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By Olga Berdial

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Poly gets 'window to ocean'

Protestors, Duke Energy clash over proposal

By Lauren Chase

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Duke Energy was the site of Monday's final hearing regarding
Duke Energy's proposal to replace the
Morro Bay Power Plant with a new
facility. Duke made its last plea to
the California Energy Commission (CEC) — but without strict
corporate activists carrying signs and
wearing stickers urging the CEC to
"Save Our Estuary."

The proposal would allow Duke Energy to continue using a process
known as "wet cooling," which uses
water from the Morro Bay National
Estuary to cool its generators.

"Morro Bay, if not for the mon­
sour, ugly electrical power plant
sitting at the mouth of the estuary," is
one of the state's last pristine,
unspoiled treasures," said John
Smurda, a Los Angeles resident and
protester. "The estuary's purpose is
to serve as a nursery for fish, shell-

Trinity Transopause, a photographic report on the estuary's
Sunday, June 16, 2002, 6 p.m.

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A hawk came into contact with a power line pole Tuesday, resulting in a fire that burned one to two acres behind the on-campus Horse Unit. The hawk caught fire and fell to the ground, creating flames that spread through the dead grass surrounding the pole, said Stephen Spinharney, captain of the California Department of Forestry, Station 12. Some fencing was damaged, but no structures were harmed. There was $1,000 worth of damages to the pole.

The crash caused an interruption of power because a power transformer was attached to the pole. "This is a random event caused by an animal, it is not unheard of but it is infrequent," said Jeff Gater, captain of a San Luis Obispo fire engine that responded to the incident.

CDF sent three engine companies, one hand crew, one prevention battalion and one battalion chief to the scene. Battalion chief manages the fire as well as investigate the cause.

With all efforts combined, the fire took about 30 minutes to extinguish, Gater said.

CDF equipment remained at the site for an hour, but fire officials remained longer to make sure the fire was out, Spinharney said.

The water supply to contain the fire came from nearby water hoses and tank water, which is the water carried in the fire trucks, Gater said.

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Clauses cannot currently be scheduled at the pier, but it is still being used, said Nikki Adams, biological science professor. "Right now, we're using the pier as an outside classroom when we take students to learn oceanography," she said.

The college is focusing on converting the existing structure but does not have the funding to do so, Moylan said. "We're in the process of building a teaching lab with benches, microscopes and whatever professors need set up in there so we can do water samples and processing," he said.

Adams noted that the new building is only in the planning stages, and construction cannot begin until funding is provided.

"We've received funding from the National Science Foundation for other projects, but we're still looking for funding for the building," Adams said. However, department officials are confident they can find the money. "We are confident that we will be able to receive the financial support to build a facility and program that will allow our department and the university to become a major world marine science center," Richards said. Moylan is in charge of converting the industrially focused Uncle dock of the pier into a learning environment where students and faculty can conduct research.

"A big step for us will be when we can keep live animals out there," Moylan said. "It is really a critical step in the process of converting the pier from an industrial site to a marine lab." Working with Moylan is Paul Mantano, the pier technician who has worked on the pier since it was first built for Uncle.

"He's been able to show me the nuts and bolts of the pier, literally," Moylan said.

Moylan and Mantano are currently restructuring an old room of the pier into a laboratory classroom.

"The first step, which is now in the planning stages, is going to be putting in a flowing seawater lab," Moylan said.

The plan would involve pumping water onto the pier into tanks that would then hold live animals.

"We would have fishes and a variety of local marine animals, excluding mammals," Moylan said.

Although the pier is targeted mainly toward the research and advancement of the marine science department, the hope is to integrate more minors into the use of its facilities, Adams said. Examples may include an engineering class using the facilities for structural studies and a chemistry class testing out coating on the inside of water pipes. The facility would also be open to local elementary, middle and high schools, as well as the junior colleges in the area.

Part of this vision would include opening the facilities for Open House and other Cal Poly events that showcase the many strengths the different colleges have to offer, Moylan said.

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fish, eggs and larvae. It should not be viewed as a low-cost means of cooling a power plant's generators.

