Playground gets makeover

Children watch bulldozers next to the ASI Children’s Center playground, which is being revamped to comply with California safety regulations.

By Sarah Stephan
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Five-year-old Nina Van Noy can’t wait for the new play equipment to come.

“Its not going to have splinters in it,” she said.

“And we can play on it without our
does on,” yelled an excited boy.

For two months, the children at the Associated Students Inc. Children’s Center have spent recess playing in an empty sand lot, surrounded by orange netting and mounds of dirt. The center has adapted the recess schedule by shifting the play area and taking the children for more walks around campus, said Tonya Ivesen, director of children’s programs.

“The children have adapted well,” Ivesen said. “We try to keep the kids out and busy.”

Emily Otter, head teacher of 3- and 4-year-olds, said the modifications have enabled children to tackle more challenging play activities.

“When the sand is ready, we’ll bring them back,” Otter said.

Students, community discuss relations

By Meghan Nowakowski
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students and San Luis Obispo permanent residents are making an attempt to improve their relations.

Thirty people gathered for the second Town Hall Meeting in the University Union Saturday to discuss problems facing student and resident relationships. Campus police, city officials, the San Luis Obispo Police Department, local business representatives, students and residents were all present.

“I think it was very positive,” said Allison Anderson, civil engineering senior and ASI community relations director. “All of the key players were there, and helped to formulate some great ideas.”

Among the issues discussed were stereotypes involving students and residents, noise and how to be a better neighbor.

“This year we decided that we wanted more of a workshop form,” Anderson said. “Last year we had a panel of community members and just held a question and answer session. That got kind of heated. People stayed really cooperative this year.

“Everyone there was really concerned about this issue. From business owners to sorority presidents, it was nice to see everyone wanting to get involved.”

Kaitlin Ayers
ASI vice president

Potassium iodine available locally

Avila Beach, Shell Beach, Pismo Beach.

By Allison Terry
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The California State University Board of Trustees delayed a vote last week on whether to implement student fee increases by 25 percent for fall quarter. The board delayed their vote in order to account for Governor Davis’ May Revise for the 2003-04 budget.

The May Revise upholds the previously proposed $260.7 million net reduction for the CSU budget. The state legislature must now approve the governor’s proposed budget.

Three proposals currently circulate the state legislature asking for additional CSU budget cuts ranging from $469.5 to $520 million, according to a press release from the CSU Chancellor’s Office.

“There is $69.5 million that still needs to be cut from the budget,” said Kate Parnell, agribusiness senior and Associated Students Inc. president. “We know that (the governor’s) main revamp took a few more dollars from the CSU system, but not dramatically like was expected.”

Presently, student fees for Fall quarter are scheduled to increase by about 25 percent, according to the Spring and Fall 2003 fee schedules. Fees for the College of Liberal Arts equal $1,267.50, and fees for the College of Agriculture, College of Architectural and Environmental Design, Otiscole College of Business, College of Science and Math and College of Engineering equal $1,145.

However, if the state budget increases, the Board of Trustees could implement increases greater than 25 percent for undergraduates and 20 percent for graduates.

“The vote was initially postponed because there is no conformation on what the CSU system will receive in terms of state funding,” said Clara Potes-Fellow, spokesperson for the Chancellor’s Office.

“They are waiting for a clear financial situation for the state before they vote to increase fees.”

CSU officials do not know what the likelihood of a greater increase than 25 percent will be.

“The governor recommended the 25 percent fee increase, but the legislature cannot implement them,” Potes-Fellow said. “The Board of Trustees sets the fee increases and policies to save money in all areas of administration.”

The Board of Trustees already raised student fees by $48 winter quarter to make up for the mid-year fee increase.

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4-year-old, agreed. "There have been a lot of questions from the children and we have been in a smaller space," Orton said. "The new playground has given the children something to watch, though. I am surprised at how well it has gone.

The two wooden structures were erected in early April because they did not meet new California safety regulations. According to the new California safety standards, all playground equipment must be manufactured and installed by a certified playground company.

