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By Laura Newman
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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Poly to become stage for Hollywood stars
By Ryan McAdams
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"Bring out the fun BOTS!" This is just one of the classics lines from the "Austin Powers" movie series said by Mindy Sterling, one of three movie and TV actors coming to Cal Poly for "An Evening of Improv."

The event is a showcase that will be held on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Cal Poly Theatre, commencing an all-day workshop for 39 theatre majors, minors and alumni. The participants will perform with four actors, who have been on numerous TV shows including "Seinfeld," "Friends," "Just Shoot Me," "Will and Grace" and "Ellen."

"This is the sixth workshop for the theatre department this year," said Pam Malkin, associate department head of the Cal Poly Theatre and Dance Department. "But this is different, though, because it's followed by a public performance. It should be a really great show."

The alumni association, called Friends and Network of Supporters of the Cal Poly Theatre Program and Department (FANS), is sponsoring the event.


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U.S. forces seize control of Baghdad

By Chris Tomlinson and David Esp
ASSOCIATE PRESS WRITERS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. forces battled the tattered remnants of Iraq's army for control of downtown Baghdad on Tuesday, crashing aoun -

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Four days after Americans first penetrated the Baghdad skyline, the city showed the effects of the war. Civilians roamed the streets with Kalashnikovs in hand, unexploded garbage piled up and there were long lines at the reduced number of gasoline stations still open. The toll on civilians from four days of urban combat was unknown. But the World Health Organization said Baghdad’s hospitals were running out of supplies to treat the burns, shrapnel wounds and spinal injuries caused by the fighting.

There were military losses for the Americans amid the gains. An A-10 "Warthog" warplane was shot down near Baghdad early in the day, believed to be the first fixed-wing aircraft downed by an Iraqi surface-to-air missile since the war began. U.S. Central Command said the pilot ejected safely, was recovered by helicopter and was in good condition.

A U.S. F-15E jet fighter and its two-man crew also have been missing since Sunday, the military announced Tuesday. It was not known what happened to the plane.

Outside the capital, U.S. jets bombed Iraqi positions near the northern city of Kirkuk, which remains under control of the regime. In the southeastern city of Amara, Marines seized the airport and an ammunition dump without resistance.

In Basra, a southern city of 1.3 million people under British control at last, military officials appointed a local sheik as a civilian commander, the first replacement administration put into place anywhere in the country.

The project cost of CMS equaled more than $2 billion per year. The average course taught by a lecturer costs $2,000. Cremin said. "So suspending CMS could open up the equivalent of 14,000 classes next year." Hill had her own ideas: "This is a mess and we shouldn't spend any more money before the Legislature can investigate." Hill and Nod. "I hope to learn the rules that help me be more comfortable on stage."
Two dead in Massachusetts hospital shooting

BOSTON — A man and a woman who worked at Massachusetts General Hospital were shot to death in an office Tuesday, and police said they were alone at the time.

Authorities would not say whether it was a murder-suicide, but police spokeswoman Martell Burns said investigators don't believe anyone else was involved and were not seeking suspects. She said several shots were fired from a handgun found in the office.

Dr. Brian McGovern, a prominent cardiologist, and a woman who worked at the hospital were pronounced dead when they arrived at the emergency room.

Police said they had not released the woman's name because her family had not been notified. Hospital officials also declined to release details about her or her job.

Neither police nor hospital officials would comment on a possible motive for the shooting. Burns said police were waiting for autopsies results and interviewing people who worked in the office as well as people who knew the two.

The shooting took place at about 10 a.m. in a small office in the hospital's Cardio Arrhythmia Center and Electrophysiology Lab, where McGovern worked, according to Dr. Peter Slavin, president of the hospital.

McGovern, 47, a native of Ireland, was co-director of the hospital's Cardio Arrhythmia Service and specialized in treating patients with disturbances of the heart rhythm. He also was an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

House passes bill to ban trade in conflict diamonds

WASHINGTON — Diamonds that finance and fund African civil wars would be banned from U.S. import and export under a bill passed by the House on Tuesday.

"It makes a step in the right direction to wage war on the international trade nexus of money, diamonds and weapons, which help fuel conflicts in Africa," said Gregory Meeks, D-N.Y.

