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. Many of the vendors who had booths at the trade show commented on the lack of students.

As Jones said, this event offered students the chance for career networking, information about current industry issues that will affect them, and the wisdom of keynote speakers who spoke on the latest advancements in the business of technology.

Technology participants were able to speak to many business representatives.

Eric Pierce and Josh Nibecker, both freshman computer science majors, attended Wednesday after they heard 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 analysts 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.

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Computer hacking suspect may face state charges

By Mary Hedley
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 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.

The suspect installed a keystroke recording device called Invisible Oasis onto five computers in the Physical Education Macintosh Lab, Kennedy said.

The program allowed him to capture the login names and passwords of people who used those computers — including about 115 students and one administrator.

The suspect was identified after he opened a program that only administrators or technical analysts could open, then downloaded it and transferred it to some other machines, which then caused the computers to lock up, Kennedy said.

The suspect also wrote a note to a friend boasting that he had captured someone’s password.

"There’s an old axiom — you never catch the smart criminals, you only catch the stupid ones," Kennedy said.

The fiasco, which took place from around Feb. 1 until it was discovered March 2, caused the computers in the P.E. Macintosh lab to be shut down for two weeks. The cost of repairing the damage is at least $2,500, Kennedy said.

Upgrades have been made to several Macintosh labs on campus because of the hacking incident, according to Lila

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CSU gives first OK in the long journey toward sports complex

By Jaime Borasi
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 funding.

"The approval of 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. Next, 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.

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Grass still growing on new Dairy Creek links

By Stanny L. Johnston
July 23, 1997

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.

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though the majority of it has been finished.

Landscape architecture freshman Michael Cook, president of the Cal Poly Golf Association, expressed concern about the landscape.

"It's kind of plain," Cook said. "It needs more landscaping such as sand traps, trees, water and more elevation changes."

Plescia said, "Dairy Creek is so close and accessible that I think a lot of students will play, but I think a lot more would play if the Cal Poly Golf Association could get discounts."

The price of a round of golf is $23 on weekdays and $29 on weekends. Though no student discounts have been announced, a 10-play card, good for the range, probably the best in the county, Head said.

Lindsay Luengo, an industrial technology junior said, "It's OK. I don't like the fact that you hit down into a valley. You can't see how far your ball really goes."

Business junior Matt Bouyee echoed Luengo's concerns about the slope of the course.

"There are not many 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 in good shape, and the back nine is pretty playable.

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The course was designed by John Harbottle who incorporated various strategies to enhance wildlife conservation, improve habitat areas, conserve water and maximize waste management and energy efficiency. It was designed to meet the guidelines of the New York Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.

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

"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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neering and technology.

Tuesday, the summit concen­
trated on technology's influence on industry and business. Wednesday's events focused on technology's influence on educa­

tion.

Several Cal Poly professors spoke on the latest technical advances used in their classes. English professor Dr. Kathleen Lanto spoke about and intro­


duced the American Literature course that is being taught on the World Wide Web. Chemistry pro­


ducer Dr. Christina Bailey spoke about the chemistry project, open to freshmen engineering majors that combines lecture and lab for the first time in order to optimize student learning. Sky Bergman, an on-line Web designer and assistant pro­


gen, spoke about using technol­
ogy to connect women artists worldwide. She has traveled to interview and photograph these artists so that their voices and photographs are now on-line.

Several local businesses had booths at the trade show. John P. Young, general manager of Mustang Daily, used the summit as a chance to get his business name out, meet other companies and see what they're up to. Jody Cummings of PG&E used the summit to show customers how they're using technol­
gy to provide more reliable ser­
vice. John Lei of Wap Technologies, a Santa Barbara­based company, was there to show off the company's software and technology.

Overall, the summit was intended to inform and involve all types of people, Jones said. Jones said the turnout was good, but could've been better. He hopes to see more students next year when it will be scheduled so it's easier for them to attend.

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Seltte said that the four fac­
tors are of equal importance and weigh evenly in the decision process.

If the city decides against par­
ticipation in the project, a smaller version of the complex will be cre­
ated in coalition with Rec Sports. Lebena said.

According to Lebena, the need for the complex stems from a lack of recreation area and the absence of a campus playing field for Cal Poly baseball. The complex would provide additional recreation space for students, community members and the Cal Poly softball and baseball teams.

