Aid denied to students with drug convictions
By Sonia Slutski
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Every year students seeking federal grants and loans go through the same routine. An orange envelope comes in the mail with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and once again all the information on tax returns and other financial plans for graduation have to be sorted out and filled into the four-page form, or into the new FAFSA Web-site.

But starting last year, a new question appeared unrelated to the student's financial needs, yet crucial in determining eligibility for aid.

At the bottom of the first page, question 5 asks whether the student has a drug-related conviction. If the answer is yes, the student may become ineligible for some or all of the federal financial aid because of a law passed by Congress in 1996.

"It's an issue of making sure financial aid goes to someone who will use it for their education," said Denise Cappiello Bowman, a Cal Poly financial aid counselor. "Most of the financial aid community doesn't feel it should be there because it's hard to find out if the student has a past conviction and it ends up being more work for the school."

Less than 1 percent of the applications reviewed nationwide for the 2000-01 academic year were ruled ineligible. More than 70,000 initially failed, but the student could later convince the FAFSA counselor that they didn't understand the question, or had no conviction, or filling out the form, or forget to answer it.

How this nationwide system function is somewhat of a mystery, especially when no database system is in place to check for incorrect information.

"If you are found lying on your application, you can be fined up to $10,200 and even jailed," said a FAFSA agent through the official information line. "But we don't compare notes with the IRS, and we don't have access to the student's legal records."

John Anderson, director of financial aid at Cal Poly, said the system relies on students validating the right information.

To check for accuracy, 10 percent of all applications are randomly selected yearly to be double-checked, and in turn school officials request a copy of the student's IRS for tax returns to compare notes.

"We don't verify, we only check to make sure the two forms match," Anderson said. "We have no responsibility other than helping students regain eligibility."

In fact, while repercussions are clearly stated on step seven of the application, school officials are the see FAFSA, page 2

Ravin' for the Ravens
By Janelle Foskett
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When it strikes, it can kill within 12 hours. It can spread through the most trivial daily actions like shaking hands or kissing. It may be rare, but it has already claimed the lives of two young adults in the San Luis Obispo area since November.

It is meningococcal — a disease involving the presence of bacteria in the blood. According to the Meningitis Foundation of America (MFA), meningococcal is by far the most dangerous type of meningitis, an inflammation of the lining that surrounds the brain and spinal cord.

The MFA said it is a frightening disease, mainly because the public has not been well-informed about the symptoms, causes or possible treatments. It was not until 1997, when the MFA was formed, that the disease became more acknowledged in the public sector.

Meningococcal causes the threat of permanent brain damage, hearing loss, learning disabilities, organ failure, vision loss, limb and death.

Recently, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) began recommending that colleges provide education for students about meningococcal and the potential benefits of vaccination. According to the MFA, certain age groups, including college students, have been singled out as being slightly more susceptible to contracting the disease. These groups include children under 5, adults over 55 and young adults ages 16-25.

Beyond this, the MFA said certain college students need to be especially aware of the disease. Freshmen living in dormitories are found to have a six-fold increased risk for the disease.

Dr. Burt Cochran of the Cal Poly Health Center said that no-one really knows why these factors are related. However, he speculates that the link between being living and meningitis may be overcrowding.

Certain social behaviors have been linked to the disease as well, but as a correlation — not a cause-and-effect relationship.

According to the MFA, "...certain social behaviors such as exposure to passive or active smoking, for patrons and excessive alcohol consumption, may put students at increased risk."

Once again, Cochran said that there is unknown how these aspects are related, but he has his own idea.

"Maybe there's something about the combination of these factors that can depress an immune system enough that the bacteria will infect," he said.

Cochran said that the bacteria live in the throat of about 10-20 percent of the population. Why it turns aggressive on some people is unknown.

Meningococcal is caused by the bacterium Neisseria, a leading cause of meningitis and septicaemia, or blood poisoning, in teenagers and young adults in the United States.

According to the American College Health Association (ACHA), meningococcal strikes about 5,000 Americans each year, leading to about 300 deaths. Approximately 125 cases of the disease occur annually on college campuses, and five to 15 students die as a result.

On Nov. 25, Carsea student Pawn Reddy, 19, died of meningococcal while visiting his home in Los Ato, Hills after Thanksgiving break. Because the incubation period is two to 10 days, it is not certain if he contracted the disease in San Luis Obispo or at home.

