A 19-year-old Cal Poly student was found dead in his Stenner Glen apart­
ment at 11 a.m. Wednesday, according to a San Luis Obispo Police Department press release.

Brian Gillis, a journalism student, was found dead on his bed by his roommate, who had been gone overnight, police said. The roommate called the police, and officers and emergency medical personnel were immediately sent to Building 11 of Stenner Glen apartments, according to the press release.

The cause of death is currently unknown, and there was no evidence of foul play, according to the press release. An investigation is being con­ ducted by the SLO police department and the County Sheriff's Coroner's office.

Mike Holt, general manager of Stenner Glen, said emergency personnel tried to revive Gillis, but without success.

"The reality is at this point, the police have some information locked up because of the case, but in talking with them, to me, it sounds like," they're saying we have to wait for the coroner to do his thing," Holt said.

Gillis' death has already made an impact on some of the Stenner Glen residents.

"I know from the amount of stu­dents walking around who have been emotionally involved that it was pret­ty obvious the person was well known," said "A lot of people were already crying."

According to local news reports, Gillis was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Police apparently went to the Sigma Chi house yesterday to ask people questions concerning what they're considering a "suspicious death."

It is now Holt's primary concern to have Cal Poly's counseling services working with the students who may have been impacted by Gillis' death.

"This isn't one of those things that happens a lot," he said. "But when it does happen we have to go through and pick up the pieces and make sure everyone is OK.

In terms of protocol for situations like this, Holt said they must be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. It is important, however, to bring in profes­sional counselors as soon as possible to help people cope with the loss, he said. At the time he found out about Gillis' death, Holt said he was in a meeting concerning a nearby railroad crossing, where former Stenner Glen resident and Cal Poly student Jason Sy was struck and killed by a train.

Stenner Glen apartments, located at 1050 Foothill Blvd., houses a little more than 600 Cal Poly and Cuesta College students. Holt said more than 85 percent of the tenants are fresh­men.

-Maxine editor Janelle Fiskett contributed to this report

Lot changes add to first-day parking confusion

Closure of parking lot to general permits
causes headaches for first day of classes

By Justin Ruttkay
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As if parking at Cal Poly wasn't already difficult enough, a parking lot change has made the situation even more of a problem for general-permit holders.

The lot adjacent to R-2 is reserved for residents, and last quarter, parking enforcement officers were only allowing residents to have a resident parking pass. The lot was changed from a mix-use lot to a strictly resident parking lot during last quarter.

Parking enforcement officers are now issuing citations to those students that are parked in R-2 without a resident pass. The lot adjacent to R-2 is reserved for general permit holders.

Students with general permits that normally parked in the R-2 lot are now forced to find parking elsewhere, making the search for open spots even more difficult. The parking lot change has caused discontent among some students.

"I used to always park in that lot because I could usually always find a spot there," said Heath Bradick, a mechanical engineering senior. "Every day, I always pulled up to that parking lot, but I don’t park there because I know I will get a ticket."

There are 1,414 parking spaces available to residents, and last quarter, there were 1,413 resident general permit holders, according to University Police statistics.

"There might appear to be spaces available, but not all the residents are on campus at the same time," said Cindy Campbell, associate director of University Police.

The change was implemented due to the construction of the new housing facility behind the red brick dorms, Campbell said. In order for the completion of the project to be finished sooner, the contractors requested to have an area of space available next to the site, Cal Poly said.

Instead of hauling massive amounts of brick and lumber from far away, materials are now being stored in the R-1 parking lot behind the red brick dorms, she said. The R-1 parking lot, which is located next to the construc­tion site, was seen as the "least-impact area," and that is where the contrac­tion have been allotted space.

"Moving those spaces available in R-1 down to R-2 was the solution that caused the least amount of problems," said Campbell.

Moving the construction would have cost the university more money and a higher amount of fresh­men would have been left to fend for housing off campus, Campbell said.

The number of spaces taken away from resident-permit holders in R-1 was 75, according to University Police statistics. The resident permit holders that parked in R-1 before the lot change are now bumped down to park in R-2. Since the R-2 lot wouldn’t have enough spaces for both general and resident permit holders, officials at University Police worked with the housing staff to make the change, said Preston Allen, director of Housing and Residential Life.

