By Stephen Ender
Daily Staff Writer

Local assemblyman Tom Bordonaro (R) came to Cal Poly Friday afternoon to talk business, but found himself defending his stance on issues such as concealed weapons and campaign contributions.

In a half-hour-long speech to about 30 constituents, the Cal Poly graduate spoke on behalf of the Master's in Business Administration Club (MBA) at the request of MBA club member and student Joe Somsel.

Bordonaro was elected in 1994, filling the seat left vacant by current state senator Jack O'Connell. Bordonaro claims to have been elected because of his focus on California jobs and his efforts to rebuild the California economy.

"The state is in very serious problems," Bordonaro said. "A high unemployment rate of about 8 percent, defense downsizing and high tax rates all contributed to businesses moving out-of-state," Bordonaro said.

Bordonaro added that high business taxes have driven jobs and brainpower out of the state, creating a downward spiral situation here. California, Bordonaro said, is home to the world's sixth or seventh largest economy.

"We need to give the economy a kick in the pants," Bordonaro said. "The No. 1 problem here, as far as business is concerned, is tort reform." The assemblyman said frivolous lawsuits and "circular drives that drive costs up" are the state's main problem.

Bordonaro presented the audience with a hypothetical situation: after a liquor store robbery, if a suspect was being chased through a mall and then hit by someone else's car, the thief could sue that person. Bordonaro said legislation is pending that would make it illegal for a criminal to file suit in situations such as these.

If Bordonaro and a number of other assembly members get their way, other bills will also change. Bordonaro referred to upcoming measures on the November ballot, Propositions 200, 201 and 202. Prop. 200 is a measure for no-fault insurance, which would allow for insurance companies to reimburse both drivers of an accident, leaving it unnecessary in many situations for parties to settle minor disputes in court.

Bordonaro commented on the environment, saying that both a healthy economy and environment go hand-in-hand. Giving reference to San Luis Obispo, Bordonaro said, "this community that does not grow is dead."

Mechanical engineering junior Ely Kumli came to thank Bordonaro for his efforts on the concealed weapons legislation. The hill town resident said, "The main emphasis was to celebrate Jewish life in general through singing and dancing," Greensweig said.

"The group also planted an apricot tree on campus near the English Building to celebrate "TuB'shevat,' the beginning of the new year for the trees or planting," Berns said.

Hillel has three gatherings every week on campus. Wednesdays at 8 p.m. there is a beginner Hebrew class for anybody interested in learning the language. By Korin Loob Associated Press

JERUSALEM — In the deadliest attack in Israel in two decades, militant Palestinians avenge last month's assassination of their chief bombmaker with two suicide bombings Sunday when a killed 25 people and imperiled the peace process.

The explosions blew apart a Jerusalem bus and a soldiers' depot. Two Americans were among the dead. At least 82 people were wounded.

Now, just three months ahead of May 29 elections, Israelis once again must rethink their commitment to peace with the Palestinians.

The U.S. embassy identified the dead Americans as Matthew Pieske, 26, of West Hartford, Conn., who was studying at a Jewish seminary in Jerusalem, and Sarah Duker, 22, of Teaneck, N.J., who was studying at Hebrew University.

In May, Israel will have to decide whether to proceed with BOMBINGS page 6

By Allison Levitt
Daily Staff Writer

A 21-year-old Cal Poly student has been arrested for attempting to rape another student in a dorm room, and is also under suspicion of committing four other sexual assaults.

Robert Matthew Sharp, who has been living in the Santa Lucia residence halls, has been ordered to stay off Cal Poly property except while accompanied by a police officer.

Cal Poly Police Chief Tom Mitchell told the Telegram-Tribune he believes there are more victims — it was a matter of one person reporting which has led to other victims reporting.

Sharp was first noticed by police back in early December when a male student living on campus reported that Sharp fondled his feet.

The latest involvement with the police was discovered when a student adviser learned of a suspected assault on a female student and that led to an investigation. Mitchell told the Telegram-Tribune. Sharp was questioned at the Cal Poly police station Thursday and after refusing to answer questions, he was arrested.

