CSU takes steps to ease enrollment worries

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Due to a potential future fall in the number of college graduates, the California State University has implemented programs aiming to increase college attendance and graduation rates and rekindle the state's struggling workforce.

According to the April report, "Closing the gap: Meeting California's need for college graduates," the state will lack nearly 1 million college graduates by the year 2025. By then, it is predicted that only 35 percent of working-age adults will have a college education in an economy that will need about 41 percent.

However, the CSU system has already begun addressing this issue. In May 2008, the Board of Trustees embraced the Access to Excellence plan, a system of small-scale programs which will hopefully cut current achievement gaps in half during the next 10 years.

"Part of the CSU's mission is to provide high-quality, accessible, student-focused higher education," CSU media relations specialist Erik Eallis said. "We also educate California's workforce of the future. Making sure our students attain their degrees goes hand-in-hand with our mission."

Working in conjunction with community colleges across the state, the CSU created the Lower Division Transfer Pattern (LDTF), a program that prepares students for transferring to four-year universities. The LDTF provides students exactly what they need to accomplish in order to transfer to a specific major at any 23 CSU universities.

The LDTF also provides detailed plans, comprised of general education coursework, to students who are not sure which CSU campus they want to attend. All students need to complete at least 60 units to transfer to a CSU campus.

"My counselor actually printed out a page from the Cal Poly catalog and gave me a list of Cuesta classes that are equivalent and transferrable," Walker said. "The Cuesta catalog lists transfer requirements for CSU schools." The CSU system has also developed a standardized test that gauges college readiness in high school students. The Early Assessment Program (EAP) tests high school juniors' proficiency in English and mathematics and determines whether remedial work is necessary before entering a CSU campus. High school students who perform poorly on the EAP can tailor their senior year towards college preparation.

According to the CSU's Web site, 346,000 students volunteered to take the EAP in 2007 — 30,000 more than the previous year. Only 16 percent of the students taking the English EAP demonstrated proficiency, while 55 percent of the students who took the mathematics EAP showed proficiency.

The CSU has created a college poster which is designed to keep middle school and high school students on track for college entrance. This poster informs students about class requirements as well as financial and statistical information about college.

"The CSU has a great working relationship with high schools and community colleges throughout the state," Falls said. "The success of these programs will be seen over the long-term."

According to Falls, fall 2009 transfer applications are up 13.7 percent compared to fall 2008 an early indicator of the CSU's success.

"As the nation's largest public university system, the CSU has taken a leadership role in providing access to quality higher education," he said.

Students let loose with May Mayhem

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The University Union will be transformed into a student fun-house tonight, in an event that will showcase everything the area has to offer.

The second annual May Mayhem will have something for everyone. Each aspect of the UU, including Backstage Pizza, Starbucks Coffee, Mustang Lanes and the Craft Center will be open and participating in the event.

"The event started last year and its purpose was to highlight all of the programs within the UU," ASI programs coordinator Michelle Curro said. "It was such a success and the collaboration between ASI, Student Life and Leadership and Campus Dining was so strong that we decided to do it again."

Outside in the UU Plaza, three bands, including Dirty Sweet, The Silent Comedy and HBI will be performing on the stage throughout the night. Around 8 p.m., during a transition between bands, the 2009 ASI presidential election results will be announced in front of the crowd.

"Last year it was a coincidence that May Mayhem landed on the day of the election results," Curro said. "It was such a success because it built up so much energy with the students, so we decided to announce the results again this year."

ASI presidential candidates will be in attendance and are excited to hear the results with the rest of the students.

"I will definitely be there," ASI presidential candidate Jon McElroy said. "I am looking forward to seeing how the students voted."

Apart from the presidential unveiling, a slew of activities will happen within the UU. The Craft Center will offer lessons in clay throwing, hand building and custom hemp bracelets.

Free cotton candy will be available in the new Rose Float office, which is next to the Craft Center. Outside, Poly Escapes will host a climbing competition on the rock wall.

