Plants offer new therapy to seniors

By Michelle Hatfield
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With the aid of Cal Poly students, local senior citizens are experiencing flower power. Students from the environmental horticultural science department began their horticulture therapy program in early March by visiting The Manse, a senior assisted-living home in San Luis Obispo.

The goal of the program is to teach senior citizens many different ways to use flowers and plants.

“People in nursing homes or assisted living homes don’t get a lot of visitors,” said Norana Fernandez-Hibbard, an environmental horticultural science senior. “That’s why it’s important for them to get as much contact from the outside world as possible. These are people we shouldn’t forget about.”

Students who volunteer their time visit senior homes twice a month. So far, the program has only gone to The Manse. During the visit, a class is taught to about 15 senior citizens on how to make professional floral arrangements, said Susan Stewart, marketing director for The Manse. The Manse is currently home to around 30 residents who are in their 70s, 80s and 90s, she said.

Most materials used in the last class were donated by organizations on campus and in the county. Fernandez-Hibbard said. It’s important to keep the classes cost-free for the senior citizens, she said.

Stewart said the classes are important for senior citizens, especially because they involve plants.

“There have been studies in the last couple of decades that have clearly and definitively shown the positive effect of working with plants and growing things,” she said. “Surrounding yourself with greenery has a positive effect. These classes give seniors a way to express their minds.”

Stewart also pointed out that the activities exercise hands, eyes and the ability to take direction.

Fernandez-Hibbard agreed that plants have a positive effect on everyone.

“Flowers bring happiness, they’re colorful and they smell good,” she said.

Many of the students who participate in the horticulture therapy program are members of the department’s honorary scholarship co-ed fraternity Phi Alpha Xi. Fernandez-Hibbard said. Right now, there are only five students participating in the program, she said.

The Multicultural Center helped sponsor UU Hour festivities Thursday in honor of “Two Weeks of Latino Pride.” Included were a marimba band and multiple dance troupes in the University Union Plaza. At right is Imagen Y Espiritu, Latino dance team of Cal Poly students. The dancers are, from left, psychology junior Cecilia Rodriguez, business sophomore Fernando Villanueva, construction management junior Octavio Barba and architectural engineering Suzuki Gurrola. Upcoming events for “Two Weeks of Latino Pride” include speakers and presentations.
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**Study links greeks with alcohol use**

By Charles Gardner

TODAY'S UNIV, N.H. — Although researchers have long known that membership in greek organizations is often linked to heavy drinking, a new study indicates that greeks are no more likely than their nonaffiliated peers to consume alcohol following graduation.

The study, which was conducted by faculty and student researchers at the University of Missouri-Columbia, also seeks to explain what drives many greeks to heavy drinking following graduation.

Kenneth Harker Dartmouth alumnus

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The program will meet sometimes this month and there are plans to visit the Cabotro Nursing Home before going back to The Mance. Hernandez-Bibb said she visited the group of students wants to visit different sites to different times.

The great part about the program is that it is useful for both groups, involved Stewart. "It's mutually beneficial to both students and senior citizens," she said. "Seniors have a lot of things to teach students and vice versa."

Fernandez-Hibbard pointed out that teaching these types of classes gives students the opportunity to use knowledge that they have already learned from their classes.

"We're not just being taught, we're using it," she said. "Community service is important. Everybody should do it regularly."

Fernandez-Hibbard said that anyone interested in joining the program can contact Barry Eisenberg, the environmental horticultural science department head, at 756-1279.

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Arboretum gardens spring into full bloom

By Evan Gastaldo
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

South Africa may be far away, but the brilliant colors and unusual shapes of South African flowers can be seen right here on campus at the Leaning Pine Arboretum.

The South African Garden, the arboretum’s newest addition, is in full bloom now and will be until mid-May, said Tom Eltzroth, environmental horticultural science professor and director of the arboretum.

“The colors are all really brilliant,” he said. “There are bright oranges, brilliant reds, yellows (and) magentas. All these wild colors are blended together on a 400-foot bank. It’s a carnival of colors.”

The plants, including colorful mesembryanthemums, baboon flowers, barbequie flowers, and other native South African plants, bloom in the spring on both sides of the world. In South Africa, the plants bloom during the months of August, September and October, Eltzroth said.

In addition to the brightly colored flowers, some of the plants have unusual shapes. The orange and yellow krokoftplos are shaped like a flame on a candle, Eltzroth said, and the pin-cushion flowers are “very stunning in the structure, the way they’re formed.”

