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Change of major may get easier
By Adrienna Benjamin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Academic Senate has passed a resolution requiring all depart­
ments to publish criteria by the end of summer 2001 for students who
want to transfer into their major.

"We want to attempt an increase of communication with the depart­
ments and the students," said Myron Hood, chair of the
Academic Senate.

Hood said most students don't know the criteria when applying to
change majors.

"We have asked all departments to put their criteria on the Web," Hood said. "If anyone wanted to
change majors they would know what to do.

The current process for changing majors varies between the colleges and there isn't a requirement to
publish the criteria for changing into the major, Hood said.

"Some colleges are not clear and don't have written requirements for students who want to switch into the
major," Hood said. "By making the departments write a criteria it will help the students.

The resolution won't change the
major requires the same criteria it will have to be written. The students should be notified on what courses to
take when switching into the major.

"The waiting period to switch in the major takes a year or two," Hood said. "The reason for that is because of the requirements and the spaces available in the major.

Many students said they believe that switching majors should not be a problem and that the process needs to change.

"It's taken me a year to switch from civil engineering into speech communication," said Lauren Moe, a speech communication sopho­
more. "I believe if someone wants to switch then they should be able to with no hassle."

Moe said her department made the process difficult.

"The engineering department wanted to dismiss me from the major because I wasn't taking any of their courses," Moe said. "But the problem was I had to take the required classes to switch into speech communication so I can get in the major."

Moe said she thought it was unfair that the engineering department tried to dismiss her for not taking certain engineering classes per quarter.

"They wanted to kick me out
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Poly marketing club places first in conference
By Lyndsay Lundgren
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly chapter of the American Marketing Association took home the top membership and recruit­ing
award from the 23rd Annual International Collegiate Conference. The conference was held April 19-21 in New Orleans. Over 110 North American chapters attended. Universities from Puerto Rico, Mexico, Canada and the United States partici­pared, said Chris Cole, AMA chapter president.

"This award gives us credibility on this campus and shows that we are actively involved," he said. "The award gave us national recognition and shows that we are competitive.

AMA is the largest and most com­prehensive professional society for

marketeters, according to the AMA Web site. The nearly 45,000 members in 100 countries make up 400 national and collegiate chapters. The AMA was founded in 1937 and gives direct bene­fits to marketing professionals in both business and education, according to the AMA Web site.

Twelve AMA members from Cal Poly attended the conference, Cole said.

"We wanted to go to the conference to show that we are enjoying ground as a chapter and becoming recognized," Cole said.

The award not only gives the chap­ter national recognition, but it also helps in future requests for grants and ad from the AMA, Cole said.

Other schools that won awards include Tennessee Tech, Winona State, Colorado State, Cal Poly Pomona and St. Cloud University. Fewer than 25 schools received awards.

"We are strictly student supported," Cole said. "We have an adviser, but we had no adviser in attendance at the conference."

Guest speakers from Polo-Ralph Lauren, Wall Street Journal, Rolling Stone Magazine, 3M and Southwest Airlines provided professional insight to the students according to the AMA Web site. Ellen Walker of Dunkin' Donuts and Pete Balcock of the Atlantic Hawks, were keynote speakers. Students participated in case

petitions sponsored by Dunkin' Donuts and Northwestern Mutual and other simulated sales contests.

ASI candidates state their platform
By Raul Vasquez
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students had a chance to have their questions and concerns heard at a forum for candidates for Associated Students Inc.
president Tuesday.

The forum, sponsored by the Cal Poly Young Democrats and College Republicans, featured presidential candidates Brent
Vann and Corey Reihl. Candidate Angela Hacker was not able to attend the forum.

Chair of the board candidate Chris Madsen was also present at the forum to answer student questions.

Vann, Cal Poly College Republicans president and political science senior, stated that most people on campus do not
really know what ASI or the president actually does. Among the issues Vann addressed was the need to give Cal Poly's
17,000 students a voice in the city council by possibly having the ASI president sit on the
council. Community service needs to be required in order to
improve the image of Cal Poly students in the community, Vann said.

