**Women with E. coli sue distributors**

Two lawsuits filed against Cal Poly's produce suppliers; Foundation named in one suit

By Andrea Coberly
SUMMER MUSTANG EDITOR IN CHIEF

The two women infected with E. coli after eating on campus last summer have filed suit against the companies that distributed the contaminated food to Cal Poly.

Recreation administration sophomore Ashley Adams is suing the Cal Poly Foundation, Fuji Natural Foods and All About Produce Corp. for product liability, negligence and emotional distress, according to the lawsuit, which was filed July 12.

Adams and visiting high school student Lacey Wellborn, now a student at California State University at Fullerton, were admitted to Sierra Vista Medical Center after becoming ill in August 2003. The two women were diagnosed with E. coli O157:H7 less than a week apart. After an investigation by the California Department of Health Services, contaminated alfalfa sprouts were implicated.

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**Baker makes full recovery after procedure**

By Susan Malanche
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Nine days after a heart procedure, Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker returned to his office and a full-time schedule.

Baker, 64, who jogged frequently, was experiencing physical discomfort before consulting a doctor about the pain, he said. Tests later found that his arteries were partially blocked.

The angioplasty was performed on July 14 at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center by a team of one doctor and about three technicians, Baker said. During an angioplasty, a catheter is inserted into the coronary arteries of the heart to break up plaque and open the artery, he said.

President Baker said he is feeling good and taking it easy after his recent surgery.

"After the surgery I worked mostly..."

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**Cal Poly, community have fragile bond**

By Micah Paulson
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The relationships between college students and the communities that host them are often apprehensive. Students frequently release anxieties through late-night drinking and partying, while their neighbors only want a good night's rest.

"It's a conflict of lifestyle," said Dave Romero, mayor of San Luis Obispo. "Because of the lack of student housing, students have to live by families who have a different lifestyle."

The lack of student housing will not be resolved in the near future. Cemos Vista apartments is the first new student housing project in 25 years. It is expected to be completed by September 2005. But, with a maximum stay of one year, it may have little effect on off-campus living.

About 75 percent of calls received by the San Luis Obispo Police Department are noise complaints, fighting or excessive intoxication, all related to younger age groups, SLOPD Lt. Ian Parkinson said.

Despite this ratio, Parkinson has an optimistic view of the situation. "In the last 10 years there has been a growing period between students and their neighbors," Parkinson said.

"Students are realizing what size party they can have without causing trouble. And the community has become more tolerant to kids having a good time."

If a San Luis Obispo resident is cited for an excessive noise violation a bail forfeiture of up to $320 is given. If it happens again, at the same residence, the fine is doubled.

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The inside scoop on health happenings at Poly

Pregnancy is a challenge most Cal Poly women would probably prefer to delay until after their university years. When the female contraceptive pill was introduced more than 40 years ago, it sparked a sexual revolution and made that goal easier to achieve. About 38 percent of collegiate American women who use birth control now choose the pill, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

But soon, "Don't worry honey, I take the pill" may not just be a phrase for females. A new contraceptive pill for men may be at local doctor's offices, shifting some of the responsibility women have traditionally shouldered to their male lovers and relieving them of negative side effects associated with female oral contraceptives like bloating, headaches and balance problems.

"I'm quite sure women who have had the brunt of this for so long would want their partners to have a part in pregnancy protection," said Cynthia Scott, a women's health practitioner at the Equal Opportunities Commission of San Luis Obispo. "Many women complain of disorientation with (the female pill's) side effects."

Looks like hope is on the way. In Italy, men in a clinical study are using a contraceptive pill containing synthetic hormones to lower their sperm counts to levels that are unlikely to cause pregnancy. And, last year at the University of Washington, researchers recruited about 50 men to test a pill that could block millions of sperm produced by a man each day. Participants also received weekly testosterone injections to boost the pill's effectiveness.

If the studies are successful and the pill is proven safe, it could be the newest commercial contraceptive method designed for men since the condom was invented centuries ago. Dr. William Preminger, director of UW's Male Contraception Research Center, said research in the field has been slow because American society and the American pharmaceutical industry consider pregnancy prevention mostly a female issue. Plus, researchers have always been worried about long-term potential side effects of the male pill: toxicity, impotence or long-term infertility. So far, however, scientists have discovered few negative side effects, according to a CNN article.

