Foreign students’ information shared with INS

A new program allows INS officials to monitor international students studying at Cal Poly

By Heather Zwaduk

Most college students can drop a class or change their major without fear of repercussion, save for a lecture from their parents. However, this is not the case for foreign students visiting the United States. These students face consequences as major as deportation for their actions. These consequences include concerns about academic and personal information shared with INS officials to monitor foreign students’ academic activities in an effort to keep a tighter reign on America’s visitors.

The SEVIS collects data like name, country of citizenship, date of commencement, degree program and field of study, number of credits completed each year, current address of the student, visa classification, date of visa issuance or classification granted, current academic status of student, academic disciplinary actions taken against the student due to criminal conviction, date of entry and port of entry, according to the INS Web site.

The objective of the new system is not to collect new information, but to organize information that has already been in place in most of the country’s universities, INS spokesman Chris Berndt said.

“SEVIS takes what is now a paper-driven process and turns it into a state-of-the-art, Internet-based, real-time process,” Berndt said. “It speeds things up by taking advantage of today’s technology.”

Collection of this information is nothing new to Cal Poly, said Barbara Andre, international student adviser.

“We’ve already been keeping track of all of this information, it’s just a matter of moving it (to a new system),” Andre said. “The only information SEVIS needs that we don’t already have (about foreign students) is their work authorization, their spouse information and their ID number that is given to international students.”

International students must comply with several requirements, such as maintaining full-time enrollment and staying on one path of study. Changes in a student’s academic status or violation of their visa conditions are reported to the system by university officials and the INS is then notified.
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Weisenthal is also the curator for the event and is employing the help of his Architecture 251-05 class to research the pieces on loan for the event as well. He said that the class has been doing a lot more work than other classes because they are doing so much research. Some of the research will be on display at the exhibit to educate viewers about the pieces. "The exhibit will host the largest collection of home furnishings of the modern movement ever seen on the Central Coast," Weisenthal said.

On Homecoming Friday the reunion Class of 1952 will be shown a special preview at 10:30 a.m. Weisenthal said he thought it would be sort of nostalgic since the alumni grew up with many of the pieces on display. The tour will be part of the "back to class, classroom" program during which alumni will tour the various areas in all the different colleges. "Exhibits like this have been in places like the Museum of Modern Art and the Smithsonian," Weisenthal said. "They usually give a lecture series to go along with the exhibitions."

The exhibit is set to open for public viewing on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in building 5, room 105, "The Gallery." Ladd and Weisenthal stress the fact that anyone is invited and the event is free. "It should be an educational, fun, visually stimulating and inspiring event," Weisenthal said. "It might let (students) know their faculty better. (The faculty) were taught by people from the modern movement."

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"They are just not made to take a pounding from large trucks," Lynch added.

Lynch said she has not personally received any major complaints about the congestion caused by the bridge. People have been taking different routes to get to their destination in anticipation of traffic in that particular area, she said.

"I think it is going to be an incredible inconvenience when the construction begins," he said.

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About Beth Rogers
Beth Rogers is a 4th generation resident of California's Central Coast, a farmer, and an entrepreneur, who is now running for Congress in the newly created 23rd Congressional District. With an extensive educational background, including a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of California, Los Angeles, as well as an MBA from UCLA, Beth has demonstrated her experience and knowledge for those issues that concern residents of the Central Coast. A farmer and an entrepreneur, Beth has worked over the years to provide jobs and seek a sound business climate in the Central Coast by serving on both State and Federal commissions as well as many other organizations. Having served on State and local environmental boards, she continues to demonstrate her resolve in maintaining California's commitment to a safe environment through her understanding of the role of government.

Widowed with two young children, Beth changed her career goals from teaching in order to begin a successful business career and raising her young family. Beth and Richard Rogers, married for the past 23 years, reside in Carpinteria with their five children including a foster son from El Salvador. Beth is fluent in Spanish and has lived in Mexico, working at the National Museum in Mexico City. The newly created 23rd Congressional District spans more than 200 miles of the scenic Pacific Ocean coastline and includes the cities of Oxnard, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and San Luis Obispo.
Sleepless in the UU

Insomniac-U offers eclectic selection of movies to students on campus

By Heather Zwaduk
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

We are pretty lucky here at Cal Poly. We not only have a video store right here on campus, but it is a pretty darn good one too.