“They are very unusual-looking flowers in addition to their color,” he said.

Two- to 4-foot tall restios, which look like grasses, also grow along the bank. These plants are fairly new to North America, Eltzroth said. They are called “architectural plants” because of the way they blow in the breeze.

“All the plants are really very showy,” he said. “You have to see it to appreciate it.”

Leaning Pine Arboretum is located in the Environmental Horticultural Science Unit and is maintained by EHS students. Chad Cotton, EHS senior, maintains the South African Garden.

“It’s an amazing floral display,” he said. “It’s a bombardment of warm colors that are typical of spring, all in one place.”

Cotton said he was surprised by the flowers that came out of South Africa, having thought the area as and not too exciting in terms of plant life.

“That was obviously wrong,” he said. “There are a lot of surprises.”

The plants in the South African Garden, and other gardens in the arboretum, are perfectly adapted to our Southern California climate, Eltzroth said, because we have the same Mediterranean climate as South Africa.

“The rarity of the plant specimens ... and all the different varieties (are amazing),” Cotton said. “We try to grow plants that are environmentally and aesthetically pleasing in our Mediterranean climate; plants you can’t normally see in local nurseries.”

The Mediterranean Garden, another of the arboretum’s six main gardens, is “coming into its full glory,” Eltzroth said, and should be in full bloom within the next four to six weeks.

“It will be really stunning,” he said. The garden features plants from around the Mediterranean Sea.

The ceanothus, or California lilac, is just coming into bloom at the California Garden, Eltzroth said. The arboretum features a collection of about 50 different types of this flower.

The 5-acre arboretum also features Australian, New Zealand and Palm Gardens.

Brochures showing the layout of the arboretum are available at the Poly Plant Shop, also located in the EHS Unit and run by EHS students.

The EHS department will hold its fifth annual plant sale on April 28 to raise funds for the arboretum. Events include guided tours of the arboretum, speakers and plants for sale. EHS students grow all the plants sold at the Poly Plant Shop and the annual plant sale.

Laura Morgan will give a speech on container gardening at 10:45 a.m. and Steve Sommer will talk about “Intiguing Trees and Shrubs for the Central Coast” at 1:30 p.m.

Guided tours of the arboretum will begin at 9:15 a.m. and noon.

Traveling the cheap way

By Catherine Champagne
The New Hampshire

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.H. — There are three basic areas in which people are educated through during life: school, work and travel. Most people have to take out loans to go to school and spend most of their lives working in order to live day to day, but according to author Gil White, it is possible to travel around the world for just 84 cents a day.

“Some people think that in order to live for 84 cents a day I must have slept in ditches or waited for a ride all day,” White said. “White feels that his travels “may have a big difference in cultures, particularly in how much people treated each other. He encouraged people to trust others when looking for a free ride: “When people are paying they are lonely, they are bored,” he said...”

“Wlien people are driving they are busy, they are tired,” White said. “When people have to drive, they are sleeping”

“Traveling the cheap way” by Catherine Champagne is a useful book for people who wish to travel on a budget. It includes practical tips and advice on how to save money while traveling.

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This week’s issue: Breaking up the academic year

Quarters work the best/in support of semesters

The quarter system is far superior to the semester system. I can say so with authority. For the last two years of my higher education, I attended Sonoma State University, a school that uses the semester system. I transferred to Cal Poly this fall, and I like the quarter system much better.

But Chancellor Reed has requested that the six California State Universities on the quarter system change to the semester system within three years.

One of the main differences I have seen has been motivation. In the semester system, students have the same schedule for 15 weeks instead of our 10 weeks. In a 15-week system, classes drag on. Attendance doesn't seem as crucial, especially as the weather warms up in the spring. Missing one day of class in the quarter system would be like missing one and a half days in the semester system. I will use a true, yet extreme, example from Sonoma State.

During the first semester of my freshman year, I took physics 101. It was taught by a graduate student named Andrew. Andrew was a cut-and-dry kind of guy, and simply did not have enough to say to fill up three hours of class every week for 15 weeks. After the first couple weeks, I realized that every Monday Andrew essentially repeated the lecture he had given the previous Wednesday. As long as I made it to class once a week, I wouldn't miss anything. Skipping class is very out-of-character for me. I am paranoid that I will miss something important. For those who are skeptics, I am an A in that philosophy class, and set the curve for the final.