Despite the unanimous sup­
port by the trustees for the pro­
ject, environmental concerns still plague some Cal Poly faculty and community members who feel that the final EIR submitted to the board of trustees was defi­
cient.

Cal Poly English Professor Steven Marx voiced his concerns with the final EIR at the board of trustees meeting in Long Beach.

"The concern is that they didn't bother to address indirect impacts of the sports complex in the EIR," he said. "It's not about opposing the complex, just want­ing to make sure it's not doing irrevocable damages to the resources in that area."

Jason Brooks, ASI vice presi­
dent of operations, works with university officials on the project. Brooks said that the project was well received by the board and the final draft of the EIR was consid­
ered.

He added that officials have been working in accordance with environmental concerns through­out the course of the project.

"It's just a matter of the deci­
sion," he said. "The entire process went very well."
Mix of community service with curriculum gaining popularity

By Megan Long
Daily Staff 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 Penaffuerte, the student co-director 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 18 percent of high schools require students to perform community service to graduate. Colleges from the University of Louisville, Regis College, Colorado University, Boulder, to University of California, Berkeley, all have service learning programs as well. Cal State Monterey Bay even mandates that students take one or two service learning classes to graduate.

Most 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 Villagas, an associate professor of economics who taught the ICON X303 class in fall and will teach it again this spring, said the service component helps 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," Villagas said.

Jennifer Kinnune, a business studies 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 Kinnune, who took care of the children of homeless families at the University Christian Center, which works with a rotating shelter for homeless people.

Kinnune 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.

Penaffuerte 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 Penaffuerte, who was a peer helper for the ECON X303 class.

Another Study-Service Connections class is instructor 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 complained 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 Sosoun 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.

By Megan Long

Junior Accounting major Jennifer Kinnune helps tape a child's hands together during a class at the University Christian Center.

Business senior Jeff Kraus plays with some children at a community service event. He, like other SCS volunteers, helps coordinate most community service events, including the service learning programs.

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

Editor,

I can no longer keep silent regarding the parade of nonsense coming from "faculty members," the so-called "outcry." "What's this happen?" some may ask, but I think most of you already know. It all comes down to the common threads of what is termed "bad priority." And for us first-year students, this is nothing but a complete demoralization conspiracy you may have heard about. For me, this was compounded by some of the things my wing was constantly telling me. The most expensive term paper of my life.

"Please enter your personal identification number or your student ID to begin." My life.

Balancing technology and GE problematic

Editor,

I was impressed with the letter from Eros Papi (Opinion, March 21) about the 30-unit major. The issue of GE&B versus major courses is one that will not, and should not, go away. Cal Poly has a well-deserved, positive reputation for providing students with a broad education. Current, engineering majors are taking 35 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 units 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).

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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 administered Arroyo Grande High School's service learning program and is the social studies chairman, explained that the school's program is called Community Support to clarify the school's graduation requirement. Fogarty explained that the program, which requires students to do 10 hours of service during 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," Penafuerte admitted. 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," Villeneuve said. "I'm not really for the mandatory experience." Lotrin 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," Lotrin said. "If you don't have a class to come back to and discuss the experience, you lose something."

Lotrin is on a committee to weave optional service learning into the curriculum at San Luis Obispo high school. The program may offer students the opportunity to earn a "service letter" similar to the letters given out for sports.

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

Lotrin said the goals of the Study-Service Connection classes are to instill a sense of civic responsibility in students and incorporate community service into interdisciplinairy and senior 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," Nika 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 3203.

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

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Swept a little there, sweep a little here

By Jennifer Cornelius
Daily Sports Editor

Sweeping runs rarely seemed to be a problem for the Cal Poly baseball team during its games coming up to the break.

• 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 11-3 victory in one game, pitching six and two-thirds innings, giving up five runs on seven hits with eight strikeouts.

Mustad 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 11 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 was 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 Salman picked up the win in the season's 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 win, and the third game was a closer, decided by a two-run single up the middle by Ryan Brennan to lift the Mustangs to a 5-4 victory.

