Ticket waiting to happen

A car covered with a blanket and paper clipplings was parked on the concrete near Dexter Lawn Monday. On the top of the car sat dirt and a spilled plant. By mid-afternoon, the vehicle was no longer parked near Dexter Lawn. The area has been the site for numerous recent unattributed displays. Intramedia Art is a Cal Poly class that specializes in this form installation art.

By Andy Fahey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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Local United Way fund seeks more donations

By Jenni Mintz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Charitable contributions are the latest victim of the state budget crisis that has already affected public education, dwindling recent donations.

United Way of San Luis Obispo, a fund-raising agency, is trying to fill monetary gaps in a campaign called “Focus on the Community Fund.” This campaign channels gifts from the residents back into community programs to alleviate the shortages.

Throughout the year, United Way volunteers will collect money for the community fund from individuals and businesses.

During spring, United Way asks local non-profit organizations to apply for funding.

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► Scott Peterson plead innocent at Monday’s arraignment trial. See page 7 for complete story.

Cal Poly files for dismissal in horse accident lawsuit

► Judge’s decision to hear case will be made later this month

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Aid increases as Poly fees grow

By Sarah Stephan
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

“We anticipate a 25 percent increase in fees for next year and want students to have more financial aid opportunities.”

John Anderson, director of financial aid office, said her loan amount increased. Terry is a single mom living in Santa Maria and commuting to Cal Poly.

“It’s hard to pay for school and the loans that I am getting are the only thing that keep me going,” she said.

This year the financial aid office received more than 23,000 applications. Almost half of the applications were from admitted or currently enrolled students. By June 2004, an estimated 10,000 students will have accepted financial aid.

The average award package for

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Library comes out against PATRIOT Act

By Grant Shellen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Administrators at the Robert E. Kennedy Library recently posted information about and links to a resolution opposing the USA PATRIOT Act on the library’s Web site.

The “Resolution In Support of User Privacy and Freedom of Information in Libraries” was drafted by members of the California Library Association, and condemns a provision in the USA PATRIOT Act that allows the United States government to subpoena personal library records.

By the end of March, about 30 library organizations across the country had either adopted the American Library Association’s “Resolution on the USA PATRIOT Act and Related Measures that Infringe on the Rights of Library Users” or drafted their own resolutions opposing the act.

The California association approved its resolution on Feb. 12. Cal Poly dean of library services Hiram Davis said library officials wanted Kennedy Library users to know about what the PATRIOT Act does to their rights.

“The American Library Association has been posting a lot of info regarding the PATRIOT

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“With technology, we’re confronted with a new set of issues that we have never dealt with in the past. This is brand new.”

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students receiving need-based aid consists of 56 percent loans, 41 percent grants and scholarships and 3 percent work assistance, Anderson said. Students with exceptional need may be offered up to 62 percent in grants, while students with less need are offered packages consisting mostly of loans.

Anderson said the office has not seen a sudden increase in the number of students relying on financial aid. However, they anticipate that many students may want extra assistance in the coming year. The 2,943 applicants who did not demonstrate financial need are offered non-need-based federal student and parent loans.

Financial aid notifications include a description of loan programs to help students understand their financial aid options.

“The non-need-based federal loan program has always been available,” Anderson said. “We just decided to apply for a loan because his athletic scholarship just ended. A loan would keep me on track for graduation while I am trying to pay for school and living expenses too,” Rose said.

The federal government processes financial aid applications by analyzing income and coming up with an estimated amount of expected family contributions. The Cal Poly Financial Aid Office builds packages with various amounts of aid depending on the student’s expected budget. The amount of financial aid awarded depends on the student’s expected budget, including university fees, housing, books and other expenses.

Anderson said more than $37 million in state instructional and campus-based fees will be paid with financial aid money next year.
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Judge orders documents in Moussaoui case to stay open

Prosecutors agreed with media organizations Monday that numerous documents in the case of terrorism defendant Zacarias Moussaoui could be made public by the trial judge. Others documents must be kept secret, including classified records that nonetheless have been the subject of news articles, prosecutors argued in a written pleading.