"It was either we delay the new housing project or work with the residents," Allen said.

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Students live the life of a farmer

By Kristy Charles
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Toilet paper is free, shower cur­tains are replaced every two weeks, and a quiet study room is always close by. Of course, so are 11,500 egg-laying hens.

Matt Moreno, an agricultural education junior with a poultry science minor, lives with two other stu­dents who also live in a trailer that houses Cal Poly’s poultry unit.

"I could have gone with a room­mate, got an apartment, had to commute to a job, worry about parking, and so on, but I feel fortunate to live out here," Moreno said.

He is inside the single-wide mobile home that is equipped with a tiny kitchen, bathroom and a college-style living room with two couches and a TV. On each end of the trailer is an evenly cramped bedroom.

"It's definitely a hands-on expe­rience," Moreno said. "I've learned a lot about the egg industry, and we have all the comforts of home right here."

The poultry unit now houses 11,500 chickens used for the unit’s egg business. During a normal week, it is also home to up to 42,000 fry­ers or "meat birds" — chickens used for their meat — which Cal Poly students raise for Foster Farms.

Residents are normally required to do five hours of unpaid work at the poultry unit.

"There are no mornings spent awake at dawn or late nights required at the unit," Moreno said. "Students take regular classes and fit work in around them. Only certain students raise for Foster Farms. Residents are normally required to do five hours of unpaid work at the poultry unit.

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By Stephen Harvey

As a summer draws near, Cal Poly students begin to decide what they will be doing for three months. Many have gotten jobs, some will just relax and a few will stick around for summer school.

Summer school has become a necessity for many students to speed them on their way through school. To raise the stakes a little, Cal Poly has also made it easier to be a part-time student during the summer. For the other three quarters of the year, students are considered part-time if they carry six units or less, but during the summer, students are able to carry eight units.

"The change in units during summer from six units to eight units, for the whole quarter, is cut off as an incentive for enrolling in summer term," said Delmar Dingus, a member of the Academic Senate. "The same will be done again this summer."

Bonnie Krupp, deputy director for Institutional Planning and Analysis, said that besides enticing returning students to go to summer school, the unit change was done to facilitate a new program started last summer for incoming freshmen. The Jump Start Program is an eight-unit course offered to freshmen that want to get a head start on their undergraduate classes.

Even though students passed the college-based fee increase last month, Krupp said that she doesn't see an impact on summer school enrollment. She said she hopes to have more students attending even smaller classrooms, but doesn't expect any changes.

Krupp emphasized that the university is trying to get more returning students to take advantage of this year-round school. She said that students could take off during winter instead of summer if the program was utilized more. "It's difficult to get students to stay for summer," Krupp said. "Many urban campuses have higher turnouts because they are commuter schools. At Cal Poly, there are students from all over the state and many go 'home' for summer."

This last year, because of the new program for freshmen, there were 4,077 students attending summer school. Krupp said that compared to the 18,779 students enrolled for fall quarter, that number is smaller than the university is expecting. She said that they are hoping the colleges will offer more classes during summer quarter to give students more reasons to stay.

"There is more parking," Krupp said. "Classes are usually smaller, too."

By Eric Henderson/Mustang Daily

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National Briefs

No more worries for kissing cousins
NEW YORK — Scientists reported yesterday that there is no biological reason to discourage first cousins from marrying or having children. First cousins are allegedly more likely than unrelated couples to have a child with a severe birth defect, mental retardation or genetic disease, but their increased risk is nowhere near what long-standing beliefs in America have held.

According to the report, the risk that a child will be born with a serious disease like spina bifida or cystic fibrosis is 1 percent to 4 percent but first cousins must add another 1.7 to 2.8 percentage points to that risk.

A professor of medicine and genome sciences at the University of Washington said that, although the increase represents a near doubling of the risk, the result is still not considered large enough to deter couples from having children.

But, there is still a taboo surrounding cousin marriage in America, and 24 states have laws forbidding first cousins from marrying. Seven more have limits like requiring genetic counseling.

The report advises genetic counselors to counsel couples who want to have children in the same way they do with every other couple, and that no genetic tests are required before conception.