Further art-related activities will happen upstairs. UU room 220 will feature henna tattoos and a caricature artist. Free popcorn will be given out in the student government office.

Organizations inside the UU will be involved as well. The Multicultural Center will be sponsoring a Red Carpet Runway and the Pride Center is organizing a root beer pong competition.

"We tried to invite everybody in the area to participate and they are all excited," Curro said. "Any space in the UU will be used."

One of the largest and most popular attractions at May Mayhem will be laser tag in Chumash Auditorium. According to Curro, the student line for the laser tag arena was so long last year that two arenas will be set up tonight. The event runs from seven-11 p.m. and is free for all students with a PolyCard.
**Wildfire Threats Santa Barbara Area**

**Santa Barbara, Calif.** (AP) — Fierce winds sent a wildfire surging into the city Wednesday, igniting homes and forcing evacuations as columns of smoke rose from many neighborhoods in one of California's most scenic coastal enclaves.

TV news helicopters showed homes ablaze but the number could not be immediately determined because of thick smoke columns that streamed over the city and out over the Pacific Ocean.

"The fire is moving very very rapidly," said Santa Barbara County fire Capt. David Saddeki. "The fire is burning from the north to the south. It is wind-aided fire with 40 and 50 miles per hour gales."

Saddeki said there were unconfirmed reports of two firefighters being overcome by flames. One firefighter suffered a head injury. More than 800 firefighters were on the lines, and 20 more strike teams totaling about 1,300 firefighters were requested.

"The firefighters are picking houses and seeing if they can make a stand," Saddeki said.

The fire was reported at 196 acres at midday when winds were calm. There was no immediate new estimate of its size.

After the fire broke out Tuesday, 1,200 homes were ordered evacuated. That number was expanded to 2,000 on Wednesday.

Authorities had warned earlier evacuees to not try to return to their homes because of a forecast for a return of strong winds Wednesday afternoon. The forecast proved accurate, along with predictions of very low humidity levels and high temperatures. Fire officials said the temperature reached 102 degrees in the late afternoon.

Santa Barbara rises rapidly from the coastline on the south to the foothills of the Santa Ynez Mountains to the north. It is subject to "Santa Anas"—strong winds that blow downslope through passes and canyons of the mountain range and offshore.

After producing little more than wisps of smoke most of the day, the fire became active on all sides, especially the southwest and east, and spot fires developed.

"We were projecting 50 miles per hour down-canyon gusts, and that's exactly what we're getting now," said city fire Capt. Mike DePource.

Steve Pirato of Goleta was working at Westmont College in Montecito, just east of Santa Barbara, when the flames intensified about 4:30 p.m. He said smoke was hanging over the city and traffic backed up on U.S. 101, the main highway through the area.

He told The Associated Press he had just gotten off the phone with a friend whose avocado orchard wasn't far from the fire.

"He said it's going to burn his trees. He can see houses burning. It's bad!" Pirato said. "He's loading up the chickens and getting out of there."

Pirato said all the homes in the homes in the threatened area are at least $1 million and many are $2 million or more.

As he drove home, Pirato said the smoke from the fire turned from gray to black. "That's the color when homes start burning," he said.

Santa Barbara, with a population of more than 50,000, is 100 miles west of Los Angeles. The city dates to the Spanish colonial era and is a major tourist destination on the state's central coast.

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- In Tuesday's Board of Directors voter guide, industrial technology sophomore Industries Al Redd was incorrectly listed under the College of Science and Mathematics. Redd is running for a position to represent the College of Business. We apologize for the mistake.

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In the months after Hurricane Katrina, Tulane University’s basketball team practiced at a school six hours away in Texas and played almost its entire season on the road, winning just three games.

Kevin McGill
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"I strongly believe that sometimes you have to go through some hardships and changes in order to become a stronger person," she said. "And I don't think I could have gone anywhere else and become the person I am today.

