Rain fails to dampen Open House

By Robin Nichols
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Now that the posters have come down, the 30,000 visitors are gone, and Cal Poly is somewhat back to normal, it’s time to look back and evaluate the success of this year’s Open House, “Discover the Power of Poly.”

All signs point to one of the best years ever for Open House, which this year will be called Open House Presents Poly Royal. “We had the highest number of admitted students, and it was the only year that it rained on Admitted Students Day,” said Brian Nebesk, construction management sophomore and Open House director of finance. “More than 600 students attended Casino Night, and Saturday was a great day even though the weather wasn’t gorgeous. All the clubs did really well and most sold out of all their staff.” The rain was not a deterrent for visitors partly because many people worked hard to get hotel reservations. San Luis Obispo’s Holiday Inn Express was booked for six months after. Demand pays the interest while they are in school and prevents students to discuss sexual assault and gender issues Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

Students await $68 million in financial aid

By Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

More than $38 million has been offered to students who applied for financial aid for the next academic year. Notification letters are being sent to students who applied by the March 2 priority deadline. Students will soon find out how their financial aid packages are shaping up.

Letters will reach about 9,300 students, half of whom are expected to attend Cal Poly in the fall, said John Anderson, director of financial aid. Anderson’s office received a total of about 20,000 applications, but only those students who were admitted or who are continuing to process for financial aid, said Meredith Kelley, assistant director of financial aid operations. This round of offers includes financial aid programs only, not scholarships.

Financial aid programs include grants, loans and Federal Work Study (FWS). At $9 million, grants did not increase significantly from last year. Anderson said The Federal Pell Grant, however, did increase in value from $3,125 to $3,500, due to the rising costs of books, supplies, and room and board.

Grants are need-based funds that do not need to be paid back. Student loan offers account for about $25 million, the largest portion of financial aid. Loans may be offered to students with or without need. This type of aid does, however, require repayment. According to Kelley, there are two types of loans. Students with need get subsidized loans while the government pays the interest while they are in school and for six months after.

Students without need are offered loans in which they are responsible for all of the interest. Anderson said FWS offers increased by approximately $1 million over last year to a total of about $4 million.

“We are providing more to ensure we are meeting close to the full need of students who apply,” he said. FWS is an amount a student is eligible to earn, but unless the student works for a FWS employer, his or her allocation goes unused.”

A student’s need is based on the Free Application for see FINANCIAL, page 2

Week urges remembrance, sexual assault awareness

By Kimberly Tahsuda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

ReMEmber, a week of events promoting awareness of sexual assault on campus and in the community, begins this week. The events, funded by ReMEmber T-shirt sales and donations, are designed to increase and spread the message of personal safety.

“ReMEmber is a week of action and awareness, educating people about sexual assault and prevention,” said Elizabeth Owen, ReMEmber committee member and Take Back the Night co-chair. “ReMEmber is about not being complicit. It is to remember to take care of yourself and be smart.”

The upcoming week marks the first anniversary of the creation of ReMEmber. It was started last spring by Take Back the Night and Panhellenic Council with the dual purpose of supporting sexual assault survivors and remembering three women: Kristin Smart, Rachel Newhouse and Amanda Crawford. Smart has been missing since 1996, while Newhouse and Crawford were victims of assault last year.

The week was intended to kick off Sunday, with a community awareness concert from 2 to 5 p.m. at Kona’s Deli downtown, but the event was canceled due to rain. A self-defense class, conducted by University Police Officer Jennifer Etelle, will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday in the Martial Arts Room of Cal Poly’s Recreation Center. The classes, taught by Sexual Assault Recovery and Outreach coordinator Amy Prokenpek, will also be offered on Monday and Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Martial Arts Room. The classes are designed to teach women how to protect themselves in a harmful situation. Registration at the Women’s Center for all classes is recommended.

Economic Opportunity Commission is holding Speak Out, an open forum for men and women to discuss sexual assault and gender issues Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

A symbolic handprint, representing a location on campus where a sexual assault has taken place, will be painted on campus Wednesday as the “Red Handprint Ceremony.” The ReMEmber quilt will be unveiled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the University Union’s San Luis Lounge, followed by the eighth annual Take Back the Night Ceremony at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Sexual assault survivor Donna Gide will speak about sexual assault and violence and her personal experiences.
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"Take Back the Night is a night promoting violence against women," Owen said. "The guest speaker has had an interesting life. She will talk about her healing process and what she has done to get her life back."

