Power hitter: College home run king comes to Poly to face Mustang's home run leader.  

The big break: Where to go for spring break,  

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Blakely, Ryan face off for supervisor  

Incumbent and former supervisor bitterly campaign for seat in Cal Poly's district  

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard

The race for District 5 supervisor has begun with roots dating back almost a decade ago. Republican Mike Ryan fights to hold his position as the current District 5 supervisor. Meanwhile, Democrat David Blakely hopes to regain the title that was his for eight years before Ryan was elected in 1997. The March 7 primary election will grant one of these men the esteemed county title.

Blakely said he lost the last election in 1997 by less than 400 votes and intends to regain his former position this year. “I care very much about San Luis Obispo County, such as Avila, and will work on the county budget, among other things. This isn’t the first time these two opponents have faced each other for the county title.”

By Karin Driesen

Hundreds of students gathered at The Graduate Wednesday night — not to dance, but to watch fraternity members sing, dance and occasionally embarrass themselves in order to raise money for charity.

The sorority Alpha Omicron Pi held its annual Mr. Fraternity event, a male pageant that raises money for arthritis research through the national Alpha Omicron Pi Foundation. Each of the 19 fraternities chose one member to represent that house. The contestants went through rounds of formal wear and sportswear. They answered randomly chosen questions and performed.

The master of ceremonies were Alpha Omicron Pi vice president Jenny Borachco and Interfraternity Council President Paul Davis. In the question round, they asked the contestants questions ranging from, “What three things would you want with you on a deserted island?” to “Who do you value most in your life?”

The talent round proved to be amusing and impressive. Each contestant was allowed up to five minutes and was accompanied by a song and dance act.

By Karin Driesen

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

High: 64°  
Low: 44°

Friday, February 18, 2000

Program urges kicking habit

By Larissa Van Beurden

“Don’t spit on your dreams.”

That’s the theme of this year’s Lose the Chew Week, and the San Luis Obispo Tobacco Control Program is hoping many tobacco chewers around the county will seek help to quit the habit next week. Events are planned throughout the week, with a “Quit Day” on Thursday.

Chewing tobacco is the leading cause of oral cancer. There are 17,000 new cases of oral cancer reported in the United States every year and 9,000 deaths from oral cancer. One can of tobacco holds three times more cancer-causing chemicals than one pack of cigarettes, but health officials said people still think chewing is a safe alternative to smoking.

While cigarette sales have dropped measurably in the past decade, chew/pack tobacco sales have more than doubled, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Season Conlan, Tobacco Control health educator for San Luis Obispo County, said the program is offering “quit kits” and other activities during the week. “We’re trying to promote the week to chewers,” she said. “We want people to realize chewing is a problem and has serious health risks,” she said.

Conlan said anyone interested in a free quit kit, which contains phone numbers, tips for quitting and a self-exam checklist, can call the Tobacco Control Program. People can also call to set up a free session with a counselor.

There will be a booth at Farmers Market Thursday night with quit kits and the Tobacco Trivia Wheel of Fortune.

“Everyone of all ages is encouraged to test their tobacco knowledge and win a prize,” Conlan said.

Conlan said it’s hard to tell how many tobacco chewers reside in the county.

“With smokers, you can tell who they are, and they are more willing to quit,” she said. “Chewers are a little more of a point where they are actively getting help.”

Tobacco Control also plans a “Quit Day” at Market on Thursday.

The Cal Poly Health Center has information on the dangers of chewing tobacco and how to get help. An alcohol and drug awareness group is offered.

Lose the Chew Week is also targeted at kids and young adults. Children as young as nine years old are using chew/pack tobacco, according to the Oregon Research Institute. It can take only six years for see TOBACCO, page 2

Fraternity boy sings, dances his way to title

By Karin Driesen

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Business

senior Ryan Mouser, left, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was Austin Powers’ ‘Mini Me’

Wednesday night at Alpha Omicron Pi’s Mr. Fraternity. The winner was Kris Colt of Kappa Sigma.