Granted it is not nearly as big as most video stores; in fact it’s more like the site of most video stores’ “Adults Only” rooms. While there’s not a huge selection of films, what the store does offer is an eclectic mix of good, hard-to-find movies and a friendly staff who truly love films.

When I walked into the tiny store one of the first things I noticed was a small cardboard cutout for the 1986 movie “Labyrinth.” I recognized one too.

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“Labyrinth,” the 1986 movie and recent Cal Poly grad and aspiring actor, I browsed through the store and immediately realized that I wasn’t in Blockbuster anymore, Toto. Usually when I walk into a movie store I recognize at least half of the titles in there; at Insomniac-U I was lucky to recognize one movie per shelf (and there are only five or six shelves).

Westerfield explains to me that this unusual selection is what makes Insomniac-U special. “We have a lot of good quality movies that most kids haven’t seen,” he said.

Likewise, Westerfield’s co-worker and child development junior Tony Quinlan agrees that the store’s allure lies in its selection. “You can find novelty movies here and we have a wide selection of classics and cult films,” Quinlan said.

Westerfield adds that beside the unusual selection of movies, the store also aims to provide attentive and personalized customer service. “We try to get to know everyone on a first-name basis,” Westerfield said. “(Insomniac-U) is here because we love movies, not because we’re out to make a buck.”

The store is currently arranged by genre but Westerfield said that when the inventory of 1,300 titles, increases they may eventually reorganize them by director. The store features a selection of foreign films, such as the German “Run Lola, Run,” sci-fi cult classics like “Incubus,” a few current mainstream movies such as “The Sweetest Thing,” film collections of television series like “The Sopranos,” classic horror films such as “The Legend of the Seven Golden Vampires” and comedies by “Cheech and Chong.”

Freshman Tony Lagraff said he was impressed with the selection the store has to offer. “They have a lot of movies here that they don’t have at Blockbuster,” Lagraff said. “I think I’ll probably come here a lot.”

The rental fee for new releases is $3 for two days, and for regular movies the charge is $2 for three days.

To open an account with the store students must present their driver’s license and a credit card.
Fraternity's costumes were tasteless, not racist

(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. — I think most of us are now familiar with the situation that has so many people acting as if there are witches among us. Of course, I am speaking of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

What may surprise you is that I am taking a totally different stance on the issue. I'm not going to condone the actions of the community that recently happened at a party held by the OSU chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Since they are everywhere,cell phones are often a disregard of rules. Unfortunate in class, movies and other places that are just inappropriate for phone conversations. I think I speak for the majority of Cal Poly students and faculty who ask those of you who insist on carrying cell phones to class to please turn them off.

Honestly, pick up that little guy, press the power button and let him sleep through that tedious class.

Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

Editor, United States' decisions protect freedoms, individual rights

I am writing in response to Andrea Jochim's commentary on the war against terrorism in an obviously slanderous tone, she seems to think America is responsible for every death that has occurred since the beginning of time. I am being sarcastic of course, but I am not being extremely sarcastic.

I don't think these people should be punished at all. Whatever happened to freedom of expression? This same freedom grants American Indians the right to wear the very same clothing their ancestors wore. People of African descent have this same right and many exploit it. Our international student population has not been forced to stop dressing as they did in their countries. Absolutely, these things may be offensive, but that's no reason to crucify them. Ease up already. Yes, what the three people did was terrible and ignorant, but that's no reason to crucify them.

What most people aren't considering is the "why" of the situation. Why did they do it? What was their motivation? I don't believe it was done out of malice or hatred or racism. It may have been distasteful, but I don't think it was done out of bigotry.