Frazier is a member of the Class of Katrina — the graduating college seniors who were brand-new freshmen when the hurricane plunged New Orleans into anarchy and ruin four years ago.

While many of their classmates left and never came back, they returned, whether out of loyalty to their school or affection for the city.

And for some of them, it was a life-changing experience.

Tulane University student Denali Lander, an English major from Boulder, Colo., helped start a nonprofit relief called the NFDA Fund. Originally a source of aid for families displaced by the storm, it evolved into a program providing students at New Orleans public schools with technology training and free laptops.

"I've always been a civic-minded person, I like to think. But certainly the hurricane kind of put that at the forefront of my interest," Lander said.

Many of New Orleans' freshmen had barely unpacked and decorated their dorm rooms when the city was ordered evacuated because the levees broke. Administrators returned weeks later to find major damage at Dillard University, Xavier University, the University of New Orleans and Southern University at New Orleans. Tulane and Loyola universities fared better.

Other colleges around the country took in New Orleans' students for a semester before classes finally resumed in the city in January 2006 — in trailers at some of the flooded campuses or, in the case of Dillard, at a hotel. It was a dreary, depressing experience.

An international business and Spanish major, Ashley Yates of Memphis, Tenn., recalled a Dillard gym filled ceiling-high with the belongings of students who wouldn't be coming back for them. Her dorm room had flooded, and she had lost everything.

"The morale became really, really low after the hurricane," Yates said. "A lot of students that came in with me aren't here anymore."

Jasmine Boulte, a student at Dillard, didn't just lose what she had on campus; her family in New Orleans lost their home to Hooding. It was, she said, a shock to her then-materialistic soul when she wound up in Houston with no extra clothes, dependent on see Tulane, page 4

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The kindness of strangers. "I've really changed from how I was. I would never want Wal-Mart clothes and things like that, and that's what I had to resort to right after we evacuated," Boutique said. "I just never thought I would have to have people helping me with things when I used to be the one giving all the time." When she returned to New Orleans, Boutique helped paint and clean damaged property, tutored schoolchildren, and participated in the building of a Habitat for Humanity house. She also took part in a 2006 rally to encourage displaced residents to vote — the kind of civic-minded activity she never would have participated in before. "I was kind of materialistic before Katrina. I've really learned not to take anything for granted," she said. "My whole views on having this and having that have really changed." Matt Limback, a Tulane student from Chesterfield, Mich., who had to flee less than 24 hours after arriving on campus, said he never gave any thought to transferring to another school. When he returned, the university dispatched him and others to the hardest-hit area of the city to help with the cleanup. "It was pretty dismal when on the front couple of weekends back they send you down to the Ninth Ward, where you're going through houses where you find dead animals, dead pets," Limback said. But he and other graduating students said they were grateful to have been part of the city's healing. Charles Figley, a psychologist and disaster trauma expert who was recruited to work at Tulane after the storm, said the students' reaction is common among those who have witnessed great hardship. "They have a source of inspiration and self-confidence that emerge as a result of some terrible disaster." Recognition of the graduating Katrina veterans is planned at commencement ceremonies, beginning this weekend. Tulane, where more than 1,100 of this year's 2,000 graduates are former Katrina exiles, will distribute a program with a photo essay on the disaster and a list of 600 universities that took in Tulane students in 2005.
Thieves Like Us releases
dance-worthy album

Music Column

Thieves Like Us hit the scene with "I Love Drugs" in their Body," a single that served as a mission statement for this LP. The keyboards and drums move cyclically as perpetually "the days they go fast, the nights they go slow." Guitarist searches for somebody, pumping drugs into his body and hitting up parties with an end goal to "stay up late put some heat in my heartache." In the video for the song, an iconic group of teens vandalize a mall and hit the dance floor over and over until a young couple breaks off, fleeing into a night of sexual release.

