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**Baker weighs in on fee referendum**

By Kristy Charles

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In an interview with the Mustang Daily and CPTV on Tuesday, President Baker discussed current fee proposals as a way to maintain and enhance the quality of the university as well as to cut down graduation time for students.

The three main reasons Cal Poly needs increases, Baker said, is to hire more faculty, pay for labs and hands-on opportunities and provide the latest technology as a learning tool for students.

All colleges except one are proposing a $200 per quarter fee increase starting next fall. The College of Liberal Arts is asking for $125 a quarter.

Students approved a fee increase once before in Cal Poly history. In 1996, students paid a $45 academic fee as part of the Cal Poly Plan. The fees were intended to increase the number of units students could take and decrease graduation time.

Baker said, he said he is optimistic that this year’s fee increase will accomplish the same goals by opening up more class sections for students.

Currently, there is no way to calculate how many students are on the waiting list for a class or how many people have tried to enroll in a specific section through Power. Departments usually keep track of the classes that become full and decide if they open with the role of allowing products that many people, and El Corral is OK with bylaw violations.

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**Clothing line stirs up separation of church and state debate**

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Onethuth was started in 1997 by Jerome Limpinc, a Cal Poly graduate. In an e-mail interview, Limpinc stated that the clothing line's slogan does state that there is one true religion and that the statements are heathen to people because it implies that their worldview might not be completely accurate.

"The purpose of onethuth clothing is to create clothing items that will cause people to think or ask questions about their spiritual condition," Limpinc said. "It's to create relationships and dialogue, not political discussion, and hopefully this is what they do. The college years are a time of searching, experimenting and evaluating for many people, and El Corral is OK with the role of allowing products that may present different viewpoints. The decision is on what products they carry. I believe many times, has to do with the market and what is available."

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"We’re not out to get any clubs," Barclay said. "We don’t have a lawyer and that’s not our role. If it’s a legal issue, it should be brought before the entire university."

The club presented 15 letters of support from professors, ASI board members and local businesses, Roberts said. Despite the recommendation, the club was suspended for six months. see BYLAWS, page 2
Weather Watch

5-DAY FORECAST
TUESDAY
High: 69° / Low: 46°
WEDNESDAY
High: 70° / Low: 47°
THURSDAY
High: 62° / Low: 40°
FRIDAY
High: 60° / Low: 40°
SATURDAY
High: 60° / Low: 40°
SUNDAY
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Vipal Galal, an industrial engineering senior, said that the clothing should be sold in the University Union, not in the bookstore. "If it was a Christian school, maybe it would be OK, but Cal Poly's a public institution," Galal said. "If the bookstore also sold other religions, it would be OK, but right now, it seems like the college is sponsoring Christianity." The bookstore sells items regardless of public sentiment, Carpenter said. "It tries to be non-biased and takes no stance on Christianity or any other religions.

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Know where to go on March 13th and 14th

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Allocation of Fee Revenues and Budget Assurances:

The President and the Provost affirm the following three principles regarding the allocation of fee revenues and college budgets.

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- There will be no reduction of the colleges' base budgets as a result of new revenues derived from the college-based fees.
- There will be no reduction in the normal access to and share of other General Fund allocations as a result of new revenues derived from the college-based fees.

High Demand and Bottleneck Courses:

The President and the Provost affirm that the University will achieve an immediate net increase in academic year 2002/03 in General Education and support courses that represent bottlenecks to student progress to degree. The funding for these courses will be provided from sources other than the revenues generated by the college-based Academic Fees, although some colleges may also choose to direct funds to this purpose.

Financial Aid:

Ninety-six percent (96%) of those students who enrolled at Cal Poly in 2000/01 who applied for financial aid and who demonstrated financial need were provided financial assistance.

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Library and Instructional Technology:

The President and the Provost affirm that the University will actively seek ways beyond the college-based fees to insure that academic services for students that are delivered by the Library and ITS are also well supported. We have already sought and obtained the endorsement of the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee to allocate some portion of the existing Cal Poly Plan academic fee revenues to fund added student services by both the Library and ITS.