The male pill is comprised of two hormones: testosterone and progesterone. "The testicle makes two things — testosterone and sperm," Dr. John Arr sway, an investigator at UW, said in a Seattle Post-Intelligencer article. "The pill uses external testosterone to shut down the brain's signals to the testicle, which stops making sperm and internal testosterone. It leaves the guys with a healthy amount of testosterone so they feel fine."

Researchers are also experimenting with testosterone shots, subdermal implants and even battery-powered capsules in an attempt to develop acceptable options to match those available to women. The pills alone are 95 percent effective, and, when used in combination with the testosterone injections, could be up to 99 percent effective, just like the female pill.

Even if the pill works and is safe, males must be willing to use it to ensure marketplace success. Men who have undergone initial research with the drug say it's a wonderful alternative to condoms. Some Cal Poly males said they would use the pill, or used a backup contraceptive.

"Hey, I'd be up for anything that helps reduce the risk of pregnancy," manufacturing engineering senior Servando Diaz said.

"I don't think I'd use it." Other Cal Poly male students were more wary of the drug's potential roadblock researchers foresee.

If they're in a meeting relationship, girls will be able to trust their men," nutrition junior Reshmi Basu said. "But a guy would trust a girl more to take the pill because she's the one who could get pregnant."

A contraceptive pill for men could lower pregnancy rates and give men even more responsibility over their female partner's body. The question is: will men be willing to take it and will women be able to fully trust their partners?

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National Briefs

Bush seek concessions from both sides ahead of visits by Abbas, Sharon

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration urged Israel and the Palestinians on Wednesday to take more steps toward peacekeeping and improving life for people in the Middle East.

The plea came ahead of Wednesday visits by Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Abbas will see President Bush at the White House on Friday. Bush and Sharon meet on Tuesday. The talks could provide an indication of how much pressure the president may be willing to exert on the two sides during a period of drift in peacemaking.

A Palestinian official has warned that Abbas could be called by his parliament if he does not receive concessions from Israel. Against that backdrop, the State Department issued a balanced appeal to both sides to do more to put in place a U.S.-backed blueprint for peacemaking.

But already, a State Department official has said the administration urges Israel and the Palestinians to do more to improve life for people in the Middle East.

Bethlehem and agreeing to free some detainees.

OREGON — A surprising number of terminally ill hospital patients choose to speed their deaths by refusing food and drink, a study in Oregon suggests.

The survey of hospice nurses found that patients pick this means of ending life twice as often as physicians assisted suicide, which is legal only in Oregon.

The study further found that these patients are not depressed and typically die tranquilly, within two weeks.

The patients said they were ready to die, their quality of life was poor or they would be afraid to become so, and they saw no point in going on.

They also wanted to die at home and control the circumstances of their death, the nurses reported.

Nearly three-quarters of Oregon's 429 hospice nurses returned the survey. One-third of those who did said at least one of their patients had deliberately hastened death by stopping food and fluids during the previous four years.

Mental examinations, other reforms for Mississippi's death row stalled on federal appeal

JACKSON, Miss. — A federal appeals court has blocked a series of improvements ordered on Mississippi's death row, including mental health checkups, improved sanitation and ways of keeping inmates cool during the summer heat.

In May, U.S. Magistrate Jerry Davis held that a recall election and an election to choose a successor should be on the same ballot.

In other developments, Republican businessman Bill Simon, one of those considering a run for Davis' office, told KTCK-AM of Sacramento on Wednesday that a recall election was not likely to be held.

Lt. Gov. questions succession process as D-day arrives for recall of governor

By Erica Werner

LOS ANGELES — As a recall election of Gov. Gray Davis appeared near- ly certain Wednesday to qualify for the ballot, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante nor raised the possibility that he might not immediately schedule an election for a successor.

The secretary of state's office has long held that a recall election and an election to choose a successor should be on the same ballot.

In other developments, Republican businessman Bill Simon, one of those considering a run for Davis' office, told KTCK-AM of Sacramento on Wednesday that he would make an announcement Saturday.