COURTESY PHOTO
Columbine psychologist will speak on tragedy

COLUMBINE HIgh School tragedy will

Tobacco

continued from page 1

Columbine psychologist will speak on tragedy

will speak this autumn.

service workers, as well as the general

public, on a presentation titled

continued from page 1

who chew tobacco.

because of health dangers.

social sciences in 1974. Blakely said

where he graduated with a degree in

SUPERVISOR

continued from page 1

technology consultant at Cal Poly

who graduated with a degree in

in social sciences in 1974. Blakely said he

strongly values the tight-knit

community is involved in decision making,

and is important to "level the play­

ing field."

Like Blakely, Ryan also attended

Cal Poly as an agricultural business

major for Window s and the Web using Visual Basic

and relational databases

Submit County application forms to Personnel Office, Room 384, County

Government Center, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93408. DEADLINE: Until Filled.

JOBLINE PHONE NUMBER: (805) 781-5958. AN EEO/AA EMPLOYER

Sales/Management Trained

One of Fortune magazine's 1999

100 best companies to work for!

Needs YOU NOW!

• Starting salary $28K-$32K first year

• IBIS preferred

• Retail sales experience a big plus!

• Strong communication skills required

Sign up now at Career Services for

Campus interviews on March 1, 2000

Visit our website at www.erac.com or speak with a

company representative at the Career Symposium.
Students spring for good time
By Kathryn Tschumper
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Students have caught the travel bug this quarter, and some plan to leave behind finals and rain to set off around the globe in search of the perfect spring break.

Industrial engineering Senior Gabriel Robbey is heading to South America to find tropical weather.

“Hopefully, I will be dancing to salsa music and having good food,” he said. “I’m going with my two sisters to Bogota, Colombia, and we’re visiting family. Then we’re going to the San Andres islands in the Caribbean for five days.”

“I get to speak Spanish there and the accent is different,” Robbey said. “It is like British English to American English. I don’t get to hear that accent often and it’s nice to be in the culture again.”

Ashley Stice, a nutritional science senior, is going to Florence, Italy with her boyfriend for spring break.

“I went to school there and I’ve been dreaming of going back ever since,” she said. “The opportunity came with a really good deal for $460 round trip.” Stice was able to get the low fare with a “friends fly free” deal offered by American Express.

“I’m going with my two sisters to Bogota, Colombia, and we’re visiting family. Then we’re going to the San Andres islands in the Caribbean for five days.”

Stice was free to enjoy the cruise with her sister, her brother’s wife and their seven-month-old baby. The opportunity came with a really good deal for $460 round trip.”

Other students are choosing to ride the waves during a four-day cruise to Baja Mexico on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines.

It’s a bargain at $320 per person with stops in Catalina, Ensenada and San Diego. Agricultural business senior Jeff Crank is going on the cruise with 150 other students at Cal Poly.

Kristen Torkoph, a nutritional science senior, plans to hit the strip in Las Vegas.

“‘It’s wild and out of control,’” she said. “‘It will be a huge party scene with lots of college kids our age and there is always something going on.’” Torkoph said the trip should cost around $150. “‘It’s convenient for everyone to go and it’s in the price range.’”

Cruises and other luxurious vacations will be enjoyed by many students come Spring Break.

Students have caught the travel bug this quarter, and some plan to leave behind finals and rain to set off across the globe in search of the perfect spring break.

Industrial engineering Senior Gabriel Robbey is heading to South America to find tropical weather.

“Hopefully, I will be dancing to salsa music and having good food,” he said. “I’m going with my two sisters to Bogota, Colombia, and we’re visiting family. Then we’re going to the San Andres islands in the Caribbean for five days.”

“I get to speak Spanish there and the accent is different,” Robbey said. “It is like British English to American English. I don’t get to hear that accent often and it’s nice to be in the culture again.”

