In the shadows

By Matt Smart  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In an effort to recognize student leaders who excel academically and give back to the community through service, a Cal Poly graduate, in conjunction with the Student Affairs division, is offering awards to deserving students.

Business alumni Jeff Land and his wife Carla have been offering monetary awards to students since 1986. Land is eager to support students who serve their community.

"There is very little else that would make a difference in their lives than to invest in the lives of others," he said.

The Quest for the Best award, with a $1,000 award to one student, is open to students in all colleges and one student active in student government. One student will be given the Land Award with a cash award of $5,000, the equivalent of tuition for one year. This recipient must demonstrate excellence on campus and in the community.

Pat Harris, assistant director of leadership education and development, has high praise for Land.

"He is really interested in the students at Cal Poly," Harris said. "He really wanted to do something special for the students."

Last year Jessica Boisselle, a mechanical engineering senior, won the Quest for the Best award for her outstanding leadership and community service.

"The award reaffirmed my belief that I was doing good for the university and it pushed me to do even more," Boisselle said.

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Students use Ritalin for more than disorder

By Sonia Slutzki  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Media reports throughout the nation are indicating that caffeine alone is not what some college students are using to stay up until the wee hours of the night studying. These numbers don't represent students who were already receiving Ritalin prior to college or who are going through an independent physician.

"Anyone who uses Ritalin has friends who probably let them try it," said Trent Nahas, a Cal Poly art and design junior. Nahas has received Ritalin twice from a friend who has a prescription.

Nahas said that for a while he was having some attention problems in high school. He never wanted to take any drugs, even though doctors wanted to prescribe it to him, he said. In college he decided just to try it to see what it would do.

"When I tried Ritalin, what I noticed was that it made me really hyper at first," he said. "After a while, I felt I could speak better, I could speak very fast. I can tell that I would have been able to do my homework faster while I was on it."

Josh Cornell, a psychology senior, said friends in high school told him Ritalin is being used among college students as a study aid, an appetite repressor or simply a quick fix for staying awake.

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Students protest Nike factory

By Karin Driesen  
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

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would readily give their prescription away, saying they could always get more from their doctors. "They would take it at parties and when we would hang out," Cornell said.

According to studies and media reports, the illicit use of Ritalin starts at a much earlier age, and students simply take their Ritalin habit with them when they go to college. "Ten to 12 percent of all boys between ages 6 and 14 in the United States have been diagnosed as having ADHD and are being treated with methylphenidate," said Peter Breggin, director of the International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology, before the U.S. House of Representatives Sept. 29, 2000.

According to an ABC News report May 5, 2000, a study conducted by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration indicated that patients ages 10 to 14 were just as likely to mention Ritalin as cocaine in a drug-related emergency room visit. Nearly 75 percent of patients said they had been using the drug for psychic effects or recreation.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) lists Ritalin as one of the agency's "drugs of concern." In a 1999 press release, the DEA ranked the drug in the top 10 most frequently controlled pharmacologically stolen from licensed handlers. "In general, adolescents who want to use Ritalin (for any reason ... have little difficulty obtaining it," said the DEA report on the drug. "They don't need to rob a drug store, forge a prescription or make a visit to the local drug dealer." The drug has acquired many street names, including "Ribs," "Vitamin B," "poor-man's Ritalin," or "skittles," in reference to the pill-styled, multicolored candy. Users either digest it, snort it or inject it. When used recreationally, the drug can give a sense of euphoria, particularly when it enters the bloodstream rapidly. According to the ABC News report, even when the drug is taken according to the prescription, it can cause the development of dependency and tolerance. The same report indicated that high doses lead to symptoms such as loss of appetite, tremors and muscle twitching, fevers, paranoia, hallucinations and delusions. An irregular heartbeat can even lead to death. "Theoretically, Ritalin stimulates the underactive portion of the brain," said San Luis Obispo educational psychologist Dan Hawthorne. "But I attribute the abuse more to the individuals rather than the social trends ... just like the popular use of psychoactive drugs in the '60s and '70s." William Bailey, director of Cal Poly's Disability Resource Center, said that those appropriately diagnosed greatly benefit from the use of Ritalin and that it has helped many continue with their education.