The researchers, a panel assembled by the National Society of Genetic Counselors, based their report on a review of six major studies involving thousands of births, from 1965 to August 2000.

— The New York Times

Powell sent to Middle East
to carry peace message
WASHINGTON — In an effort to stop the violence in the Middle East, President Bush demanded Thursday that Israel pull back its troops from Palestine, but it has recently occupied and ordered Arab nations to do more to stop terrorists. Secretary of State Colin Powell will travel to the region to carry the message.

Bush hopes, through Powell, to persuade Israel to stop its military incursions and soon push the parties toward a cease-fire and beginning talks on political issues. Powell has been given free reign to debate issues including discussions about long-range political sticking points and talks about a truce and cease-fire, senior officials said.

He also asked Israel to stop building settlements in Palestinian areas and "show a respect for — and concern about — the dignity of the Palestinian people."

However, Bush reiterated his warning toward Palestinians, and warned that nations that help terrorists will be treated as the same terrorists.

In a Rose Garden speech, Bush quoted Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and warned Syria and Iran against confronting more violence.

He said yesterday that Arafat's ability to halt terrorism, and is warning Arab leaders to fill the gap.

— Associated Press

National Briefs

Middle East

KARAL, Afghanistan — A conspiracy to mount a bombing campaign whose targets were the government of Hamid Karzai and the former king, Mohammad Zahir Shah was thwarted Thursday when the Afghan security council arrested hundreds of political opponents, officials of the security council said.

The machine will also wait for the singer if they are having trouble keeping up with the song, company spokesman Makoto Tanaka said.

The machine was developed with the help of Barry Veress, a professor of music, musicology and science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and U.S. chipmaker Analog Devices.

The karaoke machine also grades singer performances against standardized tunes of selected songs, uses of vibraphone, tremolo and other techniques toward points for performance, Tanaka explained.

There are no immediate plans to market the product abroad.

— BRC News

Europe

PARIS — The dismissal of manslaughter charges against nine photographers and a press photographer in the car crash that killed Princess Diana was upheld by France's highest court Thursday, ending the long legal battle over who was responsible for her death.

The nine photographers are still under investigation on charges of invasion of privacy for taking pictures of the accident in the car after the crash occurred.

The appeal, which was filed by Princess Diana's boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, and her brother, Earl Spencer, was rejected in May. However, the 1999, was dismissed by the Court of Cassation, after the judge ruled that those charges taken by driver Henri Paul, as well as excessive speed, caused the deaths of Diana, Paul and Dodi's bodyguard, Bob Haine.

The appeal was filed by Mohamed Al Fayed, who owns Harrods department store in London, has denounced French Judge Henri Stepan for failing to take into account the role of the photographers in the crash. Al Fayed said that the photographers directly contributed to the crash by chasing the car, causing the driver to accelerate to unsafe speeds. He has also said that the deaths of Diana and her son were part of a murder conspiracy, planned by people who did not approve of the relationship she had with Dodi.

— Associated Press

Asia

TOKYO — The need to go to the bar to get another drink may be eliminated, due to a new technology developed by a Japanese electronics company that alerts bar staff when a glass is empty.

The "intelligent" glass is fitted with a radio-frequency coil in its base. The device triggers a signal when the glass in empty.

The system, iGlassware, works by coating each glass with a clear, conducting material that allows it to measure exactly how much liquid has been consumed.

The prototypes for the glass, which can be bought from Japanese company Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories in Cambridge, Mass., One of the first bars to get the new glasses will catch on. He said that going up to the bar is part of the tradition of the pub experience.

— Reuters

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily copy editor Cynthia Jeff and Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

Ethnic tension remains in Macedonia
By Alissa J. Rubin

L o s A n g e l e s T i m e s

(WIRE) TETOVO, Macedonia — At first glance, this small Balkan city seems recently recovered from combat last summer that emptied its broad boulevards and bought police checkpoints to placid neighborhoods.

Just a little more than a year after the first shots were fired here, shoppers through the streets, the fruit stands brisk with produce and the cafes are full again.

But a pull remains beneath the bustle, reinforcing for the West the lesson that seems to have recurred with each recent round of war: diplomacy and intervention can stop the fighting but cannot heal the ethnic hatreds that fester there.