Even more recently, Jeremy Murphy, a 15-year-old Moreno Bay high school student, died 12 hours after learning he had the disease.

As illustrated in both cases, the blood infection moves quickly. Cochran said early warning signs include mostly flu-like symptoms such as body aches, a stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, lethargy, fever, headache, sore throat and most importantly, a distinctive rash.

According to the MFA, the rash is key to distinguishing meningococcal, because it indicates blood poisoning. The rash looks like small clusters of pimples. These eventually become areas of skin damage that are purple in color.

"It would be nice if the rash appeared earlier so you could do something about it quickly," Cochran said.

Disease targets students, elderly
By Janelle Foskett
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Women traditionally have been eliminated from careers in science, but we are now seeing more women enter this field because of the various benefits they have proven to bring, said Sandra Harding, who spoke at the Pomona Arts Center on Thursday.

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She also stressed the idea of the "service dimension," looking to people who bring different cultural backgrounds to the practice of science. Harding said that the experience of science is often made by scientists who were trained in a different field.

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Earthquake death toll still climbing

BHUJ, India (AP) — Exhausted rescuers searching everything from sophisti­
cated rock-cutting tools to their bare
hands clawed through rubble Sunday
hoping to find survivors lingering
among the thousands believed buried
by western India's massive earthquake.

More than 6,400 bodies had been
found in the twin towns of Bhuj and
the death toll was expected to go much
higher. Some authorities estimated it
would reach 10,000 or more, and 16,000
or more. A leading rescue official said
there could be up to 30,000 dead in one
town alone.

As India's prime minister appealed
for help, frantic rescuers and suffering
dog owners uncovered a few signs of life
Sunday amid the destruction in Gujarat,
the western Indian state that took the brunt
of the blow.

In Anjar, 30 miles southeast of the
hard-hit town, Bhuj, a 3-year-old girl
was unearthed from the rubble alive.

"She was crying some Arabic vers­
es," said a soldier who participated
in the toddler's rescue. "She was totally
uninjured," he said, declining to give
her name.

Across town, sniffer dogs located
another sign of life in a heap of rubble.
After three hours of digging, soldiers
found a woman, only her face visible
under the rubble, buried in debris and
emptied masonry. Unable to reach her, rescuers released water
from a plastic cache, step by step, into
her mouth.

Chipping slowly at the blocks so as
to not unsettle the unstable mound, the
soldiers removed the pieces of debris
one by one. Three hours later, the man
was free.

In Bhuj, a dozen towns just miles from
the quake's epicenter, workers dug for 30
hours and shouted with joy when they
found a baby and her mother alive in
the rubble.

The digging to free the pair took
hours more: When it was finished, the
baby girl, 18-month-old Namrita, was
still alive, but pale and weak. Rescuers
rubbed her to the hospital in an ambu­
car. But the mother, Madhuri Aut,
had died in the concrete heap.

Next door, a woman named Das had
spent two days trapped in bed with the
corpse of her husband and young
daughter. Her head was blunted and
purple from lack of circulation.

Authorities will know by Monday if
any more people are alive under the
rubble, Gujarat State Home Minister
Haren Pandya said. The emphasis will
then switch to clearing the rubble and
removing the dead.

Friday's magnitude-7.9 quake —
India's strongest in more than 30 years —
smacked on Republic Day, a national hol­
day here. It shook the earth for more
than 1,200 miles and was felt in Nepal,
Bangladesh and Pakistan, where 10
people were crushed in their houses.

More than half the houses in Bhuj, a
city of 150,000 people, were reduced to
rubble and the rest were damaged. In
the congested old part of the city, dogs,
pigs and cows flocked for food in streets
made narrow by mounds of rubble.

In a newly developed portion of
Bhuj, lines and clogging dustclouds
mixed with the smell of dead bodies.
People moved possessions from their
homes and set up makeshift camps in
two open areas using bed sheets as tents.

"This is death and destruction," said
a bacterial Muslim man wearing a string
of beads.

He refused to talk about his family
and wouldn't give his name. "I am just
an unfortunate Indian. That is enough."

By Sunday, foreign aid was pouring
in. Cranes, generators, cutting tools,
sniffer dogs, seismic monitors and poles
with long cameras attached had begun
to arrive along with experienced teams
of rescuers from places such as
Switzerland, the United Kingdom and
Turkey.