If the proposal is accepted, Morro Bay will undergo a huge aesthetic change. The three towers that mar Morro Bay's horizon would be torn down and a new power plant would be built. The current towers are 450 feet tall and the proposed towers would be 145 feet tall, said Patrick Mullen, regional public affairs manager for Duke Energy.

Duke's controversial proposal, called "habitat enhancement," would allow the new plant to continue to extract hundreds of millions of gallons of water per day from the estuary.

The proposed plant will use less water from the estuary, Mullen said. "The existing plant permit is 725 million gallons of water per day, but the plant averaged 404 million gallons per day," he said. The future plant permit is 470 million gallons per day, but the plant is projected to use 313 million gallons per day.

Habitat enhancement is expected to preserve water volume in the estuary by removing sediment and preventing additional sedimentation. "Since we impact fish larvae, we support and fund projects that restore fish larvae habitat to offset the amount we're impacting," Mullen said. "Some of these projects would minimize the sediment coming down Chorro Creek into the bay and therefore protect critical habitat that would otherwise be covered in sediment."

The loss of larvae will be offset by projects aimed at reducing sedimentation, opponents said.

"Habitat technology is nebulus, it's vague and it's unproven," said Jack McCurdy, Coastal Alliance member. "The Clean Water Act requires that Duke Energy use the BTA (Best Technology Available), and that's dry cooling. The best technology available is proven and habitat technology is not."

Dry cooling uses a bank of fans that cools recirculated water inside plants and wouldn't use water from the estuary. Activists against wet cooling have embraced this alternative technology.

Yet Duke representatives said that dry cooling is not feasible. "We don't believe it's possible because of the visual and land-use impacts," Mullen said. "It's not workable for this site."

Dry cooling has greater emissions, is less efficient, is noisier and has greater visual impacts, Mullen added.

"For dry cooling, the size towers you would need are the size of two football fields and that makes no sense for the community of Morro Bay," he said. "It would be an even greater eye-sore."
National Briefs

SEC expands civil fraud charges against WorldCom

WASHINGTON — The government on Tuesday expanded its civil fraud charges against WorldCom and the company raised its estimate of inflated earnings to more than $9 billion in one of the most stunning accounting scandals of the year.

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced that it had broadened the scope of its civil fraud charges, originally filed against the telecom company in June, to include an additional charge and to allege that WorldCom misled investors starting at least as early as 1999 through the first quarter of this year.

WorldCom is in settlement talks with the SEC.

The nation's second-largest long-distance carrier, which is operating under bankruptcy court protection, which is operating, said it told the SEC during those discussions that it would expand its civil fraud charges against WorldCom and WorldCom misled investors starting at least as early as 1999 through the first quarter of this year.

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Attorney for sniper suspect: Government using extortion charges to hide weak case

GREENBELT, Md. - John Allen Muhammad's lawyer derided the government reviews" of its accounting, it said it told the SEC during those discussions that, based on "very preliminary reviews" of its accounting, it expects an additional charge and to allege that WorldCom misled investors starting at least as early as 1999 through the first quarter of this year.

Among those arrested was a baggage handler who had two guns in his home. Prosecutors said the guns belonged to a pair of law enforcement officers who reported them stolen from their bags.

Twelve of those indicted were arrested Tuesday; the baggage handler taken into custody last week. The remaining defendants were still at large, prosecutors said.

Israel calls elections on Jan. 28 amid Mideast turmoil

JERUSALEM - A reluctant Ariel Sharon on Tuesday called early elections for Jan. 28 after the breakdown of his friction-ridden coalition, sending Israel into a tempestuous campaign that threatens further instability in the country at a time of a possible confrontation with Iraq.

The surprise move also brought Sharon's archival for Likud leadership, Benjamin Netanyahu, back into government as temporary foreign minister.

Most of the victims of molestation by priests have been adolescent boys. Experts on sex offenders say there is no credible evidence that homosexuals are more likely than heterosexuals to abuse children, but several church leaders have argued that gay clergy are to blame for the scandal.

Euro rises above $1 as expectations slim for US economy

FRANKFURT, Germany - The euro rose above a dollar Tuesday and hit its highest level against the U.S. currency in more than three months amid fears that the U.S. economic recovery may be faltering.