The bass and drum lines of many of the songs trundle like trams and taxis taking the lonely into the city and back out. While all of the album's denizens are looking for somebody to remove their sense of isolation, only a few are willing to take what they can get,"a free release, a soft affair" or to put it more vulgarly, they ask themselves, "Should I fall inside her?" The others are held back by girlfriends, lofty goals and self-imposed morals. They never find release and instead rely on paraphrasing excerpts in the bathroom and staring across the dance floor "paralyzed, unfurling.

"Sound depressing, but let's be honest, the bars are equally depressing and freeing. For every beautiful bespangled Aphrodite out that night, there's a matching smacked out mess puking in the toilet done. Dance music lately has made us believe that the Long Islands we plow through to free out bodies on the floor are statements of revolution. It's not always true sometimes we're just trying to escape the pangs of isolation stirred by our宗旨 lives. There is nothing better than grinding up on somebody to a song that can say that. Thieves Like Us have plenty of songs that can.

Graham Colburn is an English graduate student and a Mustang Daily music columnist.

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Many movie and comic book fans credit Bryan Singer's original two X-Men films ("X-Men," "X-Men United"), along with Sam Raimi's "Spiderman," with reintroducing the superhero genre in today's film industry. Following the success of Singer's revival, filmmakers gained enough confidence to treat audiences with the effective restoration of both the Superman and incomparable Bat­man franchises, along with the introduction of Iron Man.

Unfortunately for fans of the famed mutant legacy, director Gavin Hood's addition to the storyline could possibly result in the death of a previously respected franchise. After realizing the plot's failure about 15 minutes into the story, the film's short run time became one of its most appealing aspects. "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" starts off bad and closes in an even worse state, representing every­thing that is cheesy and generic in derivative comic book movies.

The movie begins with our young hero James Howlett (whose eventual name change to Logan is sadly never explained) in mid-1800s Canada, realizing his mutation for the first time after witnessing the death of his father — at the hands of his real father. His newfound half-brother and best friend Victor Creed, a char­acter who eventually becomes Sabre­tooth, portrayed efficiently by the talented Liev Schreiber.

What follows is the title se­quence, which for me proved to be this film's only enjoyable scene. It encompasses an impressive se­quence of transitions showing Logan and Victor's service side by side in every major American war, culminating in Vietnam. After Vic­tor latches out at a fellow soldier through the subtle means of de­capi­tation, he and Logan are both sentenced to death by firing squad, a punishment they obviously sur­vive as a result of their mutations. They soon garner the attention of Gen. William Stryker, a character we were previously introduced to in Bryan Singer's second install­ment, "X-Men: The Last Stand." Stryker, played by respected veteran Danny Huston, wishes to recruit Wolverine and Sabre­tooth into his newly formed spe­cial unit, a group of mutants that carries out secret operations. Logan however eventually abandons his brothers' after witnessing the slaughter of a number of innocent civilians in Nigeria, a decision that does not sit well with Victor. To his dismay, Wolverine later learns that the group's main goal is actu­ally to capture and experiment on other mutants, attempting to real­ize Stryker's dream of creating the ultimate mutant killer Weapon XI, who has a variety of powers that includes Cyclops' eye lasers com­bined with Wolverine's own heal­ing power and retractable blades.

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Amazon seeks more paths for sales with new Kindle

Rachel Metz

NEW YORK (AP)—Amazon.com CEO Jeff Bezos introduces the Kindle DX at a news conference Wednesday in New York. The Kindle DX, a larger, $489 version of the Kindle electronic reading device can be a hit, even if it's more expensive, and the company is aiming it in part at college students who are eager to save money on their textbooks.

Since the Kindle debuted in late 2007, it has jarred many users and technophiles, but electronic readers from Amazon and rivals such as Sony Corp. are still in an early stage. Amazon has not disclosed Kindle sales figures, and the publishing industry has said e-books account for less than 1 percent of book sales.

Now, by offering the larger, $489 version of the Kindle DX and the smaller $359 Kindle 2, Amazon will try to open more avenues for digital textbooks, with college students who are eager to save money on their textbooks.