Seven news organizations argued earlier this month for more openness in the case. U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema has kept the majority of government and defense pleadings secret in recent months, partly to protect national security information.

"Contrary to the representations of the media ... in this circuit there is no First Amendment right of access to the entire record in a criminal case," the government said.

The prosecutors painstakingly listed individual records they believe could be released by Brinkema.

The judge has sealed government documents that were identified by prosecutors as classified or sensitive records, and ordered secrecy for Moussaoui filings that the government cited as possibly including secret messages to the al-Qaida terrorist group.

Inspectors find questionable charges, management problems at Los Alamos

WASHINGTON — Porous financial management at Los Alamos National Laboratory allowed for $11.1 million in questionable expenditures, government inspectors reported. Energy Department Inspector General Gregory H. Friedman recommended Tuesday that the government require the University of California, which has managed the lab for six decades, to repay any unallowable charges, pay appropriate penalties and improve its internal controls.

"The caliber of business operations is simply inadequate given the nature and size of operations at Los Alamos and the requirements of the university's contract with the Department of Energy," the report said.

Friedman ordered the Energy Department's conclusions.

"We believe the laboratory's operations related to travel and meals, and the operation of its audits and assessments function, are consistent with no controls," Naran said in a statement. "We also believe we have been consistent with the requirements of federal paid regulations and other federal requirements and guidance for allowable and unallowable costs."

Elderly, drinkers most likely victims in pedestrian auto accidents

WASHINGTON — The very old and those who have drunk alcohol are the most likely to be struck and killed by a vehicle, according to a federal report released Tuesday, as the overall average.

Eighteen new SARS deaths were reported Monday — seven in mainland China and six in Hong Kong. Yet Hong Kong's deaths and 22 new cases Monday were fewer than the jumps of 40 and 50 cases a day that the World Health Organization had reported recently.

"On the whole, I think we are stabilized," Tung told reporters.

Still, he declined to take questions and would not predict how long it will be before SARS is brought under control.

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WANTING MY RICKETY TO COME...
By Emily Wong

Psychology senior David Jackson is an exception.

Jackson describes his style as "painterly representation of photography. Combining these two forms of expression demands a command over both a photographer's camera and a painter's brush. Surprisingly, Jackson is a novice to both.

"My dad gave me my first camera when I got to college but I mostly took party pictures," Jackson said. "And I just started painting in June." The winter wonderland feel of the show is a representation of Jackson's trip to Whistler, Canada. The showcased pieces are primarily snow-covered mountain and forest scenes.

"When my dad found out I was going to Whistler (with the ski club), he let me borrow his digital camera," Jackson said. "I took 330 pictures and used four memory cards during the trip." At the heart of his show are "Blackcomb/Overload" and "Beaudoin Lake," Jackson's favorite pieces. Both pieces exemplify his technique of capturing the key portion of a panoramic photograph to paint. He said he exhorted these two for the stories behind them. ""Blackcomb/Overload" was a photograph taken from the top of Whistler Mountain," Jackson said. "It best captures what it's like in Canada. It's an amazing scene." Jackson said he enjoyed taking pictures in Whistler because it is a natural environment for him: he grew up in Lake Arrowhead and has been snowboarding since age 12.

Embracing on new territory, Jackson is working on commissioned pieces. "Beaudoin Lake" is his first accomplished work. A friend of mine had this panoramic picture and she asked me to do something with it," Jackson said. "I asked her to select a portion of the picture that she wanted me to paint and she chose the lake." The photograph of "Beaudoin Lake" was taken by kinesiology junior Meaghan Beaudoin, Jackson's long-time friend. The view overlooks Jackson's backyard. The photograph of "Beudon Lake" was taken from the top of Whistler Mountain and has been snowboarding

Jackson stumbled upon the opportunity to display his work after showing ASI program coordinator Annie Moberg pictures from his ski trip. Moberg met Jackson as his Coordinator of Student Development in the dorms. They share a common interest in running and have kept in touch throughout the years.

"I encouraged him to bring in other pieces and put them in the UU gallery," Moberg said. "He's not totally trained and this is his first time doing this, but that's what the student gallery is there for." Jackson's work will be on display through Thursday in the UU Art Gallery. Art prints are available for purchase in the UU Craft Center for $5 to $10.