Ashley Stice, a nutritional science senior, is going to Florence, Italy with her boyfriend for spring break.

“I went to school there and I’ve been dreaming of going back ever since,” she said. “The opportunity came with a really good deal for $460 round trip.” Stice was able to get the low fare with a “friends fly free” deal offered by American Express.

“I’m going with my two sisters to Bogota, Colombia, and we’re visiting family. Then we’re going to the San Andres islands in the Caribbean for five days.”

Stice was free to enjoy the cruise with her sister, her brother’s wife and their seven-month-old baby. The opportunity came with a really good deal for $460 round trip.”

Other students are choosing to ride the waves during a four-day cruise to Baja Mexico on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines.

It’s a bargain at $320 per person with stops in Catalina, Ensenada and San Diego. Agricultural business senior Jeff Crank is going on the cruise with 150 other students at Cal Poly.

Kristen Torkoph, a nutritional science senior, plans to hit the strip in Las Vegas.

“‘It’s wild and out of control,’” she said. “‘It will be a huge party scene with lots of college kids our age and there is always something going on.’” Torkoph said the trip should cost around $150. “‘It’s convenient for everyone to go and it’s in the price range.’”
Prop. 22, same-sex marriage

Calif. should recognize it

Just when you thought the country was headed in the right direction regarding discrimination, along comes Proposition 22.

The proposition states: "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

It claims that it gives Californians the opportunity to protect marriage between a man and a woman.

The fact is that Proposition 22 is against same-sex marriages. Same-sex marriages are already banned in California. So what is the purpose of Proposition 22?

Although California does not support same-sex marriages, we do recognize marriages from other states. Proposition 22 will basically eliminate acceptance of homosexual couples.

You don't need to support same-sex marriage to oppose Proposition 22. The proposition will threaten our basic American values of keeping the government out of our personal lives, respecting each other's privacy, and not singling out one group for discrimination or for special rights. If you believe in these values, it should be obvious why Proposition 22 is wrong.

What if a proposition read, "Only marriage between a white man and woman is valid or recognized in California?"

This statement sounds foolish. But if Proposition 22 were to pass, it would be one step backward in the wrong direction.

Homosexuality has existed forever. One would think that it would be accepted by now. Do people really believe that gay people are a threat? They have chosen to live as homosexuals because that is who they are. Not because they are wrong.

Not only is Proposition 22 discriminatory, it is downright inconsiderate. If passed, the proposition would deny the right of partners to visit their sick or injured companion in the hospital, the right of inheritance and even the right of a surviving companion to live in their home.

Let's say for a moment that you, the reader, thinks that homosexuality is wrong. If the government tries to control homosexuals, don't you think conservatives would continue to push that control onto the rest of us? Californians treasure the fact that we have the right to live our lives the way we wish. Adding more regulating personal behavior is just a step toward taking away that right.

Supporters of Proposition 22 want voters to believe that attacking same-sex couples will solve problems instead of causing them. The odd thing is, there is no problem to solve. The proposition only adds to the fact that same-sex marriages aren't allowed in California.

Proposition 22 implies that people who are different aren't welcome in our state. It is the government trying to dictate the sexual behavior of others.

Proposition 22 is my problem. Isn't this what the homosexual community is clamoring for — the right to have their own word for their relationships.

Carolyn Ficara is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Editorial: (805) 756-1796
Advertising: (805) 756-1143
Fax: (805) 756-6784

editor@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu

PRINTED BY UNIVERSITY GRAPHIC SYSTEMS

© 2000 Mustang Daily

Editorial: (805) 756-1796
Advertising: (805) 756-1143
Fax: (805) 756-6784

editor@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu

PRINTED BY UNIVERSITY GRAPHIC SYSTEMS

© 2000 Mustang Daily

Love, sex, marriage. At first glance, people might say they are related. Of course, in today's culture this is an antiquated view. Neither love nor marriage are requirements for condoning sex. Last year is considered a natural and acceptable part of sexuality. In fact, love may be the last thing, but that is beside the fact in this issue.