Corey Reihl, business senior, served two years on the board of
directors. Reihl stressed the importance of communicating with the students on campus through the ASI Web site and by co-sponsorships with student clubs and organizations. Reihl also stressed community relations and the idea of having the presi­dent sit on the city council.

Reihl said that one way to improve the public perception of Cal Poly students is to encourage increased voter registration. The low number of registered voters hurts Cal Poly because the city council knows that not many people are registered, Reihl said.

Reihl has already been in contact with MTV's Rock the Vote cam­
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Chris Madsen, top candidate for ASI chair of the board, Corey Reihl, left, can­diate for presi­dent, and Brent Vann, candidate for president, share their views on student gov­ernment at an informational forum Tuesday. ASI elections will be held May 2 and at 3 at various locations around campus.

Daniel Gonzalez/MUSTANG DAILY
Activists protest abortion policy

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — Thousands of activists rallied at Capitol Hill Sunday, voicing their concerns and opposition to Bush administration moves that they see as potentially fatal to the cause of abortion rights.

Proponents women's rights groups including the National Organization of Women, Planned Parenthood and the Feminist Majority organized the rally and march.

"Now mind you, no one in the administration has suggested we review the safety of Viagra!" Patricia Ireland, NOW president, said.

"The struggle to save this fundamental right for women is also symbolic of a larger fight for all of the basic rights and expectations under attack by the Bush administration," Ireland said. "Much of the progress we have made and our hopes for the future are on the line."

Women's rights groups from across the country opposed Bush's reinstatement of the "Global Gag Rule" that prevents government money from funding international organizations that promote abortion.

"Not only are they not going to take Roe v. Wade away from us, but we are really rights now," Schoenfeldt told U-WIRE after her speech.

Women from across the country gathered to hear a host of speakers and musical acts before marching on the National Mall.

Across from the pro-life groups assembled displaying graphic pictures of aborted fetuses, carrying signs and shouting at their pro-choice counterparts.

"We don't expect to change these people," said Tina Whittington, leader of Rock for Life, a Christian organization that educates students through music. "(The two groups) are so polarized, and this is not the place to change their hearts and minds."

Police stood between the two groups although there was no physical confrontation on the divisive issue.

"I am an abortion provider in a town where the last clinic was bumed to the ground, I wear a bullet-proof vest to work," said Dr. James Peredeget, a physician running five abortion clinics in Florida.

"My clinic is the site of daily protests and I fear for the physical safety of my patients, my employees and myself."

"I'm sick of hearing about college students being asleep on issues," said Maria Glazer, a senior at Brown University, told the cheering crowd.

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Schoenfeldt, who works part-time as a Jesuit school, "you can't even talk about it." Glazer said that birth control is not available on the campus of the Jesuit school, "you can't even talk about it."

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Living Fit

For ‘weekend warrior’ athletes, injuries come with the territory

By Whitney Kellogg
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Slight muscles, sore joints, an achy back — it may seem like being uncomfortable is part of getting fit, but it doesn’t have to be. "No pain, no gain" is an unwritten motto for non-competitive athletes trying to prevent injuries.

Recreational athletes may not have the benefits of a physical therapist’s or coach’s safety advice, but following simple precautions can reduce a weekend warrior’s common workout ailments.

"The weekend warrior is someone who sits around for the whole quarter, then softball season starts up and they go out and play," said Nancy Clark, fitness coordinator at the Cal Poly Rec Center.

Some students exercise more frequently, but most aren’t on a college team. At least 80 percent of over 15 million college students participate in various recreational sports programs compared to 2 percent in varsity sports, according to the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association’s Web site. Recreational exercises often suffer from delayed soreness that isn’t noticeable until 24 to 48 hours after activity, Clark said.

"They may play a game of softball on Saturday and then not be able to get up on Sunday," she said.

Microscopic tears in overlapping muscle fibers cause soreness, Clark said. When exercisers participate in a new activity, or do the activity infrequently, they use different muscle groups and increase their risk for soreness. These activities include explosive movements like throwing, sprinting, swimming a hard set and activities like yard work that may not be intended for exercise. Elbows, shoulders and knees are common sore areas.