"The old structures were not unsafe, but they were built 11 years ago by a contractor," Iversen said. The new legislation required that all existing equipment be checked. Inspectors looked for potential hazards, measuring the space between bars to make sure children's limbs couldn't get stuck.

Many children's centers in the state had to move or replace their existing equipment, Iversen said. Although the children's center has a 1-to-8 adult to child ratio, they must follow the same rules as public parks, which do not have any supervision requirements.

The first stage of the playground reconstruction, two slides and a swing set, will be installed by June 30. Iversen said the children were sad to see the old equipment taken out and impatient for the new structures to arrive.

The biggest concerns at Cal Poly are maintaining access to classes, continuing the quality of education and insuring that students still receive financial aid, Parnell said. He said one-third of student fees should go to financial aid.

"The CSU financial aid program is strong and 140,000 students will qualify for financial aid this year," Peters-Fellow said. "This number will increase since higher fees will qualify more people to receive aid. The students who currently receive aid will not be harmed because the governor proposed to increase financial aid to compensate for fee increases."

The Board of Trustees should vote by July on whether student fees will increase by 25 percent or higher.

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budget deficiency. "We understand that there are certain fee increases that will most likely have to take place, because the bottom line is that $38.5 billion is a lot of money," Parnell said. "We are not being realistic if we say the bottom line is that $38.5 billion is a lot of money," Parnell said. "We are not being realistic."

"All the children will want to play with the new equipment coming," she said.

Tina Leon, a mother of two boys that attend the center, said all the children are excited about the new equipment.

"It looks like a whole discovery area," she said.

Plans for the rest of the playground area will be implemented over the next five years. Proposed designs include a water play area, cushions and surfaces and landscaping.

The new equipment will be paid for primarily through grants and donations. On May 31, Cal Poly will host Playground Promenade, a five and 10-kilometer walk and run to raise money for the playground reconstruction.

All community members are invited to attend. Registration for the walks begins at 8 a.m. Children's activities such as face painting, arts and crafts and a petting zoo begin at 10 a.m. There is also a children's run and lunch barbecue.

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National Briefs

defers search for San Francisco
Bay for fourth straight day for
evidence in Laci Peterson case
RICHMOND, Calif. — For the
fourth straight day, divers searched the
chilly waters of San Francisco
Bay on Monday for more evidence
in the death of Laci Peterson.

Officials have refused to be spe-
cific about what evidence they are
seeking, or what they have found, in
what they describe as a follow-up
investigation.

The bodies of the Modesto
woman, who was eight months preg-
nant when she disappeared in
December, and her unborn son
washed onto a Richmond shoreline
last month.

The decomposed remains were
found several miles north of where
Peterson's husband, Scott, said he
went fishing on Christmas Eve —
the day he says he last saw his wife.

Shortly after the bodies were
found, Scott Peterson was arrested
and charged with two counts of
murder. He has pleaded innocent
and is jailed without bail.

Supreme Court declines to
hear case over terrorism-relat-
ed detentions
WASHINGTON — The
Supreme Court turned away an
appeal Monday over detention of
42 prisoners in Afghanistan who
were arrested in the death of Laci
Peterson.

The court did not comment in
writing on Monday in the case,
which the White House press corps and
the clergy group alleged.

The suit claimed the prisoners
were deprived of their liberty and
had not been informed of the accu-
sations against them, in violation of
the U.S. Constitution.

The coalition demanded that the
government provide the prisoners
with lawyers, bring them before a
U.S. court, acknowledge their iden-
tities and define the charges against
them. The detainees are from 42
countries.

White House press secretary to
resign in July
WASHINGTON — White
House press secretary Ari Fleischer,
the public face of the Bush adminis-
tration through two wars and a ter-
rorist attack, said Monday he will
resign in July to enter the private
sector.

“I love this job,” Fleischer told
reporters at his informal Monday
morning briefing. “I believe deeply
about President Bush as a man and I
believe deeply in his policies, but it’s
my time to go.

