Poly students see world

By Olga Berdiall
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Flamenco dancing in Sevilla, drinking Guinness in Dublin and eating sushi in Tokyo are all once in a lifetime.

For Cal Poly students participating in study abroad programs, it has been a reality. "Each year more and more students go," said Jessica Koehnen, student assistant at Cal Poly's International Education office.

Not only will students who study abroad have an opportunity to meet people from different countries, but they also get a chance to meet Cal Poly students as well as other California State University students.

"All the CSUs will send students and put them together," Koehnen said.

Although some programs are major-specific, many are open to all students.

The London Study Program, which is for London study will be Thursday in conjunction with several local agencies. Big Brother and Big Sisters, the Housing Authority, San Luis Obispo County Foster Care, Family Care Network and EOC, Homeless Services. SCS and the agencies are working to organize a country-wide drive, which will conclude Dec. 9.

Children between the ages of 4 and 17 will benefit from the drive. SCS will create tags that list the child's name, age and interests. These tags will then be distributed to students wishing to participate in the drive. Tags are available for pick-up in the Community Center, and also during University Union Hour this Thursday and the next, said Amanda Chavez, gift-drive organizer.

"The holiday season is about giving," Chavez said. "This shows the community that we as students do care about the community and we want to help. We hope to have about 200 tags total."

Students can choose whatever they want to buy the children, as long as the price does not exceed $25. SCS wants to make sure that all children receive monetarily equivalent gifts so that it remains fair.

If students want to spend more than $25, they may take more than one tag — there is no limit on the number of tags a student may select. Also, students may choose to purchase a gift for a child together.

"I think it's one of the easiest things students can do to get involved in the community," she said.

In addition to the gift drive, SCS is also raising money for Homeless Services so that they can build a playground at the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter in San Luis Obispo.

Gifts and donations will be delivered on Dec. 9, which is also the last day to turn items in. The Community Center will collect gifts from Nov. 14 to Dec. 9. A table will be in the UU on Dec. 5 for any gift drop-offs.

"I am definitely going to participate in the gift drive," said business junior Vanessa Mettler. "There are so many children that do not receive gifts during the holiday season. This season is about giving, and I want to do my part and help make a child's holiday a little bit brighter."

Flu vaccine at Health Center

By Kelly Foster
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With winter weather and unwanted finals comes the dreaded flu, but by getting a vaccination students can now avoid it.

Influenza, commonly known as the flu, is caused by a virus that spreads from infected persons to the nose or throat of others. It lasts anywhere from two days to weeks, and in some cases may require hospitalization.

"The protection is not 100 percent," said Dr. Burt Cochran, who oversees the administration of the shots at the Cal Poly Health Center. "Even though you may get the flu, you will probably get a milder case."

Flu season runs from October until April, Cochran said. Protection from the flu by the shot, which is an injection into the shoulder, develops about two weeks after the shot and may last up to one year. It will last the length of that time, but the flu virus mutates so next year you could get another strain," he said. "That is why you have to get one every year."

The best time to get a flu shot is in October or November. However, because the flu season typically peaks between January and March, vaccination in December can be beneficial in most years.

"You may be able to salvage the quarter if you have the vaccine," Cochran said. The Health Center offers the vaccina-

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X-Mas gift drive starts up

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Diggin' digital photography

A digital image created by photography senior Eric McClure contrasts the two libraries Cal Poly students visit most often. The photo is being shown along with others taken by students in photography professor Sky Bergman's advanced digital imaging class. They are currently being displayed in the Photo Option Gallery in the Kennedy Library.
**What's Going On**

Coming up this week

*Mason Weaver Speaks* - Mason Weaver will be speaking in the Business Silo tonight at 7:30 p.m.

*Diamond Way Buddhism in the Modern World* - Tonight at 7 p.m. at Unity Church Ole Nydahl, a Diamond Way Buddhist Lama, will be speaking.

*Resumé Clinic* - Students can improve their resumés today at 11 a.m. in the Career Services Building (building 124, room 117).

*Alternative Gift Giving Fair* - Tomorrow in the UU Plaza from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Lutheran Student Movement will put on an Alternative Gift Giving Fair.