Proposition 22 isn't about love, or sex, or that matter. It's about marriage. People can love whom they please, and I will not dictate to someone with whom they may have sexual relations, as long as it's not a child.

People against the proposition say that because a person loves someone and chooses to use homosexual marriages. They aren't the same, and I will never be coerced into saying or voting that they are.

Carolyn Ficara is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.
Focus on positive aspects of winter blues

To kill some time last week, I stopped by El Camito to "browse" through the magazine section. Technically, browse means that I'm too cheap to buy the magazines so I stand there and read, pretending I'm looking to buy one.

While perusing through the vast selection, a certain men's magazine with Tyra Banks on the cover caught my eye. My first reaction was, "Oh, there's Tyra, and why doesn't she try wearing clothes for once?" My second reaction was, "Why is Tyra on the cover of a men's magazine?" Shouldn't men be on the cover of men's magazines? After all, it is a rarity to see a man on the cover of a woman's magazine.

Women modeling in women's magazines makes sense. I wouldn't want to see Jude Law modeling Gucci's latest snakeskin skirts. Well, actually, I would prefer him to Kate Moss, but snakeskin just isn't him. The models in women's magazines serve the purpose to give us an idea of what fashion looks like on a woman's body.

Men's magazines use fashion as an excuse to photograph a scantily-clad Tyra Banks. "Tyra is wearing the latest jeweled bikini top that your special someone is sure to love." Actually, the real meaning behind the quote is, "Boy, doesn't Tyra look great, and you can look at her all you want in public because, technically, this really isn't a porno." Maybe the beauty of the woman's body is similar in the sexes. No. 1 being Tyra Banks on the cover caught my eye. My first reaction was, "Oh, there's Tyra, and why doesn't she try wearing clothes for once?" My second reaction was, "Why is Tyra on the cover of a men's magazine?" Shouldn't men be on the cover of men's magazines? After all, it is a rarity to see a man on the cover of a woman's magazine.

Women modeling in women's magazines makes sense. I wouldn't want to see Jude Law modeling Gucci's latest snakeskin skirts. Well, actually, I would prefer him to Kate Moss, but snakeskin just isn't him. The models in women's magazines serve the purpose to give us an idea of what fashion looks like on a woman's body.

Men's magazines use fashion as an excuse to photograph a scantily-clad Tyra Banks. "Tyra is wearing the latest jeweled bikini top that your special someone is sure to love." Actually, the real meaning behind the quote is, "Boy, doesn't Tyra look great, and you can look at her all you want in public because, technically, this really isn't a porno." Maybe the beauty of the woman's body is similar in the sexes. No. 1 being Tyra Banks on the cover caught my eye. My first reaction was, "Oh, there's Tyra, and why doesn't she try wearing clothes for once?" My second reaction was, "Why is Tyra on the cover of a men's magazine?" Shouldn't men be on the cover of men's magazines? After all, it is a rarity to see a man on the cover of a woman's magazine.

Women modeling in women's magazines makes sense. I wouldn't want to see Jude Law modeling Gucci's latest snakeskin skirts. Well, actually, I would prefer him to Kate Moss, but snakeskin just isn't him. The models in women's magazines serve the purpose to give us an idea of what fashion looks like on a woman's body.

Men's magazines use fashion as an excuse to photograph a scantily-clad Tyra Banks. "Tyra is wearing the latest jeweled bikini top that your special someone is sure to love." Actually, the real meaning behind the quote is, "Boy, doesn't Tyra look great, and you can look at her all you want in public because, technically, this really isn't a porno." Maybe the beauty of the woman's body is similar in the sexes. No. 1 being Tyra Banks on the cover caught my eye. My first reaction was, "Oh, there's Tyra, and why doesn't she try wearing clothes for once?" My second reaction was, "Why is Tyra on the cover of a men's magazine?" Shouldn't men be on the cover of men's magazines? After all, it is a rarity to see a man on the cover of a woman's magazine.