Some parents have been looking for new art for the home they just built," Moberg said. "As soon as the show is finished, "Beaudoin Lake" will be presented to Beaudoin's parents as a gift.

"Some of the fun I realized in doing the piece was that I enjoyed listening to what the people said about the pictures they took," Jackson said. "It's like writing about a novel that you've never read."

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Bringing entertainment from ship to shore

Captain Jack's Video Place walks the plank, offering animation, pornography

By Katie Schiller
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In the age of Blockbuster and Hollywood Video chains, Captain Jack's Video and DVD offers something different behind the curtain. A locally owned video rental store on Monterey Street, Captain Jack's has two elements that other places can't compete with.

First, there are adult movies behind the figurative "red door." Second, the owner's collection of animation art is up for sale around the store.

Captain Jack's adorns its pixilily lit walls with newly released movie posters, whiteboard lists of coming titles and, of course, movies.

Unlike most chains, the store is not phasing out VHS. Besides the typical rental industry fare, Captain Jack's boasts quite an extensive pornography selection — a selling point in a college community.

Although Captain Jack's is one of the only places students can rent adult entertainment in San Luis Obispo, owner Tom Greiten says they don't try to promote it.

"Obviously, what makes us different from the big chains is that we have adult movies," Greiten said. "But we're not in your face about it."

A magazine cutout of breasts leads the way into the adult entertainment section. Catchy titles like "You've Got Female" and "I'm a Wonderful Life" are interspersed with classics like "Barely Legal" and foreign films like "Una Virgin en mi Cama."

Captain Jack's has a variety of customers, from students to families to older couples. Some head straight to the adult section, said Farah Razak, a graphic communications junior and employee.

"Some couples will pick out two regular movies and an adult movie to go with it," Razak said.

Captain Jack's has the biggest selection of adult movies on the Central Coast, she said.

Besides the popular "T" and "A," the Captain also offers more age-appropriate images. Prints of Pinochio, the Pink Panther and other cartoon characters sanitize a good portion of the store. Greiten's personal collection of animation art comes from Warner Bros., the MGM, Grand in Las Vegas or other collectors.

"I'm not aggressively marketing the art," Greiten said. "It's more of a side business." Similar to the Disney Store, some of the pieces are original prints. One depicts Beavis and Butthead dressed like Hugh Hefner and surrounded by beautiful women ($750). The Pinochio drawing is priced at $89.

"Not many people buy the art," Razak said. "But some people have come from far away to see it."

Contributing to the hometown feel of the store, each aisle ends with a few rows of employees' picks. "We try to give personal service that you don't get from behind a counter," Greiten said.

Captain Jack's has been in business for 13 years and is one of the oldest of its kind in San Luis Obispo. When Blockbuster and Hollywood Video arrived, business slowed considerably.

"It's like if they opened another Cal Poly on the south end of town, student enrollment at this Cal Poly would drop off," Greiten said.

Captain Jack's obviously has some competition with the big, popular chains. But with friends like Jenna Jameson and Mickey Mouse, who needs enemies?"
Patriot Act II takes away civil liberties

As the emotional turmoil that followed Sept. 11, the USA PATRIOT ACT was passed with a mere one-and-a-half hour debate by the Senate Judiciary Committee and a testimonies, without questions, by Attorney General John Ashcroft. Opponents of the bill in the House didn't even get a chance to discuss the Patriot Act. Nevertheless, the bill was passed within a matter of weeks. Congressman Ron Paul, R-Tex., told the Washington Times that no member of Congress had even read the first Patriot Act that was passed by the House on Oct. 27.

Civil libertarians and Constitutional scholars from across the political spectrum universally decried the Patriot Act. William Safire, while writing for the New York Times, described the first PATRIOT Act's powers by saying that President Bush, "(had) used his recent "September 11" speech to make another attempt at undermining the civil liberties of Americans without serious debate and consideration.