The euro, trading early Tuesday around 99.3 cents, spiked up to $1.039 in morning trading in Europe and held most of its gains by late afternoon, when it stood at $1.022.

Tuesday's was the highest level since late July, when it rallied to a 2 1/2-year high of $1.034. The Lunar rally was stronger than the one Friday which briefly took the euro to $1.022, before it fell back.

The shift was due to dollar weakness instead of any newfound enthusiasm for the euro and the economies of the 12 countries that share it, said Michael Schubert, an economist at Commerzbank in Frankfurt.

He cited worries about growth for the U.S. economy in the current quarter, and drops in consumer and business sentiment surveys. The economy rebounded from a 1.3 percent growth in the spring to 3.1 percent in the summer, but many forecasters fear it will slump again in the current quarter.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily managing editor Malia Spencer.

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Did Jesus sing power ballads too?

By Ken Basin

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — When I think of Jesus, I think of things ranging from the metaphysical to the trivial. However, one of the things I don't think of is hair metal. Unfortunately, current circumstances force me to associate biblical figures with commercial rock genres.

All this because Sebastian Bach, former front man of late-'80s staple Skid Row, is taking his still-long rock star hair to the stage in the role of Jesus Christ Superstar. Wow.

"Sebastian Bach ... of Skid Row is taking his still-long rock star hair to the stage... [for] "Jesus Christ Superstar."

At least Bach recognizes the apparent ridiculousness of it all. "When I was a kid, Black Sabbath was as heavy and evil as you could get, and now they're playing for the queen - and Sebastian Bach is Jesus Christ," he said. "The Lord works in mysterious ways."

That's for sure. More and more, it looks like the entire music world is taking the same path Bach has adopted: Screen and stage. Musicians are becoming actors, actors are becoming musicians and dear God, I can't even tell which comes first anymore.

Here are a few favorites, as well as a list of less-than-favorites.

• Mick Jagger

Jagger's performance as the head of an escort service in a lower-key role in this year's independent film, "The Man From Elysian Fields," is understated and sentimental. Somehow, watching him, it's possible to forget that it's Jagger, and relatively easy to just accept him.

• Jack Black

I've ranted about Tenacious D because he's alone in the field. Jack Black is that rare specimen, a critically-acclaimed actor ("High Fidelity"), who, however inconsistent ("Shallow Hal"), still manages to pull laughs out of even mediocre projects he is associated with ("Orange County"). At the same time, Tenacious D rocks out in clubs coast to coast, and has been an underground darling among fans and critics alike... well, at least those who aren't immediately put off by the gratuitous use of cuss words. But pan-fan tasy just makes everything funnier, I guess.

• Jon Bon Jovi

If the discussion started with one hair metal mania, it should end with another. It's hard to rate Jon Bon Jovi as an actor relative to his skill as a musician because the quality of his work in both has been marginal.

When I think of Bon Jovi as an actor, I think of Triumph the Insult Comic Dog. Interviewing Bon Jovi about his upcoming role in "John Carpenter's Vampires," Triumph told him, "That's good... finally a role that requires you to suck!"

Others to cross mediums include Shaquille O'Neal, Eddie Murphy and Bruce Willis.

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Ever since you can remember, you've wanted to study abroad. The exotic places, the food, the culture, the hot Europeans. What could be better to broaden your horizons and create a collection of wonderful memories that you can look back on forever. Priceless, right?

As a bither winter approaches, the chilling air and vacant tree's remind me of crisp days spent shivering, hurling snowballs, making snowmen, and drinking hot chocolate. Wintern is a miraculous thing happens — spring awakens. Through the international programs there are a lot of independent scholarships which you obviously deserve too.

Although the thought of leaving all your friends, your job and your school for an extended time sounds daunting, it is equally exciting. This is an opportunity to see new places, to make new friends, and to grow as a person.

So, how do you go about doing this? First of all, you must decide if you want to go abroad. This is a decision that should not be taken lightly. You should consider your financial situation, your academic goals, and your personal reasons for wanting to go abroad.