Secretary of State Kevin Shelley prepared to certify the recall as early as Wednesday night as counties turned in their final petition signatures. A Los Angeles Times survey of counties found more than 70% had been validated, far more than the 87,158 required.

Davis, who would be the first California governor to face a recall election, predicted he would beat the recall.

"I've had all kinds of everything in my life and trust me, I've had more political obstacles written about me than you could possibly imagine," he said Wednesday on KFWB-AM.

Electoral results in California's 58 counties had 58 runs by Tuesday. Wednesday to finish counting 1.6 million signatures and verifying them through a random sampling process. If counties report more than 110 percent of the needed valid signatures, Shelley will certify that the recall has qualified.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante said he would call for a recall election as early as Sept. 23.

However, Bustamante said he would not issue a call at the same time for a recall election of the governor and an election for a successor.

The state constitution requires the lieutenant governor to set the date for a recall election of the governor and to call for an election to replace him "if appropriate."

After consulting with attorneys, Bustamante now believes the succession issue is unclear and the state Supreme Court should be asked to clarify the issue, his spokesman said Wednesday.

"He is going to set a date for the recall and wait for the commission on the governorship to clarify with the supreme court what direction we take on the succession issue," spokesman Deborah Pacyna said.

"Clearly this is unprecedented and he wants to make sure we do the right thing, and the right thing is to get the clarification necessary because the Constitution has a discrepancy," she said.

Candidates would have to file campaign papers at least 39 days before any election.

Figures posted on the secretary of state's Web site Wednesday morning showed 6,672,672 valid signatures submitted so far. But the Times survey found counties had validated at least 1,105,802 signatures by Tuesday even though some counties were not yet finished.

That is well above the 110 percent threshold of 986,858 signatures.

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Fee increase teaches students to look outside the bubble

When I entered Cal Poly in the fall of 1999, I paid $545 per quarter as a full-time student. The following year, the university took into account the consideration room and board, tuition and personal expenses. So I did the math: $10,205 multiplied by four (OK, five just to be safe) plus a few thousand to allow for inflation, and I came to the conclusion that the cost of my college education would fall somewhere between $50,200 and $50,300.

However, this quickly changed.

A few months after moving off campus my sophomore year, I realized that $250 per month would not be enough to share a room in an apartment, thanks to the skyrocketing rent in San Luis Obispo. I am not joking much more than twice that amount. Then, thanks to the energy crisis that approached that year, PG&EChairman ended up with all of my spare cash. By spring quarter of 2003, I was paying $919.50 per quarter. Now, thanks to the most recent decision by the California State University Board of Trustees, it looks like I will be paying something around $1,400 in the fall.

With the state economy reality it is, along with many other undergraduates considered attending graduate school, or at least applying as a back up plan if we couldn’t find a job after graduation. Thanks to the $522 increase in graduate fees, this may no longer be an option. I know some of you are expecting me to now begin a long speech about this crisis this town and university is in, but I don’t. I know that the cost of attendance here is much lower than at other schools. I know that the budget crisis is something that affects more than just Cal Poly, and more than just the CSU system. I realize that the students actually voted for this increase months before the state budget crisis and I am aware that there are some serious financial needs of students who cannot afford the fee increase. So, rather than spending the next several months ranting about this, I will make a few suggestions that I think may help.

I did not anticipate the budget cuts that quickly approached. I encouraged other students to be a bit less than myself and I undertook to go on outside of my immediate bubble before it surprised you.

Cathy Ayers is a journalism senior and Summer Mustang staff writer.

Letter to the editor

Giving partner AIDS is not an accident — it’s murder

Dear Editor,

By some obvious accident, the worst editor I’ve read in my life not only got published in the original paper (“HIV law invades suffer­ers’ privacy” July 10), but was recently reprinted on a Web site, www.collegelgbt.com, for national publication. How collegial saw fit to reprint this, I have no idea. I digress — that’s a letter to a different editor.

I am completely baffled as to what such a terrible medical thing must be. Saying it’s ridiculous that a person who knowingly infects someone else with a different form of medical thing is not being punished? What about AIDS? It’s the AIDS thing.

