ASI pressed to stretch budget dollars

By Emily Bradley
Daily Staff Writer

Thanks to the recent minimum wage increase throughout the state, ASI will be challenged to stretch its dollars and avoid a student fee increase as it works out its annual budget.
The ASI finance committee will meet within the next week to allocate its $915,000 budget to the 35 coded organizations on campus. A coded club is one that has been determined by the ASI Board of Directors to be eligible for ASI funding. Less than one-third of the budget will be given to strictly student clubs. Other organizations the ASI budget must include the Children’s Center, Business Office Administration, the Chumash Challenge ropes course, ASI committees and club sports.
The money for this budget comes from student fees. Each student pays $47.44 a quarter for the upkeep of these organizations. According to Jason Meyer, ASI vice president of finance, both the University Union budget (including the operation of the U.U. and the Rec Center) and the ASI budget must account for a $300,000 increase due to the rise of the minimum wage to $5.15 an hour Sept. 1, 1997.
"Meyer, an industrial technology senior, also sees a challenge for the committee to meet the ASI coded clubs needs.
"We are being asked for $209,000 more than what we have by the clubs, Children’s Center, club sports and other organizations funded by ASI," he said.
After its planning retreat this weekend or the next, the finance committee plans to consider ASI’s budget and the possibility of a 10 percent increase in student fees.

Electronic Village shows future of ‘Silicon Beach’

Participants blame spring break, bad timing on low Cal Poly student turnout

By Alicia Kogel
Daily Staff Writer

Many students missed the chance to see the latest in technology at the Electronic Village III & Technology Summit ‘97. The event, put on by the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce and the Cal Poly Foundation, gave local and international businesses the chance to show their latest developments in technology and how they will affect people’s everyday lives.
This is the first time this event has been held at Cal Poly, but it won’t be the last, according to Judson Jones, the conference coordinator and computer sales manager at El Corral Bookstore. Next year the plans are to schedule the summit, which was held at the Performing Arts Center, at a more convenient time for students. This year’s summit was held March 31 to April 2.
Students did not get much of a chance to hear about the event from friends and people in the dorms. Pierce said he loved seeing what high technology the companies are developing and using. The event was a chance to see and play with the new technology that isn’t seen anywhere else, he said.
Both said the conference was an opportunity to look for jobs and get in contact with potential employers.
This year’s event combined, for the first time, the Electronic Village and El Corral’s technology fair. Some were surprised such a large summit was held in San Luis Obispo, but staff systems analyst Jones and Marsha Epstein both compared this area to a developing Silicon Valley.
Jones said the area is becoming a major technology center and is moving away from agriculture into engineering.

Computer hacking suspect may face state charges

Once again computer data lifted from campus

By Mary Hadley
Daily Staff Writer

Small-scale computer hacking at Cal Poly is nothing new, but one computer science freshman may face state charges for his "fairly sophisticated" hacking scheme.
"We’ve completed our investigation and we’ve submitted it to the D.A.’s office, and they’re reviewing it at this point,” said Cal Poly Public Safety Detective Mike Kennedy.

By Jaime Renosi
Daily Staff Writer

Plans for the new Cal Poly sports complex rounded first base last month when the California State University Board of Trustees approved changes to the Cal Poly master plan for facilities.
According to Frank Lebens, vice president for administration and finance, approval from the board allows university officials to proceed with the next steps in the project. The next bases to cover include requesting construction bids and securing funds.
"The approval from the board of trustees is one milestone in the long process," Lebens said.
According to the $9 million project will be shared equally between three entities: Cal Poly students, the city of San Luis Obispo and private donors make up the three-way partnership.
Cal Poly students have already begun to pay for the complex through fee hikes. A $7 per quarter increase implemented this year will continue until the student portion of $3 million is paid. Officials expect this will take 15 years. ASI approved the increase last year.
Cal Poly alumni and former Saint Louis Cardinal shortstop Ozzie Smith promised a contribution of $1 million to the construction of the complex. The baseball stadium in the complex will be named in his honor.
Although a partnership has not been solidified with the city, Lebens said the sports complex has been listed among the top five priorities in city budgeting.
Mayor Allen Settle said the city considers four factors in arriving at a final decision. First, the city’s funding capabilities will be addressed as well as where the money is to be taken from. Second, an agreement must be made outlining the city’s parks and recreation department access to the complex’s six multi-purpose recreation fields.
Third, the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), including traffic, parking, noise and residential impacts the complex will create within the community, must be satisfied. Finally, the council plans to consider community support for the project at the May 6 city council meeting.
"It’s a question of logistics,” Settle said, "There is the desire to have more fields and it would clearly be an advantage for the parks and recreation department."
Grass still growing on new Dairy Creek links