In the quarter system, students get to take more classes than do students in the semester system; there are still ample opportunities for them to take a greater variety of classes and receive a more thorough education. A student in the quarter system takes about four classes a quarter three times a year. A student in the semester system takes about five classes a semester twice a year. After a four-year period, a student in the quarter system will have taken 12 more classes than the student in the semester system. After a five-year period, the difference is 10 classes! Departments will have to decide which courses to cut from their curriculum and instructors will have to change the format of their classes.

The Academic Senate has estimated that it will cost $5 million to convert Cal Poly to the semester system. The chancellor's office has pledged only $2 million to fund the conversion. Where will this money come from?

If Cal Poly converts to the semester system, class sizes will increase. Smaller class sizes are something I have personally benefited from at Cal Poly. I took a C++ computer programming class at Sonoma State. The class had more than 200 students. I already struggled with computer programming; I don’t need to compete with 200 other students for the professor's help.

Last year, I attended a C++ computer programming course that a friend of mine took at Cal Poly. The class size was around 30. The professor knew the students better and was able to spend more time with them during lab hours. I believe that extra time with the instructor would have made a huge difference for me.

Several years ago, a change to the semester system was proposed to Cal Poly students. The change would mean a one less time per year when we would have to deal with registering for and canceling classes, the latter of which I'm sure many students are tired of by this point in the week. Other unforeseen changes would also happen. Students' anxiety levels would increase. Students and faculty would greatly benefit from a change from a quarter-based system to semesters. As students, we shouldn’t be afraid of change if change means we get a first-class education with the material is tix) difficult and subsequently becoming frustrated. With semesters, this would be much less of a problem. With more time to absorb the information, students would ultimately understand it better. School wouldn’t be simply a race to get through the required classes, but would be something students can look forward to. Cal Poly could finally realize a process of truly acquiring knowledge, not simply cramming, then forgetting the material five minutes later.

Sometimes students find themselves dreading a class and counting the days until the quarter is over. But Cal Poly is an accomplished university, and we have many distinguished professors here. If a student knows a class, it will surely end all too quickly under the quarter system. Wouldn't it be great if that class were allowed to continue for a few more weeks? I also have a hunch that many of those dreaded professors would seem a lot more likable if they simply had enough time to accurately represent their material. Cramming undermines the relationship between the student and the teacher.

Then there are all of the other California State Universities. If all the remaining campuses on the quarter system changed to semesters, several opportunities would emerge. Uniformity would be an asset to the whole system. It would allow faculty members from different universities to be able to exchange teaching ideas and strategies with ease. Students would also benefit from this uniformity; how many of you went home for spring break only to find some of your other Cal State friends were still weeks away from their courses? In addition, the semester-based academic year typically ends in late May. This would give students an advantage in finding those valuable summer jobs, or at least more days at the beach for those who are so inclined.

There are other advantages that come with a change to semesters. A change would mean one less time per year when we would have to deal with registering for and canceling classes, the latter of which I'm sure many students are tired of by this point in the week. Other unforeseen changes would also happen. Students' anxiety levels would increase. Students and faculty would greatly benefit from a change from a quarter-based system to semesters. As students, we shouldn’t be afraid of change if change means we get a first-class education with the material is tix) difficult and subsequently becoming frustrated. With semesters, this would be much less of a problem. With more time to absorb the information, students would ultimately understand it better. School wouldn’t be simply a race to get through the required classes, but would be something students can look forward to. Cal Poly could finally realize a process of truly acquiring knowledge, not simply cramming, then forgetting the material five minutes later.
Letters to the editor

Teaching values helps — but is problematic

Editor,

Regarding a recent commentary ("Religion won’t stop shootings," April 5), I believe that teaching val-
ues would not deter the violence in schools and the community in general. But there are a few problems
with this.

First, many Christians would object to teaching values that are not their beliefs. This is the first principle.
Second, values can’t be properly taught in the abstract, like mathe-
matics. Understanding values requires being a part of an intimate community, not just forcing memo-
maries into the mind. The personal belief in “free will” severely hampers moral understanding. By the theory of the blank slate, there is no val-
ues education, because when a per-
son is old enough, they can “choose” their values.

Furthermore, it doesn’t matter how you treat another person under free will. No matter how badly they are abused beforehand, when they kidnap, the fault is theirs and theirs alone. And finally, with free will there is no ground for moral rules, because how you treat someone is completely a matter of their preference, and no general rules can be established. With cer-
tain beliefs, you will not be able to reach the same conclusions as others.