He was booked at the San Luis Obispo County Jail with bail set at $25,000. According to jail spokesman, Sharp posted bail late Friday.

"He's motivated," Mitchell told the T-T. "We believe the initial report was legitimate. The investigative unit is continuing and additional victims have been identified." Both the victim and the suspect are in the San Luis Obispo County and in his hometown, Bordonaro on the defensive at Poly Campus police arrest dorm resident again for attempted rape

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By By Jessie Yamada
Daily Staff Writer

It appeared as if the quant and casual gathering of young adults was simply a weekend get-together among friends. However, this group had more on their minds than socializing.

The 10th person entered the chapel room, thus the congregation constituted a minyan, which meant an official Jewish service could begin. People could then pray and learn about the religion that some Cal Poly students take to heart.

Hillel, the Jewish club on campus, held a student-led learner's service Friday night to celebrate the Sabbath and enlighten people about the religion and culture during Jewish awareness month.

Two candles were lighted, signifying that Shabbat had started, which lasted until Saturday night.

"Shabbat is a day of rest and time to focus on the non-busy aspects of life," computer science senior Malcolm Haar said.

Haar was the designated leader of the service and led the group through numerous Hebrew prayers and songs and gave explanations of their significance.

"What is hateful to you, do not do to others," Haar read from a small, blue book titled " Gates of Prayer for Shabbat."

This is one of the main teachings of Judaism, Haar said.

"Another key concept of Judaism is education and learning," business sophomore Carrie Berns said. "It's our job to practice one day or every other week.

Just as a religion that pervades your life." Berns said the gatherings and services are like her temple away from home.

"It's nice to have them on campus," Berns said. "Whether you're from Los Angeles or San Francisco, it's nice having all college students so you don't have to walk in an unfamiliar temple all alone."

Business sophomore Lindsey Greenwein said Jewish awareness month is celebrated by Hillel and other Jewish clubs at universities around the world.

Berns said this is the first year Hillel in the Secret Union will be participating. Greenwein was in charge of the Jewish Cultural Celebration in San Luis Obispo on Feb. 10. It was joint effort between Hillel, Congregation Beth David and Temple Ner Shalom, both in San Luis Obispo.

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A grad making a difference

By Val Andrews
Daily News Writer

Like most graduates, 22-year-old Shelly Bender was excited when she graduated from the University of Michigan last year.

When she received her bachelor's degree in natural sciences, life was good for Bender. Only one dark cloud hovered over her parade — having to repay student loans that helped her attain her education.

Repaying student loans is an unpleasant reality for most students. Bender decided to make the best of her situation by joining the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC).

"Do we what the Peace Corps does, but do it here in the United States," she said.

NCCC is a network of national service programs created by Congress and the Clinton Administration under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1990.

The program is open to people between the ages of 18 and 24. It provides its members with meals, housing, uniforms, a $6,000 living allowance, and a $4,725 education award in exchange for 10 months of service in the corps. The education award can be applied to future tuition costs or repayment of student loans.

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A 12-mile tether connecting a half-ton satellite to Columbia broke Sunday and drifted safely away from the space shuttle and its seven astronauts.

Astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman shouted down the news nearly five hours after the electricity-conducting cable apparently broke somewhere inside a 40-foot tower in the shuttle cargo bay. Only 33 feet of the 12.8-mile tether remained in the tower and was steady.

Astronauts were aware of the problem almost instantly because of a sudden decrease in tension in the 1/10-inch thick tether, which resembles a bootlace. In all the excitement, they bumped a camera and lost view of and more of the 12.8-mile tether unwound from the huge, motorized spool.

The tether was almost all the way out when it broke and, along with the satellite, had been generating more than 3,000 volts of electricity. Until then, everything had been going well.

The satellite, a white metal ball 5 feet in diameter, rose slowly from a tower in the shuttle cargo bay Sunday afternoon and picked up speed as more and more of the 12.8-mile tether unwound from the huge, motorized spool.

An hour later, the satellite soared past the 840-foot mark, where it got stuck during a shuttle mission four years ago.

The motions eventually subsided as the motors on the reel began turning more quickly and releasing more tether.

