CPCR opposes the opposition

By Jenni Mintz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly College Republicans say they are afraid of putting the price of freedom and urge other students to join their cause.

Members of this organization will run a booth through Thursday on Drexler Lawn. Their campaign, called "Freedom Is Not Free," encourages students to sign a community-wide petition opposing the San Luis Obispo City Council's decision to pass Resolution 9407.

This resolution states that the City Council opposes a unilateral pre-emp­tive war with Iraq.

"We oppose going in there all by ourselves and striking first," San Luis Obispo vice-mayor Christine Mulholland said. "It is against our law. We don't attack other countries."

The CPCR were asked to partici­pate by Sam Blakeslee, president of Blakeslee and Blakeslee and organizer of the "Freedom Is Not Free" cam­paign.

"Many of us don't believe that the City Council action reflects our per­spectives," Blakeslee said. "We feel

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Student creates Poly database searcher

By Lesley Roa
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A student fails to unearth that scrap of paper with his or her classmates' phone number and is unplugged for the rest of the following day. A freshman struggles to find an unfamiliar class­room and ends up circling campus immeasurable times. Students need to contact their professor but they've lost the contact information on the vfly lab.

Cal Poly, be clueless no more. Phi cowpoly.com can provide students and faculty with all the information they need.

Computer science senior Aaron Peckham, phi.cowpoly.com recently combined the contents of the campus directories, Cal Poly Web pages, campus news associations and campus maps to provide an edited informative outlet for the use of students, faculty and staff.

"It's difficult to access the inform­ation when it's all spread out," Peckham said. "When you put the information together, it can be much more useful to people than when it exists separately."

Phi.cowpoly.com is patterned after the popular search engine Google, a company that provided the motivation for designing this Web site. Since many people are familiar with Google's functionality, navigation through phi is uncomplicated, according to the Web site. The site allows its users to search names, images, news, places, events and even available courses.

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Lectures inform on copyright

By Alina Neacy
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The entertainment industry is lobby­ing for the enactment of new laws that will target consumers of peer-to-peer data copying after lawsuits have shut down music-swapping services like Napster.

A series of four presentations to inform Cal Poly students and faculty about this issue, as well as other copy­right laws, begins this Friday.

Lynne Gamble from Kennedy Library organized the series to address problems that students and faculty might have with downloading inform­ation from the Internet and servers.

Programs are being developed that would allow music companies to track those downloading music illegally.

"Music industry lobbyists are coming out with all kinds of ways to make sure that you're not doing anything illegal," Gamble said.

Thomas Levens, an intellectual

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Student callers rake in big bucks for Cal Poly

By Ashlee Bodenhamer
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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Cal Poly Fund employs 40 student callers who contact alumni, parents and friends of the university.

Dry, distant telemarketing calls are typically preceded with a pause before the caller can begin to speak, but with Cal Poly Fund students are waiting to say hello at the very beginning of the call, Nelson said.

Occasional hang-ups and complete sparsity are inevitable, but most people have fond memories from their experi­ences at Cal Poly and are interested in what's been happening on campus from a student's point of view, business junior Ian August said.

One-third of those with a giving history will donate again, Nelson said. Out of those solicited that have never made a contribution, one in six will give. Last year's average gift was $95.

The average conversation lasts three to four minutes, Nelson said, but that isn't always the case. Galant said he has had calls that last over an hour.

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Business juniors David Galant (front) and Mario Migloire (left) work for Cal Poly Fund as telefundraisers. The results of a query are derived from several of Cal Poly's databases, providing only information that is pub­licly available. For instance, a user searching for a specific image will only gain access to that image if it exists as part of a public Cal Poly domain name. Other abilities of the Web site include access to the phi database from AOL Instant Messenger and pronunci­ation matching, which means that search criteria that is spelled incor­rect­ly will still yield a result. Phi is access­ible through both Internet Explorer and Netscape Communicator and also allows its users to offer feedback on any aspects of the site.