In conclusion, I do not think that teaching values would help prevent violence in schools.

John Winter is an electrical engi-
neering senior.

Chancellor’s actions could lead to strike

Editor,

I find it interesting that the chancellor is somehow found $12 mil-
lion to “help” campuses convert to
the semester system, when we still don’t have enough money to teach all the classes we need to teach in
addition. In addition, we face a huge pro-
posed increase in student enrollment to the future. Can you see pri-
oritization?

Besides the money, unless I am mistaken, the schedule/curriculum matters for a particular campus are determined by that campus’ admin-
istration. We do not change the curriculum, nor the administration.

Having taught here for 30 years, I find this to be the absolute worst “fact” of prizing. In fact, they are typical of the arrogance that this particular chancellor has chosen to exhibit toward the faculty from day one of his appointment.

For example, rather than negoti-
eate, he has imposed his own contract on us for the last two years, in spite of an overwhelming faculty vote against doing so in favor of the faculty position.

With a new three-year contract (beginning July 2001) on the table, if he insists on taking the same atti-
dece, he is risking the chance of a successful faculty vote against his fall. This is all we all want! I doubt

A. J. Duff is a physics professor.

Victims support prayer

Editor,

In response to the continuing debate over the exclusion of religion in schools and its relation to school violence ("Religion won’t stop shoot-
ings," April 5), I would like to share the following excerpt from an address given by the father of a Columbia shooting victim to the House Judiciary Committee. His words regarding what he considers a “spiritual event” are
painfully truthful.

Dear Congressman,

You ignore our deepest needs/Your words waver/My heart, thudding stilled/Your empty words/You’ve outlawed simple prayer.

Now permit fullness of Our deepest needs/Our children’s needs/Our communal needs/Our families/Our ancient heritage/You’ve outlawed simple prayer.

I urge you to protect fullness of children’s needs/You forget the heart/thoughts of the Homelands/You’ve疗效simple prayer.

And yet you fail to understand/That God is our/We need and want "faith/In our children’s/And our families’/And our ancient/Heritage/You’ve疗效simple prayer.

Jenny Rosen is a political science senior.

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Drug law hurts students

Marisa Garcia, a sophomore at Cal State University State University, Fullerton, struggles for col-
lege tuition because she was denied a federal loan. She summed the num-
er of hours she works at a local flower shop a week, and how her mother took out a loan against her house. Rolling Stone magazine reported Garcia was
indebted for ineligible student aid after

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suspension of marijuana conviction. She paid a $415 fine for the crime. Unfortunately for Garcia, she’s still paying for her crime.

Rep. Mark Souder (R-Ind.) placed the target on college stu-
dents with drug convictions who were seeking federal loans. In October 1998, as part of the Higher Education Act, Congress passed a new law that suspends stu-
dents from receiving federal financial aid if convicted under federal or state law of selling or possessing any illegal drug. This means stu-
dents such as Garcia, who have had recent drug convictions, will not be eligi-
able (with an extended drive) to

Rosemary Kent, Youngstown State University administrative assistant, financial aid verification office, students with drug convictions may still be eligible for state or institutional aid.

"For denial aid depends on a number of things. If the convic-
tion was more than six years ago, it’s void. It depends on the num-
er of convictions, of the conviction, and whether they are convicted for selling or pos-
session."

Through mid-January, the Department of Education had processed the federal financial-aid applications for the current 2000-2001 school year. Nearly 3.2 million applications were approved. All of 8,056 (59 percent) of those have been denied aid under the Souder amendment.

Kent said students who do not have children can "Call their name by attending a drug reha-
bilitation center. If they pass two tests, they can do about it," Kent said.

There still are several exceptions to this law. One flaw lies in the racial inequities of sen-
iority. The law mathematically singles out low-income, non-
white families. Another flaw is there are no such laws for other groups. Convicted murderers can receive federal financial aid. If you rape or kill someone, "it’s okay." The government will still send you to school, but you’ll be thinking backwards. Business people also
slide through the filter. They can receive grants and subsidies from the government whether they have drug convictions or not.

The message being sent is one-
sided and vague.

The Republican congressmen who voted for the bill argued taxpayer money shouldn’t be wasted on drug users. In a state of the nation speech, former President Bill Clinton said, "We can do about it," Kent said. "I believe it is completely legitimate and justifi-
ble for Congress to restrict access to federal aid for those with substance abuse problems. To do otherwise would support the erroneous notion that people have a right to taxpayer funds regardless of their actions."

