**Bead me up, Scotty**

The college of Business has its hands full of competitions, and Campus2Business is there to help any participants.

Campus2Business, a facilitator service for students who need help with their business plans, will help participants design strong plans for the competitions.

Founders Tim Cattino, Santiago del Rio, Jim Kaney and Brian Pijtxt are all graduate business students who started Campus2Business to give participants access to partners and investors.

"Each business plan will be able to work with an MBA student," del Rio said. "We will help them get a clear and concise business plan."

There are currently two competitions in which students come up with design plans for businesses. The two businesses for the competition are the San Campus Incubator Program and the Ray Scherr Business Plan Competition.

The competition gives participants six months of free access to an on-campus facility, on-campus or off-campus housing, and access to their own size and all must have on-site management.

At least five businesses have been accepted in the Sun Campus Incubator Program are My Net Administrator, Net-ception.com and Career Athletes.

Career Athletes is outside the college of Business, while the other two are inside the college, del Rio said.

Campus2Business works with Sun Microsystems, Inc., which determines which business plans are accepted into the incubator program. The approved proposals are based upon recommendations from experts who review the students business plans, according to a press release by Campus2Business.

Sun recognized Cal Poly as one of the only eight leading business institutions to participate in the Incubator Program.

"Students have a chance to learn and apply their knowledge by participating," del Rio said.

**Students plan businesses in contest**

By Adrena Benjamin

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**Workshop on housing offers advice**

By Larissa Van Beurden

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It's time to start thinking about housing for next year, and although it's a daunting task for many students to find a place to live, freshmen usually have a more difficult time. Since first-year students have no rental experience, they often have problems in trying to find a house.

The Cal Poly housing office will try to alleviate some of those fears and answer questions tonight with a housing workshop for dorm students. The workshop will run from 7-8 p.m. and will be held at 7 p.m. in Sierra Madre's main lounge.

Jane Senat, office manager for student housing and life, said there is room for 2,783 students on campus, and only 250 students can return on-campus housing. Students who want to stay on campus after their freshman year will live in the North Mountain Hill, and have to enter a lottery if they want to be a resident. Students for the lottery are from March 1 through March 9, and results will be announced by March 23.

The remaining 2,533 students must find a place to live off campus. Senat said a variety of people would be present at the workshop.

Rob Ben, city of San Luis Obispo neighborhood service manager, will talk about how to find a safe place to live and how to be a good neighbor.

"He'll give tips such as not inviting 420 of your closest friends to a party," Senat said.

Tim Banducci, owner of California Sun Incubation Facility Management, will give tips on how to find housing. Senat said many students living in the dorms don't have any experience of leasing, renting or even where to start looking for housing.

Banducci recommends dorm residents move into large apartment complexes. He reasons for this is that younger students have never lived on their own and don't have any experience with renting.

"A problem that we have is that younger students haven't quite gotten the parting out of us yet," he said.

Banducci said his company tries to ease students into community living by recommending large complexes first.

"If we have two equally good situations in front of us, and one person has off-campus experience and one doesn't, I can tell you that the person with experience will win," he said.

Senat said a representative from the off-campus housing association will also talk about some of the larger apartment complexes near campus. Mustang Village, Woodside, Valencia and Stenner Glen are all complexes that belong to the association.

"These complexes have criteria to follow, and if you are only renting to students, they have to be a certain age and all must have on-site management," Senat said.

Senat said she recommends that students see HOUSING, page 2


daily dose

TODAY'S SUN
Rise: 6:33 a.m. / Set: 5:58 p.m.

TODAY'S MOON
Rise: 9:39 a.m. / Set: 10:14 p.m.

TODAY'S TIDE
High: 1:24 a.m. / 4:60 feet
Low: 7:16 a.m. / 1.36 feet
High: 1:07 p.m. / 3.43 feet
Low: 6:44 p.m. / 1.63 feet

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WEDNESDAY
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THURSDAY
High: 63° / Low: 45°

FRIDAY
High: 63° / Low: 45°

SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
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"The crowd pushed in on her and the car and ripped the license plate off," Dool said. "They ran toward the car and screamed."

Dool described the scene as crazy and confusing, and said people were laughing and screaming at the same time.

"People couldn't see that a person was hurt," she said.

Because of the chaos that surrounded the accident scene, Dool said that it took the police a few minutes to get there. It took the ambulance even longer, she said.

A nurse at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center confirmed that the woman is a patient at the hospital. The nurse said tests were still being conducted Tuesday night and it was too early to assess the woman's condition.

The police department wasn't able to confirm the details of the accident Tuesday night because most of their officers were unavailable.