He would not speculate on who
would take his place, but presiden-
tial aides said deputy press secretary
Scott McClelen was the likely suc-
cessor, although there are other pos-
ibilities.

Fleischer said he wanted to leave
the hard-driving job before Bush’s
re-election campaign geared up.
“ ‘I want to do something more
relaxing — like dismantle live
nuclear weapons,’ he quipped.

Fleischer clashed at times with
the White House press corps and
had an uneasy relationship with
some senior Bush aides, but he said
the departure was his idea. He noti-
fied Bush of his decision Friday. The
president ended the conversation
 “by kissing me on the head,” the
spokesman said.

International Briefs

Suicide bombing at Israeli
shopping mall; fifth attack in
two days
AFULA, Israel — A suicide
attacker detonated explosives at the
entrance to a crowded mall in
northern Israel on Monday, killing at
least three shoppers and wound-
ing 47, the latest in a series of bomb-
ings that have derailed U.S. peace
efforts.

The attack in the town of Afula
was the fifth suicide bombing with
48 hours, following blasts in Gaza,
Jerusalem and the West Bank.

The spate of bombings under-
scored how difficult it will be to
carry out the U.S.-backed “road
map” plan, a three-stage prescrip-
tion for ending violence immediate-
lv and setting up a Palestinian state
by 2005.

In Washington, President Bush
said the string of attacks were aimed
at stopping the peace process, but
“insisted the road map still stands.” He
called it “sad and pathetic” that
some “cannot stand the thought of
peace.”

Belgian voters back four more
years of liberal-socialist coalition
BRUSSELS, Belgium — Free-
market liberals and socialists moved
to put together a new government
in Belgium on Monday after a
resounding election victory gave them
a strong mandate to continue
economic reforms and tax breaks.

The win returns to office Prime
Minister Guy Verhofstadt, whose
center-left coalition over the past
four years has also pursued contro-
sensual social policies.

This time, he will likely be with-
out his former junior coalition part-
ners, the Greens, who suffered a
huge defeat in both Dutch-speaking
Flanders and Wallonia, the coun-
try’s French-speaking south.

The Greens’ losses were as
markable as the gains of the anti-
immigration Flemish Bloc. It was
the second consecutive defeat for
the Christian Democrats, who dom-
ninated Belgian politics for decades
until their ouster in 1999 elections.

Helicopters search for sur-
vivors of floods, landslides that
leave 200 dead in Sri Lanka
RATNAPURA, Sri Lanka — Air
force helicopters and police teams
searched for survivors in remote
villages Monday after a weekend of
floods and landslides killed up to
200 people.

Forecasters said more rain was on
its way, which would make the
plight of about 150,000 people left
homeless even more difficult.

“It is a very grim situation,” said
relief administrator Jayathil Jayasuriya.
“I have been told that at least 220 people have died and
still there are people unaccounted
for.”

Prime Minister Ranil
Wickremesinghe said the disaster
was the nation’s worst in five
decades. The final death toll is
“going to be heavy, sorry to say,” he
said without elaborating.

In Ratnapura, home to 1 million
people, about 40,000 homes were
damaged by the floods and land-
slides, making it difficult to take shelter.

Much of the area was without elec-
tricity and telephone service
because the landslides damaged
overhead lines.

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

Buddhism comes to SLO

By Sarah Stephan

The birds lightly chirp in the background. The early evening breeze drifts through the room. The sun sets in the distance, glistening over the water of Morro Bay. In a small room overlooking a scenic golf course, a group of students sit in a small circle, a group of students sit in a small circle overlooking a scenic golf course. The peaceful silence.

Resident teacher Anila Khedrub divides her time among the three centers. Lama Khedrub is a nun who has been practicing Buddhism for more than 20 years. "Lama is a title for a religious teacher who is approved to teach Buddhist principles.