If you decide to go abroad, you will need to apply for financial aid. This can be done through your school's financial aid office or through independent scholarship programs. There are many sources of funding available, including grants, scholarships, and loans.

In some cases, you may still not cover the cost of studying abroad. In these instances, alternative loans are available. They are not need-based, so you can receive them regardless of your financial situation.

Spring brings birth of animals and allows us to watch them learn to forage for food and stay close to their mothers. It's the same energy as falling in love for the first time — excitement and newness, anticipation for the next one.

Summer brings with it relaxation, intense heat, barbeques, and the food, the culture, the hot Europeans — it's playing along with the excitement of being abroad.

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Editor,

In light of the new ignorant fad of making fun of liberal studies majors, I would like to make a few comments.

First of all, John Holbus (Mustang Daily Columnist), there are liberal studies-oriented people, and there are math people. I, myself, happen to be both a math person, as well as plenty of other liberal studies majors at Cal Poly. You see, John, liberal studies involves making more math as it does English. In fact, just to enlighten you and the chemistry people, to earn a BS in liberal studies (that's right, most liberal studies majors are completing bachelor in science), we need to take a four-unit science classes for a total of nine quarters at Cal Poly (that's physics, biology and geology, all together).

And the BA in liberal studies still requires a 12-unit of biology and 12 units of physical sciences. Since plenty of liberal studies majors are objectively-oriented thinkers, perhaps an English major taking a math class would have been a better analogy for your point.

As for the chemistry majors, over 95 percent of liberal studies majors at Cal Poly are studying to become elementary school teachers.

With this in mind, shame on you for having nothing to say, but jokes, in reference to your previous that the least intellectually stimulated/capable people at Cal Poly are the ones who will be teaching your children's young minds some day.

Sara Dobbertin is a second-year liberal studies major who knows how intelligent (and valuable to society) liberal studies students are.

Student share tests taking sentiments

Editor,

I just wanted to say good job on the article “Low test score not the end of the world” in Oct. 24 Opinion section, because I am a senior and I empathize with the writer and especially liked what she had to say. I've seen the Discovery Channel episode on Jesse James but never thought of the situation like that. The best paragraph was the one towards the end “While I can’t name something...” and it especially echoed my sentiments. So thanks for the article!

Jessica Griffith is a biology senior.

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A woman trapped inside a man's body. This is how 
friends and family of Eddie Araujo described him. 
A 17-year-old resident of Newark, Calif., was the victim of a heinous hate crime last month. 
Araujo, who also went by the names of 'Lida' and 'Gwen,' 
was often dressed as a woman, wearing feminine clothes and 
makeup. On Oct. 3 "Lida" attended a party in his hometown. 
During the party, two of his anatomical gender, the men 
allegedly beat him, strangled him with a rope and drove 
150 miles to the Sierra foothills, where they buried him in a 
shallow grave.

The three men have now been charged with murder with 
a felony hate crime enhancement. If convicted, four years 
of jail time will be tacked onto their sentence for commit­ 
ing a hate crime.

This recent homicide has sent shock waves throughout the 
nation, alerting minority groups to the fact that even in 
the United States, minorities are not completely safe from 
closed-minded individuals.

Minority organizations nationwide are now pushing for 
more stringent federal hate crime laws. Currently, a hate 
crime is defined as the intentional use of force or threat of 
force against a person due to his or her race, religion or 
national origin.

Only some states, including California, protect homo­ 
sexuals, women and the disabled under state hate crime 
laws. The Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention 
Act was introduced to Congress almost two years ago, but 
... yet to be passed. This act would amend the current federal hate 
crime law, broadening it to protect women, the disabled and homo­ 
sexual, transgender and transvestite individua­ 
lit's a fabulous tool, especially during break­ 
outs. It's a mask, hiding and accentuating.

Putting on a mask, it's almost like 
putting on a new identity. It's the 
only way to escape from the 
harsh realities of life. People 
wear these masks to create 
a sense of privacy, to hide 
their true self and to assert 
their own identity.