These divisions are even more entrenched now than they were a year ago. A recent visit to this northwestern city where ethnic Macedonians and Albanians live side by side before the conflict suggests the depth of the schism afflicting the country.

Albans in Filipiça, symbols of the ethnic Albanian guerrillas, still hang from the houses in the city's Albanian-dominated and "conceptual soul of the region" sense of a separate identity. Ethnic Macedonian high school students who tended to escape next to Albanians now take their lessons a mile away at a primary school.

"How can we live anymore with Albanians here? We hate each other," said Irma Nestovska, 18, an ethnic Macedonian. "They did everything to us, we didn't want to be next to them.

Not surprisingly, ethnic Albanians put the blame on the Macedonians, especially citing crimes by the police.

"We have no trust in the Macedonians and we won't trust them for a very long time," said Vedri Fazliu, 40, president of an Albanian neighborhood.

Macedonia, the smallest of the republics in the former Yugoslav federation, has about 2 million people. At least 25 percent are ethnic Albanians, concentrated here in the northwest part of the country.

Unlike other Balkan nations that broke away from Yugoslavia in the 1990s, Macedonia split peacefully and, until recently, there has been little to hear about the ethnic violence that racked the region.

After a vicious and bloody war, neighboring Bosnia-Herzegovina split into an area controlled jointly by ethnic Croats and Muslims and another controlled by Bosnian Serbs. Even towns where Croats and Muslims nominally lived together, they tend to divide into different neighborhoods. In Kosovo, a province of Serbia, ethnic animosities from 1999 continued, U.N. control and the virtual segregation of Serbs and ethnic Albanians.

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The Imperative for Science and Technology Educational Reform

Although California is the nation's high-tech leader, its educational system is falling behind in preparing students for critical high-tech jobs.

Key findings and recommendations of a new study by the California Council on Science and Technology will be presented.

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The lack of success should have surprised no one, as few serious film critics would consider it a classic.

Further diminishing the importance of film re-releases is the presence of alterations to the original film.

It's kind of like naming your kid "No Tomorrow." Maybe they should have gone with try to stay away this time around! Possibly, they should have said, "No Tomorrow," but that's not the idea behind "Spider-Man" and "Stir of Echoes." While his script is well written and acted out, it doesn't allow the audience to get involved in the personal lives of the characters. However, that doesn't matter much since the plot of the movie is basically keep the intruders out.

David Fincher becomes a master of thriller movies as director of "Panic Room." Fincher, who also directed "The Game," "Fight Club," and "Seven," gives the audience a combination of two directing styles with his latest film. Most impressive is the way the camera is almost completely out of the audience's perspective, which does not matter much since the plot of the movie is basically keep the intruders out.

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"Blade" sequel boasts mega action, not acting

By Justin Ruttkay

If Buffy is your favorite vampire slayer, seeing "Blade 2" may convince you otherwise. Wesley Snipes literally takes the bite out of cinema.

As a comic book hero brought to life in director Guilo Del Toro's newest vampire flick, Snipes is back for more. You don't need to see the original "Blade" to understand the story as it's told — the storyline is easy to follow, but unfortunately, the script isn't that creative. A few additions to the cast have been made since the original. Actor Stephen Dorff does not return to reprise his bloody role, though Kin Kristofferson resurfaces as Blade's vampire-slaying partner. With such a cast, the film promises to keep you entertained.

The backdrops of the movie begins on the ghostly streets of Prague. Blade is the half-vampire creature that embodies all the strengths of a vampire, but shows no sign of their weaknesses. He has made it his mission to keep humankind safe from the Bloodthirsty "reapers" — a mutated version of the original Blade. There is a new nemesis Kline in town — a new "reaper" to Blade's "Blood Pack," in order to stop this new version of terror. Blade even finds that he has an eerie match on one of the female vampires in the pack.