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- Mason Weaver, a student at the Health Center last week, said it was no big deal.
- "It didn't hurt," she said. "I walked in, got the shot and was out in 15 minutes."
- "The side effects are body aches and a very slight fever, but the majority of people are just fine," Cochran said.
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- Cochran recommended that people take Tylenol or Ibuprofen. If the side effects still persist, then people should return to the center.
- The Health Center is predicting that there will be about 500 people who get the shot this year, but it has not been very busy with administering them so far.
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- Cochran said even if students don't get the flu shot and come down with the flu, they can come to the Health Center within 48 hours and be helped.
- "There are special medications that are anti-viruses which can help with the flu," Cochran said. "They are much more beneficial if you come in when you get sick, rather than later."
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National Briefs

Supreme Court to decide if libraries can be forced to block some Internet surfing
WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court said Tuesday it will decide if the government can restrict Internet surfing at public libraries, the third case pitting free-speech concerns against efforts to shield children from online pornography to reach the justices.

The court will resolve whether fed­

eral funding can be stripped from libraries that don't install filters on computers to block sexually explicit Web sites.

The decision would affect more than 14 million people a year who use public library computers to do research, send and receive e-mail, and, in some cases, log onto adult sites.

A three- judge federal panel in Pennsylvania ruled last spring that the Children's Internet Protection Act violates the Constitution's First Amendment because the filtering pro­
grams also block sites on politics, health, science and other non-porno­
graphic topics.

The judges recommended less restrictive ways to control Internet use, such as requiring parental consent before minors are allowed to log in on an unfiltered computer or having a par­

arent monitor a child's Web use.

Army shows use, drawbacks of protective and detection gear for chemical weapons
WASHINGTON - The Army demonstrated equipment for detecting and identifying chemical and biological weapons Tuesday and offered an unrehearsed lesson when a soldier wear­ing a stilting protective suit collapsed in the heat of the television lights.

After some rest and water, Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Avery said he was fine. The incident nevertheless underscored drawbacks of the gear U.S. soldiers could be forced to wear in a possible war with Iraq.

Tuesday's news conference was meant to publicize the Army's Tactical Escort Unit, which provides expertsto identify and try to defuse possible chemical or biological weapons. About a half-dozen members of the unit demonstrated how they would disable a suspected terrorist chemical bomb, respond to an anthrax letter and exam­

ine a World War II-era chemical shell.

Comic book creator Stan Lee sues Marvel Entertainment over 'Spider-Man' movie profits
NEW YORK - The creative force behind Spider-Man, the Incredible Hulk and Daredevil filed a $10 million lawsuit Tuesday, charging his old comic book company is cheating him out of millions of dollars in movie prof­

its.

Stan Lee, who crafted a menagerie of superpowered heroes with very human flaws, now claims Marvel Entertainment Inc. has tricked him out of a "jackpot" success of this summer's "Spider-Man" movie.

Lee's attorneys filed court papers in Manhattan federal court, claiming that Marvel signed a deal to give their client 10 percent of any profits from his characters used in films and television shows.

"Spider-Man" has been the year's biggest hit, grossing more than $400 million domestically, but the 80-year­

old Lee says he hasn't seen a penny.

"Despite reaping enormous benefits from Mr. Lee's creations, defendants have failed and refused to honor their commitments to him," the lawsuit charges.

Marvel has reported millions of dol­

ars in earnings from the film but has told Lee the company has seen no "profits" as defined by their contract.

International Briefs

Venezuelan police fire tear gas to end siege of Caracas mayor's office
CARACAS, Venezuela - Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to free dozens of people, including Caracas' mayor and other key opposition figures, from armed protesters at city hall Tuesday. The mayor blamed President Hugo Chavez's supporters for the vio­

lence.

The shooting and tear gas forced dozens of stores to close and people to abandon their siege of city hall.

National Briefs

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sion rests with Saddam, who must respond to the United Nations by Fri­

day.

Iraqi representatives, who must pledge loyalty to Saddam to earn a place in the 250-seat parliament, voted unanimously Tuesday to recommend rejecting the U.N. resolution.

Parliament Speaker Saadoun Hammadi said the vote was "a mes­sage to America and the Iraqi peo­

ple that they are united behind their lead­

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ple of Iraq know that in the U.N. reso­

lution, there are major allegations which are baseless."