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National Briefs

Rumsfeld says probe of Franks won't affect his ability to lead U.S.-Iraq
WASHINGTON — An investigation into allegations that Army Gen. Tommy Franks allowed his wife, Cathy, to attend classified briefings won't affect Franks' ability to lead a U.S.-led war against Iraq, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday.
Rumsfeld said in a Pentagon news conference that Franks had his "complete confidence" of President Bush.
But officials speaking on condition of anonymity said the inspector general has been looking into allegations that Franks allowed his wife, Cathy, to attend classified briefings. The inspector general's probe is about three-fourths finished.
Rumsfeld declined to give details of the investigation, saying charges against senior officers are not uncommon. He said the probe is about three-fourths finished.

The charges were not expected to derail Franks' career, and it was unclear what, if any, disciplinary action might follow, if they prove true.

Researchers look to harness power of idle PCs to fight smallpox
San Francisco — A coalition of scientists and technology companies plan to employ simple offices are not uncommon. He said Tuesday. Acting on such a report, the Internet, the computer sends data back to a central hub and gets another assignment.
Researchers said they combined power of 2 million personal computers is 30 times greater than the fastest supercomputer.

Study: Television shows depict more sex, but more honestly
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Sex on television is heating up, but more TV programs are including the risks and responsibilities of sexual behavior, a study released Tuesday found.

The rate was even higher for the 25-39-year-old group, which rose from 10 percent two years ago to 14 percent in the 2001-02 season, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation study.

"It's good to see that some in the Hollywood community are seizing the opportunity to play a positive role," said Vicky Rideout, the Kaiser Family Foundation vice president who oversaw the study.

National/International News

Mustang Daily

Summer in Spain
Spanish Language Immersion Program
General Information Meetings
Wednesday, February 5, 6pm
Clyde P. Fischer Science Bldg. (33), Rm. 226
Thursday, February 6, 11am
Erhart Agriculture Bldg. (10), Rm. 221

Summer 2003 - Valladolid

Spanish immersions by Spanish in Spain are available from mid-June to late-August, 2003.

In Moscow, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko said the United States would only deepen the tension with North Korea by boosting up its military might in the region, where it already has a powerful presence. Russia has close ties with North Korea.

Reclusive Jackson discusses many aspects of his troubled life in new TV documentary
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Brief compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily managing editor Mala Spencer.
Students love, hate seeing dance

Touring dance troupe to perform in Chumash Auditorium, but do students care?

By Courtney Witt
mustang daily staff writer

A focus on precise foot movements and hand clapping will bring another dance style that includes everything from tap to hip-hop to something called "clogging."

"I love to watch any type of dance."

Melissa Trowbridge
sociology sophomore

"I want to spend my Friday night doing something I know will be fun." Johnson said. "It sounds interesting, but I don't really know that much about it," Johnson said. "I want to spend my Friday night doing something I know will be fun."

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The Step Afrika! dance troupe's performance pieces are an amalgamation of influences that include tap, Zulu, gumboot, hip-hop and something called "clogging."

"I just don't find it that interesting. How much talent can it really take!"

Bahman Safari
graphic communications junior

Safari's dance experience consists of smaller productions for his family when he was younger. Christen Johnson, agribusiness sophomore, is interested in the group but probably will not attend. "It sounds interesting, but I don't really know that much about it," Johnson said. "I want to spend my Friday night doing something I know will be fun. If I knew someone who had gone that told me it was entertaining or if my friends were going, then I would probably go."

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4. Sigur Ros
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6. The Scene Creamers
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8. Brokeback
9. Badly Drawn Boy
10. Golden Shadde
11. Machine Drum
12. The Anomoan
13. Meeting Time!

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1. The Microphones
2. Alaska
3. The Go-Beweens
4. The Baptist Generals
5. Joan of Arc
6. Cat Power

Matador Records releases Cat Power's new album "You Are Free," another helping of Chan Marshall's beautiful and tragic music. Her melodies are syrupy slow hooks repeated over simple blues riffs. The music goes beyond the lock-yourself-in-your-room-and-turn-out-the-lights genre of depressing song, as Marshall's songs are simultaneously beautiful and playful.
Student medical care in San Luis Obispo isn't always easy

What are students' medical care options in San Luis Obispo?