The writers for a story like "Blade 2" can only go so far — I mean, it is a comic book character coming to the big screen. The actors are not likely looking for Oscar-worthy performances. When film creators have a character like Blade, the only thing that they can do to increase audience interest is go absolutely crazy with the special effects. That is exactly what occurred in "Blade 2." What is lacking in depth of plot and acting is overly made up for in the martial arts and action sequences. Following in the footsteps of "The Matrix," this film introduces a form of cinematic martial arts that I have only seen in video games. The figures are shown doing very technical, high-speed moves while the camera rotates at different angles to provide the greatest amount of visual perspective. Every fight scene portrays swift-moving characters battling with swords, knives, fists and kicks. For example, sequences where Snipes does Back flips off walls, jumps over his enemy while kicking him in the head, were fairly common. To go along with the killer action scenes, the setting and backdrop added to the mystique of the movie. The look and feel of the background plays an important, and often overlooked, role in films of this genre. Vampire movies usually seem to be very cliché, but the set in "Blade 2" added to the movie's diversity. Chasing the bad guys through hidden nightclubs in Europe and dark streets, underground sewers were good touches and added to the horrific atmosphere of the film.

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'Two Aliens' makes you think

By Joel Frady

浭ous' Miller Raleigh, N.C. — Movies like "Death to Smoochy" always beg the question: "Why did all these talented people decide to make this movie?" It's offbeat, mean-spirited, awkward, foul, too dark, too long, more frequently than not, uneven. Even so, it stars Robin Williams, Edward Norton, Jon Stewart, Catherine Keener and Danny DeVito, who also directed.

The main problem is the script itself. Writer Adam Resnick, who also penred "Cabin Boy" and the "One True Winner" film "10 Things I Hate About You," as well as "Death to Smoochy" was behind the film's script.

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RETURN TO ENGLISH

Israel deserves our full support

U.S. involvement in the conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians is a touchy subject, though most people would agree that the United States should do something.

The complex nature of the conflict, the Jewish religion and the issue of terrorism further confuse the issue. Despite these things, U.S. involvement could not be simpler.

We are the most powerful nation in the world and as such, we would step in and help it. When the Nazis threatened the United States has been waylaid since Sept. 11.

It is impossible to keep emotions out of this. We are the current situation there and we have a definite complaint.

As far as the United States of America is concerned, we do not want to hear about the history of the conflict. We only want to hear about the present.

The Palestinians have suffered, and they have a definite complaint. But it can’t be denied that they are using acts of terror to kill innocent civilians.

It is impossible to keep emotions out of this. Americans now understand the impact of terrorism.

Also, there are many people in the United States who identify with the Judeo-Christian values of Israel and don’t understand Palestinians and their desire to become martyrs.

Some of us, including myself, have relatives in Israel who are afraid to walk to the corner store.

Though Americans’ attachments to or dislike of Israel may be strong, it is time to sort through these feelings and focus on what really matters. America is not a nation.

We stand by our allies and support them through thick or thin. This is what we have done, or what we have built to help ourselves, it only hurts others.

As an ally, what should the United States do to help Israel? We have not shifted the Bush administration.

The United States is handling this conflict like we would handle anything involving one of our closest allies: support them and help them, and at the end of the day we should always be loyal to Israel.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Chavez - Not all he’s cracked up to be

Since some Cal Poly students have been celebrating Cesar Chavez Day, I thought that I would like to briefly write about how he has so deeply touched my family’s life.

Many years ago, when Ronald Reagan was the governor of California, he asked the then-governor of the neighbor state of Arizona to investigate a certain Cesar Chavez who was organizing the fieldworkers.

Chavez informed the governor that if he did not do anything about the situation, he would step in and help it. When the Nazis threatened the United States would play. We would handle anything involving one of our closest allies, help them and support them, and at the end of the day we should always be loyal to Israel.

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Chavez - A guiding light

Editor

"The spirituality, energy, devotion and endless sacrifice that Chavez brought to the United Farm Workers and "La Causa" continue to be an inspiration to a diverse group of people around the world, not only farmworkers in California."

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Cesar Chavez was born on March 31, 1927, in Yuma, Ariz., to Mexican farmers Librado and Juana Chavez. In 1938, the Chavez family moved to California and worked on other migrant farmworkers who labored in fields and orchards throughout the state. Following a two-year tour of duty in the U.S. Naval during World War II, Chavez relocated to the city of San Jose and began working with farmworkers. After first with Father Donald McDonald and later with Fred Ross and the Community Service Organization, in 1962, Chavez founded the National Farm Workers Association, later to become the United Farm Workers of America (UFW) with Dolores Huerta. Chavez continued to struggle on behalf of farmworkers until his untimely death on April 30, 1993.