The drug has been prescribed for a variety of mental and neurological conditions, and brain activity has been linked to Ritalin's effects. For example, a study published in the journal Science in May 2000 indicated that Ritalin is effective in treating ADHD. The study suggested that Ritalin increases brain activity in areas of the brain believed to be the impulse control centers, distractibility and working memory centers. Even though much hype has been given to the growing epidemic of Ritalin abuse, experts say that the abuse among college students is relatively rare, and the drug has benefited many people. "There is greater social acceptance and hard data indicating that there is a greater number of people prescribing it," said San Luis Obispo psychologist Dan Hawthorne. "But I attribute the abuse more to the individuals rather than the social trends ... just like the popular use of psychoactive drugs in the '60s and '70s." William Bailey, director of Cal Poly's Disability Resource Center, said that those appropriately diagnosed greatly benefit from the use of Ritalin and that it has helped many continue with their education.
Islamic groups protest new Israeli government

NETANYA, Israel (AP) — A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up and killed three Israelis at a bustling intersection Sunday, the second lethal explosion in four days as militant Islamic groups vowed more attacks against Israel's incoming government.

With Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon preparing to assume power, police said the pair of bombings have shown that Israel remains vulnerable despite sealing off Palestinian areas in a bid to keep out militants. Sharon, a former general who says he will restore security to Israel after five months of fighting, said, "The terrorist attack is a very serious one that shows that the Palestinian Authority is not taking the necessary steps (to halt violence)."

"We know very well that most of the loyal forces of (Palestinian leader Yasser) Arafat are involved in attacks," Sharon said. However, he did not directly link Arafat loyalists to Sunday's bombing.

The unidentified Palestinian attacker detonated the bomb just before 9 a.m. at a busy street corner in the coastal resort town of Netanya. The force hurled a car into the air, shattered shop windows and crumpled street stalls in the city's central market area. The Israeli dead included an 85-year-old man and two women, Israeli officials said.

"It was horrible, just horrible," said William Weiss, a municipal worker. "There were hands, legs, flesh, and a head thrown around. It turned out that was apparently the terrorist's head."

Police scouted the streets for evidence while a team of volunteer Jewish Orthodox men picked up pieces of flesh on the bloodied street to ensure a proper Jewish burial for the dead Israelis. Israel has been hit by multiple bombings since the Israeli-Palestinian fighting began in September, contributing to a general sense of vulnerability. Sunday's attack came on the heels of a taxi van bombing Thursday in northern Israel that killed an Israeli man and wounded nine others, including the bomber.

No one has claimed responsibility for the latest blast, but the two leading militant Islamic groups, Hamas and Islamic Jihad, both have said they would carry out attacks to undermine Sharon's government.

"Resistance will continue until we push the occupiers out of our land," said Mahmoud Zahar, a spokesman for Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

Mexico faces energy crisis; seeks help

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Vicente Fox on Saturday repeated pledges to allow more private investment in the country's state-run electricity commission, saying that without it Mexico will be "almost on its knees" asking the United States for help.

During his meeting last month with President Bush, Fox agreed to work toward a common energy policy for the region stretching from Panama to Canada. Both the United States and Mexico are struggling to meet their growing energy needs.

Speaking Saturday to a meeting of energy leaders in the tourist city of Guanajuato in central Mexico, Fox said he had no plans to privatize the nation's state-run electricity commission, a major state-run oil company.

But he said he would present a program to allow more private investment that would help modernize the country's energy industry.

Without that, Fox said, six years ago Mexico "would be almost on its knees asking the United States to sell us electricity, diesel fuel, gasoline and natural gas that we don't have."

Mexico, with the second-longest proven oil reserves in the Western Hemisphere after Venezuela, has the natural resources, but lacks the money and expertise to develop them rapidly, Fox said.

Although Mexico is having trouble meeting its own energy needs, Fox also said future development of the country's energy sector could help bring much-needed revenue.

The United States has faced its own energy crisis, with Blackouts leaving parts of California in the dark and residents across the country struggling to pay soaring energy bills.

Both have asked Mexico to help by allowing private U.S. capital to build electricity plants and transmission lines south of the border that would send power north.