Take Back the Night also features booths from Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention, EOC and the women's shelter. An open microphone session during the events will provide an opportunity to voice concerns about sexual assault and violence.

"The open mic session is extremely powerful," Owen said.

Following another open microphone session at 7 p.m. on Thursday is a silent candlelight walk downtown during Farmer's Market.

"The march is a memorial dedicated to Kristen, Audriana and Rachel," Owen said. "All the ReMenuber events are such a great cause. I encourage everyone to attend. The more people who attend, the better."

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Federal Student Aid (FASFA). The federal processor determines the amount the student's family is expected to contribute. This is figured using a formula that takes into account total family income, savings, investments, property and other financial holdings.

Kelley said that campus expenses above that expectation are considered need.

Whether financial aid is based on the student's need, scholarship take into consideration factors such as involvement, work experience, GPA and writing skills.

Scholarship applications are due March 2 and are reviewed, scored and ranked by the University Scholarship Committee.

Colleges are then provided this information and award scholarships to students in their departments. Non-major specific scholarships are awarded by the University Scholarship Committee, said Laura Dmmitz, assistant director of scholarships and special programs of financial aid.

Students in the College of Agriculture may be receiving scholarship offers now, but the remaining students will be notified late May.

"There were about 2,500 applications for scholarships," said Anderson. Dmmitz said scholarship offers will amount to about $800,000.

Students who applied after the March 2 deadline, or will apply for aid during the course of the academic year, may be offered aid. This depends on what types of aid the student qualifies for and what is still available.

Anderson said, "in total, we will award about $55 to 60 million."

"Our aid is designed to provide the highest amount of aid to those with need," he said.

Students can check their current financial aid offer or see what additional information is needed at the MustangInfo Web site, mustanginfo.calpoly.edu.

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"They (seniors in high school) felt pretty overwhelmed, but they had good attitudes," said biological sciences sophomore and Poly Club Relations committee member Jeannett Rocha.

"It went really smooth despite the weather," Rocha said. "Better than most years past, according to the people who have been here a few years. We had some kinks, but we worked them out."

Open House also seemed to go smoothly after the sun went down on the days' activities.

Looking at the weekend night logs, University Police Dispatcher Casey Mills said, "We did have one arrest for a drunk in public, but that happens on weekends even not during Open House. There were a couple of fender-benders, but nothing out of the ordinary. It was pretty quiet."

"We're fortunate here at Cal Poly," added Mills, who has worked the last four Open Houses. "We have such a high-caliber student body. It was a very positive event. I've worked here since 1993."

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Earth Day celebration

Save Earth now
San Luis Obispo to fete Earth Day April 22

By Monica McHugh

"Save Energy Now" is the theme of San Luis Obispo's Earth Day 2000 Celebration. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Earth Day in the United States and the 10th in San Luis Obispo.

"This is a crucial time as far as our environment, and we need to see a turn in awareness," Earth Day Alliance Director Sandra Marshall said. "Earth Day is more than just a celebration of a day to that hon Sam Baer, director of Earth Day Alliance. "A week should be dedicated to promote awareness of recycling and to reduce the stream of trash going into local landfills. It gives earth lovers a chance to have some fun and maybe win some money. Recyclable materials, junk and unused media are the three featured categories. Prizes vary from $25 to $200 cash. All entries will be displayed at the San Luis Obispo Art Center until April 23.

"We wanted people to have fun with the idea of recycling," said contest coordinator Terri Dunning.

Another main focus of the event will be educating children about the environment. There will be a Children's Corner where kids can play environmental games, listen to stories and create puppets from recycled materials. The Children's Corner is designed so that parents can check in their children and then visit the rest of the venue. The California Conservation Corps and Americorps will supervise the program.

Earth Day was created in 1970 after a growth in environmental concerns during the 1960s. Former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson feels that Earth Day is his creation. "In the time, there was a great deal of turmoil on college campuses over anti-war teach-ins, were being widely held on campuses across the nation. On a flight from Santa Barbara to the University of California, Berkeley, I read an article on the teach-in, and it suddenly occurred to me, why not have a nationwide teach-in on the environment? That was the origin of Earth Day," said Nelson.