By Stormy L. Johnston
DAILY STAFF WRITER

San Luis Obispo County Parks recently opened a new 18-hole golf course just minutes from the Cal Poly campus.

The par 71 Dairy Creek Golf Course is located at El Chorro Regional Park.

"It's sure convenient," said Dwayne Head, department head of the physical education and kinesiology department. "You can leave campus and be out playing in about 20 minutes."

Public play began on March 23. Dairy Creek has since welcomed about 150 visitors per day, said Steve Plescia, director of golf for the Dairy Creek Golf Course and the Morro Bay Golf Course.

Not all people, however, seem to be completely pleased with what they have seen.

"From what I understand - I've talked to several people who have played - the front nine is terrible, not much grass on the fairways," Head said. But the greens and the tee boxes are really good shape, and the back nine is pretty playable.

"I don't want to give the impression that Dairy Creek is not a good course. It's just that it's immature now. Once they get grass on the course I think it will be an interesting course to play."

Plescia explained that the course features water-saving Bermuda grass lawns.

"Given the fact that (the Bermuda grass) was planted late, it will take another six to eight weeks to germinate," Plescia said, adding that there will be some "fine-tuning" of the landscaping.

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-Fraudulent financial-aid

slopping through the cracks

By Lorne Shooker
The Guardian (UC San Diego)

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Mix of community service with curriculum gaining popularity

By Megan Long
Daily Trojan Writer

Cal Poly’s motto ‘Learn by doing’ is being taken one step further with the Study-Service Connections classes that began fall quarter.

The classes, which are funded in part by the Poly Plan, integrate community service with the curriculum— a combination known as ‘service learning.’

‘Service learning has been going on across the country,’ said Grace Penafuerte, the student-coordinator of Study-Service Connections.

The concept is gaining ground nationally in universities and high schools, where it is often mandatory.

The Christian Science Monitor said educators estimate 16 percent of high schools require students to perform community service to graduate. Colleges from the University of Louisville, to Colorado University, Boulder, to University of California, Berkeley, all have service-learning programs.

In the CSU system, Cal State Fullerton, Monterey Bay and San Marcos have programs as well. Cal State Monterey Bay even recently helped students take one or two service learning classes to graduate.

Many of the Study-Service Connections classes at Cal Poly the community service component is optional, but it may help the students earn a better grade.

Samantha Latrin, director of the Study-Service Connections and of the Community Service Center, said there is good solid data that the community service aspect has enhanced classroom performance.

‘The great news is that these students get higher grades,’” Latrin said of the students who did the community service option in fall quarter’s ECON X303 class. Economics of Poverty/Discrimination/Immigration.

Latrin said data shows the students earned, on average, a score on their term papers that was five points higher than those that didn’t choose the service option. The students who did the service option incorporated information about their experiences and how it related to the curriculum in their papers.

Latrin also said the students who did the option scored slightly better on their journals.

Daniel Villegas, an associate professor of economics who taught the ECON X303 class in fall and will teach it again this spring, said the service component helped students.

He said it gives them an opportunity to interact with people from different backgrounds, which leads to greater understanding and respect.

‘We’re living in a diverse society, especially in California, and it is important to understand diversity when entering the job market,’ Villegas said.