In an interview, Amazon founder and Chief Executive Jeff Bezos said that because the newest Kindle has a 9.7-inch screen, it will be better suited than the 6-inch regular Kindle at showing "complex layouts" in everything from cookbooks to travel guides.

"Things like those that have a lot of layout, structure, look really good on a big-screen," he said on the sidelines of a press event Wednesday at Pace University in New York.

The Kindle already had features that could aid textbook reading, like the ability to highlight and bookmark passages. Users could tip the Kindle's typewriter-layout keyboard to look up words and annotate text. But besides a larger screen, the new version also offers more data storage — room for 3,500 books instead of 1,500 on the Kindle 2.

Three textbook publishers — Pearson PLC, Cengage Learning and John Wiley & Sons Inc. — have agreed to sell books on the device. Collectively, they publish 60 percent of all higher-education textbooks, Bezos said.

At least six universities have begun to run Kindle pilots in the fall — Pace, Arizona State University, Case Western Reserve University, Reed College and the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. The schools will work with publishers to make sure books assigned for courses are available in the Kindle format, and some colleges might subsidize the devices for their students.

Case Western President Barbara Snyder said the school will equip 40 students with the new Kindles to study their effects on how they take notes, work in teams and retain knowledge. Snyder said she was not sure who would be paying for the Kindles, but that the students would not be.

She believes the device may enable students to get textbook content more cheaply.

Indeed, for students, the biggest advantage could be the lower cost of electronic textbooks. Reading material on the Kindle is consistently less expensive than printed versions, with new releases of mass-market books typically costing $10, for example.

A 2005 Government Accountability Office report said the average cost is $100 per year for students at four-year public colleges, though the textbook industry argues the figure is closer to $625. Typically the prices are high because publishers are trying to capture as many sales as possible in the first year of release, before students can buy used versions.

The Kindle's size and weight — 18.9 ounces, which is almost twice as heavy as the Kindle 2 but lighter than most laptop computers and paper textbooks — could also be appealing to students on the go.

Amazon won't be the first to venture into the digital textbook realm.

CourseSmart, a Belmont, Calif.-based company started by several textbook publishers, is already trying to cut down textbook prices by selling digital copies to students, who can download or view them online.

As an August study by Make Textbooks Affordable, a joint project of a number of student advocacy groups, was critical of CourseSmart's digital textbooks, however, saying that they were too slow and that most of the ones they surveyed expired after 180 days.

Bezos believes electronic versions will eventually dominate, though. "It just makes so much sense," he said.

Whether portable, electronic versions of newspapers make sense will remain to be seen. But publishers that have struggled to get people to pay for digital versions of news stories in Web browsers are exploring the Kindle and similar devices.

Ultimately, this is about providing our readers with what they want and need," said New York Times Co. Chairman Arthur Sulzberger Jr., who joined Bezos on stage for the event.

Josh Martin, a Yeepee Group analyst, is skeptical of that.

"It's not as if the mass market is saying, 'I'm desperate for a newspaper.' That seems to be the problem they're trying to solve, but that's not the issue. The issue is timeliness of delivery of the news relevance to the user," he said.

Martin believes that, especially in the case of newspaper readers, the benefits of the Kindle DX don't justify its high price.

When the Kindle 2 was unveiled, NPD Group analyst Ross Rubin predicted that for book readers to reach broader audiences, the price would have to come down — something he didn't expect to happen until most books had e-textbooks because available for the devices. Since the Kindle DX actually costs quite a bit more than the Kindle 2, "it makes sense to explore other forms of distribution, such as subsidization by newspapers," Rubin said.

Bezos said another potential improvement in the Kindle — a color screen — is being explored but "many years away from commercial readiness.

"The electronic display paper we're using now, that was in the lab for 13 years," he said.