In other words, federal finan-
cial aid is not a right. Dick

College tuition should keep its ‘college party atmosphere’

As U.S. college students return from spring break, they bring back fond memories. Some, how-
ever, return with a lack of memory, doused out by alcohol, food and

Editor,

"You don’t have to be a history major to recognize the importance of the immigration issue," he said. "Do not send letters as an attachment. All letters will be edited and then be printed in the text of the body of the e-mail.

Laraire Theodore, Youngstown State University, U-Wins.

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Many assume that Mexico is the easy solution to a true spring break expe-
rience. Cancun, Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta and a number of other places join the list of desti-
nations for students. As residents of California, Cal Poly students are lucky enough not to bare shovels with Mustang Daily, but able (with an extended drive) to visit one of Mexico’s most popular and accessible party spots.

Tijuana. Not changing Tijuana’s image is the only way to make the drive worthwhile.

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Muslims postpone threatened beheading of American male

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — In the face of a last-ditch military offensive, Muslim rebels backed off on their threat to kill an American hostage Thursday and send his head to President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo as a birthday present.

Just minutes before the threatened execution, Carol Schilling was hooked up on live radio with the Abu Sayyaf guerrilla group that has held her 25-year-old son, Jeffrey, since last August.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, watching a two-man act through their shaky connection, “said before they could say or do anything, the Shower Ranger whose buttocks had been exposed to the audience, ‘I lied to myself, I realized I was, I was smelling something disgusting and I started to vomit my breakfast’” the girls’ attorney, Gloria Allred said.

The teen-agers said they were standing on the beach in the San Diego area when they were stripped to the waist, and their refusal to pay ransom for hostages, Abu Sayyaf, thought to number about 1,200, has sought $10 million for Schilling.

He added that the episode would never be aired and that he had taken steps to see that such an event never happens again.

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But this threat had been the most specific, beheading a hostage by the Abu Sayyaf guerrilla group that has held her 25-year-old son, Jeffrey, since last August.

Mrs. Schilling, a YMCA accountant from Oakland, had been told twice before that her son’s execution was imminent.

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“Without warning or explanation the two Shower Rangers turned their backsides to the audience, both opened a flap on the back of their shorts, exposing their naked buttocks,” the girls’ attorney, Gloria Allred said.

MTV apologizes to angry fans

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Delta Air Lines flight from Atlanta to Japan was forced to return to the United States after Russian air traffic controllers said it did not have permission to fly through their airspace.

Flight 55, carrying 203 passengers and 15 crew members, was about 20 minutes into its journey when the controllers notified pilots the flight lacked proper clearance, said an airlines spokesman.

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Baker dismissed from Sonics practice

The women's swimming and diving team had three players named to the team this weekend, along with sophomore Carolines Robles, junior Kristy Baker and senior Jennifer Sonosky.

"As long as we can put together a complete game, we will be able to play at the level we are capable of - the level we played at earlier this season," she said. "We just have to remain fundamentally soundly." The Mustangs start its three-game series against the Gauchos at Bob Jones Field tonight at 7 p.m.

Friday's game is billed Fan Appreciation Night while Saturday will be Alumni Day. Chair back seats will be $5 and prices will be given to the first 100 people in the gates Friday Night. On Saturday, all alumni will be honored and prices will also be given out.

UC Santa Barbara is 15-3 in Big West play and 13-22 overall. Cal Poly is 0-6 in conference and 13-20 overall.

"These games will definitely set the tone for the remainder of the season," said Mustang head coach Bryan Gant. "They'll show us where we are baseball-wise, if we're ready to take on the Big West, and I think we're definitely ready for it."

The Mustangs don't appear to think the right call's not being made, don't quit. "We know we can do a lot of special things coming up in the Big West. We have to learn to play through that. When you think the night's call being made, don't quit," said McMillan. McMillan ordered the practice after Tuesday night's 107-89 loss to the San Antonio Spurs. Baker struggled against the Spurs, making only 6 of 12 shots and grabbing six rebounds in 32 minutes.

"I know you want to win the game, but there are going to be times when things go against you," McMillan said. "In order to win in this league, you're going to have to put that call off or whatever behind you, refocus and go out and win the game." During Wednesday's practice, the Mustangs appear to think they should be a good indicator of what the key to victory is for the Mustangs.