San Luis Obispo Earth Day hopes to be a celebration of environmental education, emulating the teach-in concept Earth Day was founded upon.

A symphony of nature

Every day we walk outside. Well, nearly every day. I guess if we wanted to hobnob the weekend away we could, but generally, we can't help but venture into the great outdoors.

Once we step outside, we may travel in several fashions. We may opt to meander along a dirt recipe, staring blankly ahead, occasionally glancing about to make sure the road is not going to abruptly end in a 1,000 foot drop off a cliff.

We may take the "eager beaver" approach and walk, floundering skate, in the sunshine. Or, we may simply walk at a relatively relaxed pace and actually let the atmosphere sink in.

We have been given five senses. Whether we evolved these senses to survive or were given them as a gift from God, the benefits are same. We have olfactory senses so that we may take in the tantalizing aroma of wild jasmine flowers that burst forth of new life.

We have auditory senses so that we may listen to the symphony of nature inside and outside our bodies. We possess visual cortex so that we may be enchanted by a butterfly's erratic flight.

Our skin contains a plethora of nerves so that we may relish the damp grass tickling our feet. Forming a greater awareness of our surroundings is the first step toward gaining appreciation of the natural world we live in.

Walking back from class one day, I glanced downward and discovered that within a period of only a few weeks, young buds had perished the barren summer trees that reside on the lawn terracing the English building. Within a few more days, leaves had flushed out from the buds.

By Natasha Johnson

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The 10th anniversary of Earth Day blooms this week. A variety of activities are planned throughout the city and campus.

A symphony of nature
**Tanning: attractive but costly**

I spent last Saturday afternoon at Pismo Beach. Hundreds of scientifically clad people offering their bodies up to the sun were there in hopes of the ever-coveted tan.

Walking across campus, I see students lying out in front of the dorms and on Dexter Lawn. When the sun comes out, the clothes come off, and everyone wants to look good. There is something sexy, something exotic about having a tan.

But, at what cost do tans come? The going rate at Bella Gentile Salon is $5 per session (up to 20 minutes in a tanning bed). At Eurotan, a session averages $15. Those four sessions are required to attain a "base tan" before customers can begin their deep tanning. All in all, it takes at least eight sessions to attain a bronzed god or goddess state. Then there's the cheaper alternative - trying under the sun at the beach or swimming pool with topping potions.

The real cost of tanning is your life. That's right, it is called melanoma, and it is the most serious type of skin cancer. Some 7,700 people are expected to die from it in the United States this year. Now, I can't say that I have never lain out. I spent many a summer day on my back deck trying in vain to tan my fair skin. I would change from white to pink to red, then peel for a week. The skin beneath would always be whiter than before. So, I would try again.

One day, at the tender age of 16, I was laying out at Montana de Oro State Park and received the worst sunburn of my life. I had blisters that took a half-inch off my chest. The doctor gave me a cream that is given to second-degree burn victims. I went in pain for weeks.

I tried, I hid. I got over it. I also got a number of lectures about the dangers of skin cancer — what sunburns do to the body and what types to do to the body. This week I looked on the Internet and found some fun facts about tans:

- The much-desired tan is actually a sign of toxic injury.
- Melanoma deaths and diagnoses are on the rise.
- Tanning beds are not safe alternatives.
- Melanoma is a cancer that begins with the skin before spreading to other vital organs.

No more I lie. Every morning, I slather SPF 30 sunscreen on my face, neck and arms before leaving the house, regardless of what I will be doing. The bottle is on my dressing table next to my blow dryer and makeup.

I am somewhat of a health-conscious person. I figure, why spend my time trying to get a tan that will hurt me later in life when I could be working out and strengthening my heart and lungs to make me healthier?

Many aspects of a person make them attractive to the opposite sex — a nice physique, a good personality and intelligence, among others.

Perhaps students should be developing alternative attributes rather than passing countless hours doing nothing more than lying in the sun.