Muscle imbalance, when one group of muscles is strong but another group is not, is also a source of pain, especially in the lower back and the abdominal muscles, said Yoel Levy, a freshman kinesiology graduate student who is a personal trainer at the Rec Center. Even if someone lifts weights, does their cardio every day and is in good shape, there could still be crossover soreness if they participate in an activity that is different than normal, Clark said.

Developing a regular exercise routine with a wide range of activities will help prevent most pain, she said. "People try to just come in when spring break’s about to start," Levy said. "But it’s not that hard to find three days a week where you can work out for an hour."

The most important element in staying active is finding an enjoyable activity, he said.

"If it’s fun for you it will promote adherence," he said. Exercising with another person may also increase motivation.

English sophomore Shauna Freese and her roommate, agribusiness freshman Emily Laubacher, stretched near each other at the Rec Center on Monday afternoon.

"We work out together all the time," Laubacher said. "When I see (Freese) going to workout and I’m still in bed, I’m like ‘Oh no, that’s not happening.’"

Levy also recommended that students warm up before workouts and cool down afterward, ask questions about how to use machines if instructions are confusing and realize their personal limits.

"It takes time to build up your strength," he said. "You know how much you can lift." If soreness does occur, the best treatment is about 48 hours of rest, Clark said.

For more acute injuries like sprained ankles, the Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation (RICE) method reduces swelling, Clark said. Stop exercising for about 48 hours, apply ice and light pressure to the injured area and raise the injured area above the heart, if possible, she said. Basic pain reliever medications can also help. Although popular, heat pads aren’t beneficial because heat draws fluid into the injured area, resulting in more swelling and slower recovery.

"The best thing is to generally stay healthy and strong so that soreness is not so extreme," Clark said. Moderate, consistent exercise might make developing a workout regimen less painful, and might convert some weekend warriors to weekend and weekday athletes. It seems working out doesn’t have to be so painful. Getting to the gym is another story.

Thanks!

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before I was able to get into an­other department," she said.

Moe said the departments should be more flexible regarding switch­ing majors because it's the student's own career decision.

"I'd like to see each college department work together and make it easier on the students to switch majors without these requirements," Moe said.

Cal Poly's criteria for switching majors is a long process because there needs to be a balance between availability of spaces and people wanting to switch into a major, Hood said.

"We can't have everyone switching out of polytechnics, like engineering, or else we wouldn't be a polytechnic school," Hood said. "We also have a quota in each section that needs to be fulfilled.

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on combating the anti-student trend in the community and form­ing an alliance with the community.

Hacker said she hopes to work to improve the student image and having their contributions recog­nized. Hacker stated that she has been an active participant in stu­dent government and an advocate for the rights of students.

"I'm not just asking for people's votes," Hacker said. "I'm asking them to join my team." Madsen, an agribusiness junior, is currently the only candidate for the position of chair of the board. Madsen has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past two years and has been involved with the Agriculture Business Management Club.

"I'm a serious candidate," Madsen said. "I just don't plan to walk on."

Madsen stated that the board should be a representative body ex­amining the interests of the students on campus.

The elections will be held on May 2 and 3. The voting locations are as follows: Fisher Science, Rec Center, the Erhart Agriculture Building, Dexter Lawn and the University Union.

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teach呆 weapons along with chipped paint, overgrown flowerbeds and cobweb-encrusted windows. All in all, campus is not less cared for than any other state building institution; however, all this is masked just before the illustrious Open House.

Beginning in early March, crews take to campus like never before—paint is touched up, new flowers and plants appear on the old landscape and light begins to shine again through the formerly dingy windows.

To the tens of thousands of visitors that flock to campus for the mid-April festivities, Cal Poly is looking pretty good.

Those incoming students will learn, however, that that fresh façade will only be to resurrected for the next year's Open House. While campus administrators see their spring sprucing as a way to welcome guests, it is merely a slap in the face to those who occupy campus for the other three seasons. It's a tacit indication that it is only the impressions of prospective students that matter.