Based on the outcomes of the respective college-level votes, the deans have also offered to include the advice and, if needed, the support of ITS and the Library, to implement services specific to the individual colleges where students ask for them. Additionally, we will ensure funding to provide increased access to professional librarians' support services, a consistent campuswide approach to the refresh of open access labs, and the availability of a broader range of licensed software for students in open access labs.

Student Input:

As outlined in all the college proposals, we are firmly committed to formal student involvement at the college and departmental level to assure that student interests and priorities are met. This means that students will be involved in direction-setting and performance assessment.

These are clear, measurable goals that reflect the University's commitment to foster student progress to degree, to enhance educational quality, and to honor the compact with students that their support of increased fees represents. We are as mindful of the obligations of this partnership as we are grateful for the opportunity to act together for the benefit of our students and the strengthening of our University.

Warren J. Baker
President

Paul J. Zingg
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
**Baker continued from page 1**

when to add more. Cal Poly is developing software that will calculate when new classes are needed during registration and how many people are on a waiting list. But Baker said this software will not be ready for at least one year.

To make sure that departments or colleges are held accountable for where the new revenue goes, they will be required to write an annual report. Baker said. Student participation through student committees is also meant to ensure that funds are properly used.

The following are selections from the question-and-answer session with President Baker:

**Mustang Daily** (MD): If you had to say just three main things that Cal Poly needs, what would those three things be?

**Baker:** We need more faculty to deliver the curriculum that's in the bulletin — that's obvious. Cal Poly is a polytechnic institution, and the nature of our curriculum is such that we have a lot of hands-on opportunities for students, and a lot of laboratories. These raise the cost of the programs higher than the average cost of the college education. And finally, I think that the third thing would be the technology that students today coming into the university are used to seeing. Students today learn differently. They're multitasking, and technology is clearly an advantage in providing learning resources for students when they need them.

**MD:** If Cal Poly needs a fee increase so badly, and if budget cuts would limit what we are able to offer as an university, why is a student referendum and not just pass a mandatory fee increase?

**Baker:** Yes, that's a very good question. And I've asked myself that several times. Most states do it that way: Campuses have the ability within certain ranges and with oversight from the Legislature and the Trustees to go ahead and set tuition, but California's not that way, and the Trustees' policy prior to 1993 was that the only way you could raise student fees was through an act of Legislature.

**Editor's Note:** In the early 1990s, the CSU fund allocations process changed. Universities were asked to increase enrollment but were being paid for those additional students on the basis of the average marginal cost, which was not enough to cover the costs. To help fund new programs, a self-help system was set to allow universities to charge additional fees if they were needed.

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**MD:** What would your response be to the statement by the California Polytechnic Professors Association that says, "The Cal Poly administration has not provided enough evidence that the Cal Poly Plan, $45 per quarter fee already in place, has increased the number of classes or graduation rates. The administration has promised 16 new tenure-track positions but since 1994, 95 the number of tenure-track faculty has decreased by one; however, the number of administrators has increased by 35."

**Baker:** We have done an analysis that said that 18 have been added and 16 of those were people to raise funds for the university. And this past calendar year, the university raised $58 million that we wouldn't have had otherwise. So you can see, very simply, that the state doesn't provide enough because of the cost of the programs. That's exacerbated at Cal Poly because we have a large percentage of our programs, which have a higher cost, and so a higher cost to hire the faculty.

**MD:** Let's say that the fee is implemented and the colleges start working on how they're going to distribute the money. There is the fear, which is also mentioned by CPA, that there won't be any accountability on how departments and colleges will actually spend the money. Are the colleges going to have to report back to the university, or are they going to sign an agreement with the university once students approve the funds?

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Back CFA, not fee increase

Editor, Monday, March 11, 2002, Volume LXVI, No. 97

The question of what is fair for fee increase has been brought up again. The CFA continues to fight for their rights in order for their students to receive the best possible education. The CFA is not fighting for the students to get more money, but rather to be paid a fair wage. The fee increase is not fair because it is not being used to benefit the students. It is being used to benefit the administration. The fee increase is a direct attack against the Muslim community and the community as a whole.

By allowing anyone to express their opinion in the Mustang Daily, it is a case of misrepresenting people and feeding into stereotypes that can lead to hurtful acts. No one should be allowed to judge others based on their beliefs or their appearance. The CFA is fighting for their rights and their students. They are not fighting for the fee increase, but rather for the right to express their opinions.