A question no one is asking is how all of this could be a hate crime if no crime was committed. These guys dressed up in a certain way and said some pictures. No one was lynched. No crosses were burned. No one was pulled from their beds and beaten. Those are crimes. Someone dressing up in a certain form of garb is not a crime. Someone wearing a certain amount and shade of makeup is not a crime. Someone posing a certain way for a photo is not a crime. It may be done against someone's better judgment, but it is not a crime.

A while a friend and I were at the Oklahoma State Fair Sunday, we walked past a booth that offered to let you take a picture that would portray you in the dress of an old West cowboy. I wonder how American Indians and their descendents feel about seeing the dress and mannequins of their former oppressors being displayed as though it meant nothing.

If we are to go through life trying not to offend anyone, why don't we change our own mascots and slogan from the "Cowboys" to something else so that will offend no one. Of course we can't do this, it would be impolite.

Since I am not one of the people who dressed in such manner, I can't think or speak for them. I don't know why they did it. Perhaps it had to do with the theme of their "fratric" party. What if the theme was racism, and one could not make fun of, I would just like to quote Andrea; this is especially for those real cowboys, my dad included. She said, "We have cowboys heading this country." In an obviously slanderous tone, she seems to think cowboys have neither intelligence nor honor.

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Andrea, if this country is as awful as you say, why do hundreds of thousands of people continue to do anything in their power to come here year after year? This is the land of the free, and gives the opportunity to totally screw up the government with your words. What country in the Middle East would let you do that without harsh penalties? Not many, if any.

If you want to support the rights of the weak and unprotected then go see your local recruiter, but you sound as though you'd be more suited for Amnesty International, where you can do all the complaining you want and do nothing about it. As arrogant as this sounds, the world needs us more than we need them. What would happen to the world around us if we closed our borders? Absolute chaos would be my guess. Just remember there is no perfect government; as the great Winston Churchill put it, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the rest.

Andrea ended her article with a Martin Luther King Jr quote so I'll do the same. He stated, "A man who won't die for something he believes in, can wait."

So please, I beg you, do us all a favor and turn your phone off. You have vanished — I promise, you won't miss a thing.

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Opinion

phone cells don't belong in classes

I don't want so long ago when cell phones were actually called car phones and consisted of a hefty box phone that plugged into your car's lighter. The smaller they're gotten, the more frequently they can be seen. Everyone from junior high kids to homeless men (I'm not kidding -- it happened to them) has it, and this includes Cal Poly students, too.

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Letters to the editor

Balancing books is personal responsibility

Editor,

In response to Ms. Guevara's article, "A case of the check-writing blues," (Sept. 30) I have only one thing to say: Are you kidding? Why should banks be responsible for teaching you to manage your money? You are paid out in your other piece, you are 21 years old now. Learn some personal responsibility. If you are tired of balking checks all the time, go to the bank and get changing for it, ask your accountant father to teach you to do it, or, an accounting professor, or your neighbor.

The point is, part of being an adult is learning to help yourself. The world is not going to hand you whatever you want just because you think that it should. Learn to take care of yourself. You can do that, the better off you will be.

Joshua Eriguija is a business junior who isn't perfect at balancing his checkbook, but is working on it.

One Truth an issue one time too much

Editor,

Oh, please, pleaseee, don't resurrect that stupid One Truth debate! Anything but that!

Resume arguing about the painting of the rainbow P, nitpick at theimaroon's irresponsibility because it encouraged the painting of cows in people's names, and if you can't remember a Anarchists unite! or "Hail Allah!" would be profitable, I'm sure you'd do it at the drop of a hat... even a hat sporting a hole in it?

DO NOT START THIS UP AGAIN! I refuse to read through another year of exchanged idiocies over a stupid shirt. Please find something worthwhile to white about, or don't whine at all!

Sara Stoval is a history sophomore who thinks that Josh Kob needs to get a life.

PETA's 'got beer campaign' insults college students

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - Beer does a body good. The hard-line animal rights orga nization, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, has launched an anti-milk campaign that is one Oreo short of a cream filling. The marketing mayhem has gained resentment nationwide for promoting the consumption of beer instead of milk. Their ad boldly ride on a unique, sharply eloquent slogan - "Got Beer?"