It is evident, especially this year with the Centennial Celebration, that many thousands of dollars are spent to offer a false impression to visiting students and families. Obviously, those funds are not available the rest of the year to keep the campus shipshape. Within a few months, students on campus will see those freshly planted mangolds wilt back into the earth along with the urge of those of us watching the campus return to its original, dingy self.

It would be appreciated if the administration took a few steps from their plush offices to notice the normal state of the campus. Perhaps President Warren Baker and his suited followers would realize the desperate need for regular beautification if they chose days aside from Open House to be seen out of doors.

Sure, it is important to put our best faces forward for Open House, but, just as we cannot pretend that this campus has not had more than its fair share of missing and murdered women, we cannot pretend the campus resides in a constant state of splendor.

This attitude is typical, though. Can’t we all remember the barrage of mail and freebees sent while we were deciding whether or not to come to Cal Poly? Upon arrival, those “gifs” become things of the past. From printing to ID cards to caps and gowns, nothing is an entitlement for being part of the Cal Poly family.

Cal Poly’s big wigs are urged to care for the students as much after they enroll as they do before.

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Opinion

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Letters to the editor

Only honoring Jews promotes propaganda Editor,

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We don't want to pay more money just to graduate.

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Make Cal Poly pay for graduation cap

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Cal Poly students who are graduating this quarter will have to pay that fee — $66 to be exact — to participate in the commencement ceremony this spring. A student cap and gown costs $26, and commencement tickets cost $40, said Jennifer Richardson in the EC Coral customer service department. After spending thousands of dollars in four to eight years at this university, students should not have to pay more to "walk" for their diploma, especially when they're only sitting in rows of folding chairs on the football field. Not only is this ridiculous but unfair, and absurd, but since the college makes so much money, it shouldn't be a problem for the university to pay for the various graduation accessories.

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Learn leadership from Sim City

This turn-off week turns me off

For each month on the calendar, various groups stand up and declare it a National (insert cause here) Month. April, in addition to being National Fair Skin Month (a common affliction of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons), National Limp Drip Month (result of abandoning 3B, 2B, 1B), and National Make Your Eyes Pop Day, is available, read TV Guide and find out what’s on. Wednesday then. Nope, it’s National Television Turn-off Time Slot. For just that one hour, you should not allow yourself to watch television. I don’t care what shows are on. At no other time during the week are on. Wednesday then. Nope, it’s National Television Turn-off Day. Wait, that’s when... I’m doing it just to make a little money, Lewis said. Quotes like this summarize America’s distractability to materialism. T-shirts advertising McVeigh’s death will only give him the attention he wanted by committing such an action. Please don’t give him the pleasure.

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Head coach Charles Zonolli said the finish was an excellent accomplishment and one they look forward to building on.

“We had an incredible year, knocking off all but two teams while making the run at the national championship and elevating our status into the top eight for the first time,” he said. “We’re very happy about our first job and are looking forward to coming back next year and improving on it.”

Cal Poly entered the 16-team national championship tournament seeded No. 13 and was matched up against No. 4 Ohio State in the first round. The Mustangs knocked off the Buckeyes 25-17 behind the strong running game of tailback Ron Merkerson of the Mustangs for the rest of the first half, and are looking forward to competing in the top eight for the first time,” he said. “They were a bit more, as they were a bit more.”

The return of head coach John Walker is the main concern for the players since the season has ended. Current personnel reasons, Walker may not return for next season. Walker was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

“We’ve learned to trust him, he gets us pumped up for the games,” Cleland said.

For most of the Mustangs, Walker has been their only collegiate water polo coach. The team is unsure as to when Walker will make his decision, but a team meeting tonight may perhaps determine if he will return.

“A lot of girls are saying that they don’t want to play if he doesn’t come back,” Cleland said.

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top schools like Notre Dame and University of Florida, who both won their respective conferences.

The season-ending loss was especially hard to swallow because they had beat two of the top teams in the country - teams that were left competing for the national championship.

“Everything we did was absolutely correct, the ball just wasn’t going in,” Luxey said. “It was any given Sunday, any team any game could win.”

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Players begin shift from XFL to NFL

NEW YORK (AP) - The XFL has begun.