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Letters to the editor

Opinion

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Restitution doesn't make sense

Editor, After reading I was reminded of the (Restitution appropriate for protest, April 16) I wondered if anyone knew what he was talking about. He called for "restitution," i.e., "the act of making good or compensating for loss, damage, or injury; indemnification." (Webster's Dictionary). I am very surprised that I am somehow "indebted" to African-Americans (and other minorities) for mistakes that my extended family and I am supposed to feel guilty because I am white! I am supposed to feel guilty because I have worked my butt off to get where I am today! I think not.

You had better reconsider your arguments, buddy. You call for "restitution," but do you really think that it will heal whatsoever damage has been caused? Do you really think ALL white people oppressed and did horrible things to the minorities in America? I believe in the philosophy of working hard and earning your keep in society, not handouts. I WILL NEVER give "restitution" to a minority group because people like you that I think that I should accept no responsibility for what some cruel people did four or five generations ago. It has nothing to do with me.

"Restitution" is the new "war cry" of minorities, it will create more mischief in an already divided society. NOT bring us all together.

Matthew Raybuck is a civil engineering sophomore who thinks "restitution" is a dumb idea.

Letters to the editor

It's all about living for today

Editor, The tragic deaths of Cynthia Kirod and the two students who have died in the past month have reminded me how short life really is. I often find myself waking up with no real desire to do anything but just get up and go back to bed. Though I do think that lack of vigor for 8 a.m. classes and Lighthouse dinners, I have no reason to have all the other blessings in life for granted. We are the people - so let's stop living for tomorrow and what it may bring. Take some chances people, step out, and as cliché as it is, Carpe Diem. For it is much to wrong not to regret and than it is to try and not succeed.

Taylor Landry is a chemistry sophomore who wants to "live deeply and suck the marrow out of life."
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BRIEFLY

Petrson pleads innocent in Laci's death

By Jim Wasserman
ASSOCIATE PRESS WRITER

MODESTO — Scott Peterson pleaded innocent Monday in the killing of his pregnant wife and unborn son as the district attorney filed murder charges and said he would probably seek the death penalty.

"I am not guilty," a clean-shaven Peterson said during a brief arraignment in Stanislaus County Superior Court.

Prosecutors filed the murder charges hours before Peterson, 30, appeared in the Modesto courtroom. In the filing, District Attorney James Brazelton said Peterson acted "intentionally, deliberately and with premeditation" in killing 27-year-old Laci Peterson.

The case has been under investigation for nearly a year. Laci Peterson vanished just before Christmas.

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"There were no viable defenses" for the charges, said Hallye Jordan, spokesman for the state attorney general. The law has been on the books for about 30 years.

Documentation filed by prosecutors said the killings happened at the Petersons' home in Modesto between Dec. 23 and Dec. 24.

Peterson, a fertilizer salesman who has maintained that he had nothing to do with his wife's disappearance, was handcuffed and shackled when he entered the courtroom Monday. As Judge Nancy Ashley read the charges, Sharon Rocha wept.

Public defender Tim Bazar was assigned to the case after Peterson said he could not afford to hire a lawyer. The case was continued until May 6 bail hearing.

Peterson was arrested in San Diego County because detectives feared he might try to flee to Mexico. He has since been held without bail at the Stanislaus County jail.

When he was arrested, Peterson's attorney did not guarantee students' safety, according to the Mustang Daily article.

In the lawsuit, however, she claims the horse, under the care and control of the animal science department, failed to give her medical help and left her to fend for herself.

"They didn't deserve to be dumped in the bay and sent to a watery grave," Rocha said in a news conference after the arrangement.

Failings of the animal were also the subject of a lawsuit filed by Linda McDowell, who was thrown from her horse in 1999.

Law firsh Law Offices was not available for comment.

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According to the suit for ignoring the safety of the animal, McDowell was sitting on the horse earlier in the quarter when she was thrown.

Animal science professors Roger Hoge, Mike Fender and Gene Armstrong were named in the lawsuit for ignoring McDowell's concerns for her safety.

The professors, according to the suit and the lawsuit, forced her to ride the unsafe horse after she told them about her fears of the animal. McDowell was sent to the hospital after she fell from the horse three weeks before the comas-induced falling.

McDowell did sign a release before getting on the horse earlier in the quarter stating that her injury may result from class activities and that the instructor

had no way to guarantee students' safety.