On MSNBC's "Ashleigh Banfield Live," PETA representative Dan Shannon defended the ad by claiming it is written "tongue in cheek," a claim that addresses the grave matter of human health and the rights of cows. PETA's Web site graphically describes the apparatus for drawing cows of as much milk as possible. The site claims milk is significantly detrimental to human health and can cause pimplles, excess mucus, obesity, diabetes, heart cancer and osteoporosis.

Two years ago, PETA was forced to stifle the beer campaign because of the growing animosity of the American public. In response to the age's irresponsibility because it encouraged drinking among college students. Now, clashing with a recent Harvard study on the effects of dairy, PETA has relied the anti-milk, pro-beer advertisement.

Shannon denied accusations of PETA pro moting alcohol to college kids, even though the "Got Beef?" ad was proped to the nation's top Polynesian schools for half of the universities allowed the ad to run in their schools' newspapers. Furthermore, it is difficult to discourage college students from drinking out free-openers and beer cotes.

MAAD is highly insulted and rejects PETA's assertions that they have every right to be seconding out free-openers and beer cotes. MAAD is a massive problem among college students and kills 14,000 annually. MAAD assets that PETA has let its credibility by crossing the line and hurting young adults. The group strongly objects to putting cows before people.

"Using booze to spark interest of our age group is a cheap shot."

People commonly, I sold cold turkey on cow rerally at age 10. Never could I could never remember a time when I actually saw the broom of a cow before I was 10. It's only when it maintains that humans' milk feed human babies, cow's milk feed calves and so on. However, it is clear that their prioritization has been continued. Using boone to spark the interest of our age group is a cheap shot. Two wrongs will not make a right.

PETA has made a mockery out of its organi zation by sponsoring such disrespectful ribbons, t-shirts, and has done nothing to improve its credibility. The group's Web site states one illogical, illogical tact with sporitng by inserting of expertise such as, "The fact is that you can drink beer responsibly. The same can't be said of milk."

Let's not even try to translate the brilliance woven through that revelation. In addition, PETA states, "Unlike beer drinking, dairy consumption also hurts animals." That being possible, is it not the point? Don't these people realize that the mistake lies in the beer? All I have observed from these ultra-aggressive commandos are empty claims and domi nating tactics. Why didn't they pick orange juice in place of beer? PETA's anti-milk campaign is misinformed, as most college students are not going to jump on the O.J. bandwagon because where's the fun in that? We have to respond to PETA's evidently belittling perception of our interests and gulli bility. It thinks we are a bunch of ditzy college native.

This is especially true on our campus, which is locat ed on what seems to be a giant mountain and where attending each class requires a massive hike up a 30-foot hill. Thow in the constantly changing weather and you never know when you may be treading through mud.

So why are we hussing our butts trying to impress all those guys out there when most of them just wake up 15 minutes before class starts, put on a dingy hat and walk out the door?

Yes, I am positive they notice, but come on. Raise your hand if you want to be with a guy who only wants to go out with you because he noticed your new leather skirt.

Don't get me wrong. I am all dressed up for dressing when there is a purpose, but school is just not a good enough excuse for me. We pay to be here, so don't you want to be comfortable when you're sloshing in your desk lis tening to a two-hour lecture.

And those of us who do already this don't want to see people adjusting their tops, flickering with their skirt or managing their sore feet in class. That is too much! That is too much for at least some of us. You mentioned the importance of our interests and gullibility.

So, to those of you who do spend the six hours in the classroom, I promise to stop any and all plucking that makes my feet bleed or ankles swell with every step.

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On-campus housing not enough for older students

Whether students want to face it or not, off-campus housing in San Luis Obispo is an issue that students continue to worry about. Some spend months searching for a place to live, while others are lucky enough to find a place on their first attempt. Preston Allen, director of housing, said that there are spaces left in the on-campus housing facilities for both first-year and transfer students to live. The bene fit to this, however, are only there for freshmen.

The dorms allow freshmen meet new people and relieve the burden of worrying about the cost of food. Students who move away from home at 18 years old should feel as comfortable as possible in a new environment because they have had no expe rience doing it before.