Men's and women's magazines are equally silly
Destinations & Diversions

Historic café has good food, great view

Pierside Seafood is located at 175 Pomeroy inside the Pismo Boardwalk Plaza. The Boardwalk Mall in downtown Pismo Beach was once the local plunge. Built in 1927, the indoor saltwater pool was believed to cure everything from corns to the foot on baldness on the head.

During the Great Depression, the pool attracted wealthy visitors from all over the State. Larry Cole won the saltwater plunge and some surrounding area in a poker game. By the mid-thirties, the pool became a hang-out for local youth. In 1957, C.T. Johnson leased the pool for $100 a month. Johnson also ran the Pismo Beach Fun Zone and turned the plunge over to Mr. Reed, who covered the pool with a portable roller skating floor. Today's mall stayed a skating rink until 1985, when it was converted by Ural Pierso into a charming seaside mall.

The Boardwalk Plaza retained the hardwood floor used for skating and displays historic pictures of Pismo's early days. Sitting next to the beautiful Pacific Ocean, the Boardwalk Plaza offers a variety of shops, as well as unique dining at Pierside Seafood. Ray Peterman has owned the restaurant for ten years. Ray has 30 years of restaurant business experience and has owned half a dozen restaurants.

Larry Matthews is kitchen manager at Pierside, with 25 years of culinary experience. Pierside Seafood boasts a wonderful view of the Pismo coastline. The restaurant also has great seafood and other meals at prices a student can afford.

Larry offers customers daily specials, which include all you can eat seafood. At Pierside, all the seafood is local. A major attraction at the restaurant is the "Pier Pounder." The Pier Pounder is a 1 pound hamburger and pound of french fries.

"Only 1/2 of the people who order the Pier Pounder actually finish it," said Rich, a manager at Pierside.

Sigma Nu has its own plaque which hangs on the wall at Pierside. "They bring in thirty pledges and order all Pier Pounders," said Rich.

The Pier Pounder is legendary but not nearly as remarkable as the view from Pierside Seafood's patio. Voted Best Outdoor Dining, the restaurant overlooks the ocean, 200 feet from Pismo's pier.

$9.95 is the average cost of an entree at Pierside Seafood. Menu items range from pasta and salad to award-winning clam chowder and lobster for two.

The restaurant also offers customers a full bar with exotic drinks coined from Pismo's own beach. One such drink is the "El Nino," a fish bowl of 5 rums, Blue Curacao, pineapple, orange juice and 7UP. Another Pierside specialty beverage is the "Speedo," a mix of vodka, orange juice and cranberry juice.

So come on down and sample Pierside Seafood's unique dining and awesome view. You'll be glad you did.

Pierside Seafood opens daily at 11 a.m. Reservations can be made by calling (805) 773-4111.

Pierside Seafood does not accept personal checks, but all major credit cards are welcome. Check out www.pierside.com.
SPORTS

By Karin Driesen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After losing two games last weekend at Long Beach State and University of the Pacific, the Cal Poly women's basketball team hopes to reverse those outcomes when it plays the same teams in Mott Gym this weekend.

In the Long Beach game, the Mustangs stayed even with the 49ers through the first half but fell in the second half, 69-65. Long Beach's Rhonda Smith creates a huge area of focus for the Mustangs because she's a big Mustang head coach Faith Mimnaugh said. Smith scored 25 points and had 15 rebounds against the Mustangs last week.

"We felt like we had the game fairly under control, but we had some defensive breakdowns and lack of rebounds," Mimnaugh said. "We've been focusing on that this week and will continue to the rest of the season."