Amazon shares rose 9 cents to close Wednesday at $81.99.
A few weeks ago I mentioned the threat posed by piracy as an excuse for another "war on terror." This week, I would like to step back to examine the greater issues at hand. The "war on terror" is not the only method governments are using to enhance their authority at home and abroad. American and foreign government officials have increased efforts lately to increase global oversight and regulation over a broad spectrum of topics. Operating within international organizations with global agendas, heads of state and their advisors have revealed radical plans to transform government as we know it, creating what is popularly referred to as a "new world order." Founding father Thomas Jefferson once advised "Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations — entangling alliances with none." Today, globals have infiltrated both major American political parties, working tirelessly toward forming powerful new alliances to compromise US sovereignty and create a world government. The United Nations (UN) is the driving force behind the world government agenda. America has been using the UN and the NATO as a surrogate Congress for the global agendas of the United Nations War on "peacekeeping" tropes and "humanitarian" interventions worldwide as a catalyst for military operations. The United Nations has infiltrated the US government force intent on maintaining status-quo governments and subverting international rules created by UN architects. The UN is currently a "new world order" in the greater issues at hand. The "war on terror" is a solution to spread the word about the plans for the "new world order" before it takes root. Rather than just voicing their simple opposition to the Obama administration, republicans must address the core of the issue, which has been in the dark for far too long.

President Obama and Vice President Biden (a self-proclaimed internationalist) will continue down the path toward establishing positions for themselves in a new world government unacknowledged by many Americans. The prospect of a global regime, I can assure you less enough Americans wake up and take notice. There is no doubt that the only significant change in the new administration is that of increasing government control at home and abroad, therefore, the only way to protect our common security and advance our global state is morally wrong on several points. First and foremost, such a state runs completely contrary to the principled nature this nation was founded on and ordained in our constitution. The only way to protect our common security and advance our commonality...
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Is a teacher who is not 'politically correct' for censoring student speech, a good citizen? If you're not comfortable with people of differing viewpoints, you're not truly educated. If you're not comfortable with people who are different from you, you're not truly knowledgeable. If you're not comfortable with people who challenge the status quo, you're not truly open-minded. If you're not comfortable with people who think differently, you're not truly educated.

I am writing to express my opinion for Jacob Alvarez’s candidacy for the next ASI president of Cal Poly. Jacob’s tedious efforts show his dedication in supporting organizations that help to better serve the Cal Poly campus and the San Luis Obispo community. Jacob’s platform of delivering a college or university to his community and diversity depicts his broad experience and knowledge that it takes to be the president of ASI. Consider Jacob Alvarez when voting today.

Tyler Hartridge
ASI Sustainability Officer/Ex. Cabinent Member

Candidate campaigns are difficult to differentiate

Dear Mustang Daily,

You said my article was going to write this whole thing about why all the ASI president candidates are the same but you beat me to it. I guess I can give a breakdown of what I think of each regardless of who all spoke to the club I am a part of on Monday night.

Kelly is your typical good-good from high school who was involved with ASB and really enjoyed planning dances and spirit days. Jacob thinks his idea for securing classes is better than the administration’s and that his will predict over the President’s, Dean’s, and Professor’s new Finish on Time initiative for new students.

Jon was the least nervous talking and won’t be spending your typical campaign stuff but his idea is not well formed and he doesn’t realize that ASB accomplishes nothing. If Kelly and Jacob have such great ideas and are currently involved with ASI why haven’t they done more to get their ideas moving? Jon needs to make clear his ideas before I could vote for him.

Next year will be the same as all years. ASB totally disconnected from the students.

David Hansen
biological science senior

DREAM Act gives hope to immigrant children

One issue most American seen agree on is that everyone should achieve the American Dream. The way to achieve the American Dream is through a quality education. So it is everyone’s right to education, and the way to do that are they need to be through the DREAM Act. The DREAM Act repeals a measure that discourages states from providing tuition to their resident undocumented students. The legislation also provides students conditional legal status for 5 years, this legal status becomes permanent when students serve in the military, receive a 2 or 4 year degree, and must remain in good standing in school. The DREAM Act does not qualify these students for grants but loans and federal work study.