Chris Pag is a theatre arts sophomore.

CFA should offer both sides Editor

Monday, March 11, 2002

I agree with VL. Holland and other professors that the CFA should not have put an end to the CFA's opposition to the college-based proposals without consulting with CFA members. Theensor continues to say that the college administration is not in favor of the CFA's positions. I think the president will try to do what is best for our students and their future.

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A law has recently been proposed to try to change the minimum age for smoking from 18 to 21. This is a way for the state of California to take a stand against kids smoking, and that is a step in the right direction. For years we have been hearing how kids are starting to smoke at a younger age each year. Now, finally, California is taking a proactive stance to try to prevent kids from smoking at such young ages.

I'm tired of hearing everyone say that kids will be kids and somehow find a way to get their hands on cigarettes. This might be true, but it is not a good way to teach our children how to go through life.

If the saying "If I did it as a kid, so will my kid" is a lazy way of parenting, and it demonstrates that California is willing to just figure they will all start smoking sometime - so it's inevitable, why not start at 16 or 14 or even 10 years old?

The fact remains that there is a huge smoking problem among kids. The younger a child starts smoking, the more likely he or she is to develop health problems down the road - health problems like cancer, emphysema and lung disease. I'm sure most adults know this fact, but how educated are the children, the ones who are going to get most of the most dificult.

I understand that if this law passes, our problems with smoking will not miraculously disappear. We need to do more than just pass a law. We need to educate kids on the dangers of smoking. We can do this by showing videos, bringing in guest speakers to classrooms, or anything we can to scare these kids out of thinking smoking is glamorous or cool.

Kids need to learn that smoking will kill them if they do it for any significant length of time. The legal age for purchasing cigarettes has been 18 for some time now. The problems just continue to occur. They are old enough to join the military and give up their lives for their country. It is their right to hang out in bars and restaurants and smoke as they please. They are old enough to join the military and give up their lives for their country. Is the freedom to smoke a harm less habit or something we should penalize?

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The California Faculty Association (CFA) is seeking nominations for the "Distinguished Educator Award." The Distinguished Educator Award is being given, this year for the first time, to recognize faculty and educators who are not yet tenured. Tenure-track faculty, librarians, and counselors are ineligible for most teaching awards, yet they deserve recognition and distinction for outstanding service as they work to achieve tenure at Cal Poly. We encourage students and faculty to nominate a librarian, and/or a counselor the next time they are declared special recognition. This is your chance to make your voice heard. Three $500 awards will be presented at CFA's end-of-the-year banquet in June.

Below is a list of tenure-track faculty members, librarians, and counselors at Cal Poly. Please take a moment to peruse the list to see if there is someone you'd like to nominate. Then write or e-mail the nominee's name and reasons supporting your nomination to the address below. The CFA Distinguished Educator Award criteria may include teaching, scholarship, service, and leadership. Thank you.

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Baker: There are two ways. Every
mandatory fee is a part of the budget
and subject to audit and all of those
issues that are in place with respect to
how the money is spent are still in
place and they apply to the fee to be
with. Over and above that you'll see in
proposals that it's the key to this is stu-
dent participation on an ongoing basis
in the allocation of the funding. So if
you take engineering, for example, each
department will have a commit-
tee of five students and two faculty
members who know exactly how much
money is allocated to that department,
and they confer about what is the best use
for the benefit of the students with broad
guidelines that can't be violated. You then
track the money and annually there would
be a report that would have to come back.

MD: But what happens in the
instances where the allocations of fees
will be finalized at the college level. In
the College of Liberal Arts, for exam-
ple, each department will have a stu-
dent committee write up a "needs"
report that will be handed to the
dean. He will then decide, with another
committee, where the money will ultimately go. What guarantees
that a small department, like journal-
ism, will actually see any of its money?

Baker: You decide if you want to
pay an additional fee to improve the
quality of education that you have access
to. If you don't, then you don't vote yes. If
you want to have it go to jour-
nalism, then students should have
gotten together and said, well, the
ballot should have been written this
way.