While in Los Osos, Lama Khedrub is a guest in her students' houses. As a nun, she has taken a vow of poverty. The $10 per student session fee goes toward her traveling expenses. When Lama Khedrub is teaching at the other centers, she assigns a student to lead readings and meditation. Lama Khedrub teaches her students to practice the Buddhist principles of awareness and compassion. "In practice, the Lama said her students can learn that awareness and compassion are beneficial to all human beings."

"We can develop these qualities through meditation and contemplating Buddhist teachings," she said. Lama Khedrub said she teaches by engaging students in the Dharma, or Buddhist teachings.

"I try to inspire students to ask questions so my teaching can apply to their lives, their real questions," she said. "I like to mix it up with students and get them curious." About 15 participants attend the sessions every week, ranging from college students to those over 50 years old.

Education graduate student Hans Lindauer started attending sessions in January. He started studying Buddhism on his own three years ago.

Lindauer said he could apply what he learns in class to daily circumstances. For example, if he is driving and there is a slow car in front of him, Lindauer said he is learning how to make the slow car not bother him.

"Class gives you a perspective on how to look at things objectively and rise above internal turmoil," he said. Morro Bay resident Brad Crampton has studied Buddhism for five years and now goes to the BodhiPath sessions. He said the Buddhism teachings help personally and also in relations with others.

"You always learn something valuable in Lama Khedrub's teachings," Crampton said. "I would summarize Buddhism as the way to find true happiness."

The May BodhiPath sessions cover directing oneself toward studying a path to enlightenment. After a series of chants, a half-hour meditation and a break for tea, students listen to a teaching.

In the May 7 session, Lama Khedrub discussed refuge and precepts and how they are the foundation for those whose goal is supreme enlightenment. Refuge refers to committing oneself to the Buddhist path. Lama Khedrub explained the Buddhist teachings and applied them to important messages. For example, she said in order to help other human beings, we need to learn to help ourselves first.

For more information, visit the BodhiPath Web site at www.bodhipath-west.org.

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Health store offers more than just hummus and tofu

By Laura Newman

On Wednesday nights, you can find more than just tofu in the deli at New Frontiers Natural Marketplace. There is live acoustic music among the grilled vegetable and chicken strips.

For the past year, New Frontiers has offered a free Wednesday evening live music series called Music in the Deli.

The performers are usually solo or duet acoustic artists who play everything from blues and Celtic styles to bluegrass, said Janelle Younger, New Frontiers marketing manager.

“We feature all local artists, Younger said. “There aren’t too many places in (San Luis Obispo) for local artists to play and there is so much great talent in this town. We are excited to showcase it.”

Younger was inspired to begin Music in the Deli after witnessing the success of a similar music series in the Solvang New Frontiers store.

“The Solvang store does a sum- mer concert series outdoors, Younger said. “We were jealous and began Music in the Deli.

The New Frontiers performers are a mix of Solvang Obispo veteran musicians and local students. Some performers return on a three- or four-month rotation, but spaces are always left open for new performers, Younger said.

Sadek Baroudi is a computer science sophomore who plays acoustic romantic rock at New Frontiers.

“(New Frontiers) is a good environment with, on some nights, a very good crowd,” Baroudi said. "I play there because it’s an enjoyable experience and I love getting a reaction out of the people watching."

Depending on the week, Music in the Deli usually leaves about 10 to 30 spectators. The deli can seat up to 45.

“We have a regular crowd that comes every Wednesday,” Younger said. "Some Cal Poly students come for class credit, which totally encourages them.

Younger said students interested in music to bring in a demo tape or compact disc, however, musicians are also welcome to audition live.

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Mustang Daily reporter rents fight-based video game; the only bruises left were on her pocketbook

By Amanda Hippe
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Two-page pagers, dark alleys, Escalades sitting on 24s and underground clubs are the only highlights in the newly released EA Sports video combat game. Def Jam Vendetta is a rather life-like fighting game filled with shady sets, scantily clad girls, thugs-out opponents and, worst of all, real-life rappers like Method Man, Redman, Ludacris, Keith Murray and N.O.R.E.