The bill, passed 419-2 with one member voting present, enters the United States into an international agreement that bans trade in so-called conflict diamonds. The Senate Finance Committee approved a similar bill last week.

The international agreement, known as the Kimberley Process, includes representatives of the diamond industry, human rights groups and dozens of other nations. The group requires that traded diamonds come with certification that they were mined from legitimate sources.

Conflict diamonds have been linked to civil wars in Sierra Leone and Angola. The rebels use forced labor to mine diamonds, then use the proceeds to purchase weapons and advance military action.

The U.S. Customs Service will monitor the diamond trade and fine anyone who violates the ban. Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., asked the agency to look into whether several countries participating in the Kimberley Process, including Zimbabwe and the Central African Republic, still trade in conflict diamonds.

It is estimated that trade in conflict or "blood" diamonds makes up less than 4 percent of the annual global diamond trade.

Calif. Vermont may not receive tobacco settlement money

Olympia, Wash. — State leaders from Vermont to California, hooked on annual payments from their landmark settlement with the tobacco industry, are worried a multibillion-dollar court order against Philip Morris might keep them from getting their next check.

Some cash-strapped states have already spent their share of the $2.6 billion that Philip Morris is supposed to distribute April 15 as part of the settlement.

But an Illinois judge's demand for a $12 billion appeal bond from Philip Morris may interrupt payment states rely on for everything from children's health to basic government services.

"The tobacco maker is appealing, and the same judge said Tuesday that he thinks the plaintiffs and the companies come up with a compromise. Judge Nicholas Bronin did not issue a ruling, but the two sides are scheduled to return to court Thursday, said plaintiffs' lawyer Stephen Tillery.

In 1998, four tobacco companies agreed to settle states' claims for smoking-related health care costs by paying them $200 billion over 25 years. Philip Morris, the largest in the group, pays about half the settlement, which covers 49 states.

Recently, a Madison County, Ill., judge awarded $10.1 billion in a class-action lawsuit alleging that Philip Morris misled smokers into believing "light" cigarettes are less harmful. Philip Morris must post a $12 billion bond before it can appeal the judgment — equal to the amount of the award plus $2 billion in legal fees.

International Briefs

Criticism pours in as sentences for Cuban dissidents become known

HAVANA — Governments and human rights activists around the world condemned Cuba's crackdown on the opposition, saying Tuesday that the quick trial and long prison sentences flagrantly violated international norms.

The crackdown "is the natural expression of a dictatorship that has been oppressing human rights for years," Peruvian writer Mario Vargas Llosa, a longtime critic of President Fidel Castro, said during a visit to Madrid.

By Tuesday, local human rights activists confirmed that at least 15 percent of the members of the opposition had been prosecuted on state security charges in summary trials lasting no more than one day each.

The known sentences for about half of them ranged from 15 to 27 years; the remaining sentences were expected by week's end.

Another four of those arrested in the crackdown were prosecuted on lesser crimes and received much shorter sentences, measured in months rather than years, veteran activist Eduardo Sanchez said.

"We are witnessing the harshest political trials of the past decade," said Sanchez, among the few leading government opponents not arrested last month.

Serbian police: Premier's killing part of plot for Milosevic allies to take power

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — The assassination of Serbia's prime minister was orchestrated by a shadowy group that wanted to replace the pro-Western government with allies of Slobodan Milosevic, investigators said Tuesday.

The group behind Zoran Djindjic's March 12 killing — called the "Hague Brotherhood" — hoped the assassination would create wide- spread chaos and planned to follow with a coup against Serbia's government, the officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

But Djindjic's Democratic Party quickly named a successor after his death and police cracked down hard, arresting 7,000 people, effectively spoiling the plan.

Police believe a feared paramilitary group known as the Unit for Special Operations, formed during Milosevic's rule, played a large role in the Hague Brotherhood. Its deputy commander, Zvezdan Jovanovic, was arrested soon after Djindjic's slaying on suspicion of being the assassin.

Court reaffirms embryo screening to select donor siblings for sick children

LONDON — Couples can screen their tots-to-be embryos to ensure the baby's tissue provides a match to help care a sick sibling, an appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The ruling by the Court of Appeal in London is the latest in a 16-month-long legal battle between Britain's fertility regulator and an anti-abortion group, which claims such screening could lead to the creation of designer babies for spare body parts.