Complain about it. Find other patients. Call Troubleshooter or the health center. See what they say you are and what they think you are.

Cold season comes, allergies attack, sprained ankles happen and accidents occur. Cal Poly students are not immune to health risks while at school. However, not all students have health insurance, or at least health insurance that provides coverage in the San Luis Obispo area.

So, what happens when students can't stand the suffering anymore? Three main options exist for those situations:

Health Center
If you just happen to get sick between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. you're in luck. The Cal Poly Health Center offers basic medical care, free of charge. Enrolled students at Cal Poly are entitled to primary physician and nursing care, routine lab tests, X-rays, specialized men's and women's health care and other specific programs, including nutrition. Other services the health center provides may incur a fee, usually in the $20 to $30 range. Prescriptions are relatively inexpensive as well.

After talking to several health center狍tions, it seems that the care for about every ailment a college student suffers is free. Headache? Ibuprofen. Fever? Ibuprofen. Laying on your disabled limb? Ibuprofen. Luckily, the health center isn't too stingy with antibiotics either. So between the ibuprofen and the antibiotics, you're sure to feel a little better. The best part of the health center, however, is the small sign in the waiting room that tells you about how long your wait will be. This touch is a nice, refreshing change from the emergency room or urgent care, where wait times are almost indeterminable.

Urgent Care
All right, now you are sick and the health center is closed. Do you suffer through the weekend and risk getting worse in efforts to save a few bucks, or do you suck it up and throw down the cash? Depending on your insurance coverage, you may be able to see a doctor for the same co-pay you'd pay for a normal office visit.

How? Urgent care facilities. The catch? If you have certain HMOs, you are going to need a referral or pre-authorization. The base fee for seeing a doctor at Med Stop, an urgent care facility located off Madonna Road, is $110. At Med Stop you can receive care for anything from stitches to physicals. The hours are a bit friendlier than the Cal Poly Health Center: they are open until 6 p.m. weekdays and until 3 p.m. on the weekends. The downside? Well, this Med Stop also has the words "Kid Stop" painted on the windows, which will only mean one thing. That's right -- a waiting room full of sick, crying kids.

Emergency Rooms
The very mention of this option makes most students cringe. Pale, greenish fluoresce light, long wait's and that freakin' co-pay. Well, it's a co-pay if you are lucky enough to have insurance. Most policies offer a co-pay of between $30 and $100. That payment covers your visit and any care you receive, including labs and X-rays. If you don't have insurance, the basic fee just to see a doctor is $50 with nothing else included.

So those of you who aren't covered by your parent's policy or another type of better insurance hope that the package of frozen vegetables that you pulled out of the freezer to nurse your head-wound has some magical healing powers, because a CAT scan alone can run more than $700. California law requires that hospitals treat patients regardless of their ability to pay, so the good news is you won't be left out on the street to die. They won't even ask about insurance until your visit with the doctor is complete.

If you must have huge fees and don't have health insurance, some hospitals may offer payment plans or can refer you to county programs that can help alleviate the costs.

To take advantage of the insurance, should you be covered, the emergency room may be the way to go, especially if you have an HMO. HMOs generally cover emergency costs with pre-approval or referrals. So, if you are injured on some unforgettable Thursday night (those stinks at SLQ Brew can be mighty treacherous), a trip to the emergency room shouldn't break the bank.

Many options exist for college students as far as receiving quality care. The health center provides the most cost-effective choice. If that doesn't work, a simple call to your insurance provider -- perhaps simple is not the right word -- can clarify whether you will pay $5 for a visit to urgent care or $50 for a trip to the Emergency Room. Make the call -- it is worth the $45 difference.

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Opinion

Libya a bad choice for human rights post

Imagine a country that routinely tortures its prisoners and has a right up its sleeve for speech, the press, assembly, association and religion, a country that supports terrorists and holds political prisoners without charge or trial.

This would seem like the last country to be elected chair of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, but that's exactly what the United Nations did last week when its members voted to elect Libya to this sensitive role.

With this kind of abuse in its history, it would seem impossible for Libya to hold the position, especially when so much of the world is trying to overcome the effects of terrorism.