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students go from the dorms to large, student-only complexes, then find houses in a couple of years. She said property managers really look for rental history, and large complexes provide that experience.

Randucci said that although it isn't impossible for on-campus students to find a house, it is much harder. He said those who want to live in a house should be very persistent and organized. Most agencies will require a co-signer for people without rental experience.

Randucci said his company lists apartments for the need for students who live on campus on what to look for in regards to housing. "Students really need to try to get something in line before they leave for the summer," she said. "Property management is nice because they can reserve a place to live next year without paying anything over the summer."

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Camp Costanoan/Via Rehabilitation Services - Camp Fire Boys & Girls
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Gold Arrow Camps - Harvey’s Lake Tahoe Resort & Casino - Hotel del Coronado
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Shelby Wilson is a nutritional science senior and a peer health educator.

Better choices in March

National Nutrition Month, a nutrition education and information campaign sponsored annually by the American Dietetic Association (ADA), kicks off Thursday and lasts the entire month of March. The campaign is designed to focus attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

Initiated in March 1973 as a weeklong event, National Nutrition Week became a month-long observance in 1983 in response to growing public interest in nutrition. The slogan for 2001, "Food and Fitness: Build a Healthy Lifestyle," reinforces the importance of nutrition and physical activity as key components of a healthy lifestyle. The slogan focuses on the flexibility of nutrition recommendations and dietary guidelines for individuals, using primarily the Food Guide Pyramid as the framework for daily food choices. It also challenges Americans to take responsibility for their food, nutrition and physical activity habits.

Eating is one of life's great pleasures. There are so many foods and ways to build a healthy lifestyle — there is ample room for choice. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans begin with the basics of the ABCs for you and your family's health. Aim for fitness, build a healthy base, choose sensibly.

The food pyramid gives a visual representation of what a well-balanced diet should include.

The 2000 Dietary Guidelines for Americans offers great ideas and reasonable guidelines to help you make the best possible choices. National Nutrition Month is celebrated every year in March, so this year learn to live the Dietary Guidelines to build your healthy lifestyle.

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Choose sensibly. Choose a diet that is low in saturated fat and cholesterol, and moderate in fat intake. Choose beverages and foods that limit your intake of sugars. Try locating dairy products, cooked dried beans, peas, fish, lean meats and poultry. Read food labels to help identify foods lower in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol.

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Gay couples deserve every right to marry

It's unnatural. It's immoral. God didn't intend for people to behave this way. The Bible says it's wrong. These are the arguments that were used against interracial relationships less than 40 years ago, when it was illegal for a black person to marry a white person in many states. In fact, it wasn't until 1967 that the Supreme Court ruled that laws prohibiting interracial marriage were unconstitutional.

Assuming enough, history is repeating itself right before our eyes, as we hear these same arguments used to deny the fundamental right of marriage to gay and lesbian Americans. Why should this concern you? Recent research indicates that about 70 percent of the population is gay or lesbian. This means that you are almost certain to have a gay relative, friend or co-worker at some point in your lifetime.

When we discuss confirming the fundamental human rights of consenting adults, the question for consideration isn't, "Why gay marriage?" The more appropriate question is, "Why not? This question certainly has not been ignored in our society. In fact, most discussions of same-sex marriage revolve around the same four arguments against it.

First, that marriage is, and always has been, defined as a union of one man and one woman — therefore it should remain so. However, this argument is circular and logically invalid. In the 1800s, we could have said that African Americans have always been enslaved in America, and therefore should remain so. Were living in the 1800s, we might have made the argument that women should not be allowed to vote because they haven't voted in the past. That argument, or any argument against same-sex marriage is the idea that the sole purpose of marriage is procreation. Of course, this would lead to restriction of marriage for those not just sexual orientation. Under the protection requirement, couples would not be allowed to marry if one or both were sterile. This provision would also prevent nonwhite women from entering into marriage. It is obvious that marriage serves functions that are as useful, if not more important, than procreation.

Another argument against same-sex marriage is the idea that it could somehow be interpreted as the government showing approval for same-sex relationships. But our government allows agnostics and atheists to get married. Does this in any way indicate that the government approves of rape and murder? Absolutely not. All it demonstrates is that it is neither the right nor the responsibility of the government to make judgments for us as to whom to marry.

Finally, individual religious beliefs play a major part in our views on same-sex marriage. However, this is a not a religious argument — it is a civil one. The notion of freedom of religion demands that the views of one religion cannot become law, as this would internationalize a particular religion and force it upon us all. Denying same-sex couples the right to marry on this basis would also violate our right as Americans to practice our own religion, as some faiths see no problem with same-sex relationships.