Catcher Matt Priess 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 39 while shortstop Tanner Maier is second in the conference with 41 runs scored. The Mustangs are second to New Mexico State in the Big West in team batting and leads in team fielding with a .956 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've been 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 their thing.

"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 faced a big test this weekend when they traveled to face the 23 ranked University of Nevada.

Price said that a sweep of Nevada is a must for New Mexico State to get back into the hunt for a playoff berth.

"That was one of the best games I've ever been in," Kidd 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 and that if played well and for hitters it's tough but a fun place to play because the ball jumps off the bat. For Zirelli it may not be as 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.
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By Down Kolmar
Daily Staff Writer

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30-6 Mustangs must face third-ranked UCLA

By Mott Lazier

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 week. Cal Poly is set to play one of the toughest teams in the nation this weekend at home. The Mustangs take on third ranked U.C Santa Barbara Saturday.

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 loss in the Big West Conference Friday as the Aggies won 1-0 in the opening game. The game went into extra innings until the top of the seventh inning when Utah State's Lorie Courer hit a one-run RBI to send pinch runner Kristie Hildreth home. The Mustangs rebounded in game two, winning 10-0 in eight innings. In the bottom of the eighth leftfielder hit the game winning RBI to send pinch runner Amy Mackett home. Pitcher Kelly Smith picked up her 11th win of the year in the shootout, allowing seven hits while striking out four.

Cal Poly swept the University of Pacific in a doubleheader on March 26. The Tigers, ranked 22nd in the nation, are number two in the Big West Conference with 9-5. In game one, the Mustangs and Tigers were tied at one apiece after the first inning as Alona Marquez grounded out to the shortstop to score Sara Stockton. Stockton and Marquez again led in the fifth inning each contributing a RBI for a 1-1 win. In game two, Pacific led by one going into the seventh when shortstop Cindy Sims doubled to score Anna Baser. The Mustangs won 2-1.

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 .699 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 151.3 innings in 27 games, striking out 162 for a 7.5 game average.

Leading the way for the team 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 Duck with 8. To finish out the season in the next 16 games the Mustangs will re-play all eight Big West Conference opponents.

U.C Irvine.............. 2
Cal Poly.............. 0
(March 25 @ UCI)

Cal State Northridge.............. 2
Cal Poly.............. 6
(March 26 @ Northridge)

BASEBALL

Long Beach State.............. 3
Cal Poly.............. 1
(March 21, 22, 23 @ Cal Poly)

Santa Clara.............. 0
Cal Poly.............. 9
(March 25 @ Cal Poly)

New Mexico State.............. 1
Cal Poly.............. 3
(March 27, 29, 30 @ Cal Poly)

SOFIBALL

Sacramento State.............. 3
Cal Poly.............. 2
(March 25 @ Sac State)*

Univ. of the Pacific.............. 1
Cal Poly.............. 3
(March 26 @ UCP)*

Utah State.............. 1
Cal Poly.............. 8
(March 28 @ Cal Poly)**

MEN'S TENNIS

@ Santa Barbara tournament

UNLV.............. 4
Cal Poly.............. 0
(March 27)

Univ. of Oregon.............. 2
Cal Poly.............. 4
(March 28)

New Mexico State.............. 0
Cal Poly.............. 4
(March 29)

Southwestern Louisiana.............. 2
Cal Poly.............. 4
(March 30)

**IEEE 1997 Conference Game

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• Baseball vs. Univ. of Nevada, Reno @ Reno 2 p.m.*

• Softball vs. U.C. Santa Barbara @ Santa Barbara 12:22 p.m. *

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**Play time and opponent varies

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CAL POLY SPORTS HOTLINE

756-SCORE

Men's track take second, women third

By Matt Lazier

Cal Poly's Track and Field team made its presence known, taking six first-place individual honors at a four-way meet at the Cal Poly over the weekend.

• Track and Field

The men's 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 Eugin in the men's triple jump. Andrew Sverchek in the shot put and Chip Lillianath 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 big week Conference Game.

Cal Poly javelin thrower Bill Pedigo finished eighth in the men's competition with a final throw of 164' 4" to help the men finish second with 183 points in the four way meet last Saturday.

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Today's Games

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 Eppright said won't come as easily as expected.

"We're going to have to play well to win," he said. Eppright 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 6-1. No. 1 singles and doubles

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