Indian Agriculture Minister Bishan
Bhukat said about 750 doctors and other
health workers, more than 5,000 rescue
workers, dozens of bulldozers, 36,000
blankets and 10,800 tents had been sent.
But Pandya, the Gujarat home
minister, said authorities urgently need­
ed even more rescue equipment and
medical supplies.

On Monday morning, a tremor of mag­
itude 6 shook the Gujarat area. It was
the largest of more than 275 aftershocks
recorded since the initial quake.

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ones responsible for reporting or prosecu­
ting any irregularities.

Andersen said the law was created in Congress even though the Department of Education and most financial aid administrators did not want to be involved with looking into the
student's legal record.

"The department reluctantly accepted responsibility," he said. "(Financial aid administrators) didn't feel students should be denied financial aid because of a misdemeanor."

The new drug conviction restriction
was created in 1998, when Congress ren­
tered the Higher Education Act. Under this amend­
ment, students who have been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs less than a year before filing the
FAFSA are denied aid for one year unless they complete an "acceptable drug rehabilitation program."

If the student was involved in two convic­tions, aid is denied for two years.

Anything above two may rule the stu­
dent ineligible indefinitely.

Under any circumstance, students are
advised to seek counseling from the
school to learn about ways of regaining
eligibility or if these restrictions apply
to them. Additional information is also
available at fafsa.ed.gov, or by calling
1-800-4FED-AID.
Where does the Daily get the news?

I have been asked this question probably a thousand times in the last six months, so I thought I would finally offer an explanation.

Our news ideas come from a variety of places including reporters, press releases and phone calls.

Each of our 16 reporters are assigned to a "beat," a specific area of campus they are responsible for. For example, one reporter is assigned to the Foundation and checks in with it each week to make sure we are on top of Foundation news. This does not mean, however, that everyone will hear about everything. In an average week, the Daily gets roughly 100 press releases from organizations, news services and law enforcement agencies.

On occasion, we also get phone calls from community members telling us about what is going on in their neighborhood.

In addition there are the more obvious ways we get the news, like on Thursday for instance, when we need to send a press release to tell us the news went out.

From all these potential stories, it is our job as editors to determine which to report on given the limited space and resources we have.

It may seem like a crap shoot, but there really is a method. All stories are evaluated on their timeliness, uniqueness, prominence and news appeal in general. It is often difficult to decide what no cover, but our obligation is to provide you, the reader, with the stories you need access to, or stories that help you better understand the Cal Poly community.

So, to all those clubs that never get mentioned, all those lectures that don't get covered and all those programs that don't get plugged, I am sorry but that's the nature of the news business.

If you have anything you think is of interest, let us know. Fax your press releases to 756-6254, or have them delivered to bldg. 26, room 226. If you don't tell us, we might not know.

Have a question about campus? Ask Adam. E-mail him at ajarman@calpoly.edu.

NEW YORK (AP) — Forget about sitting through 20 minutes of local news just to get the sports. By the time we wake up, it will be an entire baseball newscast if you want.

No more distant editors deciding what you ought to know. Create an entire baseball newscast if you want. Or if Will Ferrell is more your style, how about a package focusing on your portfolio?

The promise of making customized newscasts routine, FeedRoom.com and Yahoo! are among companies already starting to make it happen.

Finally, you'll be able to get news that interests you. But there's a downside. The shift could further fragment the news audience and create a society where neighbors are increasingly disconnected.

If you're a financial news hound who ignores entertainment tidbits, what would you make of someone joking about "Survivor" tribal councils? Pay too little attention to business, though, and you might be in for a shock when you check your retirement portfolio.

Jonathan Klein, who left CBS News and started FeedRoom.com, believes viewers who take a narrow view have only themselves to blame.

"Viewers are sick of editors they don't know making choices for them," Klein said. "Our obligation is to have all of it there and let viewers choose."

FeedRoom lets viewers create their own newscasts by selecting from lists of video clips based on personal interests. The company now collects clips from about 30 TV stations, mostly NBC affiliates.

Eventually you'll be able to start tracking your favorites and get news operations are scaling down their online editions, and a well-regarded crime site called APFINews.com ran out of money last year. Or that another video-on-demand site, Zango, closed as well.

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In coming months, the site will begin tracking choices so that clips related to viewers' favorite topics will pop up when the viewers return.