The parliamentary resolution went on to say the "political leadership" should "adopt what it considers appro­

priate to defend the Iraqi people and Iraq's independence and dignity, and

authorities President Saddam Hussein to adopt what he sees as appropriate, expressing our full support for his wise leadership."

Voice said to be Osama bin Laden praises Ball, Moscow attacks, threatens West
CAIRO, Egypt - In an audiotaped message aired across the Arab world Tuesday, a voice purported to be that of Osama bin Laden praised terrorist strikes in Bali and Moscow and threatened Western nations over any attack on Iraq.

While Laden's voice is authenticated, his references to recent events would be the clearest indication the terrorist mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks sur­

vived U.S. airstrikes in Afghanistan last year.

The speaker on the tape broadcast on Al Jazeera television referred to the Oct. 12 Bali bombing, the killing last month of a Marine in Kuwait, the bombing of a French oil tanker last month off Yemen and the Chechen hostage taking in Moscow, saying the attacks were "patterns by those who are zealous in the defense of their reli­

gion."

American officials have not verified bin Laden's whereabouts this year. The last certain evidence bin Laden was also a video of him having dinner with some of his deputies, which is believed to have been filmed on Nov. 9, 2001.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press were service by Mustang Daily managing editor Mala Spencer.
Doodle Gallery
The Art of Boredom

From time to time most of us absentmindedly scribble things down during class, either to keep awake or to look busy in front of the teacher. In the margins next to biology notes and important dates in history are glimpses into the collective student psyche. Certain themes emerge: Stars, flowers, ponies, faces and obsessive-compulsive disorder spawned geometric patterns. While the amount of thought and effort put forth into these works ranges from minimal to sensi-like concentration in the process, there is some artistic merit to doodles. Enjoy the following examples collected from anonymous sources around the graphic arts building, and feel free to drop off your work, titled and signed, to us at Mustang Daily.

Bryan Dickerson
Arts & Culture Editor

Was this subject taken from the classroom or does he lurk somewhere deep in the artist's psyche?
"Farenheit 131"
– Anonymous

Spacing out about outer space.
"Star Light Star Bright"
– Andra Coberly

"Kitty's Day Out"
– Anonymous

"Foot-job"
– Dena Horton

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1. Jurassic 5 “Power in Numbers”
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3. The Apples in Stereo “Velocity of Sound”
4. Thievery Corporation “The Richest Man in Babylon”
5. Sahara Hotnights “Jennie Bomb”
6-7. Death Cab for Cutie “You Can Play These Songs With Chords”
8. Beck “Sea Change”
9. DJ Vadim “USSR: The Art of Listening”
10. Thievery Corporation “The Richest Man in Babylon”
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Bed-wetting not just for pre-schoolers

We've all been there. Well, actually not all of us. Perhaps you've been on the unbrushed and unshaven other end of the situation. What situation, you ask?
The situation of "adult nocturnal enuresis" — in English — adult bedwetting.

Yes, it's true, this situation apparently plagues Cal Poly students more than they would like to admit.

How? A friend of mine described a recent incident in which such a situation took place. You see, although the "wetting" didn't occur in the bed, the situation happened at night in a place conducive to such acts — a closet.

"Why?" she asked. I could only nod my head and tell her to be grateful it didn't happen in her bed where she could have rid herself into the puddle.

When the story made its way into a few conversations, we discovered that incidents of adult nocturnal enuresis actually occur more frequently than suspected.

Although no actual bed-wetters confessed to the act, a surprisingly large number had been in the bed when it happened. The common thread among all of the incidents described was the prior excessive consumption of alcohol.

But the question still puzzled my brain — why?

The answer is actually very simple, according to sleepnet.com and bedwet.net.

Alcohol is a depressant — duh. When a person sleeps (pauses out) after drinking too much, he or she will spend less time in the quality Rapid Eye Movement (REM) sleep and more time in the deeper stages of sleep — in particular Stage 4 of non-REM sleep. While in this stage, a person may not distinguish the signals from the bladder that say, "Hey, get out of bed you drunkard and go pee!" The results? Well, just say it's a naive situation.

But what about the closet pee-er? Well, since he seemed to not remember the incident, one can conclude that he was experiencing an episode of somnambulism — commonly known as sleepwalking. Sleepwalking also takes place in this later stage of sleep, so therefore one can do things while sleepwalking and not remember doing them because technically he or she was asleep.