The tug of the extreme vulnerability of the satellite extending to the two sides, Hoffman said.

The MiG just appeared from nowhere and came and he sent the rocket out, and (there was) smoke, flame all over," Guven said.

"These violations have been taken place numerous times despite repeated warnings that they could not be tolerated and that patience has its limits," the statement went.

"The downing of the two pirate planes must serve as a lesson to those who consider or carry out acts which tend to increase tension between the United States and Cuba."

Reports from within the island said all was calm as residents prepared to celebrate an extended Carnival on Sunday.

"Why is the Cuban regime meritorious of any different kid glove treatment? asked Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, a Republican.

Pilots from Brothers to the Rescue dropped leaflets over Havana last July and again in January urging peaceful protest to the current regime of President Fidel Castro.

Jean Bacaluso, the one surviving pilot and the head of the rescue group, has been investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration for the flyers, but no action has been taken against him.
Censorship and pseu-doreasoning

Editor,

I am writing in response to the Feb. 22, article about the possible censorship of Poly's e-mail system. Priscilla Sundofr's statements in this article are examples of pseu-doreasoning because she argues two wrongs make a right. She states that there is a need for regulation of the Internet to ensure access to certain sites.

She was the one that went searching for indecent material, and she hides what she does not wish to show. She is the one who claims she has not seen certain material and yet she would not claim to know of its existence or its presence. The reason Congress passed this bill is because they are pressured by parent's groups to turn the Internet into nothing more than an educational babysitter.

Instead of telling everyone else what they cannot view, something which is clearly unenforceable, it would be much easier to tell concerned parents to supervise their child's use of the Internet or buy new software designed to block such sites from being viewed on their computer.

James Deckert
Electrical Engineering Freshman

Gleaming the curve

I am writing in response to Mr. Mahaffy's letter regarding grading curves. While I will not defend all professors who use grading curves, I would like to call attention to the problem that most of the classes that use the grading curve, have no material that one can get away with not doing in the curve. This philosophy, while it seems "dog eat dog" to some, is the way the world works — sadly. Yet, the idea of a strict adherence to grading also has many real world applications, which prevents me from disqualifying straight grading techniques (unlike what it appears Mr. Mahaffy is trying to do to curve grading).

Curve grading is not unique to Cal Poly, so it is somewhat useless to assert that it is "Cal Poly's way of excusing itself for hiring bad instructors." In fact, many of the best instructors on this campus are among the top students in their field.

I have been forced to take classes knowing that the instructor consistently gives high grades thus setting low expectations for the course. If there is indeed a subject that was somehow missed, he can complain to the department, then visit the instructor. There are no standards that are set. It is up to the instructor and the student to decide on the fate of their education.

I have been fortunate in the previous years, for I have been taught by the core of faculty that have worked so hard to build the reputation of Cal Poly to what it is today. The standards of some faculty are far below what we should expect at Cal Poly. I have had labs where students were expected simply to copy the professor's textbook changing only a few specific numbers. These classes were excellent exercise in typing, but few understood and none were expected to know what they were doing.

I have been forced to take classes knowing that the instructor consistently gives high grades thus setting low standards. In his first lecture, an instructor once bragged to his class, "I give all A's, B's, and possibly one C last quarter." I fear that many students actually choose instructors that "give away" grades thereby rewarding faculty for being lazy and promoting low standards. After speaking with other students I have found that this is not an isolated case.

Paying more to get less

As a junior at Cal Poly, I have been able to choose effective instructors, but my concern is for the growing number of students that do not get to choose, or would not receive such faculty. Effective instructors present material in a challenging manner, and set high standards. This results in quality education and therefore superior reputation for Cal Poly. The responsibility of education is not only the faculty's, but the student's and the university administration's. If we ignore this responsibility the quality of education and/or reputation at Cal Poly is going to drop.

If the students do not demand high standards, the faculty will unjustly be rewarded with high teacher evaluations leading to lazy, tenured faculty that allows students to graduate without basic skills.

John E. Colino
Computer science senior
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SPORTS

WOMEN: The team had 32 rebounds Saturday.