FeedRoom has grown since its August debut. With little promotion, it now gets 75,000 visitors monthly, nearly 20 percent above projections. Visitors are now laying cable at FeedRoom's news, larger quarters in downtown New York for a staff of about 150 that can no longer squeeze into the old offices.

No matter that some traditional newsrooms think 1 would finally offer an explanation.

Monday, January 29, 2001

ROUGH ART EXHIBIT, Club 221, University Union.

GALA MOVIE NIGHT: Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual United.

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Tuesday, Jan. 30

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7 p.m.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS, Chumash Auditorium.
Religion is a strange brew these days. Our parents raise us to believe in a packaged philosophy, and when later encourage us to "learn about our religion" in an attempt to reaffirm the beliefs we’ve held throughout childhood. This backward attempt at teaching modern rational thought, yet we easily question the truth.

Of course, this model of teaching morals to our children was the gold standard even thousands of years ago, but I think we are witness to a paradigm shift in which religion is no longer just a value set passed from parents to children. Evangelism now employs sophisticated marketing to turn religion into a cheap commodity, a plug-and-play, one-size-fits-all, financing-available-at-your-retail-outlet, like Polar or Microsoft Windows.

There are now television commercials for religion, complete with celebrity spokespersons. Their logic goes like this:

1. Life is hard. I’m a celebrity and look how hard my life is! Yours must be really terrible, huh, you’re ordinary.

2. I accepted (deity of religion) as my savior and now I’m happy, while you part” should be an achievable goal.

3. If your life sucks, you should join us. You too can see the warmth of knowing (deity) is with you when you feel alone, which, by the way, is a terrible thing to feel.

Last year, Jimmy Week’s supporters embraced the emergent spirit of religious commercialism by relying on commercials for religion, complete with celebrity spokespeople, "My other people believe in our religion, or social class.

What about the original arguments? Why does the Bible hold moral truth for us? Why are we here? The Old Testament stories are value-packed and well-written, but why can’t we focus on interpreting those stories anew, instead of preaching a dork of previous interpretations?

During the recent presidential race, George W. Bush claimed Jesus was his favorite philosopher, and Joe Lieberman flatly said he would continue the Constitution’s freedom of religion, not freedom from it. Now the president wants to allocate tax money for faith-based social services and provide school vouchers to support religious schools. Just remember, if you feel like you’re sliding down the slippery slope of de facto theocracy, a little atheism goes a long way.

Ethian Pratt is a mechanical engineering senior.

Another Hollywood couple is getting divorced. Alex Baldwin and Kim Basinger are calling it quits. It seems to happen all the time, but it’s not just in Hollywood. It’s an epidemic spreading across the nation that knows no race, religion or social class.

Where has the sanctity of marriage gone in this country? Although the statistic that half of all marriages end in divorce is controversial and misleading, the fact remains that divorce rates in the United States are the highest in Western society.

When it comes to love and marriage, America has become a nation of quitters. Things get a little rough, there are financial difficulties, arguments, misunderstandings... so people just decide to pack it in. They say “Well, we gave it our best and just won’t work.”

Sociologists point to greater social acceptance as a cause for the increase in divorces in the last few decades. That’s exactly the problem. It being divorced caused someone to become a social outcast, maybe he or she would make more of an effort to a) make sure the person he or she was marrying was “the one” and not just “a one,” or b) make a concerted effort to explore all possible ways to save the marriage.

Marriage should last for time and eternity. At minimum, “until death do you part” should be an achievable goal.

Commentary

I always find it humorous how accurate some cartoons can be in their social commentary. I saw one the other day where two people were exchanging their vows. When the minister got to “until death do you part,” the groom replied that he thought it was just supposed to be a starter wedding. Unfortunately, some people take this stance when getting married. It seems nice to have someone around and to be married to, but as soon as an upgrade comes along, it’s on to the next marriage.

Some marriages seem doomed from the start. People hear the engagement announced and wonder aloud what the two could possibly be thinking, because they just aren’t right for each other. More selection is a key factor in making a marriage successful. Some people find quotes and maxims true, but inspiration can be derived from simple phrases. Here’s a couple sayings that people should take a moment to think about when choosing a mate: a) Marry a man/woman you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other. b) You shouldn’t marry someone you can live with, you should marry someone you can’t live without.