In the lawsuit, however, she claims the horse did not comply with the Riding Instruction Agreement.

Armstrong has since retired from teaching. His departure had nothing to do with the lawsuit, Cordova said.

"We have no reason to believe the (professors) did anything wrong in that case," Cordova said.

Until the judge decides whether the case will be heard or dismissed, Cordova said both sides remain in the discovery phase — a normal process where important facts and documents are exchanged between the prosecution and defense.

Advanced equine modification continues to be offered, but Cordova would not comment on whether Cal Poly or the animal science department has implemented any changes in response to the lawsuit.

Animal science department head Andy Thalin and McDowell's attorney Mathew Evans were not available for comment.

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Program selections are based on five initiatives: Meeting basic life needs, promoting healthy lives, investing in children and youth, supporting work and education, and strengthening our community.

This year, United Way has received requests for approximately $520,000 total. So far, they have raised $400,000 and United Way will work with the community to make up that difference.

Charlotee Alexander, resource development director for United Way, said the budget cut is taking a serious toll on the depletion of resources in the community.

"Last year, the community fund had $350,000 available," Alexander said. "We can see that the economy has played a major role. The agencies that we are funding are reporting some major problems. For example, there is a 25 percent increase in demand for services, which means more people are hungry and without homes. Personal contributions are down."

Last year, the community fund served 35 different programs that provided basic needs like food, shelter and human services. A few programs that benefited from the community fund were Atascadero Loaves and Fishes, the vocational training program at Cuesta College, CASA Voices for Children program, Lifelines, Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs, Hospice and both women's shelters in the county. The AIDS Support Network has been a partner agency with United Way for many years.

Edie Kahan, executive director of the AIDS Support Network and SLO HepC Project, is also on the board of United Way and said the partnership has been extreme­ly beneficial monetarily and with technical support.

"One of the things we are fund­ed for is a food pantry that we run out of this office," Kahan said. "We have gotten funding in the past that falls into this category. We also help connect people into benefits programs and things like that."

Some of the funds go to agen­cies facing a crisis and needing financial assistance immediately. Contributors have the option to determine what program they want their money to benefit. People can also donate goods like blankets or clothing to United Way.

"Employees at Cal Poly are one of our major supporters," Alexander said. "We'd be hurting them if we weren't for Cal Poly. We're very grateful that they recognize the need for programs in the community."

Without help from community members and businesses, programs may not find the means to continue, or could be significantly weak­ened, Kahan said.

"I think that there are a lot of programs that are in jeopardy of going under without the help of United Way, and who rely heavily on United Way," Kahan said. "Some smaller programs are more largely dependent on United Way funds."

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Sports

**Mustangs take two from UCSC**

By Randi Block

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly softball team ended its seven-game losing streak with two back-to-back wins against UC Santa Barbara on Friday at Bob Janssen Field. Cal Poly took the first game 6-1 before closing out the day with their second win, 2-0.

However, UCCSB rallied to take the first game and avoid the sweep with a 4-3 win.

Cal Poly's record now stands at 19-30 and 5-7 in the Big West. UCSCB is 30-16 and 5-6 in the Big West.

In the first game, Cal Poly began the scoring in the third. After Kaitlyn Wilson and Amyjo Nazarenus singled, Roni Sparrey singled in Wilson for the first score of the game.

Adding to the lead in the fifth, Holly Balfour brought in Nazarenus with an RBI single. Cory Taillon then brought the game to 3-0, scoring off Natalie Carillo's RBI double.

The Mustangs would score three more runs in the sixth after loading the bases. A Guacho wild pitch brought in the third run, Cal Poly then singled, which allowed both, Stoefler and Sparrey to score.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs' success was credited to smart playing while at bat.

"A lot of why we played so well some was good pitch selection," Ballard said.

Jamie Garbert was the Mustang's winning pitcher. She struck out three, walked three.

"I felt like we really pulled it together," Ballard said. "We definitely took care of what needed to be done, both offensively and defensively.

The second game started off with both teams struggling to make much happen offensively. The Mustangs changed all that in the fourth. Stoefler reached on an error by the Gauchos, then Shannon Brooks ripped one right down the middle of the field, driving in Stoefler. However, the Mustangs were unable to convert any of their other hits to runs.