Today, we are presented with the rare opportunity to avoid repeating the mistakes of our past. At All God has said, "The time has come in America to widen the circle of fairness and dignity to include our friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives in the gay and lesbian community." I couldn't agree more.

Mike Sullivan is a computer science junior.

Opinion

Napster benefits musical artists

Napster is on its last leg. The digital music swapping service is fighting for its life, and it's only a matter of time before the courts put the beating thieves' favorite utility out of its misery.

On Friday, lawyers for the embattled naiester appealed, but an appeals court panel essentially upheld her ruling two weeks ago. In further maneuvering last Friday, Napster filed another appeal, asking that in lieu of an injunction, the court determine a rate and order Napster to pay it to copyright holders for the right to trade their songs.

Napster went stumbling back to its corner last week and offered $1 billion over five years in hopes of keeping the service open. But that's beside the point. That point being a decision, and how many figures are to the left of it before the dollar sign.

As the industry's most infamous beat jacker would say, "It's all about the Benjamins."

Napster founder Shawn Fanning brought his service to music lovers for free and has created the largest music community the world has ever seen. Now the music moguls want to reap the rewards.

There are bigger things to worry about in this world than Napster. Sure, there were 1 billion downloads last year, but music sales are higher than ever. So how is Napster hurting the industry again?

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I always thought the No. 1 priority of musicians was to be heard by the most number of people possible. Record companies have exploited musicians for too long. Artists who don't conform to traditional music standards, can't get their music on mainstream radio, or don't try to fit into the MTV culture, may never capture an audience — except through programs like Napster.

Not all artists perform pop policy framework. I know it seems impossible in this disgusting world of manufactured pop bands, but some musicians actually write their own music and rejoice at the opportunity Napster has presented to the music community.

The bottom line is that Napster is just another promotional tool that has given artists a chance to spread a message, which should be the primary goal of all artists.

I am not mistaken, Grateful Dead allowed their fans to freely tape and exchange their music for a quarter of a century, and it didn't hurt their financial or artistic success. If anything, it increased their popularity in the marketplace.

Thanks to Napster, we can learn about and listen to music we otherwise wouldn't have the time of day to.

I support those artists by buying their albums and becoming a fan of their music, simply because the MP3 is an inferior music medium. And there is no better feeling than tearing open a brand new CD, even if it only costs a buck to make and almost $20 to purchase.

There's no denying it. Society has welcomed this new audio galaxy with open arms, and it won't be long before music goes completely digital, just like the cell phones we yap on and the cable we veg out on.

When it comes to music, I prefer to go digging in the crates for vinyl. I'm not looking to sleep over evolving technolo—

It's not Napster the record companies and paranoid pop stars are afraid of. It's their future.
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Should student fees be adjusted to keep pace with inflation?

Read the following objective statement, financial analysis, pro statement, and con statement. You will have nine opportunities to attend a forum to voice your opinion or ask any questions. By attending any of the forums, you can voice your support or non-support of the proposal. Questions? Call the ASI Student Govt Office at 756-1291 or come by UU 202, M-F, 8am-5pm.

**Objective Statement**
The establishment of campus budget mandates may have been based on the desire to provide programs and services not ordinarily funded through the General Fund allocation process. These fees were established without consideration for price inflation and the collateral effects on the services and programs being provided. The result is that fixed fees, without the benefit of a price index increase, gradually lower the quantity and quality of programs being provided. The Inflationary Fee Adjustment Proposal would provide a mechanism under which campus based mandatory fees could be adjusted annually to compensate for the effects of inflationary price increases.

Price indices are used to measure the rate of inflation affecting the buyer. People are more interested in consumer Price Index which measures the changes in prices paid by consumers for food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and other common goods and services. However, in 1975 the U.S. Department of Education began funded research to create the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) to measure the effects of inflation on the current operations of colleges and universities, using a basket of goods and services relevant to higher education institutions. The Inflationary Fee Adjustment Proposal proposes use of HEPI in calculating the annual adjustment of campus mandatory fees.

Campus mandatory student registration fees are "fees that must be paid in order to apply to, enroll in, or attend the university." Campus mandatory fees include the Campus Academic Fee, Health Services Fee, Health Facility Fee, Instructionally Related Activities Fee, University Union Fee, University Student Services Fee, and the University Union Fee. The revenues from these fees provide funding for programs and services that benefit the student body at-large.

**Pro Statement**
Since California stopped additional funding to Cal Poly for its higher cost posttechnic mission, the University has had to find cost-efficient and innovative ways of generating additional funds. Part of this effort included working with students to instigate special fees, like those for the Health Center, for Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) and for increased faculty and innovative programming (Poly Plan). However, as costs have increased over the years, so have the costs of providing services and programs to Cal Poly students.