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2:30 pm NOTHING LISTED

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7:30 pm 'AN EVENING OF TRUMPETS,'
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Friday March 9
7:30 pm SPIRIT OF THE DANCE. Performing Arts Center.
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Mustang Daily regrets any inaccuracies in POLYWeek, but is not held responsible for them.

Monday, March 5, 2001
Racism still happens every day in America

Andrew Paulsen is a history senior.

I would much rather have full use of both my lungs than some sort of monetary compensation for losing one. A large lump sum of money would probably go a long way to make me feel better about losing half of my breathing capability, but I wouldn't want to be in that situation in the first place.

I can't really put a price on my lungs, or any other necessary and dear part of me. I wouldn't want to be in that situation in the first place.

The court agrees with the EPA, and so do I. Weighing human life against monetary cost is never valid. No one, short of terrorists, has ever been able to put a price tag on a human life, and I'm in no way comparing big business to small groups of guerrilla fighters who take advantage of unsuspecting citizens for their own nefarious economic gain, regardless of some badly harm on the part of the hostages.

I agree. There have been countless stories of people who have gotten sick due to some factory's pollution, like lead leaching into a neighborhood's groundwater supply. In these cases, if the information becomes public, the offending party almost always makes reparations of some sort. This is more of a public relations move than an actual offering of empathy and repentance.

As far as I know, industries could care less whether they physically damage a small portion of the population. This suspicion is cemented by the fact that these health cases keep cropping up, and no one, short of the highly glamorous Erin Brockovich can do a thing about it.

As I stated before, I'd rather be able to run uphill without getting short of breath than get a fat check from some industry tycoon. In the same way, I would much rather a business face high renovation costs than allow it to continue polluting and creating health risks for me, my friends and family.

It is a business' responsibility to make sure it is not harming the public. It is not a consumer's responsibility to seek compensation in the event he or she contracts a sickness at the fault of a corporation. Nor is it a consumer's responsibility to invest the environmental policy of all large corporations in order to avoid such health risks.

Businesses need to bite the bullet and open up their wallets for the good of the public. They're the ones funding up the land in the first place -- let them pay out of pocket.

And I'll just keep my lungs, thank you.

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I think I pulled a hamstring working."
Homosexuals are equal to everyone else

Editor, Ryan Ballard’s characterization of homosexual equality as “an attack on the traditional values of the American Dream” was somewhat disturbing (“Media have liberal bias,” March 2). First of all, what are “traditional values”? Traditionally, African-Americans were not enslaved in our country. Traditionally, women were not allowed to vote. Obviously, tradition is not inherently positive—or even desirable. However, most of us have a reverence for tradition, so let us explore this further. I would suggest that we look to the Constitution for a good assessment of “traditional values of the American Dream.” We can certainly agree that, constitutionally, we are all created equal. It thus follows that homosexual equality is not an attack on the American dream at all. Equality (by definition) is, in fact, a REINFORCEMENT of the traditional values of the American Dream.

Mike Sullivan

Homosexuality is wrong

Editor, Mike Sullivan started his column commenting on how God didn’t intend for intersexual relationships, and that the Bible said that intersexual relationships were wrong (“Gay couples deserve every right to marry,” Feb. 28).

Well, Mike, just to let you know—neither God nor the Bible ever said that intersexual relationships were wrong. In fact, the key people who restored African-Americans rights across this fine country were Christians: Martin Luther King and Abraham Lincoln. But if you’re going to comment on how God feels about relationships, does it say that homosexuality is an abomination? An abomination? Wow, that’s heavy.

Well, since you’re using the Bible as a reference I’ll go ahead and use it too. The Bible strictly prohibits any union of two males or two females. God created man and woman to come together and enjoy each other, to love each other. If you join male and male or female and female then you’re taking what God made to be so pure and beautiful and turning it into an abomination against God. In short: you’re using it out of context. I guess that argument is circular and logically valid. You are saying that there was an argument against homosexuality that stated that marriage was created for the sole purpose of procreation. Well, I’ve got a surprise for you—it’s not true.