But what is true about a group being more protected 
under federal law is because they believe certain groups should 
not obtain special privileges. But what is wrong with a group being more protected 
under the law than others? Everyday, minorities are 
harassed, both verbally and physically, just because of 
their sexual preference or gender. So why shouldn't homosexuals, 
transvestites, women and the disabled also receive the same protec­ 	ion that racial minorities and religious groups already have?

Some conservatives also believe homosexuals should not 
be shielded, because they chose to be homosexual. While this 
is still open to debate, one should remember that 
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Generating roughly $1 million as a result of the fees each quarter, the College of Science and Mathematics has focused its spending in three major ways this year.

The purchase of new equipment, particularly for the laboratory sciences, accounted for a large portion of this year's funds, said Roxy Peck, associate dean of the college.

"We hadn't been purchasing equipment since the early 1990's," Bailey said. "Before the fees, we didn't have the money to do that."

Equipment was ordered based on a pledge made to students in July, Bailey said.

The biology department received new microscopes to replace the 10 to 40-year-old existing models, and the kinesiology department now has access to new equipment for its exercise physiology lab.

A $600,000 FITMRI, similar to an MRI but for organic compounds, is up and running in the chemistry department, and the physics department upgraded its optics lab. Bailey said the college would probably end up spending half of the money each year on new technological equipment.

"We want to give our students great equipment," he said. "We will be able to maintain it, so we will constantly have the very best."

Certificates thinking students for the fee increase are positioned next to each piece of equipment purchased.

"I am feeling the effects, and I am pleasantly surprised," he said. "I wasn't sure if I'd see the benefits in my time here, and I have."

Biochemistry professor John Goens said additional equipment would allow professors to develop more relevant and interesting labs with new experiments. "It definitely gives us more options," he said.

The college will also use the money its to increase its ability to have an excellent faculty in partnership with students and undergraduate research, Bailey said. This would include the funding of student and faculty research, and faculty travel to professional meetings to keep up with the field.

"We spend and faculty participated in a few research projects this summer," Bailey said. "Some sections of upper-division courses may be opened this year, but it is not going to be a large-scale addition to the fee money, Bailey said. Since two-thirds of the fee money and up to 30% of the college's teaching is to students outside the College of Science and Mathematics who do not participate in fees — normal state appropriation will be used primarily for opening up additional classes.

A detailed account of the spending of the fee money and updated progress reports are located on the college's Web site, Bailey said. "We will be much more transparent and I want students to feel good about this," he said.

College of Architecture and Environmental Design

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design will give all of the fee money back to the departments and none to the college itself, interim Dean Richard Zweifel said.

It is up to each department to determine how the money will be spent.

"Each of the departments are in various stages of progress," Zweifel said. "They are all making a good effort."

Because the college shares a number of resources, there are several opportunities for interdisciplinary work. All of the departments may choose to use the fees entirely within the major, or participate in college-wide improvements that would be beneficial to everyone, Zweifel said.

One use of the fees will be to hire new faculty and student assistants.

Zweifel said the architecture department has made significant progress in the college.

William Benedict, associate director for the architecture department, said fee money was used to hire a design faculty member, who will aid in opening additional sections of classes. Access hours in the support shop, where students work on models, have also been broadened. The purchase and maintenance of equipment is also pertinent to the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

"Our college is in a unique position," said architecture professor Glodney Bailey said. "It has a high demand for specialized equipment that we're not able to support easily."

Architecture junior Glodney Bailey said he has noticed some positive improvements in the department, such as new computer labs, drafting materials, and new technology pertinent to the department.

The majority of the equipment was ordered this fall and should be in departments by winter quarter, Hellenbrand said. However, some new technology has already been implemented in the art and design and journalism departments.

CPTV already has most of its new equipment in place, and 12 to 15 new Macintosh computer stations are up and running in the art and design department.

Art and design professor Crisn Hewitt said the department received a new computer tower and locks, a flatbed scanner and printer, and new photo equipment.

Graphic design junior San Schlott said the new computers are an improvement, but there are still 30 to 40 old computers that are in need of replacement in the Mac lab.

"I wish we could've gotten more," she said. "At first, I felt lucky because we didn't have to pay as much as the other colleges, but I almost wasn't mind paying extra, just because our computer lab is so under-funded."