Even more astonishing is the prevalence of these sleep disorders. Adult bedwetting occurs in about 3.5 percent of adults, and about 1 percent of all bedwetters are adults. Even more common is sleepwalking, which affects 18 percent of the total population. So when you add alcohol into the mix, the chances that a person will either see the bed or despi-toclone that a person is not a fool are pretty high.

While there is a valid medical explanation for why these incidents occur, one can't help but be a little grossed out by the idea of waking up in a puddle of urine — especially someone else's. If this little problem has happened to you, it is safest to clean up your own mess. And people, if you have been on the other side of this situation, take this information to heart when you wake up soaking wet — if you can.

Oh yeah, and if you do pee, don't denigrate it — the person you are sharing the bed with has worn it. And if you didn't pee in the bed, a simple chain of deductive reasoning will point the blame in your direc­tion. Sorry — it's the truth.

Sara Howell is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer who hasn't peed in bed nor been peed on in bed.

Opinion

Jackass-style stunts fun to watch, not to try

"T"his plot-less, crudely-videotaped collection of moronic and dangerous stunts is a movie in the same sense that those hideous, velvet depictions of Elvis are paintings," said Lou Lumet of his review of "Jackass: The Movie" for the New York Post. So why are people flocking to go see this movie?

I asked my younger brother "What situation, you ask?" and that question, and all could say was "because it's damn funny when they hit themselves in the balls!"

Of course, knowing how glib and dense my brother can be at times, I immediately asked him if he ever wanted to imitate Johnny Knoxville and company. All he said, with a kiddie-type giggle, was "Well...no because it would hurt."

Duh, it would hurt! However, I have to admit my brother's right. The movie was hysterical (except for the vomiting scenes — those were gross.)

"Jackass: The Movie" the gang lit themselves on fire, sworn in raw sewage and lodged toy cars up their butts. Hey, as long as it's not me then I'll watch, because that stuff is goldendebasure.

Come on, who doesn't think a guy jumping out of a tree with bungee cords attached to his underwear is funny? Like I said, as long as it isn't me.

But I do have to wonder why there are individuals out there who would try to imitate any of these obviously whipped people.

It makes no sense to conscionably do these things to your­self if you don't have to. I mean, sure there is a little voice in your head that is muttering "Well, if they paid me $1 million, I'd gourd/hn down a hill in a shopping cart too."

But other than that, hell no!

In January, 2001, a 13-year-old boy from Torrington, Conn., suffered second and third-degree burns on 30 percent of his body after he poured a cup of gasoline on his pants and set himself on fire.

Only days after ABC's "20/20" did a story on the Torrington teen, an 11-year-old Hartford, Conn., boy also burned himself trying to reenact the "Jackass" episode enti­tled "Human Barbecue."

In June 1993, four kids killed a man during an attempted robbery. Some of the boys told police they "got ideas" from the film "Menace II Society."

But the question still prodded my brain — why?

I guess I just don't understand where their heads are. "Jackass" even puts a blunt message at the beginning of the show and movie stating: "Warning: The stunts were performed by professionals and are not your dumb bud­dies should attempt anything from this movie."

I guess the real question is this: Where are the parents where the kids are dropp­ing staff on their genitals and light­ing themselves on fire?

Probably in the house getting high. The idea might be mean, but they have to be in some smoking something, because how else could their children be that stupid?

I just look forward to the day when these imitating icons have eliminated themselves from the planet. This way, the world is filled with smart and enlightened people like me, who can all watch movies without fear of censorship.

Christen Wegner is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

El Corral must have something to hide

Editor,

One of the big reasons that we are in col­lege to learn about new ideas, hear new opinions and gain different perspectives on the world around us. Unfortunately, not everyone at Cal Poly feels this way, specif­ically El Corral Bookstore.

This week Mason Weaver, author of "It's Okay to Leave the Plantation," will be visiting campus to talk to stu­dents about the dangers of government dependency as well as the politics of race and poverty.

These are issues that El Corral Bookstore obviously doesn't want you to know about, since they refused to carry even a single copy of Weaver's book.

Although 230 students are expected to attend and the book has already sold over 50,000 copies, El Corral does not, under any circumstances, want you to read it. Perhaps there is something in this book that El Corral doesn't want you to know about or that they are afraid of.