The dorms are also close to their classes, and there's a computer lab in each of the halls. Students don't have to worry about cooking their own food and cleaning their own dishes, except for the few nights of Easy Mac or Top Ramen. For many freshmen, this living environment is not much different from their home life. Students still don't have to worry about paying bills or making sure there is food in the refrigerator.

Transfer students have all had a taste of college life before coming to Cal Poly. They are old enough to take care of them selves, and responsible enough to realize that they came to Cal Poly not for a free ride. It is more beneficial to them to live off-campus, where they can live as they have before: on their own. At 21 or so, it is time to be able to take responsibility for their own living situation, something on-campus housing doesn't really offer.

Students are more likely to find off-campus housing if they plan for enough in advance. Once they have found a place to live, the rest of their responsibilities lie in their own rational decisions.

Some students might worry they won't have enough money to buy food because working doesn't fit into their busy schedules. Financial aid is available to these students, and if they plan ahead and manage their money properly they shouldn't be too concerned.

The cost of living off-campus is not much different than the price one pays to live on-campus. The cost of living a year on-campus with a standardized meal plan at Cal Poly is $7,106. The average cost of a partially furnished, two-bedroom off-campus apartment close to school, including water and trash utilities, is $550 per month. That includes sharing a room and pitching in for cable and Internet, but after splitting it with three other people the price is reasonable.

The cost of food while living off-campus is a general concern, but Cal Poly offers the opportunity to purchase a Campus Express Club card, which holds value at many on-campus eateries like The Avenue and Vista Grande Restaurant. Depending on how much more one spends on food, commuters can save a bit by combining their commuter and utilities, students still have $3,750 to equal the cost for one year of living on-campus.

People may want to live off campus if they want to live off-campus, but after the first year of college, I think one gains more independence if they are taking care of themselves.

Meredith Corbin is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
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Each of Cal Poly's 250 foreign exchange students are aware that they must offer this information. Providing such information has not been viewed as a problem for the students, Andre added.

The U.S. Patriot Act, which came following heightened foreign security measures as a result of Sept. 11, mandated that all U.S. universities be SEVIS-compliant by Jan. 31, 2003. Recently this deadline will not be a problem for Cal Poly, Andre said.

"Cal Poly will be ready," she said. "The only question in my mind is if the INS will be." Andre pointed out that Cal Poly's method of compliance to SEVIS regulations is unlike many other universities in California.

"A lot of universities are buying expensive software, whereas we're doing it with our own in-house software," Andre said.

One software program that Cal Poly will be using is called the Patriot Act - SEVIS Solution (PASS), which is manufactured by PeopleSoft. According to the company's Web site, www.peoplesoft.com, the program is designed to automatically detect and report changes in administrative information about students to the INS.

Andre said that she believes the tracking system is nothing new and that even American citizens are being tracked to some degree via their social security number. However, Andre does take issue with the motivation behind the new system.

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through the system, Bentley said. Depending on the degree of violation, the student could be contacted by the INS and possibly deported.

Each of Cal Poly's 250 foreign exchange students are aware that they must offer this information. Providing such information has not been viewed as a problem for the students, Andre added.

The U.S. Patriot Act, which came following heightened foreign security measures as a result of Sept. 11, mandated that all U.S. universities be SEVIS-compliant by Jan. 31, 2003. Recently this deadline will not be a problem for Cal Poly, Andre said.

"Cal Poly will be ready," she said. "The only question in my mind is if the INS will be." Andre pointed out that Cal Poly's method of compliance to SEVIS regulations is unlike many other universities in California.

"A lot of universities are buying expensive software, whereas we're doing it with our own in-house software," Andre said.

One software program that Cal Poly will be using is called the Patriot Act - SEVIS Solution (PASS), which is manufactured by PeopleSoft. According to the company's Web site, www.peoplesoft.com, the program is designed to automatically detect and report changes in administrative information about students to the INS.

Andre said that she believes the tracking system is nothing new and that even American citizens are being tracked to some degree via their social security number. However, Andre does take issue with the motivation behind the new system.