Jennifer Kinnum, a business senior, took the class in the fall and found it to be a rewarding addition to the regular curriculum.

‘It was a great experience. We got to see poverty and discrimination first-hand and apply what we learned in class,’ said Kinnum, who took care of the children of homeless families at the University Christian Center which works with a rotating shelter for homeless people.

Kinnum said she had done volunteer work in the past, but didn’t think she would while at Cal Poly if she hadn’t taken the class.

Penafuerte said there has been a good response to the Study-Service Connections classes, and that students have been eager to do them.

‘A lot of students are more motivated when they can get out of the classroom,’ said Penafuerte, who was a peer helper for the ECON X303 class.

Another Study-Service Connections class is lecturer Colleen Harmon’s section of ENGL 114, Writing: Exposition. Harmon has taught this class since fall quarter and incorporated community service into the curriculum, but this winter quarter it officially became part of the program.

This class is different from the others because the service requirement of eight hours is mandatory. Harmon said students were aware of that stipulation when they signed up for the class.

‘It was very positive. The students really enjoyed it,’ Harmon said. ‘It opened up new worlds for them.’

Rebecca Charmack, a journalism freshman, said she was initially wary of the class’ requirement.

‘At first I didn’t want to take (the class) but did since it was the only one open, ‘ Charmack said. ‘But I really liked it.’

Charmack, who worked at Rancho de Los Animales, a ranch for disabled children, said she appreciated the program’s help in finding a place to do the service.

‘I wouldn’t have done it if it wasn’t for the class because it’s an effort to find places to go,’ Charmack said.

While just one of the Study-Service Connections classes has a mandatory community service requirement, many high schools across the country have service learning requirements for graduation.

Mission College Preparatory, a private Catholic school in San Luis Obispo, has a graduation requirement of 70 hours, said Assistant Principal John Scully.

Scully said the student response to the requirement is ‘pretty good overall’ and thinks students definitely benefit from the experience.

‘It gives them the opportunity to give back to the community and get exposure to different areas,’ Scully said.

Mission Prep senior Naomi Freutel said many students complain about the requirement initially but ‘once you’re actually there doing it, it’s great.’

‘It gives you an opportunity to go out and help people,’ said Freutel, who worked at People’s Kitchen and in Sequoia National Park for the Sosson Foundation, a program that allows high school students to do community service in national parks.

Freutel said without the requirement she might have done some type of service, but she wouldn’t have been able to experience as many things. She also doesn’t think it is unfair for high schools to require students to perform community service.

However, some people have felt that mandatory service requirements are wrong. The Christian Science Monitor reported that such requirements have generated a number of lawsuits by parents who argue that schools are overstepping their bounds.

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Going to Summer Quarter makes a lot of sense.
Any units taken outside major broad education

Editor,

I can no longer keep silent regarding the parade of nonsense coming from "faculty and administration majors are taking 60 from outside of the College of Business, and chemistry majors are taking 58 outside of the College of Science and Math. In comparison, English majors are taking only 29 units outside of the College of Liberal Arts for GE&B courses (data taken from the 1992-1994 Cal Poly Catalogue, comparison majors chosen at random)."

This system Hampsey, the complaint from engineering students is not that there are too many classes in the GE&B requirement, or that there are too many units in the requirement. Changing the university from three-unit courses to four-unit courses will not aid the situation. In fact, it will not change the situation at all. Instead of taking 28 three-unit classes, we will be required to take 28 four-unit classes. The amount of units has not changed: 24 classes at three units each is 72 units, and 18 classes at four units each is 72 units. I do not see how this "changes" the GE&B system at all.

I would like to support an innovative and less bureaucratic alternative to the current GE&B system. If students were required to take 72 units in colleges other than the one from which they receive their degree, then we would have a truly broad education. Currently, engineering majors are taking 57 units outside of the College of Engineering for GE&B courses. Business administration majors are taking 60 from outside of the College of Business, and chemistry majors are taking 58 outside of the College of Science and Math.

So what should Cal Poly be doing?