I challenge everyone who reads this to find out for yourself what the book­store doesn't want you to know. Listen to Weaver speak Wed. Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the business silo, room 02-213.

The title of Weaver's speech will be "The New Underground Railroad," and he will address capitalism, multi­culturalism, civil rights and freedom.

Don't let the El Corral Bookstore decide what you should and should not know.

Steve Hinkle is an industrial technolo­gy senior.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Comments on astounding logic at Poly

Editor,

I was so busy sinking down bong rips I almost didn't see Joshua Kob's letter "Fraternity boys in the news are getting boring" (Nov. 7).

Josh - I can toll you Josh! - Your amusing journalism skills have amused and amused the Greek community.

Obviously on your daily walk to class you have discovered one fraternity that strongly supports the Republican Party: Great job, Sherlock!

You then go on to voice your worry, unsupported thoughts in the Mustang Daily. It seems you believe if one of 17 fraternities supports or does something, they all do. Does this mean that because I observe you to be a moron that I should conclude all political science majors to be ignorant as well? No, I know I'd kill you.

Then again, I'm not a religious person - I can't quote the Bible and I can't even recall the books of the Old Testament. I'm not a religious person - I can't quote the Bible and I can't even recall the books of the Old Testament.

You then go on to rant about how "a great majority of frat members like to smoke weed and drink beer without being bothered." I'll have you know that I haven't smoked any weed today and neither do I your usual fratty Bloody Mary for breakfast and 12-pack with lunch, it's been a rather sober Thursday. I was being a little high.

I immediately had tears in my eyes and shook my head disbeliefingly.

I had a thousand questions: "When did you find out?" "How did you know?" "What kind?" But mostly, "How do you know the bracelets did it?"

"The bracelets did it," he beamed, pointing to his wrist.

"Faith is more than just religion.

I'm a dally's girl, but please don't tell my mom. Growing up, dally's was where I spent my childhood and where I learned to drive. It was my favorite place. Whether it was playing in the sandbox or going down the slide, it was my happy place.

I owe so much of who I am to my dad. Through sports, he taught me how to be humble but still be a leader. He taught me that no matter how much another team wants it, you can always want it more.

He showed me that practice will keep you on the team, but dedication, tenacity and love will put you in headlining.

"Leave it on all the field, Lauren," he would preach before games. "Have no regrets."

Through our mutual love for sports, my dad and I have always been extremely close, but what happened in July 2002 was the most trying time of my life.

On the day my dad told me he had cancer.

I remember the day so vividly - the weather, what I was wearing, what I ate, but more importantly how I felt. It was the day my dad told me he had cancer.

I was in the Stanislaus National Forest, northeast of Yosemite, working with 150 other college kids at a family camp to get the flurry off, but I remember the excitement families, throw unbelievable parties and make memories that will never forget. It was the day when the word "faith" is more than just religion.

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"Faith is more than just religion."

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The moral of the story is you don't need to be religious to have faith - faith doesn't mean having faith in God, or faith in another entity for that matter. But it does mean giving up fears and reservations and believing in something that is intangible, something that can be felt in your heart.

Without faith, what do you have?

Lauren Chase is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Sniper interrogation on solid ground, legal experts say

By Matthew Barakat
ASSOCIATED PRESS WASHINGTON

McLEAN, Va. - Police and prosecutors are on solid legal ground with a confession that 17-year-old sniper suspect John Lee Malvo allegedly made during a lengthy interrogation, but leaks of the purported statement could hurt the case, some legal experts said.

Malvo's lawyers said the seven-hour grilling by police last week - during which he allegedly admitted to some shootings, according to The Washington Post - was unconstitutional because his court-appointed guardian tried to stop it. They say they will seek to suppress any incriminating statements.

Authorities believe Malvo and his fellow suspect, John Allen Muhammad, 41, are responsible for a three-week string of shootings in the Washington, D.C., area that killed 10 and wounded three. They are suspected in more than a half-dozen other shootings around the country.

One of the wounded, a 13-year-old boy shot outside a Bowie, Md., school on Oct. 7, left a Washington hospital Monday. Children's Hospital spokeswoman Marissa Garis confirmed Tuesday that the boy's name and age have not been released.

"I feel considerably more focused on myself, Hermann said.