If you read Song of Songs (in the Bible), “wise couples” wrote of romance and love shared between a husband and wife. You’ll see passion and poetry that overflow from the heart. These two were married. Well then, I can only guess that you’re doing something wrong and yet the government allows them to get married. Well the government doesn’t allow them to rape or murder, because that is wrong. But they are allowed to marry because they are living as male and female together. Homosexuals should not be allowed to marry because that would be wrong. Are you starting to get at Murderer murder. Rapists, wrong. Homosexuals marry. In the Bible these are grouped together, they’re called sinners.

Well, Mike. I’m not going to have you judge because you live a homosexual lifestyle, but I am going to hate the things you’re doing. The reason I’m writing this is to hopefully let you know what’s going on in my world. God has called us all to live a life in honor of him. I live from day to day laying it down for him. He’s done more than words can express for me, so the least I can do is to reform him with my life. It only I could give more.

Mike Sullivan is a software science junior.

Letters to the editor

To everyone else

It is consistent with the American Dream to support the notion that anyone can be free from job’s loss, for their real or perceived sexual orientation! It is unfair and equal to believe that one in 10 U.S. citizens should not be protected the fundamental right of “the pursuit of happiness” in the form of marriage, simply because social prejudices prevail. Certainly, the lack of equality is the current state of affairs in most of our country. Unless we are to believe that the U.S. Constitution simply does not apply to gay and lesbian Americans, we must recognize homosexual equality as just that—a quest for equality. Of course the media would report favorably on such a topic, as equality is fundamentally favorable according to our most traditional values. And if anyone is to suggest that equality is not desirable (or demanded in the Constitution for that matter), I would question their commitment to the American Dream.

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Letter to the readers

What makes the news

Readers, Recently, there have been a few letters to the editor critiquing the work of Mustang Daily. We always take responsibility for factual errors we have made, but want to take this opportunity to clear up some misconceptions about the newspaper.

First, we feel it is important for everyone to understand that, as a staff, it is our job to survey the campus community and what is newsworthy. Our definition of newsworthiness is often different than that of campus organizations. We determine what is newsworthy by how timely they are, the impact to the readers, uniqueness, and variance, among other considerations. We never selectively exclude any campus club or organization from coverage.

Often times, readers are not happy with the coverage and the events we write about. This stems from a couple reasons. Members of organizations look at their coverage as an insider with a preconception of how the story should read. As a newspaper staff, we look at the event objectively and look for what aspect of the event best meets the aforementioned criteria. Also, readers are sometimes unhappy because their event or meeting does not get covered on a continual basis. This is to say, if there is an ongoing issue in a specific college, we may not report on every step of the process, but only when something significant happens or an outcome is decided. This is to keep the readers up to date without making them aesthetic, because they read the same information everyday.

Finally, readers often get confused about how we cover something. First they happen and others after they happen. It’s important to distinguish between a previous story and a new story. It’s not the function of a newspaper to promote everyone’s events, so our consideration falls primarily on whether the readers are best served knowing what will happen or what did happen.

As an aside, cases when an event has great impact, do we run a story before and after. The fact that small club will do community service is not necessarily interesting, but after they complete it, what they did makes a good story.

As editors, it’s our job to make these decisions, and we welcome criticism of our work.

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PROTEST
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Jesse McGowan, a political science junior and president of the United Students Against Sweatshops, attended a California Students Against Sweatshops statewide conference two weeks ago. He said that in light of the WRC’s findings, the students decided to take action. Saturday, students from Southern California protested at the Nike store in Beverly Hills, while the Northern California students demonstrated in San Francisco.

Students at the protest participated in civil disobedience and street theater performances. "Police barricaded Post Street near Union Square at Niketown," said Clayton Whitt, a social science freshman. "Lines of demonstrators congregated in front of the store protesting business practices of the store. Seven people locked arms and blocked the entrance. All of them were arrested for disrupting business."

Whitt said the entire group marched to the police station where the seven were booked.

Sahia Basrai, an art and design freshman, said the experience was mostly positive. "People with bullhorns were giving information to people and leading chants," she said. "There was a lot of positive reaction from people driving by. Everyone there was really passionate, and when you believe something so strongly it is real inspiring."