At Pacific, the Tigers gained an early lead, and the Mustangs never caught up, losing 77-74.

"We were flat," Mimnaugh said. "We didn't show up with the same focus and they shot well."

The Mustangs are hoping to use the same court advantage this Sunday against Pacific in Mott Gym. Their home record is 5-4, whereas the team is only 1-10 on the road.

SECOND CHANCE FOR MUSTANGS

Junior Jennifer Soroisky dribbles past a CSU Fullerton defender.

"It's a big assignment," Mimnaugh said. "They're a good team, but we're good as well, and hopefully we'll have a chance to show it this weekend."

Long Beach entered the game with a 13-8 record, 7-2 in Big West Conference play. Pacific stands at 13-8, 4-5 in the Big West and Cal Poly is 6-15, 2-7.

Game times are 7 p.m. Friday against Long Beach and 2 p.m. Sunday against Pacific.

STEVE SCHEMMER/HORSEPOWER

Freshman Nicole Dansby has five hits, one of which was a triple, and has scored four runs.

If the first four games of the season are any indication, the Mustangs should fare well.

BOEZID

continued from page 8

put added pressure on him. "Last year was something special," Bozied said. "I'm not trying to one-up that."

Instead, Bozied has stuck to a hitting philosophy that worked well for last year - line drives up the middle. He insists he's not a power hitter. While it's a common line that hitters who belt home runs often give, his low strikeout total creates a huge area of focus for the Mustangs because she is so big.

"You could see the frustration on her face, because he wanted to be on the field," Martinez said.

"I just try to hit line drives," Bozied said.

"I want to be remembered as a leader and somebody to be respected, but not as somebody who was better than anybody else."

Mimnaugh said Bozied has "every single attribute" that he doesn't care about numbers, but only for the welfare of the team. "It's a big assignment," Mimnaugh said. "They're a good team, but we're good as well, and hopefully we'll have a chance to show it this weekend."

Long Beach enters the game with a 13-8 record, 7-2 in Big West Conference play. Pacific stands at 13-8, 4-5 in the Big West and Cal Poly is 6-15, 2-7.

Game times are 7 p.m. Friday against Long Beach and 2 p.m. Sunday against Pacific.

Fernando or Conejo Valleys, Malibu or Simi Valley. General management skills trained.

The Mustangs are hoping to use the same court advantage this Sunday against Pacific in Mott Gym. Their home record is 5-4, whereas the team is only 1-10 on the road.

"We felt like we had the game fairly under control, but we had some defensive breakdowns and lack of rebounds," Mimnaugh said. "We've been focusing on that this week and will continue to the rest of the season."

At Pacific, the Tigers gained an early lead, and the Mustangs never caught up, losing 77-74.

"We were flat," Mimnaugh said. "We didn't show up with the same focus and they shot well."

The Mustangs are hoping to use the same court advantage this Sunday against Pacific in Mott Gym. Their home record is 5-4, whereas the team is only 1-10 on the road.

"It's a big assignment," Mimnaugh said. "They're a good team, but we're good as well, and hopefully we'll have a chance to show it this weekend."

Long Beach enters the game with a 13-8 record, 7-2 in Big West Conference play. Pacific stands at 13-8, 4-5 in the Big West and Cal Poly is 6-15, 2-7.

Game times are 7 p.m. Friday against Long Beach and 2 p.m. Sunday against Pacific.

Steve Schemmer/Horsepower
Cal Poly's softball team opened its season with doubleheaders against Santa Clara and St. Mary's two weeks ago. With a perfect 4-0 record, confidence is high. The team will travel to the University of Las Vegas this weekend to play five games in a round-robin tournament. Cal Poly opens with No. 13 Nebraska.

"Nebraska is a top team, but we're pretty excited about playing them. It will give us a chance to prove ourselves," senior second baseman Tracie Carlisle said. "Las Vegas is a good team too, and we play them Friday, right after Nebraska." A lot of the teams come from snow country, and this tournament is the first chance for them to get in some action, head coach Lisa Boyer said.