At least eight XFL players have signed NFL contracts and perhaps as many as 25 will follow as NFL teams follow up the draft by acquiring free agents to fill their training camp rosters. Even before the last weekend’s XFL championship, in which Los Angeles beat San Francisco 40-31, nine players from the XFL’s New York franchise have signed NFL contracts.

“Very good thing for us, it’s excellent,” said Rick Reprish, personnel director of the Jacksonville Jaguars, who already have three signed XFL players. “It’s a great other source of information about these players.”

Rick Reprish, personnel director

The Jaguars have signed linebacker Richard Hogan of Memphis, safety Kenny Cooks of Chicago and linebacker Joseph Turapla of Las Vegas.

Many NFL sources say the new league has been welcomed by players who had failed to make the NFL to get additional experience. XFL teams scouted the NFL all season.

About 200 players from the USFL, which folded in 1996, made it in the NFL, although that league had high-caliber, high-priced young players - Steve Young, Reggie White, Jim Kelly, Herschel Walker and Doug Flutie, among others.

Many XFL players, on the other hand, already have been in the NFL. Merrick and Turapla were released by the Saints last August as was Tarver by the Cowboys. Thomas and Tarver are sons of Giants. The Giants. Blackman was cut from the Denver practice squad last November and took a fifth-round pick of the Vikings who also played for the Packers. Hogan was released by San Diego in an injury settlement.

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Arizona Cardinals. Tillman said he and his brother are excited about the possibility that both could be playing professional sports. "I think it'd be sweet," Tillman said. "He'd be real proud up." Since his transfer to Cal Poly, Tillman has played in some memorable games. One of his favorites was when the Mustangs beat Stanford to open Biggert Stadium earlier this season.

"You do everything you can to beat a team like that," he said. "Their program is so good... they bring so much to the table." Another memorable moment for Tillman was when he broke his hand in a game at San Diego State last season. He got picked off at first base and in the process hurt his hand. It wasn't until Tillman tried to bat later on and took X-rays that he realized that his hand was broken. "At first, I was embarrassed and mad at myself for getting picked off at first base," Tillman said. "I played more than one inning. Then, when I tried to swing a bat, I realized something was wrong." Because of his injuries, Tillman was forced to miss half the season. Price said he was happy to get Tillman back this season after the injury because he expected Tillman to get signed by a team at the end of last year.

Tillman had trouble transferring into Cal Poly's business college, so he opted for philosophy. He met Professor Kenduck Walker who helped him apply and work through his demanding classes.

"Professor Walker helped me out so very much," Tillman said. "He gave me a lot harder than I pushed myself academically."

Not only is Tillman grateful for Walker, he also admires him. "I love him," Walker said. "He came into something that was entirely new to him and persevered. I admired it. He has not given up on material that was difficult for him. I've had other students that just packed and gave up when it got hard."

As his graduation gets closer, Tillman is looking to the future. Despite the fact that he has been drafted twice, he is modest about his prospects of playing professional baseball. "I hope I get the opportunity to play," he said. "If things work out, I'd go for sure. I'll play for anyone who wants me to play for them. Price has no doubts that Tillman will play in the Big Leagues, but said that he will also have a career outside of the sport. "He'll definitely get the opportunity to play professional baseball," Price said. "With his college degree and work ethic, he'll be very successful after baseball."
**MAN ON A MISSION**

Cal Poly second baseman Kevin Tillman is focused on his degree before pro ball

By Michelle Hatfield  MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After being drafted by the Houston Astros in high school and by the Anaheim Angels in college, Cal Poly third baseman Kevin Tillman decided to stay on the path to a college degree. "I wasn't ready to play," he said. "It wasn't really feasible at the time. I had nothing to fall back on."

Tillman went on to attend Arizona State University after graduating from Leland High School in San Jose. He attended Arizona State for three years, and then chose to transfer to Cal Poly. "We knew he was a pretty high-profile athlete," said head coach Ritchie Price. "We were thrilled when he wanted to transfer. He wanted to play every day."