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began to execute cleaner plays closing the Thunderbird lead to four; 27-23. In the first half, Cal Poly collected only 13 rebounds to the Thunderbirds 23, a key factor in the game.

"That team (Southern Utah) is such a big team," Coach Karen Booker said. "We needed to pick it up more on the boards."

Booker said although the defensive strategy against Larson had been planned, it didn't work.

"They (the Thunderbirds) just lobbed it up to her and she is way up there by herself," Booker said. "There wasn't a lot we could do."

But Larson wasn't Southern Utah's only tall center. Junior Monica Doman, at six-foot-six-inches, towered above Cal Poly and scored six points.

In the second half, the Mustangs came within five points of the Thunderbird lead a few times, but fell further behind in the last five minutes of play.

"I didn't want to play him," Evans said about his injured player. He got into trouble after two batters were out in the eighth inning. After he struck out the first two batters, Novi gave up a double off the glove of left fielder Jon Mascula.

In the fifth inning, Taber Schweigert headed back down the court after two missed free-throws by Larson to let off a three with four seconds left to silence the crowd for good.

Cal Poly shot 40 percent for the game, and Southern Utah hit 47 percent from the floor.

"We got crushed on the glass," Schneider said. "We were down 10-1, then they were up again. We were way down."

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Cal Poly plays Northridge in the UCI Tournament of Champions this weekend for a three-game series. Northridge is ranked No. 15 in the nation.

It's 15 minutes past deadline, you've got this obnoxious 2 3/4" X 6 1/4" space to fill because some flakey advertiser cancelled last minute.

What would you have written?

MUSTANG DAILY

The Honest Truth

BASEBALL

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pitchers in earnest as the Matadors went on to the 10-1 victory.

Atterbury was given the loss, when he dropped his record to 2-1 with a 3.10 ERA.

Two people were ejected from Saturday night's game: Matador Coach Mike Batesolle and Northern Arizona designated hitter Cheshier. Both were thrown out for fouling up the strike zone.

In the first game, the Mustangs got a good performance from pitcher Jon Novi, who moved from the bullpen to the starting position. Novi pitched 128 pitches, striking out 11 batters and only allowing two runs.

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Resident Advisor Recruitment dates are Thursday, April 11, and Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14, 1996.
**Public favors changes to the tax system, not replacing it**

> **By Howard Goldberg**

> **NEW YORK** — It can turn the bloodstream of spring days bleak and make the most math-com­<ref>erent among us feel窒息政.</ref> Policies want to flatten it to 25 percent flat tax and 20 percent top rate.

> The federal income tax, in all its bewildering complexity, must be loathed by all Americans, right? Not quite.

> "Bordonaro claims he's a moderate 'man of the people,' and he just isn't," Greenwald said.

> "People have a constitutional right to protect themselves," Bordonaro said.

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> Bordonaro was also asked about the Cal Poly Plan. He responded that the plan puts Cal Poly on a "good path."

> He compared a better Cal Poly to a nice house built in a lower-quality neighborhood. He said the plan could bring other CSU campuses and is a lecturer at Cal Poly.

> He was then asked about receiving campaign funding from various genres of Jewish litera­<ref>ture from Biblical to modern times.</ref>

> Hamas said the bombings avenged their chief bomber, Natan Shipmaker, who was killed in the Gaza Strip by a rigged cel­<ref>lular phone in a van. 5 operation widely attributed to Israel.</ref>

> The fewiest blast went off at 6:48 a.m. (11:48 p.m. Saturday EST) in downtown Jerusalem, ripping through a car that thun­<ref>dering bodies into the air,</ref> hands and feet, and killing 23 and wounded 33.

> "The fewest blast went off in the air," said Yigal Kara, a witness.

> "I saw parts of bodies. A head fell in front of us to the ground."

> About 40 minutes later, in the eastern sector of the city, a suicide bomber reportedly dis­<ref>missed himself and moved faster. Some people say they fired back at the bomber. Bordonaro said he is not sure if they should call their police.</ref>

> The death toll included the two bombers and three bystanders.