About 67 schools belong to the WRC. Member schools pay $1,000 a year in dues. This means WRC is free to monitor factories that manufacture clothing for that school. Also, workers at those factories can file complaints through the WRC. Cal Poly’s chapter of USA S has been trying to get the university to join the WRC since last year, McGowan said. Provost Paul Zingg organized an advisory committee to study the issue and make a recommendation to President Warren Baker. The committee, which includes professors Harvey Greenwald, Leslie Labhard and Myron Hood, recommended signing the proposal. It is now up to Baker to sign it.

"Provost Zingg told me he expects a favorable decision by the president, but we’re not sure yet," McGowan said. "Phil Fetzer also told me the faculty association wants to support it."

The Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors will discuss the issue today at its weekly workshop. USA S members who participated in the protest said they did it because they were tired of apathy. "Cal Poly students don’t tend to get involved in protests," Whitt said. "I feel this is one of the reasons I am here - to make a difference."

Basrai also said she hated being apathetic.

"It is an awful feeling," she said.

The WRC’s preliminary report on Kukdong describes information the delegation collected in Mexico, including interviews with workers and managers at the factory. A full report with detailed evidence is expected to be released soon. The preliminary report by the WRC can be viewed at www.workersrights.org/investigations.html.

Mustang Daily staff writer Matt Smart contributed to this article.

Should student fees be adjusted to keep pace with inflation?

We have already had seven open forums and turnout had been low! This issue affects EVERY Cal Poly student! It is vital that you come, get educated, and use your voice. You have THREE more chances to get your voice heard. Questions? Call the ASI Student Govt Office at 756-1291 or come by UU 202, M-F, 8am-5pm.

Remaining Open Forum Schedule

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Thursday, March 8: 11am — Bldg 52-E27

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**SPORTS**

Duke Trounces North Carolina in Rematch

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — No. 2 Duke's dominance of the ACC the past five seasons by backing down from a challenge. The Blue Devils' 96-84 loss to North Carolina, the team's first at Cameron Indoor Stadium since 1990, rekindled memories of the team's only loss at Cameron in two years.

"They played the biggest game of their lives," said Duke's Paul Shirley, who scored 21 points and had 11 rebounds. "We just came together and showed them what we are capable of.

"We came into this game not wanting to lose to North Carolina at Cameron Indoor Stadium," said Duke's Grant Rivers, who scored 19 points and had 10 rebounds. "They are the best team in the ACC and we did what we had to do to beat them.

"We knew we had to come out and be aggressive from the beginning," said Duke's Shane Stallworth, who scored 14 points and had 11 rebounds. "We knew we had to take the ball inside and get to the basket. We knew we had to get to the free throw line and make our free throws.

"We knew we had to get the team to play together," said Duke's Jason Williams, who scored 12 points and had 10 rebounds. "We had to get everyone to play together and get to the basket. We knew we had to do that to win.

"We knew we had to get the team to play together," said Duke's Jayson Williams, who scored 11 points and had 10 rebounds. "We had to get everyone to play together and get to the basket. We knew we had to do that to win.
Mustangs dominate in stadium opener

By Jon Hughes
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly sure knows how to open a stadium. The softball team opened their new park, Bob Janssen Field, on Saturday with an impressive doubleheader sweep over UC Riverside, 8-0 and 5-3, nearly a month after the baseball team opened Baggett Stadium with a victory over Stanford.

Prior to the first game, a dedication ceremony was held that included speeches by President Warren Baker, Athletic Director John McCutcheon and Bob Neal of the Janssen Foundation, which contributed $230,000 to the development of the softball field. The ceremony was originally scheduled for the Mustangs Feb. 10 doubleheader with Fresno State, but the games were rained out.

After the pre-game festivities ended, the Mustangs put together one of their most complete efforts of the season in the first game, defeating the Highlanders behind solid hitting and a dominating performance by starting pitcher Terra Blankenbeker. Blankenbeker held the Highlanders to one hit over six innings, ringing up nine strikeouts in the process.