In December 2001, Britain's Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority said couples undergoing in vitro fertilization, who already were having their embryos sniffed for serious hereditary diseases, could also get a license to have them tested for tissue matching to save the life of a sibling.

The anti-abortion group Comment On Reproductive Ethics went to the High Court to block the licenses, arguing that Parliament alone should decide on such issues.

At the center of the legal wrangling were Shabana and Raj Hashmi, a couple striving to conceive a fifth child as an umbilical cord blood donor for their seriously ill 4-year-old, Zain. They had been granted the first license under the 2001 ruling.

But the High Court ruled in December 2002 that the embryology authority had no legal power to license embryo selection by "tissue typing" to help sick siblings. That ruling put on hold the Hashmis' license and the embryology regulator appealed.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press were service by Mustang Daily editor in chief Stephen Cramm.
• Har Mar Superstar brings sexual antics, soulful music to Z-Pie Saturday night

By Josh Petray

He looks like Ron Jeremy, sings like Marvin Gaye, swings his hips like Prince and isn't afraid to strip in front of an audience.

Pop-star-styled musician Har Mar Superstar will perform at Z-Pie Saturday at 7 p.m. Levi Valentines will open the show and all ages are welcome.

"Har Mar's sexual prowess is uncanny," said Eddy Numbskull of Numbskull Productions, purveyor of all-ages concerts on the Central Coast. "His cross-gender animal magnetism will shock and awe this conservative town.

Numbskull said he booked the show to draw a huge crowd. Har Mar Superstar plays a variety of R&B sex jams mixed with funk, jazz and disco and has been known to start dance parties at his shows, which may include an occasional striptease.

"The local scene will be inhibition-free come Saturday night," Numbskull said.


On the site, Har Mar said he "was made out with so many models it's ridiculous," and that "I'm the best, buy my f-king record!"

He doesn't stop there.

"I was the best-dressed attendee at the MTV Video Music Awards as Kelly Osborne's date," Har Mar said on the site.

Born Harold Martin Tillman, Har Mar Superstar hails from St. Paul, Minn., and is the brother of indie-rock musician Tim Tillman of Steen Na Na and Calvin Krime.

His most recent album, "You Can Feel Me," was released by Warner Brothers in December 2002 and follows his self-titled album, "Har Mar Superstar," released in 2000 by record label Kill Rock Stars.

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Tickets are available at Boo Boo Records and online at www.tick-etyweb.com.

Pimp or pauper? Har Mar Superstar will bring his seductive stylings and brash attitude to San Luis Obispo this weekend on a one-off performance between dates on his tour with Kelly Osbourne. With song titles like 'Baby Do You Like My Clothes?" 'Lovin' and 'One Dirty Minute,' he is also known for the occasional striptease to break out at his shows.

The Posies' music not a 'Disgrace' after all

By Grant Shellen

Despite its lack of commercial success, "Amazing Disgrace" is easily The Posies' most interesting record for several reasons.

Though its predecessor, "Frosting on the Beat," rocked harder than the first two Posies albums, "Disgrace" delved even deeper into a heavily distorted, punk-influenced sound. Auer and Stringfellow's power pop sensibility — their strongest point by far — is not buried in the fuzz, but rather augmented by it. The right, well-executed vocal harmonies that characterized "Frosting" carry over onto this record, only with a little more intensity.

The more agonizing sound (thanks partly to a new rhythm section consisting of Joe Howard on bass and Brian Young on drums), together with some more bass, mellow tunes, provides a musical backdrop that's almost as deep as the duo's oft-cited, off-the-cuff lyrics. On "Thousand," Auer lamented, "Now I don't want to think, and I don't want to feel! I wasn't aware this was part of the deal."

Stringfellow sings lines like, "Life, what precious moment/And it's only getting worse," with equal despair.

The song's introspective, questioning, disturbing style to burn, 'Kiss Me Deadly' cold-shock and awe this conservative town."

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Earthfest. Giupert's duties include booking shows at Z-Pie and other local venues.

"This is the first time Z-Pie has coordinated a show with Numbskull Productions and it's definitely going to be a sex-charged set," Giupert said. "There's no way you can be in the same room with Levi Valentins and not hear their music or see their sexual themes."

So what can San Luis Obispo expect from the show? Numbskull summed it up best.