"You have six games against Fullerton," McMillan said. "You need to score more runs," he said. To make the NCAA tournament, the Mustangs will have to have a solid conference record, which means winning early and often. "It's important that we win the opening series and get started above .500 in conference," Price said. "It's really tough to open the season under .500 if you don't win the first couple of games because at some point in time you know looming down the road you have six games against Fullerton and Long Beach."
Rookie leads crowded leaderboard in Augusta

BY MEGAN MUNDAY
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Woods is two under after first round of play

Augusta, Ga. (AP) -- Tiger Woods was sitting on a pine berm, staring at the ground, when an enormous cheer turned his head.

Through a strand of pines down the hill at the 16th tee, a crowd of people who he had been introduced to as he was touring the grounds funneled towards him. He turned, found the 16th hole and watched the crowd turn his way.

It was clear it was not for him, that he had failed to break 70 in the second round. It was his last shot at the U.S. Amateur and the Open qualifying tournament. After Wednesday's win over Bethany, he had a one-stroke lead in the first round by a Masters rookie in 11 years. Certainly not Phil Mickelson, who made four straight birdies on the back nine for a 67, his best start at Augusta in five years.

Not even Driscoll, the U.S. Amateur runner-up who finished with a 68 and a smile that evoked memories of Matt Kuchar.

While Woods made only one birdie on a par 5 and finished with a bogey 70, DiMarco led an assault on a relatively tame Augusta National course with seven birdies on the 12th hole for a one-stroke lead over Steve Stricker and Angel Cabrera of Argentina.

"You're not going to have things go your way all the time, and had everything gone my way today," DiMarco said.

"I just hope it stays like that." Woods couldn't say the same.

His quest to become the first player to hold all four professional majors at the same time began with a tee shot into the pine straw, a punch shot with a 2-iron into the bunker and a bogey. He didn't get much better the rest of the way.

It was the seventh straight year, the last as a professional, that Woods failed to break 70 in the first round of the Masters. He squandered a great opportunity to lead a day when the course has rarely been this forgiving.

"This is a major championship. It's an opportunity this time, a day when the course has rarely been this forgiving," he said. "Things just haven't gone our way. When you play good rounds you usually feel up, but we just didn't play up to their level at all."

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MUSTANGS OPEN BIG WEST PLAY AGAINST MATADORST

By Ryan Ballard
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Like a detailed train, it's time for the Cal Poly baseball team to get back on track as it prepares to start its journey through the Big West conference schedule.

The Mustangs (19-11) will take on Cal State Northridge (21-11) in a three-game homestand this weekend to open the Big West season. Cal Poly has struggled a bit of late, losing four out of its last five games. Before Wednesday's win over Bethany College, the Mustangs had lost its previous four games, including one to Fresno State on March 27 and three to Long Beach State last weekend.

The game against NAIA Bethany College (1-11) was a late addition to the schedule, announced for the first time on Tuesday. The Mustangs turned up the heat immediately, sending nine batters to the plate and scoring three runs in the first inning, before cruising to a 14-2 victory. The game was called in the seventh inning due to the mercy rule -- Bethany was down by more than 10 runs. Cal Poly sat out its starters, getting some playing time for its bench. Wednesday's starting lineup made an average of less than five starts each season.

Junior Greg Bochy came out of the bullpen to start only his third game in 12 appearances. Bochy gave a strong performance and earned his first win of the season against the Matadors.

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SOFTBALL HOPES TO END SMALL MID-SEASON SLUMP

By Megan Munday
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After losing the first six games in the Big West Conference, the Cal Poly softball team is looking to put an end to a mid-season slump.

In the last eight games, Cal Poly has scored only two runs total in series play against Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State and non-conference San Diego State.

The Mustangs open an important conference series tonight at 7 p.m. against UC Santa Barbara.

Head Coach Lisa Boyer said she isn't too worried about these recent losses.

"I'm concerned, but not alarmed," Boyer said. "We have to keep in perspective who we've lost to -- three really good teams."

Fullerton is ranked eighth in the nation, Long Beach is undefeated in conference play, and Boyer said that San Diego is having its best season yet.

Melissa Haley, senior right outfi elder and designated hitter, said that things haven't been going the way the team has wanted them to.

"It's frustrating to lose as many games as we have lately, but we have good players and great potential," she said.

"Things just haven't gone our way. When you play good rounds you usually feel up, but we just didn't play up to their level at all."

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Yesterday's Answer:
Jeff Kent was picked in the 20th round of the 1989 Free Agent Draft by the San Francisco Giants.

Today's Question:
Which four major league teams has Gary Sheffield played for?

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