There is clear evidence on record of
the intent that (the money) flows
to the course the students have
voted on to tax themselves.

MD: What happens if the budget is
cut and this fee is approved? Students
are saying that it will just maintain
what we have now, but what if the
doesn't pass and the budget is cut?

Baker: If you're going to cut class-
es, it should be that you have a
substantial amount of money you're
trying to cut out of the (university's) budget
without cut-
ting classes. There's no doubt about
that. If it gets up to be 5 percent cut in
the budget, it will affect enrollment
classes. This fee is a long-term
issue.

MD: It seems like we've gone
through this before. We've had to
work with the state for money, do
fund-raising campaigns, and ask stu-
dents for fee increases. It seems to be
a repeating pattern. Is this because
the university never has enough money
for all of its needs, or is it partially
because students keep voting down
fee increases?

Baker: I'll get back to what I said
first. The reason for doing all of this is
that there's not enough money in the
university to deliver the curriculum to
the students with the quality that we
think they deserve and not be a hurt-
er to first-rate graduation. The insti-
tution today is a barrier to four years.

ASU OPEN FORUM
for ALL STUDENTS

Are you informed about the
COLLEGE BASED FEE INCREASE?

Ask the experts:
Dr. Paul Zing - Provost & VP, Academic Affairs
Dr. Bob Detwiler - Interim VP, Student Affairs
Angie Hacker - ASI President
Dr. Unny Menon - Chair, Academic Senate
College Deans
Dr. John Anderson - Director, Financial Aid
College Council Chairs

TONIGHT!
7:00-8:30pm
University Union - Room 203
San Luis Lounge
AII of us at Cal Poly should be proud of the University’s active, multi-faceted efforts since the recession of the early ‘90s to secure and manage the resources required to keep the University strong and vital. Cal Poly has not been content to wait and hope for increased State support. It has acted boldly to determine its own future, not to sit idly by while external forces threaten our quality and identity. Specifically, through the Cal Poly Plan, and with strong student support, advice, and oversight, the University has taken consistently positive steps to strengthen the educational environment in those areas that students tell us they most care about — more faculty, more classes, greater course loads, higher graduation rates.

Therefore, it is particularly disappointing that the executive board of the Cal Poly chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA) would launch an assault on the College-Based Fee Initiative, particularly without full consultation with the CFA membership or Cal Poly faculty in general, and apparently without much regard for the true record.

Students need and deserve accurate information as they consider whether or not to support the College-Based Fee Initiative. Below I summarize some of the significant benefits that have accrued to Cal Poly since the Cal Poly Plan was approved in 1996, and which suggest the additional positive consequences that will flow from the College-Based Fee Initiative.

Contrary to the CFA statement, the number of tenure-track faculty at Cal Poly has increased significantly since the inception of the Cal Poly Plan.

• In Fall 1996, the number of tenure-track faculty teaching at Cal Poly was 592. In Fall 2001, that number was 637, with 38 additional tenure-track faculty on leave. For Fall 2001, Cal Poly tenure-track searches resulted in the addition of nearly 50 new tenure track faculty. This is clearly an increase in tenure-track faculty, including sixteen critical positions directly funded by the Cal Poly Plan.

• Since 1996-1997, Cal Poly has conducted, on average, 48 tenure-track searches per year. In 2000-2001, for example, the University conducted 62 such searches, nearly four times more than had been conducted in 1994-1995, prior to the Cal Poly Plan.

Contrary to the CFA statement, the number of administrators hired has not exceeded the number of faculty hired since the inception of the Cal Poly Plan.

• Since the Cal Poly Plan has been in effect (Fall 1996 to Fall 2001), the number of management plan personnel (i.e., “administrators”) has increased by 16. This increase is much lower than the number of tenure-track faculty hired over the same period, as demonstrated above. A significant proportion of these appointments represent conversion of pre-existing positions from the Foundation and/or positions funded independently by Athletics and the Dormitory Revenue Fund from non-state funds.

• The area of University and college based advancement accounts for several of these positions to help the colleges achieve their fund-raising goals as part of the University’s Centennial Campaign. The total fundraising generated by the Advancement Division from July 1, 1994, to March 7, 2002, is $183.8 million. Over 95% of this support has been used to enhance academic programs, create new faculty positions, develop state-of-the-art instructional technology, renovate existing and establish new academic facilities and provide student scholarships and internships. This is a clear example of exemplary performance and accountability.