So what should Cal Poly be doing? Probably just what we are doing. Thinking, talking, debating and hopefully listening respectfully when someone with a different point of view is expressing it. My own view is that we should look very carefully at the GE&B courses we offer and at the laboratory experiences we provide. Why are we providing this experience versus another one? I know this is happening. I feel sure that the process can and will be improved. One of my pet theories is that we could benefit by expanding the role of the course instructor. This period is required I had co-op assignments with a CPA firm, an insurance company and as an intern auditor. These jobs taught me a lot I would not have learned otherwise. I had them because at Northeastern University an undergraduate degree was a five year program, the last four four-unit courses cut 24 weeks of classes. Of course this GE&B experience comes at the best time to get a degree, a hot topic these days. Is more co-op experience the right approach for Cal Poly? Perhaps not, but it certainly is an interesting way of providing hands-on experience without the need to invest in expensive, obsolescence-prone equipment.

GE&B or technology, what is the best mix? The decisions are being made right now. This is an exciting time for Cal Poly I don't know where we will end up, but I do know that something very exciting will happen here now who will decide.
The Monitor featured one family, the Reinhardts of Chapel Hill, N.C., who said a school district since they felt that mandatory volunteer service was a contradiction.

"I have no problem with community service," said John Reinhardt Jr., a junior at Chapel Hill High School. "But if you force someone to do it, don't call it volunteering."

Jim Fogarty, who instituted Arroyo Grande High School's service learning program and is the social studies chairman, explained that the school's pro-

gram is called Community Support to clarify the school's graduation requirement.

Fogarty explained that the program, which requires stu-

dents to do 10 hours of service during both their junior and senior years, avoided using the word service since it can relate to volunteering and often has a legal connotation of punishment.

"A lot of community service does have a stigma," said Penafuerte. However, she said she hoped that wouldn't turn people away from volunteering. Some people at Cal Poly also question mandatory community service programs.

"It's always questionable to force someone to do something they don't want to," Villen said. "I'm not really for the mandatory experience." Lutrin said. She is concerned that mandatory service, especially in high schools, will fail to incorporate the service with curriculum.

"It should be a learning modality," Lutrin said. "If you don't have a class to come back to and discuss the experience, you lose something." Lutrin is on a committee to weave optional service learning into the curriculum at San Luis Obispo high school. The program may offer students the opportu-

nity to earn a "service letter" similar to the letters given out for sports.

I don't think (high school) should make students do community service, but should encourage them to do it," Charnack said, explaining that some students may have hard classes or jobs that occupy most of their time.

Lutrin said the goals of the Study-Service Connections are to instill a sense of civic responsibility in students and incorporate community service into interdepartmental projects. She said the classes are mainly in general education, but major courses are offered. This winter quarter a mechanical engineering class for transfer students was offered as part of the program.

"The actual experience of interacting with disabled people is very important," Niku said, explaining that the students worked directly with disabled people to develop the adaptive equipment. "It's an eye-opener for some students."

Study-Service Connections is offering four classes for spring quarter: PHIL 335, Social Ethics; PHIL 339, Biomedical Ethics; PE 354, School Health Programs; and ROON 2303.

"We're in the process of building up and pushing the program," Penafuerte said.

BUDGET

The student fee has not been raised over the last 10 years, so we are trying to do everything we can before we ask the students for a fee increase," said. "But there is a 100 percent chance that over the next two years we will have a referendum to ask the students for an increase of about $15."

Currently, he said, they are working to lower that amount while planning for the budget for the next two years.

If successfully prosecuted, the suspect can expect a fine, restitution of the cost involved to repair the damage, and some sort of probation," Kennedy said.

The suspect, who has been denied access to classes this quarter, appears to have a history of hacking. His AIX account has been frozen since September. Police refused to release his name.

He was trying to access passwords during the first week of school. That time he was caught and his account was frozen, but he continued to do anything wrong," Kennedy said. "He said a friend of his had done it."

The suspect is believed to have used his Galaxy account, accounts given to computer science majors, to infiltrate the system this time. He has retained a lawyer and denies any wrongdoing once again.