With the latest hardcore hip-hop plugged as background music, players must start out as unknown wannabes sporting names like Spider, Tank, Manny and Drake. A bald, tattooed booking agent arranges the matches, and the more ass that's beat, the higher in the illegal ring of barbaric behavior a player gets.

Simply put, the game was ridiculous.

It was shocking to think that wealthy, successful hip-hop artists would want to put their name and face on a game like this. This is a barbaric and a burlesque stereotype of rap artists.

The two other participants in this game review, engineering senior Nick Streeter and business alumn Marc Thomas, were on the floor roaming with laughter no more than five minutes into playing.

"Is this game for real?" Thomas asked. "I can't believe they actually went through with this idea."

Streeter was in more denial after he won his first match and, along with the cash he won to improve his character, a voluptuous blonde crossed his character's path and gave him a wink and smile.

Yes, that's right; one of the goals of the game is to get the most women to cheer for you and get their pictures to put up in a dirty photo gallery.

"This is nuts," Streeter exclaimed. "These (women) look like Vegas strippers and, not to mention, have really big boobs."

The game's playability was also on the downside. There were no quick instructions for controlling fighters moves. Players had to go to a separate instructions for controlling fighters' paths and movements.

The moves programmed for the characters were brutal and very realistic. Blood flew across the mat and strong words were exchanged between the characters during combat. In closing, this game was painful to play and even more painful to sit and watch. Rappers should stick to music videos and cameos in television shows and movies. Do yourself a favor and if the urge comes about to get this game, think backwards to the words in this review. The time it will take to see out this disaster and the $5 rental fee is not worth seeing the stupidity in this game. This comment by Thomas pretty much sums the whole experience up: "I'd rather play 'Troggier' with a screwdriver in my kidney."

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Def Jam Vendetta brings the pain — literally

The following occurrences took place downtown on the night of the release of "The Matrix Reloaded." Whether reality or just a computer-generated feeling, only the fighters of the system know for sure.

May 15, 2003, 8:05 p.m.: I cruise to the Downtown Centre Cinema after indulging in a tasty alcoholic beverage, hoping to be able to relate to the crazy mob scene atmosphere a little easier.

8:14 p.m.: I arrive to see a line stretching to the stairs of the cinema and reaching all the way to the door of Fresh Choice. It's Farmers Market, so there are more people than usual downtown, with a larger-than-normal group of mischievous high school students hanging out in front of Jamba Juice. Although the line is long, it is for both the 9 p.m. and 9:30 showings.

8:30 p.m.: After trying unsuccess­fully to get in, I realized I would not be receiving any free hook-ups tonight. I walked back up the stairs to sit on the steps and collect my thoughts as I fought off the realm of thought as I fought off the realm of "The Matrix Reloaded" opening night.

8:38 p.m.: Where are the hard­core fans, the crazy Matrix stone freaks, the people who played with Magic cards as they waited in line for days to buy tickets? I only see high school students and guys with pretty looking dates. I want to see and talk to the 16-year-old Star Wars-like fans who play with neon green and red light sabers before going into a show. 8:41 p.m.: The doors open for the 9 p.m. show and the crowd calmly and patiently walks right in, with no mad rush for the door and lined middle row seats.

8:49 p.m.: As I avoid the tumultuous and overwhelming non-exis­tent rowdy crowd, I overhear some­one say that they have just seen the Matrix, Travis Silva, an engineer, and Brian McFarland, a real estate appraiser, both saw the 6 p.m. show and, shockingly, they are not Trekkies, as their business casual attire signified. I asked for their reac­tions to the sequel and how it mea­sured up to the first.

"I thought it was really good," McFarland said. "The special effects were a step above the first and the fight scenes were nuts."

8:55 p.m.: I talk to McFarland and Silva and ask them what they think about the lack of a big opening night crowd and if it was scene was what they expected.