"Look for the crown of pimp to deliver," Numbskull said. "Big time."
Supporting troops overseas through the Internet

I want to show my support for American troops in Iraq and around the world. How do I send them messages and form a personal bond to show I care?

Grandma's attic is filled with them, fourth graders spend hours last night decorating them and singing about them in their classroom to be excited to see them. Letters to soldiers are probably as old as war itself.

In previous military operations, those wishing to support the deployed troops could send a letter addressed to "Any Service Member and expect to have it delivered abroad and brighten a soldier's day. However, security concerns prompted the Department of Defense to ban any mail addressed as such. A letter to the troops in Iraq and surrounding countries must be addressed to a specific person, including the soldier's full name, rank, unit and APO ZIP code. Unfortunately, the APO ZIP codes for soldiers in and around Iraq are only made available to family and close friends of the soldiers.

So how do you show your support with the strict security measures in place? It appears the Internet is the answer. Web sites such as www.operationenterprise.org allow you to send messages to soldiers through a secure funnel. Soldiers are given an Internet access code to read the messages and those who once receive the letters of support download them by their company commanders. For a list of the ways to e-mail the troops, visit www.estripes.com and click the "Messages of Support" link. You can also go online and "Thank You" at www.defendamerica.com. To date, more than 13 million people have signed in support of our troops.

For those who wish to show more support, organizations can "Adopt-a-Sailor" or "Adopt a Platoon.

There are various sites that can match you with a soldier so you can send gifts and messages of support abroad. If you are involved in an organization that wishes to show your support through weekly letters and care packages, check out www.operation-enterprise.org or www.adopta­platoon.org. You can apply to be matched with a soldier or a group of soldiers by this organization, which is run by volunteer mothers of military personnel.

The "Adopt-a-Platoon" site gives an extensive list of what to send in a care package to a soldier, including everything from basic personal hygiene products to instant oatmeal. The site also includes a list of themes for care packages thoughtfully put together by the women who run this program.

As far as what you should send in a package, each country has regulations as to what can be mailed into their borders as part of a medical procedure. Commonly banned items include alcohol, tobacco, pork or pork by-products and any anti-Islamic propaganda. It is recommended that you list all of the contents of the package.

In this time of war, many organizations have developed ways to help support American troops through electronic messages and soldiers' matching programs. A quick look online can connect you with several resources to show you care, even if you do not necessarily support the war effort.

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Troubleshooter

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Letters to the editor

Time of war doesn't eliminate travel time

We've all heard the travel warnings. We've all watched the terror alert colors change from green to orange and back again (them seem to change depending on how Homeland Security Chief Tom Ridge is feeling in the morning). And now we'll see how many more of us will avoid leaving this country because of the rest of the world has for it.

Many students are canceling their study abroad plans and vaca­tions because of safety concerns. Yet with all these problems, there has never been a better time to travel abroad. Why? Because it means there will be fewer obnoxious Americans spoiling the expe­rience for everyone.

Don't take this as being anti-American or unpatriotic, but let's face it Americans are the most intolerable and annoying tourists. Think about it. With fewer Americans abroad during wartime, you can visit the Louvre in Paris without a screaming American child in a "Spongebob Squarepants" T-shirt napping at your ankles. You can see Big Ben in London without a middle-aged fan for man brushing up against you in order to get a better view. There will be fewer tour buses filled with faceless-pack wearing Wisconsin cows on their first trip to India. The possibilities are endless. For once, you can enjoy a country with the locals instead of thousands of mini­nationals from America.

According to the State Department, more than 40 million Americans travel abroad each year. During the 1991 Gulf War, the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) reported that interna­tional travel declined more than 25 percent. Combined with the still lingering fears from Sept. 11, officials expect the numbers to decrease even more this time around. Delta Airlines already cut 12 percent of its flights as of the first week of the latest conflict in the Gulf, with more likely to follow in anticipation of weakening demand for international travel. Not only does this mean there will be fewer Americans, but it also means lower prices, another incentive to travel right now, some as low as $269.

But even with all these bonuses for travel right now, there are probably some hotspots you would probably want to avoid—like the Middle East, Afghanistan, major cities in the Philippines and Indonesia— where anti-Americanism is currently running high. Nevertheless, if any eventuates should happen for you to cancel their month-long surf trip to India this summer. However, there are some precautions everyone should take when they travel abroad during wartime:

One suggestion would be to keep a lower profile. This doesn't mean you shouldn't go wild at a bar in Rio de Janeiro, it just means you should make sure to travel right now, some as low as $269.