A tan may turn a few heads today, but down the road, premature wrinkling and melanoma won't.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Greeks are about more than good press

Editor,

This letter is in response to the April 10 article, "Trying to stay positive" by the Mustang Daily staff. I was upset to see that some of you, or just felt like implying, that greeks only do philanthropic events for good public relations. This allegation particularly bothers me because in the past week, the Greek Week Committee, which I am a member of, has raised $2,000 for the Make-A-Wish foundation. We also had almost 100 people donate blood to the Tri-County Blood Bank.

The Greek Week Committee has spent three months preparing for 10 days of events. Why would we take on the extra time to include a philanthropy and help out the local blood bank for public relations? Did you consider the fact that maybe we felt like helping a good cause, or did you assume that we were doing this just so try and overshadow the recent problems that we have faced?

Being greek involves more than just parties and drinking, it is about friendships and building ourselves to be better people and leaders. I’ve gained more business and personal skills in my three years as a greek than I have through my classes in five years of college. I’ve gained many of these skills by having fun and organizing those philanthropy events. So you say we only do to get good press.

When I graduate, I will leave Cal Poly with more than an education, I will leave knowing that I helped the community that educated me. I have given my time to help improve this community and to make it a better place. Not just for greeks or public relations, but for everyone. And yes, even for the staff of the Mustang Daily.

Bryan Johnson is an agrubusiness senior, former Interfraternity Council vice president and Greek Week 2000 chair.

Underage drinking is a bad scapegoat

Editor,

"Poly wages battle against underage drinking" made a nice article for parents of prospective students to read during Open House weekend. It attempted to reassure them that their precious little angels will be safe at this institution of moral guidance, but the whole war on underage drinking is bull. There is absolutely no difference between a 21-year-old drinking alcohol and a 21-year-old drinking alcohol. There is likewise no difference between an 18-year-old drinking alcohol and a 21-year-old drinking alcohol. There is no difference between a 20-year-old drinking alcohol and a 21-year-old drinking alcohol. The media is simply looking for ways to keep us on their front pages. It is a self-fulfilling prophecy.

The nation must recognize that the American media is garbage. People that are in the media don’t care if a story is the truth, they are interested in findings of fact, not truth. The right to "be informed" has shifted aside a citizen’s right to live their own life without the shameful trend continues. The first thing the American people must recognize is that the talking heads on television are not trustworthy. Most members of the broadcast media today do not believe that their primary function is to properly inform the public. Their primary obligation, unfortunately, is to stay in the public eye.

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Foundation is all-profit

Editor,

I tried to sell back three of my textbooks last quarter to El Corral. One was bought brand new that quarter. I was told at the checkout counter that those books would no longer be used, so they could only offer me $5 for the new one and $12.51 for the other. Of course, I wasn’t foolish enough to sell them back for such ridiculous prices. I actually went and spoke to my professors in those classes those books were used in, and guess what? They ARE using them again this quarter. In fact, I saw those books on El Corral’s very shelves.

My question is this: Why does Foundation continually rip off students? Not only that, why does it open its arms to me I cannot understand this one bit. Foundation is supposed to be a nonprofit organization, yet it is obviously making a huge profit off of overpriced books and ridiculously low buyback rates. Foundation will not change its ways until it hears a loud and clear message from the student body. I propose that all Cal Poly students boycott El Corral this summer and next fall, only buy from Allyn’s or online textbook dealers. Maybe that will knock some sense into the

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Faith existed before there was proof

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Regarding issues of faith, the future is unknown and uncertain. Making a plan of action requires faith, whether you are certain of it or not, in that things will work out for the best, or you think life or will even simply stay the same.

As to whether God’s existence is a fact or not, people believed in God long before logical proofs were invented. The Bible, for example, does not contain any proof of God’s existence, yet it was written from a point of view assuming God’s existence as fact.

Much of what goes on in the universe is beyond human control, and many of those events beyond human control affect the lives of human beings. That means there is a force that humans have no control over that affects the destiny of individuals, and I think it would be reasonable to call that force God, if it is not a Higher Power or Supreme Being.

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Media coverage of Elian crisis demonstrates intrusiveness, focus on tragedies

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — It is a very sad day for the Cuban boy, Elian Gonzalez, and his American family, but there are harder stories in the news today. One that involved the boy is off the front page once again.