In economic times like these, one must realize that the DREAM Act is very beneficial to the students would be paying off loans, enter the workforce at a higher starting rate, let them break out of the cycle of poverty, pay taxes, and etc. These children do not deserve to be locked out of an act their parents committed, and to many of them the United States is their country.

Walter Salgaco
aerospace engineering junior

CARE-Net could infringe on first amendment rights

In response to CARE-Net article from May 4 Mustang Daily, I have concerns both for academic freedom and the first amendment rights of faculty members at Cal Poly.

As a teacher who is not ‘politically correct’ for censoring student speech, I urge these potentially involved better to think through the thorny legal issues that this proposed advocacy group might raise.

Brian Kennelly
modern language and literature department chair

A lecturer’s perspective on the waitlisting process

Students are listed on the wait list in chronological order. If an opening occurs in the class, they will automatically be moved from the wait list to the class list, provided they meet the prerequisites and don’t owe the school any money I have seen this happen in my classes.

Apparently other instructors don’t understand the wait list. My policy is very simple. If there is an opening in the class, I add the first person off the wait list, assuming they come to the class. If there are still openings after I line-drop those who enrolled and did not show up, and after I add people from the wait list that showed up, then I will add “crashers.” I do not add anyone who does not show up for class or day one.

Also, do not believe PASS, which shows openings, but not the wait list. Too often I get e-mails from students at home reading PASS asking for a permit number for my open space. They do not see that there are seven students on the wait list, nor do they see e-mails from students hoping to crash.

The bottom line is simply this get yourself on the wait list for a class. There is a long time between now and the Friday before classes start this Fall, so there is a very good chance someone will change their mind and drop and you will automatically be enrolled from the wait list.

Mark Hutchens
computer science lecturer
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the time to go is this weekend. The Mustangs will play host to Big West Conference rivals Cal State Fullerton in a weekend series that will potentially have dramatic post-season implications for both teams.

Cal Poly is currently ranked No. 12 in the Baseball America Top 25 standngs, just six spots behind the Titans. I'm not so surprised at Fullerton's impressive numbers, as they seem to find themselves at the College World Series in Omaha year after year. But now Cal Poly has the chance to do something it's never done before, and it only seems fitting that standing in our way is the notoriously impressive Titans.

This weekend will surely be a huge deciding factor in Cal Poly's season regionals, which includes 64 conference rivals Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State and UC Riverside. Cal Poly is currently locked in a three-way tie for second in the Big West standings behind No. 1 UC Irvine.

It seems that the Mustangs have a great chance at making the post-season regional, which includes 64 teams, starting to it Omaha, Nebraska, the home of the College World Series.

This weekend will surely be a huge deciding factor in Cal Poly's fate. This doesn't happen often for Poly's baseball team, so I seriously recommend catching a game before the season ends. Hopefully, if things go well, you'll also be able to watch them on television come June in Omaha.

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his last three posts involved him eating breakfast and then going to play golf.

Granted, the third was a swipeflu joke that featured Kermit the Frog and a pig that apparently had Doby rolling on the floor in laughter. Apparently, bad humor can be done in 140 characters or less.

So can good food, which seems to be a big topic among Twittering athletes. On Wednesday swimmer Dara Torres had a healthy salad and not so healthy onion rings for lunch, while former UConn center Hasheem Thabeet was Tweeting about the seafood he had the night before at Crustacean in Beverly Hills.

How about throwing us a real piece of red meat?

I can't find any evidence Yankee pitcher Joba Chamberlain is tweeting, but think of what he could say about the arrest of his mother on drug charges or Joe Girardi's decision to yank him Tuesday night in the middle of an inning after he had just struck out his eighth batter in a row. Teammate Alex Rodriguez could send a tweet to his followers asking them not to believe everything they read, while managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner could post one offering half-priced tickets behind home plate to the first 1,000 lucky followers.