> The Assembly Budget Committee begins Wednesday with an overview of the governor's 1997-98 budget proposals. It will be heard by Assemblyman Brian Jones, D-Santa Ana, who is chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee.

> "(The project describes) a sen­sitive subject in a way that a child going through all kinds of turmoil can understand," Smith said.

> Projects like this one are an answer to how technology can be used in the English department. The project would not have worked in this class, Smith said, because it is linguis­tically difficult to put a sensitive subject into words a child can un­<ref>derstand.</ref>

> Interest in the flat tax and other simplification plans has come and gone for years and "is really a cries from taxpayers and voted that they want a tax cut," Sandra Shaber of the Economic Policy Institute said.

> "The majority of people like the idea of a flat tax. Next you start talking about the par­<ref>ticulars ... may think it's not worth the risk of all that bad," said Fred Daley, a San Francisco tax lawyer.

> An additional proposal, a national retail sales tax applied to people's purchases rather than their income, has only 28 percent support and is seen as less fair than the current system. Fewer than 30 percent support the cur­<ref>rent graduated income tax.</ref>

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> The amendment, if approved by the Legislature and voters, would require lawmakers and the governor, beginning in 1999, to forgo their pay if they don't pass a budget on time. But each effort has been rejected by the Legislature.

> Every time the budget is late, a few lawmakers or citizen groups demand that legislators and the governor forfeit their pay if they don't pass a budget on time. Last year, the budget was late for 37 days.

> The most recent constitutional amendment is before the As­<ref>sembly Rules Committee on Monday. The author is a</ref> consumer economist and is the first Senate budget subcommittee to start its hearings is an overview of the governor's budget proposal for 1997-98. The sponsors are Assemblyman John Vasconcellos, D-San Jose, who is chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, and Assemblyman John Vasconcellos, D-San Jose, who chaired the committee since 1993.

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BASEBALL: Northridge coach Mike Batesolle and designated hitter Casey Cheshier were thrown out of the game Saturday.

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got on base with a hit to right field; catcher Marty Camacho slapped a single down the right field-line, moving Rohlmeier to third. Designated hitter Ryan Brennan then doubled to bring home Camacho and Rohlmeier, giving the Mustangs a 5-3 lead.

In the bottom of the ninth, center-fielder Casey Baker hit a slow-roller to the left side that Matadors third baseman Gillette wasn't able to handle. The next batter, second baseman Cory Barnett, struck out.

Several pitches later, Baker tried to steal second and was thrown out. Maier then struck out to end the game. In Saturday's game, both teams were deadlocked at 1-1 since the first inning, then Northridge shortstop Kennedy hit a 2-1 pitch home-run off of Atterberry pitch. The pitch was the last for Atterberry, who pitched six and two-thirds innings, and gave up four runs. Atterberry struck out six.

Kennedy dominated the Matadors, going 2 for 5 in the first game, then knocked home five runs in the second game. The Matadors went on to score four runs in the eighth inning and two runs in the ninth inning. Cal Poly used three relief pitchers. See BASEBALL page 5
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SPORTS HOTLINE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1996

The Cal Poly women's basketball team ended its season Saturday on a sour note with a disappointing 59-45 loss to the American West Conference champions, the Southern Utah Thunderbirds.

The game, reminiscent to the Mustangs' 67-44 loss earlier this season in Southern Utah, ended in a 59-45 Thunderbird win.

Ten minutes into the first half, the Mustangs scored twice more before Southern Utah senior center Steve Lee dropped Cal Poly's first basket; three minutes into the game.

The opening tipoff went to the Thunderbirds who connected on a jumper for the game's first deuce. Southern Utah scored twice more before Mustang senior center Steve Lee dropped Cal Poly's first basket; three minutes into the game.

The Mustangs ended the game at No. 2 for the second time in the past two seasons.

Western Athletic Conference

WAC WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE and five pitchers in the final game of the series.

"They were definitely playing well," said Cal Poly left-fielder Jon MacLirstie. "Not to take any thing away from Northridge, but I'm not going to say they overpowered us or were the better team." On Sunday, Bobby Crabbet, the Mustangs' left-handed pitcher on the mound. He entered the game with a 5-0 record, 36 strike outs and a 1.25 ERA.