"The tournament is a good chance for teams to get warmed up for the season. It gives us a chance to test ourselves," Boyer said. "As the season progresses, our schedule gets more challenging."

The tournament also gives the Mustangs a chance for their younger players to get some valuable experience.

"We are a fairly young team, and I don't know if we're better than in the past, but everyone wants to win," Carlisle said. "We have good hitters and pitching, and our team really works together.

Saturday, Cal Poly meets Florida State and Utah on Sunday.

At the same tournament last year, Cal Poly went 2-3.

The Mustangs then lace Southern Utah on Sunday.

The Mustangs went 2-3.

At the same tournament last year.

The Mustangs would again rely on his power, his committed to the team.

For the Mustangs, Wood has already set the tone for the current season, with three home runs in only eight games played, as well as 11 RBI. He's also one of the team's best fielders, holding a perfect 1.000 fielding average in 25 chances. But when asked about his individual success, he's quick to cite his commitment to the team.

"My expectations for this year are to stay focused and try to help the team win," Wood said. "I never really get too involved with stats. I think that's one of the good things that I do."

Wood's dedication to focusing on the team's achievements rather than his own is even more impressive following the disappointment of last season. After his big year in 1998, it appeared that the Mustangs would again rely on his powerful bat to end strong in the Big West Conference. But Wood's productivity saw the Mustangs finish second to the University of San Francisco in the conference.

Top 15 college prospects. Despite the high praise, Bezdie hasn't let it take away from his top priority.

"The bottom line is I play baseball," Bezdie said. "The attention is nice, but it's not my focus. I'm only concerned with playing ball."

As a sophomore last year, Bezdie led the nation in home runs with 32, one of eight school records he shattered last year. Other records include 82 runs batted in, 71 runs scored, a .422 batting average and a .936 slugging percentage. Bezdie hasn't disappointed in his encore performance this year, hitting .429 with a pair of home runs and seven RBI. He also hasn't let the hype make him a better player.

By Joe Nolan

Steve Wood is back on home run track

Steve Wood has 28 career home runs for the Mustangs, who play in a very home run unfriendly park, SLO Stadium.

By Carolyn Pícara

TAG-ging the long ball

Mark McGuire isn't coming to Cal Poly, but his collegiate equivalent will be here for three games this weekend.

Sure, it's all hype. But punishing opposing pitchers and dealing with the notoriety are two things the University of San Francisco's Taggart Bezdie has become accustomed to.

Most recently, Bezdie was featured on the cover of Baseball America and was selected in one of the top 15 college prospects. Despite the high praise, Bezdie hasn't let it take away from his top priority.

"The bottom line is I play baseball," Bezdie said. "The attention is nice, but it's not my focus. I'm only concerned with playing ball."

As a sophomore last year, Bezdie led the nation in home runs with 32, one of eight school records he shattered last year. Other records include 82 runs batted in, 71 runs scored, a .422 batting average and a .936 slugging percentage. Bezdie hasn't disappointed in his encore performance this year hitting .429 with a pair of home runs and seven RBI. He also hasn't let the hype

By Chris Arns

Steve Wood has a pretty standard diet: starting pitchers for dinner, middle relievers for dessert, and he usually finishes the meal by flossing with a reliable closer.

In general, Wood likes to take a big bite out of the other team's bullpen. Two years ago, the big first baseman set a school record for home runs, knocking 18 over the wall for the season. After struggling with a bout of mononucleosus last year, Wood seems primed and ready to have another huge year for the Mustangs.

Baseball head coach Ritch Price likens him to another hard-hitting first baseman. "He's Mark McGuire for us," Price said. "He's the physical presence in the middle of our lineup, and he's got big time pop. He's the one guy everybody in the other dugout is scared to pitch to.

Having such an intimidat-