"Only 2 percent of people who come to the U.S. come in under a student visa," Andre said. "I don't think singling out this 2 percent is going to help national security. This isn't really the group that they should be targeting. I think it gives the impression that America doesn't want foreign students, and that's unfortunate."
Cal Poly's Megan Schlegel

From walk-on to stardom

► Megan Schlegel wasn't even recruited out of high school. Five years later, she's the Mustangs' team leader in goals

By Bonnie Guevara

A 5-foot-3-inch, bright-eyed, blonde-haired freshman walked onto the Mustang soccer field five years ago hoping to make the team. Now that same girl plays forward for the Cal Poly women's soccer team and has two Big West Championships under her belt, leading the team to a 6-3 start this season.

With four goals and one assist through the team's first nine games, Megan Schlegel is the Mustangs' leading goal scorer again this season. Coach Alex Coeter calls her the team's go-to player.

"Megan is a leader by example, and when she's in the game she works hard," he said. "Off the field she's very soft-spoken, but on the field she's a firecracker."

In addition, Schlegel received recognition two years ago for her game-winning goal against Santa Barbara.

"Over the years Megan has scored goals at the most crucial times," senior defender Brooke Flamson said. "When we needed someone to score she did it."

The Santa Barbara victory made the Cal Poly women's soccer team 2000 Big West Champions and also took the team to the NCAA Tournament. With an increased fitness level, the team hopes to return to the tournament again this year.

"Every team wants to come out and beat us," Schlegel said. "Every game will be tough physically and mentally. We just have to take one game at a time. But we will make it back to the NCAA Tournament."

Schlegel, a speech communication graduate, came back to finish her last quarter playing the game she's played since she was four. It's the determination that has allowed Schlegel to manage school and soccer over the years. She has not always had the easiest time, having to give up some things she loved along the way.

In the ninth grade, Schlegel left Southern California and her high school freshman soccer team behind and moved to Hobbs, N.M. However, despite the difficult time and transition from one team to another, at 15 Schlegel became the leading scorer for the entire state of New Mexico before moving back to Mission Viejo, where she finished out her high school career.

"She's always been focused and has always had her mother's determination," father Pete Schlegel said.

Even though Megan was not recruited out of high school, she has proven to be one of the strongest players on the Cal Poly women's soccer team.

"She's an all-around great soccer player," Flamson said. "She has made a big contribution to the team. You can tell she really loves the game."

Although it will be her last quarter playing for Poly, Schlegel said she will definitely miss the team.

"I feel really lucky and honored to have played four years at Poly," she said. "What I'll miss the most is seeing the girls, the excitement of practice, and being part of a team. I won't ever get that chance again."

Megan Schlegel has been a part of two Big West Champions teams at Cal Poly.

NFL

Vikings' Moss charged with marijuana possession

By Steve Karnowski

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota Vikings star receiver Randy Moss was charged Tuesday with possession of a small amount of marijuana, adding to charges last week that he pushed a traffic officer with his car.

Randy Moss was charged Tuesday with third-degree assault and possession of a controlled substance in connection with his arrest last week. He was allowed to play in last Sunday's 48-23 loss at Seattle.

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Erin Chavez drove in two runs in the first two innings and being part of a team. I won't ever get that chance again.

BRIEFS

A's fall 7-5 to Twins in playoff opener

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Minnesota Twins shocked off a serious case of the playoff jitters in plenty of time.

A.J. Pierzynski had four hits, and Corey Koskie homered and drove in two runs for the Twins in the first two innings while falling behind 5-1 to the A's.

But the Twins rallied back with offense from nearly every player and steady bullpen work. Eight Twins got a hit.

Raul Ibanez (1-0) allowed eight hits and five runs, although just one was earned, in five innings.

Once Roode left, Minnesota's outstanding bullpen came through again. Johan Santana, J.C. Romero and Eddie Guardado combined for four scoreless innings of four-hit relief.

Guardado pitched the ninth for a save.

The Twins got a run in the second over Caudy's RBI double, but Oakland got two more in the bottom half with a two-run rally.