Kennedy contacted the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles to see if they were interested in bringing a federal charge against the suspect. They weren't interested in the case, although capturing people's e-mail messages is a violation of a federal statute.

"Several have ended up working for Cal Poly's e-mail security system," Kennedy said. "But every one of those individuals has said, 'Yeah, this is what I did and this is why I did it.'"

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Swept a little there, sweep a little here

By Jennifer Cordellas
Daily Sports Editor

Scoring runs rarely seemed to be a problem for the Cal Poly baseball team during its games this past week.

• Baseball

In the seven games the Mustangs played from March 21-29, Cal Poly scored 66 runs. Eight of the nine Mustang starters are still hitting above .300 and rank in the top three in many offensive categories.

The team is 21-9 overall and ranks third behind Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton with a 5-7 record in Big West.

The Mustangs have the second best offense in the conference but were stopped cold against some outstanding pitching by Long Beach.

Cal Poly began their break with a series against the 49ers, who swept the three games behind pitching from Rocky Biddle and last years Big West Conference pitcher of the year, Marcus Jones. Biddle picked up the win in the 13-8 victory in game one, pitching six and two-thirds innings, giving up five runs on seven hits with eight strikeouts.

Mustang Chad Snowden was on the losing end to put him at 3-1 for the season.

The big story of the series was the pitching performance by Long Beach's Marcus Jones in game two. Jones limited the Mustangs to one run on six hits with a career-high 16 strikeouts to pick up his fourth win of the season.

Head coach Ritch Price said that Jones commented on the post-game show that he had his best curveball he had ever had in his career.

Mike Zirelli was on the losing end, giving up three runs on eight hits in eight innings.

"Zirelli pitched very, very well and ran into a guy that pitched the best game that has been thrown against us in the two years I've been here," Price said.

"I thought he was in an absolute zone," Zirelli said. "He flat out beat us. It's an absolute special to watch." Second baseman Scott Kidd, who struck out four times against Jones, was in agreement with Zirelli.

"That was one of the best pitching performances I've ever seen," Kidd said.

Cal Poly couldn't bounce back from the defeat, losing the third game 9-4. A myriad of pitchers went to the mound for the Mustangs. Tanner Trooper was tagged with the loss after giving up eight runs in two and two-thirds innings.

After playing Long Beach, the Mustangs took a break from Big West play to take on San Diego State on March 25. Freshman Luther Salinas picked up the win in the 9-0 victory.

The offensive momentum carried over to the series against New Mexico State, where the Mustangs scored 44 runs in three games.

Cal Poly had a Div I record 27 hits in the 22-9 victory in game one. The second game was another offensive blowout with a 17-11 victory.

The third game was the closest, decided by a two-run single up the middle by Ryan Brennan to lift the Mustangs to a 5-3 victory.

Catcher Matt Pries leads the team and the Big West Conference with a .444 average. He also leads the team with eight home runs. Kidd is close behind hitting 440 with seven home runs. Kidd leads the Big West in hits with 59 while shortstop Taber Maier is second in the conference with 41 runs scored. The Mustangs are second to the Big West in Big West in big West batting and leads in team slugging with a .358 average.

Price attributes this offensive talent to the experience that 12 seniors bring to the team.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the way we're swinging the bat," Price said. "We're clearly the best hitting team in the conference, without question. And with such a talented offense, the goal of the pitching staff, Zirelli said, is to just keep the team in the games and let the hitters do the rest.

"I've done that this year," Zirelli said, "and that's what we as a pitching staff has to do." Zirelli has been one of the most successful Mustangs in keeping the team in the game. He is 7-2 with nine starts. He is third in the Big West with a 2.50 ERA.

Cal Poly faces a big test this weekend where they travel to face the 23 ranked University of Nevada.

Price said that a sweep of Nevada is a must for the Mustangs to get back into the hunt for a playoff berth. Nevada is currently atop the Big West's northern division.

