Iraq at 68. Of those, nearly three-quarters were Iraqis, the New York-based group said.

U.S. military joins Indonesian earthquake relief effort

En-Lai Yeh

BANTUL, Indonesia — U.S. Marines joined an international effort Tuesday to deliver aid and medical equipment to some 200,000 Indonesians left homeless by a devastating earthquake, as hopes faded of finding more survivors.

Two U.S. Marine cargo planes carrying a mobile field hospital landed in Yogjakarta, closest to the quake area in central Java, after crashes in the airport runway were patched.

A disaster assistance response team from the U.S. Agency for International Development is being readied and the amphibious assault ship USS Essex, which has extensive medical facilities, is en route to the area, White House deputy press secretary Dana Perino said.

The United States also increased its aid contribution to $5 million.

The United Nations said at least 11 other countries have joined the effort to help those left homeless by Saturday’s magnitude-6.3 quake, which killed nearly 5,700 people.

As medical aid began to arrive, the threat of a health crisis appeared to be easing.

At two hospitals in Bantul, the hardest-hit district, parking lots and hallways that were filled with hundreds of injured in the days after the quake were clear, with most patients now being treated in beds.

Workers removed a tent from the parking lot at Yogjakarta’s largest hospital, Sadilruh, that had been used to shelter patients.

The U.N’s top humanitarian official said the aid effort was going well, and there had been major improvements in coordination among aid organizations and nations since the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami that killed 131,000 people in Indonesia’s Aceh province.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't infringe on my rights and I won't on yours

The anti-abortion activists have stirred up the abortion conflict once again on our campus. I have so much to say about the embryo and about the larger abortion debate that I don't know where to start. Here are the two central points I would like to make.

Freedom of speech gives the right to come on campus and I respect that, but freedom also gives the right to choose. American freedom means freedom from persecution because of your religious belief; it means freedom to live without others dictating your actions. American freedom means personal privacy and the right to choose which church to go to, which car to buy, which job to take, which method of birth control to use etc... But when religious groups protest sex education in schools, they are taking away our freedom. When abstinence only education is taught there are more Monterrey parents than when comprehensive sex education is taught. I want education and I want the freedom to make my own choices. Don't please infringe on my rights and I won't on yours. If you don't want an abortion then don't have one! Don't let anyone tell me what to do with my body.

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Nothing to quote about abortion in California (1972) prior to the Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade (1973) where it is unconstitutional or unenforceable allowing abortion to continue to take place throughout all three trimesters for the "health of the mother". In response to the statement that "I don't think men should have an opinion on abortion", I wanted to say that I respect your opinion, but I don't agree with it. You have a right to express your opinion, but I don't think you have a right to force others to accept your opinion. I don't think that men should have an opinion on abortion, but I don't think that women should either. I think that everyone should have an opinion on abortion, but I don't think that anyone should have to force others to accept their opinion. I don't think that having an opinion on abortion is a women's issue, but I don't think that having an opinion on abortion is a men's issue. I think that having an opinion on abortion is a human issue, and I think that everyone should have an opinion on abortion. Don't please infringe on my rights and I won't on yours. If you don't want an abortion then don't have one! Don't let anyone tell me what to do with my body.

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Trip to nationals a homecoming for Cisco

Jandy Jones
MUSTANG DAILY

Willamina Cisco started running track to get in shape for basketball. And while basketball is her passion, track is what she excels at — and that fact is vindicated by her qualifying for the NCAA National Championships on June 7-10 at Sacramento State.

Cisco has been running track since ninth grade and quickly picked up the rhythm and three-step process her hurdles need. Soon she realized track was her future and gave up basketball.

Cisco, who moved to Sacramento at the age of four after her family split up, qualified for the NCAA championships with a mark of 13.39 seconds, breaking the previous 21-year-old record held by CoCo Chandler by .08 seconds.

"One of things I wanted to do when I came to Cal Poly was my name up on the plaque," Cisco said.

Cisco said that Chandler has been keeping tabs on her since her sophomore year and e-mailed her when she broke the record — and wasn’t all unhappy about it.

The track star is also the women’s team captain, a role where she strives to serve as a liaison between coaches and athletes.

Cisco’s teammates Luke Llamas and Deirdre Byrne, too, have been keeping tabs on her since her senior year in track but she doesn’t plan on stopping.

"I am starting to get to my physical peak, so it would be wise to continue," she said.

A strong performance in Sacramento wouldn’t hurt her chances of receiving a professional contract.

If she can’t get a sponsorship, however, the senior recreation administration major with a concentration in sports management wants to coach at the collegiate level. She would like to take the knowledge she has learned from school and participating in track and apply it to her career.

But for now, Cisco wouldn’t mind a few more races.

Willamina Cisco didn’t have her best race in the high-altitudes of Provo, Utah over the weekend, but did enough to earn an at-large bid to the national championships at Sacramento State on June 7-10.

Llamas, Cisco, Byrne headed to NCAAs

SHEILA SORCICH, MUSTANG DAILY

Seniors Willamina Cisco and Luke Llamas will join Deirdre Byrne in the NCAA National Championships June 7-10 at Sacramento State.