In fact, with this record, how could Libya be expected to do anything but damage the standing of the commission?

The U.S. State Department outlined a few of Libya's human rights abuses in its annual report on nations that promote terrorism. These abuses only further illustrate how wrong it was to vote them as chair.

Libya has detained government opponents for years without charge or trial, prohibited the formation of political parties or independent non-governmental groups and muzzled its press.

While political detainees were held in detention, they were repeatedly tortured. The methods of torture included beatings, hanging by the wrists, being thrown from windows and inserted between the knees and elbows, electric shocks, burning with cigarettes and attacks by savage dogs causing injuries to the extremities. All of this came without a proper trial -- if any trial at all.

These violations clearly and directly oppose what the Commission on Human Rights stands for, as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The declaration is a guideline to be enforced by the chair of the commission.

The African regional group elected Libya to the position of chair. The position rotates between five different regions, changing once every year. They chose Libya as the best representative.

The only hope for the enforcement of the human rights promotion is the Libyan government taking a look inward and comparing their current procedures with those outlined in the declaration.

Letter to the editor

Maybe he's generating war support ...

Editor, I just have to laugh at the remarks made by John Holbus in his Polytics column, "Liberal stance on war doesn't make sense" (Jan. 28). Admittedly, I felt quite shocked at his meat­head­ed, thick­skulled exposition. However, after reading the piece over a few times, I found myself considering it less as a substantive argument and more as a simian grunt -- the sort of offensive bellow one may be subjected to in a private house during a trip to the zoo.

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What's the big deal about abortions?

Editor,

Something I have never understood is why abortion is such an issue. I don't see how anyone can complain about not wanting a child at a particular point in their life when so many women are fighting for the chance to adopt a child. Sure, there are cases where the child or mother has health complications, as a result of the pregnancy, and that should be left to a woman and her doctor. I believe a woman should have the right to choose what to do with her unborn fetus because I don't think government should legislate morality, but that leaves up to the people who are in the situation.

Adam Heitzman is a pro-choice, anti-abortion industrial technology sophomore.

The real lowdown on war opposition

Editor,

I would like to congratulate John Holmes on successfully insulting the intelligence of his readership ("Liberal stance on war doesn't make sense," Jan. 28). As consistent with right-wing rhetoric, he offered the weakest possible arguments against the war and then knocked them down like so many scarecrows. Holmes did not mention the primary reason for the war, but I will.

First, tens of thousands of innocent civilians will die. This includes babies, children and women. The United States currently supports a war in Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power. Missiles and bombs rained down on Afghanistan and killed over 2,000 civilians. In Desert Storm, the United States purposely bombed civilian areas and killed thousands of civilians. In the Gulf War, the United States purposely bombed civilian areas in order to protect the soldiers. These are all of them. The United States is far more hypocritical than France or Russia. As an obvious Republican, you have conveniently forgotten the fact that we gave chemical and biological weapons to Saddam Hussein to fight Iran in the 1980s. Then we blocked the U.N. investigation on the genocide of Iraqi Kurds. Now we want to take weapons away from him. Speaking of hypocritical, can you guess who former President Ronald Reagan sent to Iraq to give them foreign and current secretaries of state Donald Rumsfeld? He was special presidential Envoy to the Middle East (1983-1984). Now all he wants to remove, probably even kill Saddam.

Second, the treaty that was signed by Iraq at the end of the Gulf War was the Non-proliferation Treaty. It was not a peace treaty with anyone. The Non-proliferation Treaty requires that all countries possessing nuclear weapons (political, chemical or nuclear) will be produced by the country. Iraq's alleged violation of this treaty is what this new war is all about. I do not support these kinds of actions by our government; that the fact the United States has not, as of yet, signed the Non-proliferation Treaty makes our enforcement of it ornamental at best.

Lastly, I don't like the way Holmes equates liberals with cowards. If he wants the truth, he has to also equate Republicans with warmongers.

Todd Duncan is a construction management sophomore.