"People didn't know when it was really opening because they had so many shows spread out over the day," Silva said. "So I think the real geeks showed up last night at like 12:30 a.m. for some special mock preview." 9:02 p.m.: I sit upstairs in Barnes and Noble to recall the last half-hour before venturing back down to view the 45 people who are waiting for the 9:30 p.m. showing of "Matrix Reloaded."

9:04 p.m.: The line and wait is gone and the quiet peaceful group of Matrix fans has already entered the doors.

9:08 p.m.: Since I'm bewildered and confused about Matrix's opening, I got to guidance and help from an authoritative source: a Downtown Cinema ticket taker.

"There were a few people three hours before the 9 p.m. show that were tossing a Frisbee and playing cards, but that was about it," said ticket taker Whitney Bolin.

9:13 p.m.: Is there anyone that can help me find the feeling andushed atmosphere of opening night? I guess things are a little hippier and cooler in San Luis Obispo and we lack obsessed fans. Oh well. Enjoy the show.
President Bush seems to have forgotten the Senate's constitut­
ional role in the advice and confirmation process of judi­
cial appointments. Although Senate Democrats have only filibustered two of President Bush's nominees, the Bush adminis­
tration repeatedly criticizes the Senate for moving too slowly on
confirming his judicial appointments. Even though the president
would like the Senate to turn into a rubber-stamp, approving
every judicial nominee he vetos, their Senate's role is not in
good conscience, shirking away from its advisory and con­
sent role.

As stated in Article II of the U.S. Constitution, the presi­
dent "shall nominate, and by and with the advice and
consent of the Senate, shall appoint ambassadors, other public
ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court, and all others
of the United States..." in carrying out this advice and consent role, the
Senate, as Hamilton explained in Federalist 76, "will be an excel­
 lent check upon a spirit of favoritism in the president, and
would tend greatly to prevent the appointment of men from
states from prejudice, from family connection, from person­
al attachment... In addition to this, it would be an efficacious
source of stability in the administration."

The filibuster the Senate used about a couple of weeks ago
to block the nomination of Priscilla Owen was not out of spi­
ke for the president, but out of concern for the growing number of
extreme judges Bush has sent to the Senate for confirmation.
As an April 29 editorial in the Austin-American pointed out,
"Democrats are not blindly opposing all of the president's judi­
cicial nominees," rather they are attempting to block judges who
do not fall within the mainstream of American politics.
Both parties are guilty of attempting to pack the courts at one time
or another, and that is why the role of the Senate is so crucial.
It provides a safeguard against extremists becoming lifelong
judges.

Justice Owen has proven to be far right of the fairly conserva­
tive Texas Supreme Court. In fact, as an April 17 editorial in the
New York Times pointed out, it is "abundantly clear that she
defies the right of most Americans and that her ideology
trumps her decisions. On the Texas Supreme Court, the appeal
in one case that a minor seeking an abortion could be required
to prove that she was aware of the religious objections to abor­
tion." That case involved a Texas statute requiring parental noti­
cification of a minor intending to have an abortion. The
Texas statute allows for a court order in place of parental noti­
cification if the court finds that:
  • the minor is mature and sufficiently well-informed to make a decision on an abortion performed without notify­
ing either of her parents; or
  • fertilizations would not be in the best interest of the minor,
being notified may lead to the physical, social or emo­
tional abuse of the minor.

Justice Owen, in her dissenting opinion, would have re-writ­
ten the law, according to Senator Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., "to
place hurdles in front of minors, hurdles that were not present
recently.

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in the Texas law. Her colleague on the Texas Supreme Court and
now White House Counsel, Alberto Gonzales, called this "a
political decision." Her record also shows she consistently rules against workers
and victims of discrimination. Her pro-business stance led one Texas consumer attorney to state to Senator Feinstein "there is
not a single consumer-attorney right in the State of Texas that feels that they would get a fair shot in her courtroom."