The Inflationary Fee Adjustment Proposal (IFAP) is an innovative approach to combating the effects of inflation on these fee-supported programs. Instead of demanding drastic increases in students' fees, the proposal provides for reasonable movement that is tied to a national measure of inflation in higher education (recently 3-5%, or around $6 per quarter each year). By approving this fee indexing proposal the students will be taking a big step to maintain the operations of the Health Center and to preserve the same magnitude of classes, instructors, and instructionally related activities that these fees currently support.

While academics will always be the primary focus, it is these programs and activities that provide the finishing touches to the people we become. The friends we meet, the relationships we build and the fun we have complete the college experience, as well as justify much of the pride we have in Cal Poly. Whether directly or indirectly affected by any number of the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits In question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits in question, each and every student must appreciate the benefits.

**Financial Analysis**
The Inflationary Fee Adjustment Proposal seeks to neutralize the impact of inflation on the University's ability to provide quality programs and services to students. Inflation is the increase in prices for the same goods and services that occurs without the perceptible change in either quantity or quality of the items involved. The table below shows the inflation rate, as measured by the Higher Education Price Index, over the past nine years.

It is evident from the chart that the buying power of these programs and services has decreased over the past ten years without the benefit of a mechanism for increasing revenues. Increases to the campus mandatory fees would be based on a rolling average of the previous 3 years HEPI. The increasing average would moderate any spikes in the inflation index.

The table below shows the campus mandatory fees that students currently pay, and an estimate of the amount that students would pay under this proposal, effective Fall Quarter 2001. The increased/reduced fee is approximately $6 per quarter for the academic year. This proposal would generate a total of approximately $305,000 based on 1999/00 enrollment and would be distributed proportionately to the fee.

This fee proposal does not require a one-time financial aid set aside as this is no longer a requirement of the CSU fee policy. However an increase in these fees would be reflected in the packaging of financial aid so those students receiving financial aid would not be adversely impacted.

**Con Statement**
If you support tying our fees to a price index, as is being proposed, you risk endorsing a philosophy of constant fee increases. If you calculated the additional expense on a five-year basis (Fall 2000-Spring 2005) at Cal Poly at the current level (3% of the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), a student would incur as a result of the indexed fees the following:

It cost an additional $189.00 for your education vs. not having an inflationary rider. That 3% easily became a $12.5 increase. It will continue to grow from there.

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Sports

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sickness were difficult in high school. Jenkins said her mother never missed a game and was always supportive.

"My mother is the hardest working person I know," Jenkins said. "She was always there for me, and she never let me give up."

Jenkins credits her mother with having the courage to get her out of Warms and into a good high school. She said her mother told her about colleges while other people Jenkins' age admired rap music stars.

Jenkins said her involvement in church helped her get through the tough times. She said the church taught her how to overcome the trials and tribulations of life and how to develop her perseverance and work ethic.

"My mother always told me that God would never give you more than you can handle," she said. "Everything happens for a reason just to make life better."

Despite the adversity she has faced, Jenkins' positive attitude is reflected in her play.

"I don't think you'll find a person on the planet with as big a heart as Odessa," Mimnaugh said. "To say she is a coach's dream would be inadequate, because she gave her best all the time, and nothing less is acceptable to her."

Mimnaugh also spoke positively of Jenkins' personality of the court.

"She's as wild as they come," she said. "She loves life, people and to entertain others."

To get pumped up for a game, Jenkins said she often listens to gospel music and tries to get her teammates in the spirit.

"I hone around a lot to get me hyped," she said. "Sometimes I'll eat some chocolate, too."

Mimnaugh said Jenkins is the center-piece on every road trip, and that she carries the same energy to the basketball court.

This energy is what motivates Jenkins in her pursuit to be the best. Jenkins said she wants to work everyone, and that the doubts of others push her to work harder.

"Just because I'm 5-feet 10-inches tall doesn't mean I can't be in the best in the country," she said.

Jenkins said she plans to go whenever life takes her when she graduates. She thinks she has the potential to continue playing after Cal Poly, and she hopes to play professional basketball someday.

"I think I can go as far as my hard work takes me," she said.

Mimnaugh agrees that no limit could hold Jenkins down.

"She will do anything she puts her mind to," she said. "Anyone who crosses her path in life is blessed."

"You can't knock it 'til you try it," he said. "Once you see birdies flying at you 100-plus miles an hour and hitting you, you'll change your mind."