Some statistics show that after the first time a person is divorced, future marriages are more likely to end in divorce. And why not? The first time it might be hard, lives are shattered and it’s hard to move on. In the second or third or fourth marriages, people start to cope more easily with divorce than with making the effort to resurrect their marriage.

More and more people, in our generation are staying single much longer. With the failure rate of marriages, it seems almost too much to risk for some. No one wants to join a losing cause. As the country song says: “Don’t anybody ever stay together anymore? And if love never lasts foreverTell me, what’s forever for?”

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Letters to the editor

Drinking laws serve no real purpose

Editor,

How many students under 21 drink alcohol? At this campus, I would estimate that at least 75 percent of the student body under 21 drinks at one time or another while at Cal Poly. So, what's the point of having a law defining what age people should drink at?

People get what people want, and illegally drink it. The same goes for illegal drugs. As long as there is demand, there will be supply.

There are those few who get caught and are scolded, but I would bet by the next party they are invited to, they are more than willing to go back to the felonious deed of drinking while under age. These laws serve no real purpose. If anything, it is the "danger" of breaking these minor laws that draws newcomers to breaking them. Teenagers are always looking for some way to rebel against "authority."

Lawmakers keep these laws in place only to work on our parents, as if they don't already know what happens at college (especially considering many of them were in college in the 1960s). So, why are these laws still in place then?

The answer is only to give the lawmakers and law enforcers something to fight. Whenever it has been a long time since a big crime has been committed, there always seems to be some new announcement about a new program to fight drugs, stop binge drinking or enact some new safety program. It would seem that, since no real benefits are seen from these programs, they are only in place to make it look like we are fighting all the "injustices" in our society. Why don't we stop wasting taxpayer money and do something that actually has a point to it?

Cameron Edmaston is a business administration sophomore.

Personal safety comes from education

Editor,

I read with interest Michelle Hartfield's commentary ("Safety is an illusion, it can happen to you," Jan. 22). It was an excellent column and the opposite of the one I wrote last week. In my letter ("This campus is safe," Jan. 24), I had not given enough thought of the consequences of the new crime laws.

Both perspectives had much merit and understanding. However, there is a measurable standard that our community should keep in mind regarding perception of safety.

The California Department of Justice requires that all police agencies, including the University Police Department at Cal Poly, submit statistics regarding crime activity of all kinds on campus bases. Their findings show that the people who live in San Luis Obispo County live in an area that is below the national average in regard to reported crime per capita by counts. Or, of the 58 counties in California, San Luis Obispo is 55th in terms of crime rate per person.

What does that mean? Simply, that the vast majority of Cal Poly students living in this county are statistically less likely to be a crime victim than they are in their own hometown. Does that mean we don't need to educate and work hard to keep that number low? Of course not. One reason why those statistics are extraneous is due to the influence of area agencies, of all kinds, who work on prevention and education.

The University Police Department spends many hundreds of hours, on a yearly basis, in the process of educating our students, faculty and staff regarding the issues of personal safety and avoiding becoming victimized. However, it is sometimes lost in the public discourse, regarding the issue of safety, is the statistical analysis of crime and the actual probability of any one person being victimized.

As public safety officers, we must pay attention to keeping ourselves safe. It means locking your car and house door, choosing friends wisely, avoiding alcohol abuse and choosing circumstances that enhance safety.

However, it does not mean that any of us need to live in fear, it simply means that informed and educated decision making is the key to personal safety. Our local crime statistics, we believe, are evidence of that.

Anyone interested in local crime statistics, and how our community compares to the rest of the state, is encouraged to visit the California Department of Justice's Criminal Justice Statistics Center Web site at http://ca.stat.ca.gov/jsc/jscdata.html.

Tony Aeilts is chief of University Police.

Get a solar heater

Editor,

I hear a lot about energy conservation, and I agree with it, but we don't talk enough about energy. No one has to. For dome dwellers like ourselves who have no control over our domiciles, it is our only option - a good one. University Police's own roof space, there is another viable option.

Sure, electricity cost is going up, but there are people right now sitting at home and chuckling to themselves gleefully. These are the people who went solar. Right now with power bills sky rocketing, it may be only 10 years or so before the panels pay themselves off. They pay themselves off even sooner if you count the generous tax deductions that come with purchasing solar panels. If I did the math right, it really comes down to the fact that I'd mind having my power meter turn backward all day. Of course, people are short-sighted and wouldn't rather whine about the hardship of conserving energy than have a great deal of it free. What's better is that what you aren't using is turning into power and lowering someone else's house so that we don't need blackmail.