Cal Poly came alive again in the sixth when Carrie Schubert singled to bring pinch-hitter Stephanie Payan home, making it a 2-0 game.

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The Mustangs would score three more runs in the sixth after loading the bases. A Guacho wild pitch brought in the third run, Cal Poly then singled, which allowed both, Stoefler and Sparrey to score.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs' success was credited to smart playing while at bat.

"A lot of why we played so well some was good pitch selection," Ballard said.

Jamie Garbert was the Mustang's winning pitcher. She struck out three, walked three.

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Cal Poly fell to 22-18-1 and 4-5 for fourth place in the Big West.

Cal Poly had won eight of its last 10 games prior to the sweep by Long Beach State. The Mustangs have lost 12 straight at Blair Field over the last six seasons.

On Friday, Jered Weaver and Carlos Mamin combined on a six-hitter as Long Beach State edged Cal Poly 2-1.

Weaver, who improved to 9-3 on the year, struck out seven and did not walk a batter in eight innings. He threw 96 pitches, 64 for strikes.

Clark, who struck out two Mustang batters in the ninth, is now 5-9 in the season.

Cal Poly starter Cory Taillon put on a clinic behind the plate in the series. The junior threw three one-hitter three Long Beach State runners trying to steal second base Thursday night and also picked off a 49er runner at third. On Friday, Taillon picked off another Long Beach State runner at second base.

For the season, Taillon has thrown out 15 of 23 would-be base stealers and has not committed an error.

Cal Poly senior southpaw Josh Kougi scattered five hits in eight innings, his longest stint of the season, but fell to 1-6 on the year. Kougi, who recorded 15 ground ball outs and one fly ball out, struck out a career-high seven and walked one.

Kougi, who threw 93 pitches, 64 for strikes, also balked twice Friday, raising the total for the season to 18, a Division I school record.

Herbert had two of Cal Poly's six hits. Shortstop Josh Mayo's 13-game hitting streak came to an end as he went 0-for-4. Left fielder Pat Beem's 10-game streak also was halted.

On Thursday, Abe Alvarez struck out nine on his way to his eighth win of the season as Long Beach State defeated Cal Poly 4-2 at Blair Field.

Cal Poly scored in the first inning on singles by Saul, Leavitt and Kyle Wilson, but Long Beach State scored once in the first, once in the second and two more in the third for a 4-1 lead.

The Mustangs cut the deficit to 4-2 with a run in the fifth on singles by Taillon, Berglund and Sam Herbert.

But Cal Poly was held scoreless the rest of the way, leaving the bases loaded in the sixth inning and Herbert at third base in the seventh.

In all, the Mustangs stranded eight runners on the bases.

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Big West-best 8-0 on the season, scattering two hits in eight innings. He, who threw 108 pitches, 80 for strikes, struck out nine and walked one.

Long Beach State, meanwhile, was offensive with a single and double while Herbert singled twice. With 10 hits, Cal Poly reached double figures in hits for the 25th time in 39 games this season.

Cal Poly shortstop Scott Anderson did not play Thursday night, snapping his streak of 120 consecutive starts. The senior, sidelined with a badly bruised ankle, had started every game at shortstop since midway through his sophomore season.

The Mustangs also were without No. 1 starter Tyler Fitch (sore elbow) and their top reliever, Nolan Moser (appendectomy). Fitch missed the entire series and Moser is likely out at least another two weeks.

Mustang losing pitcher Andrew McDaniels (3-3) was called for three balks giving the team 12 for the season. That ties the school's Division I record set a year ago.

On Saturday, Cal Poly hit six of 13 innings, giving up four runs and six hits.

Cal Poly returns home to host No. 2-ranked Cal State Fullerton in a three-game series at Baggett Stadium. Friday's game starts at 6 p.m., with the games on Saturday and Sunday to start at 1 p.m.

**Cal Poly Softball**

Sophomore Chealsy Stouffer slides into third base Friday against UCSCB. The Mustangs received complete game efforts from Jamie Garbert and Eva Nelson and eight runs of offense in Friday's sweep.