Tiger Woods never says anything to the media that might even remotely be controversial, but imagine if he were tweeting after the final round of the Masters. Actually, there's not much to imagine because it would be unprintable.

And how about Michael Vick giving us the inside scoop from Leavenworth? He could tweet about the food and how excited he was to have Tony Dungy visit the other day until he found out that Dungy didn't coach the Indianapolis Colts anymore.

Finally, Manny Rodriguez could tell us in real time during a game what he thinks about the gooballs who sit in the Mannywood section at Dodger Stadium wearing fake dreadlocks.

He does, after all, have experience using a phone in left field.

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ANAHIME, Calif. — It is rare for the Detroit Red Wings to lose three straight in the postseason, but when it happens it is usually at the hands of the Anaheim Ducks.

The Ducks took their first lead over the Red Wings in the Western Conference semifinals on Sunday night with a 3-1 victory in Game 3. Anaheim could take control against the defending Stanley Cup champions on Thursday night if they win again on home ice. That would give the Ducks a 3-1 edge before the series shifts back to Detroit for Game 5.

Ducks haven’t lost three straight playoff games since 2007 when the Ducks did it to them in the conference finals en route to their Cup championship. Anaheim also swept Detroit in a first-round series in 2009.

A slow start on Thursday could put the second-seeded Red Wings into a deep hole against surging Anaheim. The Ducks are gaining confidence daily as they build off their first-round elimination of the Penguins—trophy-winning San Jose Sharks.

“We have to stay out of the penalty box early on against them and we have to get our legs going early in the game,” Ducks coach Nicklas Lidstrom said. “They’ve had some power plays early on that have given them some momentum, whether they score or not.”

Red Wings coach Mike Babcock could also want to see more early spark from his team. Detroit is trying to become the first NHL team to repeat as Cup champion since the Red Wings did it in 1998.

“We have to get started on time,” said the last two games, if I’m not mistaken, we had a power play right at the start of the game, both power plays I thought we were uneven.”

While Babcock indicated the Red Wings will not make any line-up changes for Game 4, the Ducks could be without Jamie Bennwisski. The defenceman was hospitalized Tuesday night because of a bruised lung. Winniswki was struck in the chest by Pavel Datsyuk’s slap shot during the second period and was taken off the ice on a stretcher.

Winniswki has meshed with the Ducks’ veteran defencemen since being acquired from Chicago in a March 4 trade with Chicago.

“He stepped in and played an important role for the team since he got here,” said Ducks captain Scott Niedermayer, who will likely increase his already heavy work load of Winniswki sets out. “He was set up where he was out killing penalties and on the power play. He plays in all situations.”

Anaheim could look to add to the lineup a young defenceman such as Brendan Mikkelson, Brett Festerling or Brian Nistic.Veteran Brett Hedican remains sidelined with a back injury.

“We’ll have to make adjustments and find a way to get it done,” Niedermayer said.

The Ducks were also angered by Tomas Holmstrom’s elbow to Winniswki’s head just seconds after Winniswki was hurt by Datsyuk’s shot.

“What would you think if you were doubled over and gasping for air and someone gives you an elbow in the side of the head,” he said. “Every whistle could be a penalty. I don’t know how one play would be anything.”

Niedermayer was careful not to unload his feelings about the hit.

“I have a couple answers, but I’ll stick with a boring one,” he said. “Everyone is definitely responsible for what they are doing out there. You make decisions about how you are going to act and carry yourself. I haven’t seen what happened, but if that is what happened, you be the judge.”

Holmstrom denied intentionally nailing Winniswki with his elbow.

“I had no idea I hit him,” Holmstrom said. “I didn’t see him, I had no idea he was behind me.”

Babcock also downplayed the hit.

“From my perspective when I’m watching this series, come on, it’s like a rodeo after every whistle,” he said. “Every whistle could be a penalty. I don’t know how one play would be anything.”

Players scramble for a loose puck during Anaheim’s 3-1 victory in Game 3 of the Western Conference Semifinals.