Head coach Lisa Boyer had praise for her winning pitcher. "She was able to come back in some tough situations and really focus in and hit her spots," she said. "The strikeouts she had were real key for us and made a big difference." Blankenbeker was more understated in her evaluation of her own performance. "I was happy with my performance," she said. "You can’t really complain about nine strikeouts."

Second baseman Kasey Poet went 2-for-3 with a game-high three runs batted in and Jackie Weiland contributed two RBIs for the Mustangs, who knocked out seven hits in the game.

The Mustangs had a little more trouble in the second game, again jumping out to a 4-0 lead before letting the Highlanders back into the game in the fourth inning, where they put up four runs.

Poet drove in the first run of the game with a third inning double, followed by a two-run single from Holly Ballard and a RBI single from Jackie Weiland that gave the Mustangs a 4-0 lead.

First baseman Holly Ballard drove in one run in the first game and two in the second game of the doubleheader against UC Riverside.

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Women’s hoops secures No. 6 seed

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The Cal Poly women’s basketball team on Saturday got a sneak peak at the postseason. The Mustangs didn’t like what they saw.

After an impressive upset Thursday over the former Big West Conference leader Long Beach State, the Mustangs lost their third game in a row, falling to the Highlanders, 72-52.

The loss finishes the Mustangs’ regular season at sixth in the Big West Conference (11-16 overall). The Mustangs finished third in the tournament.

Eight teams in the conference will advance to the Big West Tournament in Anaheim later this week, but the Mustangs will have to face third-seeded Pacific again in the first round on Wednesday.

Forward Caroline Rowles was the only Mustang to find a rhythm against the Tigers on Saturday. The sophomore forward recorded her third double-double of the year, pouring in a season-high 20 points to go along with 13 rebounds.

Guard Camilla Taylor added seven points and three rebounds. Selena Ho led the way for the Tigers, scoring 18 points and grabbing seven rebounds.

The Mustangs hurt themselves with 14 turnovers in the first half, while the Tigers hit 12 of 15 free throws and outrebounded Cal Poly 35-23 in the first half.

After playng one of its worst first half of the season, Cal Poly was unable to establish any offense in the second half. Cal Poly finished with 27 percent shooting from the field, including 5-of-25 beyond the arc. The Mustangs went 2-for-17 in the second half.

On the Mustangs’ bench in the first half, the Mustangs had 17 points and 13 rebounds.

The Mustangs upset UC Santa Barbara 69-45 on Friday. The Mustangs won the first 11-10 in 11 innings, but the Lions triumphed in the eighth as the Anteaters defeated Cal Poly in both games between the two teams this season.

Field hockey team wins first conference game

Thursday night was a big win for the Mustangs. Cal Poly upset UC Santa Barbara 3-0 in their first conference game of the season.

Cal Poly will face No. 1 seed UC Irvine in the first round of the tournament Thursday at 6 p.m. The Anteaters defeated Cal Poly in both games between the two teams this season.

Baseball drops two to LMU

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In a series that was once again dictated by the weather, Loyola Marymount took two of three games from Cal Poly this weekend at Baggett Stadium.

The teams played a doubleheader on Friday. The Mustangs won the first game 11-10 in 11 innings, but the Lions triumphed in the eighth as the Anteaters defeated Cal Poly 9-2 in Mott Gym.

This time, it was Long Beach State that sneaked into Big West Tournament

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After playing one of its worst games of the season, Cal Poly men’s basketball is heading into the Big West Tournament as the No. 8 seed.

The Mustangs (13-13, 9-13) were able to secure the seed despite getting blown out on national television Saturday against Utah State, 82-55. Idaho and Cal Poly were tied after Saturday’s action, and the bid was up in the air until the result of the Long Beach State and University of Pacific matchup. If Pacific prevailed, Idaho would have gotten the spot and Cal Poly’s season would end.

Long Beach defeated Pacific, 82-72, and so Cal Poly is packing its bags for Anaheim.

All 12 players on the Anteaters scored, with Tony Brown leading the scoring with 14 points with four 3-pointers.

Cal Poly was unable to establish inside presence in the game, and fell behind early behind a 23 percent shooting effort in the first half. Guard Jamal Scott’s 20-point and nine rebound performance was the one bright spot for the Mustangs.

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