The only reasonable point Nader makes is that people should be using condoms in the first place. However, she states that AIDS victims are singled out when an infected person has sex with a non-infected person.

Does she not realize that regarding the new AIDS recipient’s poor decision making, the AIDS insect has essentially committed murder? Sex is, after all, premeditated choice, especially if Nader has any grounds to argue that people should not be thinking about using a condom.

Shouldn’t an AIDS patient also be thinking about killing someone? People make bad decisions on a daily basis, and it’s terrible when they’re just. Perhaps a driver decides to speed through an accident, or a pedestrian elects to cross the street too soon and cause one. Even in an accident, the person at fault is usually fined or punished, and we generally feel it is justified.

Knowing to give someone AIDS, or at the very least, knowing of an extremely high risk of acquiring this, is no accident, and should not be treated as such. While I am not arguing for making a public record of AIDS patients, the implication is that we’re wrong to punish someone for what amounts to murder and atrocity.

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Mixed drinks: An intoxicating art form

By Stephanie Ikel
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

A tall blonde wearing an outfit that leaves nothing to the imagination approaches a five-foot-tall man with a receding hair line and almost 15 ear-piercings. "Welcome to the beach please," the bombshell says with lust dripping from every word.

"I think the man says with a little crick in his voice. Never mind the fact that this is probably his ultimate fantasy.

This is not a proposition for a little romping around on the sand but rather for some vodka, peach Schnapps and juice. Mixed together, it is a "sex on the beach." At least the flowers alone could cost me $30."

"No problem," the man says with a smile. "Prep me and I'll sweep her off her feet but won't say 'screaming orgasm' and 'blowjob'

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"A guy who wanted to impress me would only need a romantic heart and a resourceful mind to create the ultimate first date.

"But you know the same old discussion on Shakespeare masterpiece of, well, alcohol.

"Let's talk. We have the kayak for two hours, but we're still not out of bed."

"About 30 minutes before sunset, head to Mission Rock above Avila Bay. Driving south on Hwy. 101, exit right onto Avila Beach Drive. Pass the San Luis Bay Drive intersection. Turn left onto Cave Landing Road and follow the road up to the parking lot."

"So, stop to clip a few of the flowers, you can see me again tonight."

"The flowers alone could cost me $30."

"Not so. Stop to clip a few of the flowers, you can see me again tonight."

"As we sail across the bay in a kayak for two and end up on a private sand spit. Just press play on your Walkman and let me listen to your music while you create a masterpiece of, well, alcohol.

"Let's paddle back across the bay and drive home to San Luis Obispo."

"At Mother's Tavern, there are about 110 different types of alcohol. But you know the same old discussion on Shakespeare masterpiece of, well, alcohol.

"Since most bars have their own way of doing things, "Every bar has their own way to set about the drinks. Bars like it when you do it like a "sex on the beach." At least the flowers alone could cost me $30."

"Then, let's paddle back across the bay and drive home to San Luis Obispo."

"We can float across the bay in a kayak for two and end up on a private sand spit. Just press play on your Walkman and let me listen to your music while you create a masterpiece of, well, alcohol.

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"When a fellow says it ain't the money but the principle of the thing, it's the money."
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were found to be the source of their infections.

Wellborn said Cal Poly is continuing to work with the California Department of Health Services, the California Student Aid Commission and the university's Office of Student Services to determine whether there will be any aid available to students who were affected.

Baker said he was in the process of asking people to leave when the police arrived and ticketed him. The Tuesday morning, said Paul Avantino at Yosemite Hall. The firelighter got special permission to use the pool as well as the Rec Center facilities on their down time, said Michelle Broom, marketing coordinator for Associated Students Inc.

“This is a unique situation by allowing the firefighters to use the pool but we are happy to let them take advantage of it in this heat,” she said.

When the fire was contained, all teams were released to return to their own fire houses.

University of California Santa Barbara has a similar program called the Community Service Organization (CSO). It consists of students working as liaisons for the Santa Barbara Police Department.

CSO patrols the campus year-round, reporting and assisting on emergency situations. They provide personal safety escorts on campus and in Isla Vista, and enforce the no-alcohol policy at the dorms.

