Area Colleges Notebook: Cool pool at PCC could affect tournament

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The heat is off at Pasadena City College.

Actually, it's the heaters for the Lancers' pool.

Two broken heaters may prevent the Lancers from hosting a water polo tournament on Friday and the South Coast Conference tournament next week. However, coach Terry Stoddard said he hopes at least one of the heaters will be operational by Friday.

"I am keeping my fingers crossed," Stoddard said. "We'll make a decision on (the tournament) tomorrow. Otherwise, we hope to have it done by Monday."

A gas heater, which went three years longer than its expected 10-year usage, broke in May and a micro-turbine heater went out in June. The pool has not had a heater since, although replacement parts for each system have been on order since August.

"The 100 degree (temperatures) saved us," Stoddard said. "We've had the warming gods grace us with lots of sunshine."

But the air temperature hit 50 degrees on Tuesday night. The pool is covered, but swimming classes and water polo practices have been canceled, although the Lancers were in the pool practicing on Tuesday.

The Crescenta Valley High School water polo team played in the pool on Tuesday night and La Canada water polo practices have been canceled, even though the Lancers were in the pool practicing on Tuesday.

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Stoddard said that water polo rules require a pool temperature to be between 78.5 and 80.5 degrees. The PCC pool as of early Wednesday morning was cooler than that.

"When you first get in it, it's cold," Stoddard said. "You can't really play a good water polo game in it because players get too cold during timeouts and water breaks. Also when subs come in and out."

Both heating systems are expected to be fixed by Nov. 15.

Pasadena, 1-5 in conference, 7-15 overall, plays its final conference game today against Rio Hondo in a game at Whittier. The Lancers are scheduled to play L.A. Valley and Santa Monica in Friday's tournament. The conference tournament is scheduled for Nov. 1 and 3 at the PCC pool.

Caltech names track coach

Michael Stevenson has been named the track and field coach at Caltech.

He was previously the sprint, hurdles and throws coach at Purdue University.

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Athletic director Betsy Mitchell’s vision of the program and the university is what sold me on this position,” he said. “I am a firm believer that her goals can be met. I am excited to lead the Caltech track and field program and its athletes to future success.”

He replaces Julie Levesque, who left in August to become an associate athletic director at UTEP.

CSLA to honor Joyner-Kersee

Six-time Olympic medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee will be honored during Cal State L.A.’s 15th annual Billie Jean King and Friends fundraiser on Saturday on campus and in Pasadena.

The day begins at 8 a.m. with an on-campus tennis clinic, led by King, and followed by the second annual World Team Tennis Collegiate tournament.

A gala fundraiser, including a silent auction, will be held at the Langham Huntington Hotel & Spa, starting at 5:30 p.m. Kersee-Joyner will receive the Joe Shapiro Humanitarian Award.

The fundraiser is for the continued support of Cal State L.A. athletics. Tickets for the dinner are still available by calling 323-343-3080.

Oxy golfers lead clinics

The Occidental College men’s and women’s golf teams have joined with First Tee of Pasadena for the next eight weeks to teach youths about the sport.

Approximately 1,000 junior golfers are expected to take part at the Brookside Golf Course, which is the home course for the Tigers.

“It helps us give back to the community and teach others the important things about the game that we’ve picked up along the way,” coach Andrew Larkin said.

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