Bruden of proof on warmongers

Editor,

So, liberal arguments against invading Iraq don't make any sense to you "Liberal stance on war doesn't make sense" Jan. 28)? Well I don't quite care what you think.

Besides, we aren't the one with something to prove, which is why the United States needs to invade Iraq. The burden of proof is on warmongers like you, and if you are advocating invading a country and killing thousands of people you had better have some rock solid ideas.

I have considered the evidence that Bush has so far presented for launching his war: 1) Iraq is a threat to us. Please explain how America, with upwards of 1.5 million people in its armed forces and $270 to 300 billion of military spending per year is threatened by Iraq, possessing a second-rate 200,000 man army funded at roughly $1.3 billion a year. And don't cite its being a threat to our occupation forces in Iraq. Iraq is not a threat to the CIA. When Bush says Iraq is a threat he is saying "trust me the plan for invading a country and killing thousands of innocent people is going to work out just fine". Trust me the plan for invading a country and killing thousands of innocent people is going to work out just fine.

I have a ticket today for riding my bike on the wrong side of the road. Previous to this encounter I have been stopped twice for a bike light violation, once for a "walk zone" infringement, and like many others, been lectured to about skating. When it gets to the point where cops are writing tickets for the slightest infraction, they are not only protecting and serving our city; they are protecting and serving themselves and their job security. Let's send half of our police force to somewhere like Los Angeles where they can do some real work. Just for your heads up, there will be a motorcyclist cop on foot hull in between Santa Rosa and Colorado. This is needed as all of us are being reckless and serving ourselves and our job security.

Daniel Nutting is a computer science junior.

Too many cops, too few infractions

Editor,

We have a law enforcement problem in this town. There are too many police writing tickets for too many stupid things. I got a ticket today for riding my bike on the wrong side of the road. Previous to this encounter I have been stopped twice for a bike light violation, once for a "walk zone" infringement, and like many others, been lectured to about skating. When it gets to the point where cops are writing tickets for the slightest infraction, they are not only protecting and serving our city; they are protecting and serving themselves and their job security. Let's send half of our police force to somewhere like Los Angeles where they can do some real work. Just for your heads up, there will be a motorcyclist cop on foot hull in between Santa Rosa and Colorado. This is needed as all of us are being reckless and serving ourselves and our job security.

Tommy Zimmermann is a computer engineering sophomore.

Human "personhood" is mere existence

Editor,

I am responding to John Holmes' opinion article "Liberal stance on war doesn't make sense" (Jan. 28). I would like to start by saying that this is on the opinion page and everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but as in this man's opinion goes, it is severely flawed.

First, Holmes tries to belittle the statement, "The only reason for this war is to benefit Bush's oil buddies." He attempts to discount this by explaining that the profits of oil companies will remain relatively the same no matter what the price of oil is. He is correct in this statement, Yes, I concede this point; but the real reason the war with Iraq will benefit is with the supply of oil. The current oil reserves within the borders of the United States will be completely depleted in five years at the current rate it is being drained. We are currently importing oil from borders will be depleted in 250 years at the current ramping price. The net profits of a company in business for 250 years will be infinitely higher than those of a company in business for five years.

Second, the point of this war being unilateral is truer than Holmes thinks. Even though Great Britain, Spain and Italy have already supported the U.S. and are not the disarmed nations that everyone expected to be hell-bent on war as Bush. If you remember, Bush was ready to attack Iraq when Iraq disclosed their weapons programs. He didn't even wait for the official translation from Arabic, from English to idiot.

If you want to talk about hypocritical countries, don't stop with the countries you want to call hypocritical, you first find all of them. The United States is far more hypocritical than France or Russia. As an obvious Republican, you have conveniently forgotten the fact that we gave chemical and biological weapons to Saddam Hussein to fight Iran in the 1980s. Then we blocked the U.N. investigation on the genocide of Iraqi Kurds. Now we want to take weapons away from him. Speaking of hypocritical, can you guess who former President Ronald Reagan sent to Iraq to give them foreign and current secretaries of state Donald Rumsfeld? He was special presidential Envoy to the Middle East (1983-1984). Now all he wants to remove, probably even kill Saddam.