Fidel Castro is right on any matter. So rare, in fact, that the NBAs Los Angeles Clippers make front-page news more often than Castro hits the correct button.

In that case, get ready for prime time, Clips fans. Unfortunately, Castro was right on the money when he said the Elian Gonzalez case had become a prime example of how intrusive the media has become in American society. Rarely does broadcast media actually fulfill its obligation to report the news to the American people. It is now far more interested in grabbing up sensational ideas to increase ratings than in telling the truth. The major losers, as a result, are the American people, who have willingly surrendered their rights to privacy and factual information.

The media barrage in front of Elian Gonzalez’s great uncle’s house is not new — remember Camp C.O.L.? But the broadcast media has still successfully raked a new low in terms of class.

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Don’t get me wrong, the broadcast media’s focus has not been on the Enrique’s family. That story, while important, has never been as newsworthy as the latest news on Elia’s whereabouts.

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Did Enrique’s two-day stalking of Elian and his family held absolutely no informational value whatsoever; it was merely a pathetic attempt to make money off the confused kid.

If the American people want this situation to change, it is within their power to make it happen. After all, they are the ones that make it happen.

The media is simply looking for ways to increase its ratings and will try anything once to see how popular it is if we watch, then more sensational garbage will filter onto the air. If the viewing public decides that enough is enough, then TV news will go back to being just that, news. It is a self-fulfilling prophecy.

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Mustang clubed out a 12-1 win over Saturday against the Gauchos, putting on an offensive explosion in front of a crowd of 240 at Caesar Uyekido Stadium.
Visitor led the Mustangs on three runs in the third inning with a single, double and two RBIs, while allowing one hit hit and striking out three.
Gauchos left fielder Jeff Carter went for 3-for-4 and Peddick went 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Right fielder Phil Thompson went 3-for-4, while Kyle Alhrijght added 2-for-4 with a double and two singles, picking up two RBIs. Right fielder Phil Thompson scored the tying run in the third.
The teams combined for 23 runs and 27 hits, with only one error in the contest. Pitcher Tyler Fitch was hit hard, allowing him with seven earned runs and seven hits over two and a third innings. Biever Nathan Chastain picked up his first win of the season for the Mustangs, pitching three scoreless innings while allowing one hit and striking out three.
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fans,” he said. “It was part of a moment. I wanted to sign as many autographs as I could and put a date on it.”

Ripken lined a clean single to center field off Twins reliever Hector Carrasco for No. 5,000. He was greeted at the dugout by manager Ron Gardenhire, who also gave him his 3,000th hit at the Metrodome while playing for Cleveland in 1995.

“Me and Eddie at first base, that was a special moment,” Ripken said. “He said, ‘Yeah, go out and welcome to the club.’”

The 19-year-old Ripken shook hands with Twins first baseman Rod Carew while the souvenir ball was retrieved by Baltimore’s Will Clark. Ripken took the ball, walked over to the first-base stand and flipped it underneath to his wife, Kelly, wearing a bright orange blazer and flanked by their two children.

Ripken returned to first base, took one step up to acknowledge a standing ovation and then tapped his heart once as he mouthed the words “Thank you” to the crowd of 18,745.

As part of the celebration, the Orioles spilled out of the dugout to congratulate Ripken. Said Twins coach Paul Molitor, eighth on the career list with 3,319 hits, “Certain players, because of the way they handle themselves, seem to transcend whatever uniforms they happen to be wearing. He definitely has the respect of all baseball fans across the country.”

Ripken entered the season nine hits shy of the mark but was only 6-for-15 (.400) going into Saturday, the 2,000th game of his career. He grounded out in his first at-bat, then singled cleanly to right in the fourth off Scott Bergman. In the fifth, Ripken hit a huge bouncer that third baseman Corey Koskie fielded but had no play on for an infield single.

Right before Ripken came to bat in the seventh, Twins manager Tom Kelly was boomed when he went to the mound to make a pitching change. Carrasco relievedle Ken Miller, and his first pitch went for a passed ball that scored Albert Belle and put the Orioles ahead 5-4.

Ripken singled right up the middle on the next pitch, a high fastball. “He hit the best I had,” Carrasco said.