This month’s cover story is about the magic of reading. Many of you will read the books that are written about what you want to do, not what is currently occurring. War is the magic of reading should be found inside the pages, as opposed to needing magic to simply afford the book.

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But this is also 2003; in-home bookshelves have been created just to make room for Playstations, X-Boxes and Gamecubes. When popular books start getting to be the same price as X-Box games, which one do you think will you choose? The book or the game? The Potter series was written by British author J.K. Rowling in 1997. When she wrote the first one, she was divorced, unemployed single parent living on public assis­tance. At that time she might not have been able to afford their book. So, they purchased it in the USA, sales of more than $190 million, which wouldn’t the ethical choice be to make the books affordable to everyone? In addition, there are many bookstores that are being sold in the USA. The Potter series was written by British author J.K. Rowling in 1997. When she wrote the first one, she was divorced, unemployed single parent living on public assis­tance. At that time she might not have been able to afford their book. So, they purchased it in the USA, sales of more than $190 million, which wouldn’t the ethical choice be to make the books affordable to everyone? In addition, there are many bookstores that are being sold in the USA. And now we're all watching the war in Iraq and the ardent oppo­nent would feel like an eternity. So children will need to start saving up their allowances or find a new hobby.

Editor,

Regarding David Haskell’s letter (“Bush’s policies should be about peace,” April 4), I have absolutely never seen an exposé of views so glaringly ignorant of history, and indeed reality. If ANYTHING was learned after World War II, it is that war some­times is the answer. The if the allies had not intervened and forcibly opposed Nazi Germany and imperial Japan, the entire world would have certainly fallen under their hegemony.

It is naive to think that through negotiations or diplomacy Hitler or any of those might have come to their senses and refused the error of their ways. These are people who do not respond to these diplomatic pursuits, noble as their goab may he. Finally, neither Carr nor Haskell mentioned how did we get on Iraq. It appears to me that you are not able to appreciate the evil that Saddam is capable of. It is not that we are better off evil than evil or evil than good. However, Saddam Hussein is a huge terrorist and we need to get rid of him.

Andrew Rose is an aerospace graduate student.

Poly risks becoming an overpriced JC

Editor,

Attention Cal Poly students! You are being EXPLOITED.

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The more GEs we have to take, the longer we have to stay and thus the more money they squeeze out of us. Add to that the fact that you can make a difference.

Jim Patt is a physics senior.

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Douglas Lyman is a resident of Chicopee, Mass.

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Health officials on alert after Calif. SARS cases

By Beth Fouhy
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO — Public health officials in at least three California counties have reported potential new cases of the mysterious respiratory illness known as SARS — though state officials had not added the cases to the official list of suspected infections on Tuesday, saying they don't meet the "case definition" of the illness.

SARS, or sudden adult respiratory syndrome, has sickened more than 2,600 people worldwide and led to over 100 deaths since it was first identified in November.

On Tuesday, California health officials put the total at 36 suspected cases statewide, down from 58 on Monday — two cases which had been suspected as SARS were determined to be caused by other ailments and removed from the list. Epidemiologists say California gives more than a quarter of all suspected cases in the United States.

At the same time, health officials in Kern, Santa Barbara and Santa Clara counties identified at least three more potential cases each.

In Bakersfield, a woman in her 20s was briefly hospitalized last week on suspicion of SARS after returning from a trip to China.

Dr. Boyle Dalan, Kern County's director of disease control, said Tuesday his department is trying to track down anyone who may have come in contact with the woman while she was showing symptoms — particularly anyone who sat near her on the same flight.

One case has also been reported in San Diego County.

Symptoms include a fever of 100.4 degrees or more and plus respiratory difficulty. The illness is thought to have originated in mainland China or Hong Kong, and only people who have traveled to Asia or been in direct contact with someone who has acquired the illness.

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Bikers
tanked riding bicycles around town dressed up in unique costumes and chanting "Bring our troops home."
The event is designed to bring people together to support American troops in Iraq, said forestry and natural resources senior and event coordinator Richard Dennis. The event will be held on the first Saturday of each month until all American soldiers return home.