Tillman said San Luis Obispo, the weather and the atmosphere were all reasons why he decided to transfer to Cal Poly.

Currently, Tillman is batting .385 with 44 hits and 24 RBI. This is the first year in his baseball career that he has played second base. In the past, he played third.

"I wasn't sure how good I'd do over there," said the graduating senior. "Second base is more freedom. It's exciting to watch players who are stealing and keeping runners close. At third base, you don't have to react."

Price said that Tillman has a grasp of baseball fundamentals when he steps up to the plate. "He's an outstanding hitter," Price said. "He has a great knowledge of the strike zone. The better the pitching, the better he hits."

While in high school, Tillman played football and soccer in addition to baseball. He said he chose to focus on baseball because he wanted to concentrate on excelling in one sport.

"In order to do well, I can't spread myself so thin," he said. "I always wanted to play college baseball."

Tillman said he's loved soccer all his life, but only started playing football so that he could play with his brother. His brother Pat is in his fourth year as a strong safety in the NFL with the Seattle Seahawks.

Second baseman Kevin Tillman has been drafted twice in his career, and is hopeful that the major leagues will come calling again after this season.

**Rugby falls in elite eight**

By Rob Cassel  MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly men's rugby team ended their season Sunday with a loss to Navy after advancing to the elite eight of the national championship tournament in Columbus, Ohio. The Mustangs finished the season 9-2 overall and 2-1 in league. The top-eight finish is the highest season-ending ranking ever for the rugby team.

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**Women's water polo takes third**

By Aaron Lambert  MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After a season at the top of the standings, the women's water polo team placed a bitter-sweet third at the Pacific Coast Conference tournament at UC Davis last Saturday.

The Mustangs (16-6) entered last weekend's tournament as the No. 1 seed. That was a spot they held the entire season, after winning the regional tournament early in the year.

"It was kind of an upset at the tournament this weekend, we were supposed to win our conference," said driver Andrea Lacey, a recreation administration sophomore. "It was really disappointing and heartbreaking... They were a good team, but we're better."

The 10-9 loss to UCLA came as a shock to the team who was seeded No. 1 in the nation and had aspirations of winning the national title.

"Our coach was really careful to make sure that we were not too cocky," said driver Laurel Cleland, a civil engineering sophomore. "We kind of looked past this tournament and on to nationals."

In the first round of the tournament the team saw nothing unexpected and rolled over St. Mary's College 8-1.

They bounced back after the one point loss to UCLA to take out their frustration with a 15-2 walloping of third-ranked Sonoma State University, which garnered the team third place.

Without a conference title, their dreams of a national championship were over.

This season, the Mustangs beat Occidental College 12-8, the school that hosted the conference tournament.

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**Briefs**

Women's basketball signs student-athlete

Cal Poly women's basketball signed Anataro Ugiarelie to play basketball for the Mustangs. She was a member of the Los Angeles Times All-Valley Team last season, average in 22.5 points, 11 rebounds and 6.7 assists per game. She is 5-foot-9 and attended Garena High School in Pomona.

Kroeker signs with Lions

Former Cal Poly offensive tackle Dustin Kroeker signed a free-agent contract with the Detroit Lions and will report to the Lions' mini-camp Friday to begin workouts.

Kroeker played tackle for two years at Cal Poly and started all 22 games during that span. He was a two-time All-American selection by Successful Farming Magazine. He is the first Mustang to sign a free agent contract with a NFL team since San Diego signed Chris Thomas in 1992. Wide receiver Kamil Iudov was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the seventh round in 1997.

**Schedule**

**WEDNESDAY**

• Men's tennis vs. Westmont  at Westmont • 2 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

• Men's and women's tennis at Big West Champs at Ojai  • all day

• Men's golf vs. Santa Clara  at Avila Beach C.C. •  all day

• Women's tennis at Big West Champs at Ojai  • all day

**FRIDAY**

• Baseball vs. Sacramento State  at Baggett Stadium • 5 p.m.

• Men's and women's tennis at Big West Champs at Ojai  • all day

**SATURDAY**

• Spring football Green and Gold game  at Sports Complex • 11 a.m.