Third, the treaty that was signed by Iraq at the end of the Gulf War was the Non-proliferation Treaty. It was not a peace treaty with anyone. The Non-proliferation Treaty requires that all countries possessing nuclear weapons (political, chemical or nuclear) will be produced by the country. Iraq's alleged violation of this treaty is what this new war is all about. I do not support these kinds of actions by our government; that the fact the United States has not, as of yet, signed the Non-proliferation Treaty makes our enforcement of it ornamental at best.

Lastly, I don't like the way Holmes equates liberals with cowards. If he wants the truth, he has to also equate Republicans with warmongers.

Eric Morse is a history senior.

Letter to editor

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Thank God for adoption, not abortion

Editor,

Mr. Morgan, I am sad. I am sad that you are contradicting yourself about abortion. There may have been 40 million abortions in the last 30 years, you are right. But when you said that "Forty million extra babies would have evolved into a horrendous economic and social burden." I was taken aback by your lack of consideration for the alternatives. How many adoptions have there been in the last 30 years? That's not 40 million, but it is a start. How many children have grown up with non-biological parents that are NOT "money hoarders" and "social burdens" as you so delicately put it. Two of my roommates and I adopted. I have a cousin who is adopted. All three attend a university and give back to society more than what you offer us in your letter. I am appalled that you think that unwanted babies are an "economic burden."

Now I am confused. You said that "...we are the same doing organic matter as everything else ..." and... "...we are also a parasite on this planet." You clearly don't give heed to God, who I believe creates each and every human. Why do you "Thank God for abortion in your article?"

You said, "If a fetus is not wanted, it certainly isn't need­ed or necessary to exist." Like I noted earlier, two of my roommates and I adopted. I have a friend who did not "want or need" him. Well, I want him around. I like him around. He is my friend. Who are you to say that he is not in need of a future? I am offended Mr. Morgan, by your harsh words and assumptive assumptions.

While you thank and honor mothers who have "sacrificed their children out of love" good, home Sam, and thank your own mother for choosing to give birth to you.

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Funds

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Fund was only a fraction of the $44.3 million raised by the university in 2002. However, Cal Poly Fund still brought in over $20,000 gifts generating a total of $1.95 million in 2002.

Last fiscal year, Cal Poly was the CSU system's top fundraiser. This year the university is second only to San Diego State, which surpassed Cal Poly with $52.7 million, according to the 2001/2002 Annual Report on External Support to the CSU.

Cal Poly spends less to raise a dollar than most U.S. universities, said William Boldt, vice president for University Advancement. The average university spends 18 cents for every dollar raised, while Cal Poly raises a dollar with less than eight cents, Boldt added.

Fund raising also operates differently at Cal Poly because donors may specify exactly where they want their money to go. “Many other universities will have a large unrestricted fund, where money is given out from the top down,” Boldt said. “We’re doing it exactly the opposite way.”

In conjunction with the celebration of its 100th anniversary in 2001, Cal Poly launched the Centennial Campaign with a goal of bringing in $225 million over four years. As of Dec. 31, 2002, the university raised $191.7 million, firmly planting Cal Poly on the path to reaching its goal. The College of Liberal Arts has already brought in $12.7 million, exceeding its goal of $12 million. Boldt attributes the success of Cal Poly's fund-raising campaign to its grassroots nature.

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News

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The site links to the information provided by the Cal Poly catalog and also displays the Polyratings ranking of the professor instructing the class.

Computer science senior Jordan Small is enthusiastic about Pickham's creations. "Both of the Web sites offer an enormous service to the Cal Poly community because they provide a coherent collaboration of information," Small said.

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Double pummeling

By Mike Marquez

The Cal Poly women’s tennis team registered its second and third shutouts of the season Friday and Monday, downing visiting Westmont College and Cal State Bakersfield by the identical score of 7-0 in non-conference showdowns at Mustang Tennis Courts. The Mustangs improved to 3-3 on the year with the two wins.

Both Westmont and CSU Bakersfield fell to 0-1.