Although this rehashes mostly dome dwellers like ourselves who have no control over our domiciles, it is our only option - a good one. University Police's own roof space, there is another viable option.

James Medina is an economics sophomore.
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down pass to Brandon Stokley with 6:40 left in the first quarter gave the Ravens a 7-0 lead. It started that way for most of the first half.

Brad Maynard of the Giants and Kyle Richardson each ended up breaking the record of nine points. Maynard kicked an extra point on their third possession, giving the Giants a 10-0 lead. Richardson added a field goal in the second quarter.

But the Giants' Keith Hamilton was called for holding on the play, negating the interception.

The Ravens got their second big play late in the first half, a 44-yard pass from Dilfer to Quinn Ismael that set up Stover's 47-yard field goal that made it 10-0.

The Mounties' first threat after that, as Tiki Barber ran 27 yards to the Baltimore 29. But on the next play, Collins went for the end zone and Chris McClendon intercepted the Ravens' final intercession with the 10-yard lead.

But that was one of the few times the Baltimore quarterback was on target, twice missing open receivers behind the Giants' secondary.

Field goals continued in the second quarter. New York's Jesse Alcende picked off a poorly thrown Dilfer pass and ran it into the end zone. But the Giants' Keith Hamilton was called for holding on the play, negating the interception.

The Ravens got their second big play late in the first half, a 44-yard pass from Dilfer to Quinn Ismael that set up Stover's 47-yard field goal that made it 10-0.

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The sun continues to shine on the Mustangs in Baggett Stadium. The baseball team hosted University of Utah, sweeping the three-game series and sending the Utes back to Utah from the Central Coast sunshine without a win.

Utah head coach Tim Esmay indirectly commented on the good weather when he summed up the series. "I am happy with the series," he said. "This was our first time outside in four months. Happy with the pitching staff. Happy with the defense. The offense is a little rusty."

On Saturday, Cal Poly beat Utah in a doubleheader, 6-5 and 3-3. Last year, Cal Poly opened the season against Utah at home losing both games at their old home stadium, Shinnerer Park.

The first game had originally been scheduled for Friday but was rained out. Junior pitcher Kevin Correa was credited with the win in the first game. The success in the second game was due in part to sophomore pitcher Tyler Fitch who pitched five innings and only allowed three runs.

The Mustangs finished the three-game series with a 9-8 win on Sunday minutes before the kickoff of the Super Bowl. After a game-winning hit by junior Chris Martinez in the tenth inning that allowed sophomore Scott Anderson to score, fans rushed out of the stadium to their cars, some of whom could be heard muttering about kickoff starting soon.


Pitcher Kevin Correa makes a putout in the ninth inning of the first game of Saturday's doubleheader. The Mustangs found success for their fourth time in as many games on Sunday with their win. Cal Poly head coach Ritchie Price expressed his relief with his team's results but was aware of its shortcomings.

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Ravens romp in Super blowout

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Baltimore's brown defense backed up its bragging. After allowing all but two of the Giants' four home runs in the first two games of the World Series, Baltimore's defense held New York scoreless Saturday night.

Baltimore, the first time that's ever happened in a World Series.

The Ravens intercepted Kerry Collins four times, the final pick returned 49 yards for a touchdown by Duane Starks, the first of three TDs on three plays late in the game.

The Ravens beat the New York Giants 34-7, and the Super Bowl defending champions have won both games of the series with playoffs on the line.

The Ravens are heavy favorites to win the Super Bowl and have not lost a game since.

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Women's basketball splits weekend games

By Jon Hughes

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Men's hoops fall to 0-6 in Big West

By Jon Hughes

Mustang Daily

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Baseball still undefeated at Baggett

By Matt Smart

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly swept the three-game series with the University of Utah, finishing the weekend in 1st place in the Big West standings.

The Anteaters played sufficiently enough to sweep the Mustangs, a team that has been hot lately. The series against UC Irvine could have been a letdown, but the Mustangs proved to be a tough opponent.

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:
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Congrats Mike Allwein!

Today's Question: Who kicked three field goals of 50 yards or more in a Super Bowl?

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