The team will play in its first meet March 1 at UCLA, where it will take on UC Irvine and UC San Diego in addition to the host school. The team hopes to play at least three or four tournaments this year.

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outside attention.

"There is no fun support at all," he said. "The only people who are interested are playing."

However, he said that those who would dismiss badminton as a "girl's sport" should at least check it out once.

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Waking up every day at 5:30 a.m. became second nature to Odessa Jenkins. She would catch the local bus, then the metro rail and then another bus—a total of a school an hour away from home.

Jenkins grew up in Watts, a neighborhood in Los Angeles. She went through this lengthy transportation process every morning to attend Bellflower High School, where she felt her academic and athletic abilities could flourish.

Her efforts paid off. Jenkins, a sociology major, is now considered one of the top women's basketball players in the Big West Conference.

Jenkins is the starting point guard for the Cal Poly women's basketball team, and she was recently named Big West Player of the Week.

Cal Poly women's basketball coach Faith Minnagh said the Big West Conference was admirably given the honor to Jenkins after her defensive impact in the Mustangs' defeat of UC Santa Barbara earlier this season.

"She got in their heads," Minnagh said. "She had them looking over their shoulders wondering where she was.

Jenkins agrees that defense is one of her strongest assets.

"Defense is my bread and butter," she said. "It's so cool to have people so afraid to bring up the ball.

When she was young, Jenkins got involved in basketball by following her older brother Shawn around the court. She said she started to love the game when she realized it was something she could be the best at.

"I played with the boys, and I could hold my own against them," she said.

She said playing basketball always opened up opportunities for her, and it eventually helped her get a better education by bringing her to Cal Poly.

"I never went wrong with basketball," she said. "It always brought good things to me.

The road to success wasn't always so smooth. Jenkins has lost many people close to her along the way.

Her brother and brother-in-law were killed in drive-by shootings, her aunt died of AIDS, and her grandmother died of a stroke. Most recently, her godfather, Greg, was killed in a drive-by shooting in December of 1999. Jenkins said some of her teammates helped her through the tragedy by praying with her.

Another hurdle has been her mother's illness. Her mother is diabetic, and Jenkins said her on-and-off illness has hurt her team.

"I certainly hope it has been turned around," Jenkins said.

"It's still axil to have people sticking with you," she said.

Jenkins is now considering a school to attend in order to get away from home. She will mean a big improvement over last year's squad.

"Last year's team was unable to play any intramural matches due to various difficulties.

"This year's team is a lot more organized," he said. "We actually have a full squad of 20-plus players.

"Because it is a club sport, the badminton team relies on individual student participation and requires that each member pay dues of $20 a year to play on the team.

The team is co-ed, with women's and men's singles and doubles, and in addition to mixed doubles competition.

"The great thing about badminton is that anyone can play it," Nguyen said.

"Badminton, which Spykerman said is the fastest of the racquet sports, can be likened to a mix between tennis and volleyball.

"Instead of a ball, a birdie—with a specific of up to 180 miles per hour—flies back and forth.

"It's difficult for any network to build an audience on Saturday night, particularly NBC—which generally appeals to a younger, more urban viewership that is more likely to be out or renting videos on Saturday, he said.

NBC hopes to build an audience by developing personalities and stories about people in the league, a strategy the XFL has successfully followed with wrestling, Saas said.

By Jon Hughes

The quickest sport at Cal Poly is also one of its least noticed.

Cal Poly's badminton team, who sports a lot of new members, prepares for its home games against UCLA, UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara. The team has already played one match against UCSD in November, which it won 5-4.

Mark Spykerman, a business senior and captain of the team, said he thinks the team has steadily improved each of its four years as a member, a fact he attributes to increased involvement from Asian-American players.

"In general, the sport of badminton is dominated by Asian players," he said. "Because the Asian population is growing here at Poly, we have more talent coming in.

Team member An Nguyen, a mechanical engineering sophomore, said he thinks that the new talent, combined with better leadership, will mean a big improvement over last year's squad.

Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

Antonio Freeman caught the longest pass in Super Bowl history.

Congrats Luke Higgins!

Today's Question:

Who hit the first home run in an All-Star game?

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- Men's basketball vs. Boise State • 6:30 p.m.
- Women's basketball vs. Long Beach State • at Mott Gym • 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**
- Baseball vs. Loyola Marymount • at Baggott Stadium • 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY**
- Softball vs. UC Riverside • at Bob Janssen Field • Noon / 2 p.m.
- Women's basketball vs. Pacific • at Mott Gym • 7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Loyola Marymount • at Bellflower H.S. • 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY**
- Tennis vs. Loyola Marymount • at Baggott Stadium • 5 p.m.

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