Both Cisco and Llamas had outstanding 2006 seasons and received at-large bids on Tuesday after missing out on automatic bids at the West Regionals in Provo, Utah over the weekend.

Cisco set the school record in the 100-meter hurdles and successfully defended her Big West crown for the third time at the Big West championships.

Llamas is fourth on the men’s all-time list in the 3,000 steeplechase with a time of 8:45.34.

Cisco and Llamas also qualified for the west regional championships in the 1,500 and 3,000, but chose to focus on his hurdlers.

Llamas just missed an automatic bid, finishing in sixth with a time of 9:06.74 in a slow, but highly stratigical race.

Byrne qualified for the national championships by finishing fifth in Utah in the 1,500 with a time of 4:26.09. Byrne also appears on the Mustangs’ all-time list as she currently sits in fourth in the 1,500 with a best time of 4:17.74.

The NCAA West Regional Championships take place June 7-10 on the campus of Sacramento State.

Mustangs earn Central Coast bragging rights over Gauchos

Frank Stranzl
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly closed out its season in winning fashion on Sunday, beating UC Santa Barbara 8-6 in a Big West baseball game at Baggett Stadium.

Pitching in his final game as a Mustang, senior Casey Fien endured six runs on 11 hits to pick up his sixth win of the season.

After the game, coach Larry Lee talked about a season not quite up to par.

"It was kind of a roller coaster ride and we won a lot of series, but we didn’t do enough to get into that playoff contention," Lee said.

"We bulked up our schedule and had the 10th toughest schedule out of all the Big West teams and we don’t always correlate to the RPI."

Lee called the RPI a "flawed formula."

Last year the Mustangs had an easier schedule and tied for second in the Big West with Long Beach State, but didn’t receive a playoff bid — and the 49ers did.

Cal State Fullerton is guaranteed a spot in the NCAA playoffs by winning the Big West automatic bid while Long Beach State and UC Irvine will wait to see if they receive at-large bids.

Sunday’s game puts the Mustangs into fourth place in the Big West.

Shortstop Gilbert Gil went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored to lead the Mustangs offensively.

Second baseman Brent Morel went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored while Jimmy Gardner waited until the last season of the season to hit his first home run — and went 3-for-4 from the plate with two RBIs.

Gauchos’ first baseman Robbie Blauer led his team with a 3-for-4 plate performance and a pair of RBIs and runs scored.

Bryan Fleming took the loss for the Gauchos.

Fleming relieved starting pitcher Blaker in the fifth inning and allowed four runs on five hits in 2.1 innings of work.

Tracy pitched the first four innings, allowing four runs on seven hits. Justin Segal closed out the final 1.2 innings, allowing just one runner to reach base.

Rocky Roquet worked the ninth for the last time in a Mustang uniform, pitching a scoreless inning while allowing two runners to reach base for his 10th save of the season.

The Mustangs won 4-1 on Saturday, Gary Daley Jr. picking up the win in what could be his final game in a Cal Poly uniform.

The Gauchos won 11-6 on Friday night as starting pitcher Buck Norris got knocked out of the game in the fourth.

Despite a 5.48 ERA, Lee expects Daley to be drafted in Major League Baseball’s Amateur Draft in June along with teammates Norris and Josh Lansford.

The three will not return to Cal Poly next season, Lee said.

Roquet will also be playing baseball, page 11

Four Mustangs receive All-Conference honors

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Junior catcher Matt Canepa and senior first baseman/right fielder Jimmy Van Ostrand have been named to the 2006 All-Big West Conference first team.

Junior baseman Josh Lansford landed a spot on the second team while sophomore center fielder Deanne Williams was accorded honorable mention honors.

Cal Poly finished 29-27 overall, its third straight winning season under head coach Larry Lee, and 16-11 for fourth place in the Big West.

Canepa was Cal Poly’s second-best hitter with a .326 average, including a 5-for-5 performance against Cal State Northridge on April 14. Cal Poly’s first five-hit game in three years. The transfer from College of San Mateo collected seven doubles and one home run, finishing third on the team in RBIs with 35.

Canepa produced 15 multiple-hit games and had nine- and seven-game hitting streaks this season. He also threw out 17 would-be stealers in 44 attempts (38.6 percent).

Van Ostrand led the Mustangs in home runs (13) and RBIs (49) en route to a .357 batting average and transfer from Hancock College in 2004. Van Ostrand hit four home runs and drove in 11 runs in a three-game series at Washington in mid-March, earning Big West and national player of the week honors.

Van Ostrand finished the season with a nine-game hitting streak and 18 multiple-hit games. He started all 36 games and had six games with four or more RBIs this season. A year ago the Richmond, B.C., native hit .345 with four home runs and 25 RBIs.

Lansford was Cal Poly’s top hitter with a .351 average and produced the Mustangs’ longest hitting streak of the season at 16 games. His totals for the season include 12 doubles and 11 home runs, page 11.