Dennis and industrial technology senior Billy Summers both realize that the event is only a homecoming soon, so showing support to them while having a good time is one way to keep solid support to students.

Dennis and Summers designated three locations before the event goes underway, and they lead the ride. At each location, participants were required to consume a variety of foods and beverages within a six-hour period.

"The key element of the event is to create discussion and consume all foods and beverages before continuing the journey on to the next location," Summers said.

The participants shared different beliefs and political stances about the war in Iraq. Many students voiced their opinions to one another as the day progressed at each location.

"I've been an active American citizen my entire life, and I refuse to let President Bush kill in my name for his personal gain of the second-largest oil supply in the world, which is worth $4 trillion," said Cal Poly graduate Brandon Fallon. "I want all our troops to come back home as soon as possible."

In addition, Dennis said riding a bicycle, walking or roller skating are alternative ways to decrease our dependency on oil.

Other students expressed their views on 98-794 OR a coupe regime and liberate the Iraq people.

Dennis gained the inspiration to put on the event from watching the largest peace demonstration in history on Feb. 5. More than 1 million people participated in the demonstration, which took place in 600 cities around the world.

"The 10 million people (who) came out on that historic day blew my mind," Dennis said. "I wanted to create my own peaceful demonstration with a twist of fun and excitement for my fellow students."

Summers said he encourages next month's participants to wear unique costumes and come ready to have a good time.

"My favorite part of the event was piecing together the evening that day next with the help of video camera," Summers said. "As I can remember, it was an epic adventure on my random bike throughout San Luis Obispo."

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Track and Field:

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the 400-meter hurdles in 54.95.

Jon Takahashi finished first in the 200 meter in 24.52 seconds. Martin also ran a team season best of 56.13 and finished first in the 400 meter. Cortney Stafford was the top collegiate finisher and earned a personal record in the triple jump with a 40'11.75" jump.

The New York Athletes compet- ed in the UCLA Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersee Invitational on Saturday. Ryan James finished first in the javelin with a 219'6" throw. Stephanie Brown threw the shot put 54'11.35" and was the top collegiate finisher in the event. Brown was also the top collegiate finisher in the discus with a 178'10" throw. Kaylene Wagner finished first in the high jump by matching her personal record of 5'10.75".

The Cal Poly men's and women's track and field teams return to action April 17 through 19 when they send team members to the Mt. Sac Clay Courts and the Long Beach Invitational.

Baseball:

Olson named Co- Pitcher of the Week

Cal Poly freshman left-hander Garrett Olson, who combined with Tony Saige to throw the first Mustang no-hitter since moving to Division 1 prior to the 1995 season, has been named Big West Conference Co-Pitcher of the Week.

Olson becomes the first Mustang to earn the award this season after a stellar performance against Southern Utah March 25. Olson pitched 7.1 innings of no-hit ball, allowing five walks while striking out six. The Mustang lefty battled the elements in Cedar City, Utah, with temperatures in the low 40's, light winds, and a threat of rain that reached up to 25 mph.

Freshmen right-hander Dustin Mullen and junior left-hander Ryan Brown have shared the award with Olson. Miller earned the award for the third time this season.

Cal Poly Badminton:

By Ryan McAdams

The Cal Poly badminton club team swept a three-way match on Saturday, defeating Pasadena City College 8-7 and Cal Tech 15-2. It was the team's lone home match of the season.

Much like tennis, badminton has singles players and doubles teams and are ranked from No. 1 through 5 in each category — men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

Cal Poly's No. 1 men's singles player is freshman Charlie Do, while sophomore Tram Nguyen has the No. 1 women's spot. Both played bad- minton competitively in high school and feel the level of competition and intensity at Cal Poly is much higher.

"We would be more fun if more people would come out and we would have more competition," Nguyen said. "We play to have fun."

John Doane is the Mustangs' cap- tain and club president. He first got involved in the club for athletic and social reasons.

"It's a good way to meet people and stay fit." Doane said of the club. "It's a great group to be a part of."

Badminton is scored much like volleyball, in which a player or team can only score on its own serve. The men play best of three games to 15 points while the women play best of three games to 11 points.

Popularity for the badminton club is hard to come by at Cal Poly because its practices times are at night and there's an underlying myth about the sport that Nguyen finds a fault.

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