In his last at-bat, Ripken flew out. Ripken counted as a strike when the butterflies that had stoked a season-long slump were dealt with it, plus through and get those hits,” he said recently. “But I can see why someone would say the last few are the hardest ones to get.”

Ripken became the seventh player in Major League history to get 3,000 hits and 400 home runs. He was the AL MVP in 1983 and 1991, and the Rookie of the Year in 1982. Of the 24 players to get 3,200 hits, 10 have done it on the road.

Ripken was born and raised in the Baltimore area, and Orioles fans were hoping to see him reach the mark at Camden Yards.

The Orioles play the Twins again Sunday before returning home to face Tampa Bay on Monday night.

“I think all of us wish it could have happened more than anywhere else,” Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. “But I think you go ahead and get all three of them tonight was fairly dramatic.”

The 17-time All-Star has always been fond on the Metrodome, where his .321 average is 43 points higher than his career mark.

Ripken played his 2,000th consecutive game at the Dome, on Aug. 1, 1994, on his way to breaking Gehrig’s record a year later. As he said it was easier to pursue th.in 5.000 hits.

Ripken said he was eager to get the milestone out of the way so he could turn his attention toward a far more pressing goal: staying healthy and duplicating the offensive prowess he showed in 1999.

Ripken’s hits 340 with a .349 slag- ging percentage last year, both career highs, but he twice was placed on the disabled list — for the first time in his career — because of back pain and played in only 98 games.
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Sports

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49ers shoot for the moon, get two stars

SANTA CLARA (AP) — Terry Donahue cringed. Things were going so well in the San Francisco 49ers' front office that he was afraid to shoot for the moon.

After thinking with the 15th pick in Round 1 of the NFL Draft by binding outside linebacker Julian Peterson of Michigan State, the 49ers thought they had a shot at Chad Pennington with the 24th selection, especially since quarter­back-need. Pittsburgh, opted for Peterson's teammate, wide receiver Plaxico Burress, with the eighth choice.

Sure, San Francisco needed additional defensive help, too. It's not that. But the more coach Steve Mariucci watched film of the Marshall star, the more excited he became about grooming him to replace Steve Young. Then, the optimism vanished when the New Jersey Jets took Peterson with the 15th selection.

"All our maneuvering went down the tubes," said general manager Bill Walsh, who is expected to be named the new president and team president John York. The composed Donahue, director of personnel, quickly urged the brain trust to move forward.

"Can't get them all," he said. "We know that. Too bad.

With that, the staff of 10-plus, which included assistant coaches, scouts, trainers, doctors and other officials, crowded into the large conference room spring back into action. On television, the draft isagonisingly slow, each team allotted 15 minutes between picks in Round 1. Now, a fastball is nearly the norm.

"Seider is pretty special, in my opinion," Mariucci said. "I'm not up that high, yet."

"Bill tells me after five years my opinion will be worth zero," said Donahue. "I think he's listening a little bit.

"Oh," Mariucci said. "We're in great shape. We're going to get one of those guys. The work is going.

"Mariucci summons Dr. Harry Edwards, a special consultant and Cal sociology professor. He describes the personalities of the four players and outlines their strengths and weaknesses.

With the No. 21 pick, Seattle takes Michael Ekhoff of Michigan State, who has used a young tackle, but again, defense is the top priority. Now the 49ers' turn in the fourth round, George Seifert of Carolina, take a cornerback, possibly Plummer? Yes and no. Seifert opts for tackle Rashad Anderson of Jackson State, and the 49ers are ecstatic. San Francisco is on the clock, but it's a no-brainer. Plummer is about to join the 49ers.

"We got our guy," said Mariucci. "You want to kill a little time?"

Polynesian alumnus may have worked his last draft

SANDIFORD (AP) — With his selection last pick of what could be his last draft, Cal Poly assistant coach Bob Darrick took his kind of player — a real nhàe.

Quarterback Julian Seidt of Division I-AA Florida A&M, who recently transferred from West Virginia after being benched for a season, became a Charger on Sunday with a pick in Round 6. His selection in the sixth round and the 250th overall pick.

"I'm very excited, in my opinion, and I think everybody's that excited, too," said Seidt, 6-4, 240, who plans to decide in about a month whether to return or keep working under a contract that goes through the 2001 season. That will at least give him time to see the Chargers' eight draft picks in the minicamp April 28.