The third allocation of the fee increase will go to other academic departments to enhance learning, such as advising and student trips. Hellenbrand said that some time in the future will be hired in the liberal studies department.

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"The money was spent primarily in three ways, with the lion's share of the funds allocated to adding classes within the department," he said.

He estimates that 110 classes were added this year, and improvement is almost certain.

"The student load is up this quarter," he said. "We've received fewer requests for late adds, which shows more students need's have been met."

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Cal Poly Men's Water Polo

National title defense at stake

By Alexa Ratcliffe
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The Cal Poly men's water polo team is now one step closer to a national title after placing first in the Pacific Coast Division (PCD) Championship last weekend.

The team (16-5 overall) won its fourth straight PCD Championship title after beating UCLA, St. Mary's and USC in a two-day tournament at Caesars and Cal Poly.

"I'm really proud of the guys," head coach John Schlick said. "By winning four back-to-back PCD Championships, they have now accomplished something that no one has ever done in their conference.

Collegiate club water polo teams from all over the nation competed in similar tournaments last weekend to battle for who will represent their division in the Collegiate Club National Championships, which will be held this weekend at Cal Poly.

The Mustangs received the bid to host the national championships after winning their second national title last year at the University of Florida. Cal Poly heads into the weekend ranked No. 3 in the nation, with University of Michigan and University of Florida following.

The Mustangs began their dominating weekend by beating UCLA 9-5 Saturday morning.

Senior Jeremey Karas started the ball rolling for the Mustangs by scoring the first two goals of the game. Freshman Brad Joyce followed Karas' lead by finishing the first quarter with another goal.

During the second quarter, the Mustangs continued to fight for the ball and kept the game away from the Bruins' end of the pool. Junior Marcus Metcalf added the fourth goal of the game.

Karo finished off his dominating game by scoring four more goals for the Mustangs during the fourth quarter, bringing his game total to six goals.

Senior Mike Kirkland and sophomore Paulo Avila, Cal Poly's goalies, both played excellent in the second half.

The Mustangs were able to play their entire game of the half second of the half and still managed to put up a tough fight.

Freshman Trent Kloppenburg counter-attacked the Gaels up and down the pool and twice found the back of the net for the Mustangs.

The rest of the team also put up a tough offensive game against the Gaels.

Coast Kirkland and Avila combined their efforts to limit St. Mary's to just four goals.

"Although these first two games were important to us, they almost served as warm-up games for our Sunday game against USC," team captain Blair Douglas said.

The Mustangs closed the deal Sunday afternoon on their PCD Championship title after defeating the No. 4 Trojans.

The Mustangs battled head-to-head during four tough quarters to win the game 10-7.

"We came fired up and started out the game strong," Kirkland said. "We knew that USC was fired up to beat us this year because we beat them last year in this exact game."

Senior Derek Bradley scored the first goal of the game on a 6-on-5 power play, with an assist from graduate student Matt Lande.

The Mustangs capitalized on another man-up opportunity when sophomore Marc Wallgren scored the third goal of the game from the left wing.

Marsh was pleased with the team's overall performance.

"They beat a tough team (USC) and now have the chance at a back-to-back national championship title," Marsh said.

The Mustangs play their first game of the championship tournament Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Games will be held all weekend long at the Cal Poly Rec Center pool, closing with the championship game at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday.

From Chowchilla to Big West killa

By Andrea Svoboda
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Sophomore goalie Paulo Avila, a computer engineering major, helped the Mustangs shut down USC, UCLA and St. Mary's last weekend in the Rec Pool.

Despite her impressive numbers, Diepersloot has noticed an improvement in her skills since her freshman year. Her defense has improved and she became more knowledgeable of different hitting options yet Diepersloot realizes that she will continue to learn and improve.

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Coach Steve Schlick agrees. Although Diepersloot came to Cal Poly as a fairly talented player, she has improved and will need to continue to grow and improve as a player.

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"The great thing is she is still has lots growth in her, and I think that everyday she walks in the door she has this intent on making sure that she continues to enhance each of her skills," Schlick said.

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