Contrary to the CFA statement, there is clear evidence to show that the numbers of classes, student course loads, and graduation rates have improved since 1994-1995.

The Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis regularly provides this information in both annual and quarterly updates, in hardcopy and on its web page.

• Graduation rates: The six-year graduation rate for first-time freshmen who entered in 1990 and 1991, and who did not have the benefit of any Cal Poly Plan investments, was 58.2% and 57.3%, respectively. The six-year graduation rate for students who entered after 1991, and who benefited in some part from Cal Poly Plan investments, has risen steadily from 59.8% to, most currently, 66%.

• Student Course Loads: The average, undergraduate student course load in 1994 was 13.98 units. In 2001, it is 14.09 units.

• Courses offered: In Fall 1994, Cal Poly offered 2,965 course sections. In Fall 2001, the University offered 3,617 (22% more than 1994). Undergraduate enrollments at the University have grown 19.3% from Fall 1994 to Fall 2001. Thus, the number of course sections has increased at a higher rate than enrollments.

Contrary to the CFA statement, the University has taken a number of steps to identify alternative sources of funding to meet educational needs.

• The State of California faces a budget deficit this year between $13 and $18 billion, depending upon whether one accepts the Governor’s analysis or that of the Legislative Analyst. This budget situation exacerbates a situation since the early 1990s when the level of State funding for higher education suffered a significant decline. This decline has not been recovered.

• The College-Based Fee Initiative is part of a four-pronged strategy that the University has pursued to deal with these budget realities and to sustain the quality of a Cal Poly education. These four elements include: pressing our case for increased funding in the Legislature and with the Governor, raising private funds through University Advancement including the current $225 million Centennial Campaign, becoming more operationally efficient as an institution, and asking students to be part of this strategy through increases in their own fees. Each of these elements reinforces the others and underscores a partnership of purpose and commitment not to sit still while factors external to the University adversely affect our work and frustrate our aspirations.

Contrary to the CFA statement, the Cal Poly Plan discussions - like those involved with the College-Based Fee Initiative - have been conducted and reported routinely and openly.

• The Cal Poly Plan web site (www.calpoly.edu/~instdev/cfp/plan/index.html) provides a full and current accounting of all Cal Poly Plan expenditures and investments. Accountability is a basic principle of the Cal Poly Plan and the College-Based Fee Initiative.

• The Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee consists of a plurality of students, and no decisions are made without student support.

• All of the college plans for the College-Based Fee Initiative include specific details on the role and involvement of students and accountability measures and reporting. These details are published on the respective web pages for all of the colleges. These roles and measures have been developed with students in all of the colleges.

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The College-Based Fee Initiative represents an important opportunity for Cal Poly students to assume an expanded role in securing Cal Poly’s educational strength and advantage in this new century - through their financial contributions and through their active participation in ongoing college and University consultation about investment of those contributions. Through their votes students will have a decisive voice in this important matter. I urge all students, as well as faculty, to take the time to become well and accurately informed about the College-Based Fee Initiative. It is worthy of your support. Thank you.

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It was a disappointing end to a turn-around season that saw the Mustangs ranked ninth in the preseason coach's poll and brought them as high as third place in Big West Play. The Mustangs were one of few teams to beat all but one team in the conference.

"It's tough to have your season end like this, but I'm really proud of our team and what we've accomplished the past five years," Beeson said. "I think we've rebuilt this program.

The third-seeded Gauchos upset second-seeded UC Irvine on Thursday night, sending two-time conference champion UV Irvine home early for the second year in a row. This year, UC Irvine then defeated top-seeded Utah State University on Saturday to advance to the NCAA tournament.

"Chico did a good job of slowing the pace down," Lee said. "We're a high-paced team."

In other men's lacrosse action, Chico State's B-team defeated Cal Poly's B-team 62-3.

Cal Poly is playing Sonoma State on Sunday at the Sports Complex. They were unable to compete due to injuries and were unable to compete in the league play last year, winning the WCCL championship.