"This is a make or break series," Zirelli said. "We need to beat a ranked team.

"This will be a tough task according to Kidd and Zirelli, who both said that Nevada is a tough team to play said that for hitters it's tough but a fun place to play because the half jumps off the bat. For Zirelli it may not be "fun. He added that it's cold and the fans are crazy.

I need to keep focused and not let the negatives get to me," he said.

Eppright was happy with the way the team played and thinks the team has some momentum heading into the tournament this weekend.
Jeff Schneider's contract extended through 2001-02

By Joe Martin

Cal Poly coach Jeff Schneider broke another record last week. This time it wasn't accompanied by flailing arms, stomping or clapping that usually characterizes the new well-known coach. Instead it was the quiet signing of the longest contract ever offered to a Mustang coach.

Schneider says the new contract, which extends through the 2001-02 season, will continue his vision of what Cal Poly basketball can be. He brought the team out of a 1-26 season in the 1995-96 season and made them a 16-13 team the following year. His main focus has been building a competitive program which he says will not change with the new contract.

"Our goal is to continue to work as hard as we possibly can," Schneider said. He hopes the news of his signing will dispel some criticism by people who said he wouldn't stay at Cal Poly long enough to see his vision through.

"So many people thought when you get a job like this or a team that only won one game, you'd take short cuts, but we haven't done that," he said referring to he and his coaching staff.

The new contract, Schneider says, will not alter his style or future recruiting either. "The thing that surprised a lot of people across the country is that we've tried to do that (recruit with real quality players that are freshman)," he said mentioning players like Ben Larson, Mike Wozniak and Steve Fleming. Freshman recruit Wozniak says the new contract can only help the team.

"I think that's big...knowing that his job will be secure while we're here. It's good for us and for the team," he said. "He recruited us with the mind set that we were going to build a program that would compete nationally and that both players and coaching staff would be a part of it."

Retiring senior Shanta Cotrigth was around for the switch from the previous coach, Steve Beason, to Schneider.

"He's definitely brought the team in the right direction over the past two years...He's brought pride back to the area," Cotrigth said.

He too believes in Schneider's vision and says the contract will only help build the team. "He's always talking about building something, and we trusted him," he said. "I think it's definitely a positive that he's making a commitment to the area, to the school and the university." He agrees the new contract will help dispel under-the-breath comments about Schneider leaving, saying the move may help the coach in his recruiting by showing potential players that he is committed and they won't have to go through a coaching change.

Not only does Schneider's players feel more secure, so does he. "Now there's security that you can make a long-term commitment and people would like to see you there. You just feel a lot more comfortable with it, that people are excited to have you here," Schneider said.

Athletic Director John McCutcheon says the move gives the program security.

"With this contract we recognize the outstanding job that he has done with our program, and we stabilize our direction for the future."
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**30-6 Mustangs must face 3rd-ranked UCLA**

**Daily Staff Report**

Strong in every position with depth to support it, the Cal Poly softball team is only nine games past the halfway point in the season, but they are ahead of last year's marks in every category including home runs (8) and triples (12).

- **Softball**

  The Mustangs, 30-6 overall, are now ranked eighth in the nation after dropping one spot in the March 26 USA Today poll. Oklahoma jumped from 14 to 7 after defeating Arizona last weekend. Cal Poly is set to play one of the toughest teams in the nation this weekend at home. The Mustangs take on third ranked UCLA Bruins Sunday.

  First the Mustangs travel to U.C. Santa Barbara Saturday for a Big West conference doubleheader. The Gauchos, 4-8 in conference and 20-17 overall, are ranked seventh in the conference. The Mustangs, 12-4 and in first place in the Big West Conference, won four out of six games over spring break.

  Cal Poly split their series with Utah State March 28. The Mustangs gave Utah State their first win in the Big West Conference Friday as the Aggies won 1-0 in the opening game. The Aggies continued their success until the top of the seventh inning when Utah State's Lorie Couer hit a one-run RBI to send pinch runner Kristie Hildreth home.