Although the filibuster probably was not entirely justified, it
was properly used in this case. Justice Owen had already been
denied a hearing last year by the Senate Judiciary Committee,
and was only renominated when Republicans took control in
January. In addition, according to the New York Times editori­
al, "former President George Bush held a fund-raiser for a group
that will run ads attacking senators who do not fall into lock
step behind the administration's nominees."

If anyone is politicizing the Senate's role in judicial appoint­
ments, clearly it is the Bush administration.

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Letters to the editor

Shallon's column nothing to be ashamed of

Bob Lawson is a physics sophomore.

Don't like the Mustang Daily, don't read it

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relationships.

"Some of the groups came up with great ideas," Ayers said. "We talked about having barbecues in the fall to allow students and residents to get to know one another."

Anderson said another idea brought up was to hand out a door hanger reminding people to meet their neighbors at the beginning of the school year.

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The Mustangs pulled out a 14-inning, 6-5 win over UC Santa Barbara Friday night, then dropped an extra-inning affair Saturday before losing the rubber match on Sunday afternoon in Santa Barbara.

Leading Cal Poly offensively was Bertoni with four hits, including a double, and one RBI. Reavett, Wilson and shortstop Scott Anderson all had two hits apiece. For Wise, who started in place of Pat Beren (shoulder injury), it was his first two hits of the season.

Second baseman Chris Melo had three hits and an RBI to lead the Gauchos at the plate.

On Saturday, UC Santa Barbara's Nate Sutton doubled with one out in the 12th inning to drive in the winning run as UC Santa Barbara defeated Cal Poly 4-3.

Sutton's double, the lone extra-base hit of the game for either team, ended the second straight extra-inning game, the series. Cal Poly lost Friday's series opener 6-5 in 14 innings.

The loss spoilt a brilliant pitching performance by Mustapha freshman southpaw Garrett Olson, who struck out a career-high 11 in eight-plus innings, only to get no decision.

Mustapha pitching ace Dennis LeDuc pitched eight innings of relief to pick up the win in Friday's 14-inning game.

Sophomore Dennis LeDuc returned to the lineup after missing 13 games due to a skin infection on his left ankle. He went 0 for 3 at the plate, but handled five chances flawlessly in the infield, starting the double play that sent the game into extra innings.

Alex McBride (1-0), UCSB's fourth pitcher of the game, pitched 4 1/3 scoreless innings for the win.

On Friday, Adam Leavitt scored on a passed ball in the top of the 14th inning to snap a 5-5 tie and Cal Poly went on to beat UC Santa Barbara 6-5.

Leavitt and Pat Breen singled to open the 14th and, after a groundout, Kyle Wilson walked, then Bertoni flied out to load the bases with one out. Leavitt scored on a passed ball. UC Santa Barbara's first two batters reached base in the bottom of the 14th, but two groundouts and a strikeout preserved the Mustangs' win.

Sophomore right-hander Dennis LeDuc (3-0) pitched eight innings in relief for the win, by far his longest outing of the season. LeDuc had pitched 3.2 innings at Pacific in early April.

LeDuc relented starter Josh Kougli with nobody out in the bottom of the seventh, an inning in which UCSB scored all of its five runs to overcome a 4-0 deficit. LeDuc struck out four, walked five and allowed three runs and seven hits.

Kougli, who remains 1-8 on the year, was involved in his seventh no-decision of the year. Cal Poly has won six of those games. The Mustangs posted their 10th come-from-behind win of the year.

Cal Poly tied the game at 5-5 in the eighth inning on Sam Herber's RBI single.

The Mustangs scored single runs in the second, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth frames. Wilson hit his sixth home run of the season in the second inning, the 20th of his Mustang career, alone in sixth place on Cal Poly's career home run list. Wilson, a junior first baseman, also had the fourth hit of his Mustang career.

The 14-inning game, which required 5 hours, 6 minutes to complete, equaled the longest Mustang game since Cal Poly moved to Division I prior to the 1995 season. The Mustangs beat Pacific 11-10 in 14 innings on April 21, 2001.