The Chargers picked a quarterback because of continuing concerns about Ryan Leaf, who is experiencing dis­comfort in his throwing shoulder and has surgically repaired right shoulder.

Although Leaf is required to take his players' headaches Monday to continue his rehabilitation, there are some in the organization who wonder if he'll show up. Leaf hasn't been seen at the complex in about a month, since fullback Fred McCudry sharply crit­i­cized him for being overweight and out of shape.

The Chargers went for four quarterbacks in the minicamp. The addition of Seidt gives them three when this week, with the other two being Jim Harbaugh and Moses Moreno. The Chargers are still debating whether to start a third quarterback, who hasn't played in the NFL since 1992, and is currently a backup with the Arena Football League.

Late Sunday afternoon, the Chargers agreed with free agent quar­terback Mike Barton of Division III Trinity University of San Antonio, Texas, and wide receiver returner Danumo Goodine of San Diego State. Of all the picks in the draft, Donahue thought that only Marshall's Chad Pennington, who went to the New York Jets with the 15th pick over all, had a better arm and quickness release than Seidt. Seidt, a motivated, hard-working, one-half inch, and 225 pounds. He can run as well as them.

"We'll be fun for the coaches to work with, him to have in here and see how far he can go," Beathard said. Bullock was taken by New Orleans 57 picks before Seidt went to the Chargers. Seidt was taken before two other quarterbacks, Tim Rattay of Louisiana Tech (San Francisco) and Tim Keyes of Notre Dame (Denver).

"A lot of teams didn't get a chance to see me because it was like my first year, but I'm glad I was back­ing up Marc Bullock for so long," Seidt said.

Charger scout Jeff Beathard's brother's son — saw Seidt play in the first round of the I-AA playoffs. He threw for three touchdowns and ran for three more.

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Donahue asks Mariucci, a full 14 minutes remaining before the team must announce its selection.

"No," Mariucci said. "Let's do it." Donahue takes all round.

"That's a good start for us to rebuild," Donahue said.

"Bill, we got a couple good guys," Mariucci turns to a telephone.

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"A 40-inch vertical "barks deter­ minate coordinator La Mos en­ t, "Jesus, that's not too bad."

After speaking to Plummer, Mariucci goes downstairs to meet the press.

"Talk about a solid guy," he said. "We didn't know if he would get to us at a three-second-dec­ision. We grabbed him."

It was back to the war room. With nine picks ahead, Mariucci's day was just beginning.
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**Mustang Daily Staff Report**

After dropping the first game of a three-game series with Santa Barbara, the Cal Poly softball team rallied to win the series with back-to-back wins Saturday and Sunday.

For the second consecutive weekend, the Mustangs were able to overcome deficits to snatch a series win.

Cal Poly overcame a 6-4 Gaucho lead with a three-run seventh inning, highlighted by Jason Barringer’s three-run homer. Barringer was 3-for-4 in the game, scoring two runs as well.

The Gaucho’s rallied to within one run, 9-8 by the ninth when Tanner Trosper came in to close out the game. Trosper loaded the bases and faced a full count on Gaucho second baseman Chad Peshke. But Trosper struck out Peshke on a very close pitch, which Peshke took for the called strike three.

The win put the Mustangs (18-17 over 567) for the first time all season. It also helped Cal Poly leggng the Gaucho's for fourth place in the Big West.

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**Outfielder Jason Barringer hit a crucial three-run homer to help the Mustangs take the third and deciding game of the three-game series with Santa Barbara. Barringer went 3-for-4 in Sunday's game.**

**Softball breaks losing streak, takes one of three**

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**Mr. Milestone hits another**

Ripken reaches 3,000-hit plateau

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Cal Ripken can add another big number — 3,000 — to his Hall of Fame resume.

The Baltimore star, already renowned for playing a record 2,632 consecutive games, got hit No. 3,000 with his third single Saturday night in a 6-4 victory against Minnesota.

Ripken became the 24th player to reach the milestone, doing it a year after Tony Gwynn and Wade Boggs joined the club.

"I was relieved. I felt a weight was lifted from my shoulders," Ripken said. "I thought about how lucky you are and how you started."

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