  The Mustangs rebounded in game two, winning two-10 in eight innings. In the bottom of the eighth leftfielder hit the game winning RBI to send pinch runner Amy Mackert home. Pitcher Kelly Smith picked up her 11th win of the year in the shutout, allowing seven hits while striking out four.

- **Track and Field**

  Cal Poly shortstop Cindy Sims (left) and second baseman Trocie Carlufi use a little teamwork to tag out a Utah State Aggie in a game last Friday.

  The Mustangs only other loss over the break was in their series at Sacramento State March 25. Cal Poly lost the first game 2-3 in 11 innings but came back to win the next game 1-0.

  Smith was named the Big West Player of the week improving to 11-1 on the season after posting three wins last week including two shutouts. Smith allowed Sacramento State only three hits while striking out three. She allowed University of Pacific four hits and four strikeouts, and allowed Utah State seven hits while striking out four.

  Pitcher Dosario Knipfer (15-5) is on track to break her record of strikeouts with 178 strikeouts so far and an 0.69 ERA. Entering this season, Knipfer was listed as 16th in the nation based on her strikeouts per seven innings of play. In 1996 Knipfer pitched 153.1 innings in 27 games, striking out 162 for a 7.5 game average.

  Leading the way for the team in hitting is Stockton. She is the Big West triples and hits leader. She is also ranked 5th in the league with .376 batting average. Sims leads the Mustangs in sacrifice hits with nine on the season followed closely behind by centerfielder Kelly Sleck with 8. To finish out the season in the next 16 games the Mustangs will re-play all eight Big West Conference opponents.

- **Softball**

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**TODAY'S GAMES**

- **Baseball** vs. U.C. Santa Barbara @ Cal Poly, 1:30 p.m.
- **Women's tennis** vs. St. Mary's @ Stockton, 3 p.m.

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**

- **Baseball** vs. U.C. Santa Barbara @ Cal Poly, 1:30 p.m.
- **Women's tennis** vs. Sun Belt @ Stockton, 9 a.m.

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**

- **Baseball** vs. U.C. Santa Barbara @ Cal Poly, 1:30 p.m.
- **Women's tennis** vs. U.C. Santa Barbara @ Cal Poly, 3 p.m.
- **Men's tennis** vs. U.C. Santa Barbara @ Cal Poly, 3 p.m.
- **Women's tennis** vs. U.C. Pacific @ Stockton, 3 p.m.

**Tennis jumps from tourney to tourney**

**Daily Staff Report**

The Mustang Invitational has had only one winner in its short five-year existence. Cal Poly One may begin to wonder why teams keep coming back to the tournament that is dominated by the host, but they do, and this year is no different.

- **Men's tennis**

  The Sixth Annual Mustang Invitational starts Friday at 1:30 p.m. Competition includes University of San Francisco, University of Portland, U.C. Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Sacramento State, U.C. Davis, Loyola Marymount and Cal Poly.

  Seeded No. 1 in the tournament, Cal Poly looks to defend its title that head coach Chris Egpright said won't come as easily as expected.

  We're going to have to play well to win," he said. Egpright added that the toughest competition would come from the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds, Santa Clara and U.C. Santa Cruz. The Mustangs defeated Santa Cruz in the finals of last year's 6-1.

- **Bowl games**

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**Track and Field**

The men's track team placed second overall and the women's team placed third in the meet that also included the University of Washington, Kent State University and U.C. Santa Barbara.

"They're competing," said Pete Corkery, assistant track and field coach. "With the right mentality and the right training, they are realizing that they are one of those, (Division I teams)."

The track team amassed several top-four individual placements Saturday including the six first place finishes. Those top finishes included Maurice Eglin in the men's triple jump, Andrew Sverchek in the shot put and Chip Lillohardt in the men's javelin.

Also Sean Brown won the pole vault event, Kaaron Conwright took first in the men's 100-meter race and Nikki Shaw finished first in the women's 1500-meter run.

"Overall, everyone did really well," Corkery said. "This was a great invitational for us."