"La Causa" (The Cause) of Cesar Chavez was built upon growing organized labor, religious groups, students and other socially conscious persons. Although often encountered by b rawery and even violence, Chavez and the UFW never turned to violence in the battle for farmworker rights. Instead, Chavez turned to the philosophies of Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi and always pushed nonviolent strategies such as boycotts, pickets, strikes and personal fasts in order to attain the goals of "La Causa." This was his total perception of Chavez, that his life came to an unexpected end on April 23, 1993.

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University housing presents challenge to LGBT students

By Jyni Ekins and Cavan Reagan

IUWIRE AMES, Iowa — Living in the residence halls is often the first step students have to live with or near a group of others who are drastically different. Dorms are full of different types of people, these differences ranging from ethnicity to sexual orientation. This can be a difficult one for students.

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It’s time for coach to fade into the Knight

Enough about Bobby Knight. It’s not that big of a deal. So what if he didn’t call his former assistant or any of his former recruits. 

Commentary during Big West tourney through the Final Four. Sure, it could have been a decent gesture to congratulate and wish luck to Mike Davis or Jerry Tarkanian, but we should all expect a man of Bobby Knight’s character to conduct such an action.

Knight never has not will he ever win any humanitarian awards. We’re talking about a man who threw a chair across the gym floor. We’re also talking about the same angry man who grabbed an IU student by the collar and called him “Coach Knight” or “Mr. Knight,” according to the hot-tempered coach. So why is it news that Knight did not pick up the telephone? 

Knight is no longer the coach at Indiana and hasn’t been for two years. Yes, he is a living legend and his name will never be synonymous with Hoosier basketball, but get over it already.

After all, Knight has moved on. He took over the head coaching job at Texas Tech and guided them to a 23-9 record that earned them a spot in the NCAA Tournament this year. Knight is at Indiana, but now it’s time for the rest of us to follow suit. 

Aside from the manufactured controversy over Knight, there actually was a tournament played. In fact, it was a pretty good tournament, full of Cinderellas, upsets, comebacks, outstanding performances and breathing room for families.

From the opening round to the cutting of the nets in Atlanta, there were plenty of memorable moments from this year’s tournament. Creighton’s Terrell Taylor drawing a three-pointer at the buzzer to take down Arizona’s 6th-seeded Florida, UNC-Wilmingon knocking out USC in an overtime thriller, Mark Hall of UC Santa Barbara shooting the lights out and putting a scare into perennial powerhouse Arizona, and that was only the first round. But these magical stories seemed to be lost in the mix of the Bobby Knight seminar.

Also overshadowed by “The General” was Indiana head coach Mike Davis. Davis was bombarded with questions about Knight and whether he would be the first to call him.

In all, Davis was not given the respect he deserved. In just his second year on the job, he led the Hoosiers to the Final Four, a feat that Knight had not accomplished since 1992. Granted, Knight recruited most of the players on the Indiana team this year, but he wasn’t the one who guided the Hoosiers to a victory over Duke after trailing by as many as 17 points.

This year, the media focused on a player that was never discussed during the NCAA Tournament. Maybe next year the main story will actually be about basketball.

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Baseball plays host to Pacific this weekend

By Nick Hopping

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly baseball team takes on the University of Pacific this weekend in a crucial three-game Big West Conference series at Baggett Stadium beginning Friday at 5 p.m.

Last year, the Mustangs played at University of the Pacific and took two of three games from the Tigers. The Mustangs (16-19, 1-2 Big West) are coming off a three-game set with No. 13 Cal State Fullerton in which they played some of their best baseball of the season.

Head coach Rick Price was sickness with the way the team came together over the weekend. “Even though we lost a couple close games, we played them the best we have in eight years,” Price said.