In Friday’s match against Westmont, Cal Poly’s top doubles team of Danielle Hustedt and Kate Romm set the pace for the afternoon, teaming for a 8-1 victory over Westmont’s Jennie Renfer and Juri Ybarra.

Following the win, the Mustangs swept the two remaining doubles matches, as the pair of Kristen Grady and Chelsey Thompson defeated Beranthy Lange and Christina Scollino 8-0 in the No. 3 position. Samantha Waller and Reese Guildo knocked off Jennifer Goebel and Lynne Quattrocchi of Westmont 8-2 at the No. 2 position.

After winning the doubles point and taking a 1-0 lead in the match, Cal Poly was relentless and confident going into singles.

In singles play, Cal Poly’s Hustedt defeated Renfer, 6-1, 6-0 at the No. 1 singles position.

Mustang senior Guildo posted a solid 6-5, 6-1 victory over Christiana Scollino at the No. 6 slot.

“I walked on the court and took care of business,” Galido said. “My focus and composure enabled me to handle my opponent without much trouble.”

Sophomores Romm and Thompson recorded straight-set victories without too much trouble. Romm registered a 6-2, 6-1 win over Orsako at No. 4 singles, and Thompson posted a 6-5, 6-1 win over Kendyll Whiting in the No. 3 slot.

Freshman Waller and Sheila Lewis also won in straight sets. In one of the day’s close matches, Waller downed Goebel 6-5, 6-3, Lewis was equally impressive at No. 5 singles, registering a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Quattrocchi.

On Monday against Cal State Bakersfield, Cal Poly swept doubles to take a 1-0 lead in the match. Cal Poly picked up wins from Lewis and Waller, winning 8-1 against Brenda Knuck and Jari Sawos of Bakersfield, respectively. Thompson and Grady also won 8-3 against Kristina Ionnikova and Katalin Nagy. Bakersfield went into the match down a player and had to forfeit No. 3 doubles and No. 6 singles.

At the start of singles, Grady and Guildo each earned two-set victories by scores of 6-0, 6-0 at Nos. 3 and 5. To ensure a Cal Poly victory, Lewis finished the match by winning 6-0, 6-2 against Knuck. Picking up the additional wins from Hustedt and Thompson was just icing on the cake.

Cal Poly head coach Hugh Bream said he couldn’t be more excited about his team going into this weekend’s Santa Clara and San Jose State matches.

“We just out-competed and out-played both teams,” Bream said. “My team is confident at this stage in the season and carrying the confidence into the upcoming matches is essential into defeating our upcoming opponents.”

“Catch The Fever” and “Come Support Great Tennis” are the themes for both upcoming home matches, against Santa Clara, on Friday at 1:30 p.m and San Jose State on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Santa Clara is ranked No. 9 in the region, while Cal Poly holds No.8.

Cal Poly Wrestling

Mustangs wrap up dominant trip

Led by runners-up Andy Kim and Matt Galura, the Cal Poly wrestling team placed sixth among 17 schools competing in the California Collegiate Invitational at San Francisco State on Saturday.

Kim posted a 2-1 mark at 133 pounds, losing by a 1-3 decision to Fred Sanchez of Menlo College in the finals. Galura went 1-3 at 285 pounds, losing in the final round to Fresno State’s Clinton Walbuck by a fall in 1 minute, 14 seconds.

Mustang 125-pounder Joel Mittelmann placed third with a 4-1 record. His lone defeat was in the semifinals to Doug Peterson of Stanford by a 10-8 decision.

Cal Poly continued in Bay Area swing with a pair of dual meet victories Friday, defeating San Francisco State 32-2 and Stanford 35-12.

Nick Hoppeing and Dan Howe both won by major decision against San Francisco State while Vic Menkeni, Nate Ybara, Matt Cox, Keith Kroeger, Brett Schullman and David Schenk won by decision.

Against Stanford, Cal Poly winners included Ryan Halsey by technical fall and Kroeger and Howe by decision. Cal Poly also won four other matches by forfeit.

On Thursday, Cal Poly won four consecutive matches to break an early 9-7 tie, including getting a technical fall from David Schenk at 197 pounds, as the Mustangs defeated host UC Davis, 22-15.