"It showed me that I don't have to go straight from graduating to getting a job, to finding a wife and buying a house," Hermann, who lived on a boat for straight from graduating to getting a job, to finding a wife and buying a house," Hermann, who lived on a boat for

London, most of the students who have studied abroad agree that it creates a whole new mind-set.

"Compared to the laid-back lifestyle of Cal Poly, it gives you what could be described as 'now attitude,'" said business senior Andrea Duckworth, who studied in London in spring 2002. "It motivated me to do something." 

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Overall, everyone agreed that the experience changed them as people. "It showed me that I don't have to go straight from graduating to getting a job, to finding a wife and buying a house," said business senior Andrea Duckworth, who studied in London in spring 2002. "It motivated me to do something." 

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Mustangs defend national title with 11-9 win over USC in front of 750 fans at the Rec Center

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The Cal Poly men’s water polo team went into last weekend’s national championship tournament knowing the odds were against them, but came out with another national championship.

They knew no team had ever won the national championship at home and no team had ever won the title in consecutive years. Somehow, these obstacles only fueled the Mustangs to play harder.

Cal Poly’s Rec Center pool deck had never seen a larger crowd as more than 750 family, friends and athletes gathered last Friday, Saturday and Sunday to watch 16 teams from across the country battle for the national title.

The Mustangs fought hard during four intense games against Fresno State, University of Arizona, Michigan State and USC.

Senior team captain Blair Douglas explained how tough each game was for the Mustangs.

“We fought back to win.”

Despite stormy weather, the Mustangs started their tournament on the right foot with a convincing 12-6 victory against Fresno State early Friday morning.

The Mustangs’ second match of the weekend came on Saturday morning against the Arizona Wildcats. The Mustangs took an early lead and held on for a 6-2 win with strong defense.

Twelve hours later, the Mustangs found themselves battling in an aggressive game against Michigan State. The team was fired up to beat the Spartans since they lost to them in the national semifinal two years ago.

Cal Poly kept the crowd in suspense with intense play. Sophomore Marc Wallen scored the tie-breaking goal early in the fourth quarter to give the Mustangs a 6-5 win and a chance at the national championship against USC on Sunday.

In a pre-game speech, head coach Carl Marsh emphasized that all the odds were against the Mustangs. They had to beat the Trojans in two price games and he said that it was nearly impossible to beat a team three times in a row.

“It was up to us to conquer the impossible,” Marsh said, “and they did.”

The Mustangs and the Trojans put on quite a performance, having seven ties and five lead changes throughout the game. The intense play from both teams led them into overtime with eight goals apiece.

The Trojans scored the first goal of overtime play, but the Mustangs answered right back with a 6-5 goal from Wallen.

The Mustangs broke the tie with a picture-perfect outside shot from senior Jeremy Karas. Junior Brian Young scored the final goal of the game on another man-up opportunity with 43 seconds left in the game.

When the final buzzer rang, Cal Poly celebrated its 11-9 win by throwing Mabs in the pool.

Because of the effort on every team member’s part, Cal Poly will continue its reign as national champions.

“It was definitely the hardest lineup of games that we have ever had,” junior Alan Douglas said. “Through great coaching and a team of great players, we were able to pull it off once again.”

The Mustangs also managed to sweep the awards ceremony that traditionally follows the championship game. Key players from every team combined to field first and second All-Tournament teams.

Senior Derek Bradely and junior Brian Young made the First All-Tournament team and graduate Karas and Bradely, this tournament served as a closure to their collegiate water polo careers.

“There is no better way to leave a sport than after winning back-to-back national titles,” Douglas said. “I am proud of our team, our program and our accomplishments.”

Cal Poly Water Polo

More of the same in rematch with Gauchos

National’s No. 5 team delivers a huge blow to Mustangs’ playoff hopes

By Graham Woman

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Despite riding in with a six-game winning streak and playing to a rowdy home crowd of more than 2,000, the Mustangs fell quickly to UC Santa Barbara Saturday night, losing 3-0 at Mott Gym.

The Gauchos swept the Mustangs for the second time this season, winning 30-23, 30-24 and 30-19. Santa Barbara, ranked No. 5 nationally, improved to 14-0 in Big West play. Meanwhile, the Mustangs fell to 10-4 in the Big West and 11-11 overall, faintly preserving hopes to make the upcoming NCAA tournament.

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