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Mustangs come up short at Big West

By Aaron Lambert
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

ANAHEIM — Like the woman who can chill a warm beer with her freezing hands, the Cal Poly men’s basketball team went cold Thursday night in its Big West Tournament opener.

Shooting only 38 percent from the floor and 43 percent from the line, the Mustangs fell for the third time this season, and ninth time in a row, to UC Santa Barbara. The Gauchos went on to defeat Utah State for the tournament title.

The Mustangs were also out rebounded 45-28, grabbing only 18 defensive rebounds against the Gauchos.

“We went through a couple of stretches there where we just couldn’t hit a shot,” said Kevin Bromley, Cal Poly head coach.

In their final game in green and gold, senior David Henry and Brandon Beeson led the team in scoring, combining for 26 points. Beeson came out scoring Poly’s first seven points and pulling down four rebounds in the first seven minutes, only to go cold until the second half, when he chipped in another four, leaving the game with 11.

Henry led the team with 15 points on five of 13 shooting. He also had five rebounds.

“This is not the way I wanted to end the season,” said Henry, his team consequently eliminated from post-season play.

UC Santa Barbara’s Chrismen Oliver (15) and Cal Poly’s Mike Tichenal, lower left, collide under the basket during the second half of the Big West quarterfinal game that UCSB won 74-65.

Lacrosse holds off pesky Chico State

By Dawn Rapp
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The Cal Poly men’s lacrosse team celebrated another win, using a late game surge to beat Chico State 10-6 on Saturday.

The Mustangs are currently 14-6 in the nation, with an overall record of 7-2, with a league record 2-1 in the Western Collegiate Lacrosse League.

After a week of rain and only one practice, the Mustangs weren’t completely satisfied by their performance.

“We were a little slow and sleepy,” assistant coach Scott Sablin said.

After a weekend of three big wins for the Mustangs in Arizona, some of the players mentioned feeling a little overconfident. The Mustangs had to face the Wildcats without the help of their star goalie, Geremy Olson, who was out of town. Luke Shaffer, a psychology senior and midfielder, said that the team was happy that they won but felt that they could have played better.

“We expected to win big,” Shaffer said. “We came into it like the analogy of the hare and the tortoise.”

Shaffer and other midfielders Andy Farr and Zach Dolstart all had strong showings at Saturday’s game. While the best performance was from the defense, the entire team played well together, Shaffer said.

The first half was close, as the Mustangs had a 5-3 lead at intermission. But the Wildcats couldn’t match Cal Poly’s intensity in the fourth quarter, as the Mustangs pulled away with a strong showing in the second half.

Architecture freshman Tim Casey led the offense by scoring two goals and two assists. Peter Reed helped ensure the win with two goals, while Jim Fobb, Garrett Miller and Matt Ryan also scored.

UC Santa Barbara’s Chrismen Oliver (15) and Cal Poly’s Mike Tichenal, lower left, collide under the basket during the second half of the Big West quarterfinal game that UCSB won 74-65.

BRIEFS

Mustangs split softball games at Fresno tourney

FRESNO — The Cal Poly softball team went 1-1 on their final day of the Hec Ediski’s Hallowell Chevrolet Classic hosted by Fresno State.

The Mustangs concluded the tournament with a 2-3 record and are 13-9 overall. In the first game with Baylor, the Bears opened the top of the first, scoring three runs, two on a home run by Kristen Lancaster. Baylor added a single run in the third before the Mustangs could get on the board. Cal Poly got two runs back in the bottom of the fourth, piecing together five hits and making use of one Baylor error.

However, Cristin Vitek relieved starter Kaitie Decker and halted the Mustangs’ rally. Carrie Schubert collected two hits to lead the Mustangs.

The Mustangs bounced back to pick up a 3-0 win over Boston in the final game. Mustang starter Jamie Gehurt won her fourth game (4-9) of the season when she limited Boston to four hits in the shutout. Nicole Darby had two hits to lead the Mustangs. Chelsea Stover, Hollie Ballard and Kasey Petey collected RBI in the win.

The Mustangs will open conference play on Friday, March 15 when the team travels to Long Beach State for a three-game series. On March 25, Cal Poly will start a five-game homestand that included games against UC Riverside and Santa Clara.