After dropping the first two games of the series, 4-1 and 7-5, senior ace Kevin Correa (6-2, 4.41 ERA) threw his third complete game of the season to lead Poly to a 4-2 win at renovated Goodwin Field. Price stressed the importance of winning the upcoming series if the team want to have any chance of finishing in the top four of the Big West Conference, which fields perennial powerhouses Pepperdine, No. 13 Fullerton and No. 14 Long Beach State.

“We have to win to get back in the hunt,” he said.

The players also realize the importance of the series against Pacific.

“They are a team we should definitely sweep,” said junior right fielder Chael Tietje. “They usually finish at the bottom of the conference. We need to stay patient and stick with the same approach.”

Pacific (46-11, overall, 1-2 Big West) defeated UC Irvine 4-2 on Mar. 10 at Billy Heben Field in Stockton to salvage the final game of their three-game conference opening series. The Tigers have solid hitters up and down the lineup this year and have their usual supply of quality pitchers, led by Joel Leitano (44-3, 3.60 ERA) and James Stanford (41-1, 3.52 ERA).

“They can play, but their pitchers aren’t overpowering like Fullerton’s,” Tietje said.

Other players pointed out that while Pacific will be an able opponent, it’s their series to lose. “We need to put it all together, execute and do all the small things. We have a consistent outfield,” said senior center fielder Jason Barringer.

Junior infielder Tyler Fetch (4-4, 4.30 ERA) will take the hill for the Mustangs in the opener on Friday at 1 p.m. at the home of the conference. We won the rubber match of the conference. We won two of the three games, but lost the rubber match. Freshman southpaw Frank McLoughlin (6-2, 6.61 ERA) is penciled in as the starter and he will be followed by four other pitchers out of the bullpen.

“We’re not giving you a couple of innings apiece, which will benefit as because each pitcher knows exactly how few innings they will throw going into the weekend,” Price said.

The Mustangs (10-9 home, 6-9-1 away) will wrap up the series on Sunday at 1 p.m. All three games will be broadcast live on KKAL 99.7FM or at www.gopdcs.com.

Softball hits the road to face tough UCSB

By Cynthia Neff

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

The Mustangs are buckling down this week to prepare for a three-game series in the Big West Conference against the Gauchos on Saturday and Sunday at UC Santa Barbara.

While Cal Poly fell in three straight games to Pacific last week, head coach Lisa Boyer is confident that her team will be ready for the upcoming series.

“We have three four days left of practice this week — that hasn’t happened since before exams,” she said. “We are planning and working on getting back to basics.”

Despite last weekend’s three-game series loss to the Tigers, the Mustangs are confident about facing the Gauchos for a second time this year.

Cal Poly beat UC Santa Barbara 5-1 at the beginning of the season in the Mustang Roundup tournament.

“While the Mustangs look to be prepared for this weekend, Bower pointed to the Gauchos’ latest success as proof that the series will be hard-fought,” he said. “They’ll be playing with a lot of confidence.”

However, the Mustangs will not be easily daunted. “We’ll go out to play (Santa Barbara) with some fire this weekend,” said sophomore pitcher Jennifer Graver, who will most likely start one of the three games. She currently holds the team and earned run average in the Big West Conference at 0.83 in 10 1/3 innings.

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BRIEFS

Cal Poly golf team to host collegiate tourney

The Cal Poly men’s golf team will host the inaugural Faculty National Title College Championship at Cypress Ridge Golf Course in Arroyo Grande on Sunday through Tuesday. The Faculty National Title College Championship is the first event to be hosted since reconvening the golf program last year.

The team will play a practice round along with a college-amateur event on Sunday, April 7. The Mustangs will host the top 14 players from each of the participating schools and an amateur tournament for a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Dinner and prizes will follow the event.

On Monday, golfers will play 36 holes with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament will wind up with 18 holes on Tuesday with a split tee start at 7:30 a.m.

Students participating in this year’s tournament include Big West rival UC Riverside, along with Santa Mary’s College, Gonzaga, Boise State and the Master’s College.

In its most recent competition, the Cal Poly men’s golf team completed the Sacramento State Invitational in March, where freshman Casey Strohobaugh shot a final round 69 to lead the team and finish tied for seventh. The tournament was held at the par 72, 6,839 yard Rancho Murieta Country Club.

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