He continued his winning ways, getting the complete game win, allowing three earned runs and striking out nine. For the Mustangs, Mike Lee got the loss in both only two innings of the third.

The Mustangs struck first and jumped out to a two-run lead. Shortstop Taber Maier reached on an error by Matador shortstop Adam Kennedy, then advanced on a single by MacLirstie. Maier scored when right fielder Rob Noel doubled down the left field line. MacLirstie moved around to third and scored on a sacrifice bunt by Jeff Marinoff.

But Cal Poly wasn't able to hold the lead and gave up two runs in the top of the second inning to tie the score 2-2.

Northerns sweeps Cal Poly's baseball team

By Mark Armstrong
Daily Staff Writer

"All of the elements were in place to make it the perfect Cinderella story," said junior guard Shanta Cotright after Saturday's game against Southern Utah.

Yet Southern Utah's Mark Schweigt turned the Mustang's final American West Conference game into a pumpkin long before midnight by signing a last-second free throw triple overtime to beat the Mustangs 85-84 on Saturday.

The overtime season ended at home without the 'happily ever after' part.

"We blew the game," said Cal Poly Head Coach Jeff Schneider as much of a voice as he could muster after the emotional-breakdown minutes.

The game brought out 3,510 screaming fans spilling out of the stands, Mott Gym's first sold-out crowd ever, to see the most-improved team in the nation and the American West Conference preseason favorite go head-to-head with Cal Poly.

Instead, the game showed how a team can be slowly beaten by a line in the court.

The Mustangs came out flat from the tipoff, shooting 38 percent in the first half, and limped from the three-point line.

Late in the first half, Schneider had to take his coat off early, after he snagged a technical foul for yelling at the referees who failed to call a foul after Cotright was pushed out of bounds.

The second half brought more of the same flat play for both teams, until a three by junior guard Colin Bryant put Cal Poly ahead for the first time since the team's 9-7 lead at the beginning of the game.

Southern Utah's team slowly began to disintegrate as the teams traded leads, after forward Vic Saunders snagged his fifth foul with nine minutes left in regulation.

The Thunderbirds also lost forward Jon Gaines, the team's high-scorer up to that point, and forward Russ Caton with less than two minutes remaining in regulation.

Fouls may have hurt Southern Utah, which had twice as many fouls as Cal Poly, but what happened after the 40 fouls for the game killed the Mustangs.

Missed Poly free throws kept the Thunderbirds within two points with 31 seconds left, and a Jim Jimmerson three-pointer at the game at 56 at the end of the second half.

The first overtime had Cal Poly playing catch-up as Southern Utah mounted a six-point lead with one minute remaining.

Bryan managed to pull the Mustangs closer with a three-pointer and one of two from the line by Cotright gave the Thunderbirds only a two-point lead.

Guard Shanta Cotright sent Cal Poly into double overtime Saturday after sinking both of his free-throw shots against Southern Utah / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

Northerns sweeps Cal Poly's baseball team

By Greg Manfield
Daily Academic Sports Editor

There were bromes out at San Luis Obispo Stadium Sunday, but unfortunately for Cal Poly fans, the Mustangs weren't the ones doing the sweeping.

The Cal State Northridge Matadors took all three games this weekend, sweeping the Mustangs and proving they deserve the No. 10 ranking in the country.

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The losses drop Cal Poly to 7-6 overall, and 2-3 in the Western Athletic Conference. All weekend long the Mustangs were stifled by the Matadors' pitching staff which only gave up 2 runs in the first two games.

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"We walked into the yard with the right frame of mind," said Cal Poly Coach Ritch Price after the second game of the series. "We were not going to concede anything -- we weren't going to back down to them. "We played as hard as we could possibly play, and we played with as much emotion as we could possibly play," Price said.

Cal Poly struggled in the late innings of the entire series, giving up 13 runs after the sixth inning. The Mustangs pitching staff had to use two pitchers in the first game, four in the second game, in the entire series.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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