The area around Foxchill and California boulders, have several problems because of the number of parties that occur, and the ease in which the area is accessible to foot traffic, Parkinson said.

The San Luis Obispo fire police have a regular liaison who goes to frat houses in that area to speak to them about how to have parties, without getting the police involved, Parkinson said.

"Officers don't like responding to party calls. We all reflect on what we do as kids," Parkinson said. "But, we are sympathetic to citizen complaints. We wouldn't want the same thing happening in the area we live."
Lakers' star getting bum rap (sheet)

The NBA's golden boy has been charged with a single count of felony sexual assault.

An unidentified 19-year-old employee of the Lodge and Spa in Edwards, Colo., accused Kobe Bryant of sexual misconduct the night before he scheduled knee surgery in Vail, Colo.

On Friday, Eagle County District Attorney Mark Hurburth filed charges against Bryant after two weeks of deliberation. If he is convicted, the NBA star will face four to 14 years in prison or 20 years to life on probation.

During a Los Angeles press conference on Friday, Bryant confessed his innocence while claiming his innocence to a contractual sexual assault. Bryant fought back the tears as he expressed his disappointment in himself and his wife and families. Bryant's lawyer, Pamela Mackes, stated during the conference that Kobe would plead innocent to the charges.

Despite the negative publicity that has fallen at the hands of the young star, Bryant has been respected for his integrity to the fans and senior and Summer Mustang staff writer.

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Valerie Angelo is a journalism senior and Summer Mustang staff writer.

Truthfully, the alleged assault does not comply with the athlete's previous behavior. Although Bryant has confessed to the sinful act of adultery, rape simply does not make sense. Why would a man of his stature have to force a girl into having intercourse with him? It is obvious that Bryant was not acting with his upright head, however, I find it hard to believe that someone who was so hard working and careful would ever harm another or force them into an unwanted act.

Furthermore, Bryant has taken responsibility and turned himself into the authorities. He has admitted to committing adultery and has allowed his actions to be scrutinized on national television. I do not condem the acts of Bryant, however, I do feel that money and fame are the true incentives to the story.

Bryant is a wealthy star that has been making headlines for years. I feel that Bryant has been the victim of a money-hungry kid that has captured the attention of the media. Bryant is a serious matter and I hope that the accusations made are false, however, if proven guilty Bryant will become the biggest let-down in the history of the NBA.

Big West basketball tourney changes look

By Sean Martin

Summer Mustang Sports Editor

If the Cal Poly men's basketball team wants to make another run at the Big West Conference Tournament title this year, it will have to take a different path to the championship game.

The conference announced July 16 it will institute a new format for its annual men's and women's basketball tournament in Anaheim, starting next year.

Cal Poly athletic director John McCauley and associate athletic director Alison Cone are in favor of the change because it puts so much emphasis on the regular season.

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That index is based heavily on the strength of a team's schedule. The RPI is one of the factors the NCAA uses when seeding teams for its basketball tournaments.

The opening-round games could eventually be moved to campuses to increase interest. This would not be feasible until the 2005-06 season, when the University of Idaho and Utah State University leave the Big West for the Sun Belt Conference, McCauley said.

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discussed the council members, the long Beach State sports information director and a marketing representative from UC Irvine to lead the 14-month investigation.

The committee recommended the new format and the Big West Council approved it.

Big West Conference commissioner Dennis Farrell emphasized the council did not feel the current system was flawed. They just wanted to make the event even better, he said.

"Cal Poly head women's coach Faith Minnium said one negative aspect of the new event is that it takes away the possibility of early-round upset and the excitement that brings. She said the change would make the second half of the season more exciting because a team's ranking is much more important than past years.

Minnium cited last year's women's conference play, where seeds three through eight were not determined until the last week. With byes on the line, the stakes are even higher, she said.

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"I want to do this as long as they give me the chance. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity... I have to do it," he said emphatically.

Anderson plans to return to Cal Poly in the fall to work on his environmental engineering degree, then back for spring training in March.

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### Burford returns to Chargers after solid NFL Europe campaign

By Stephanie Ikel

Former Cal Poly quarterback Seth Burford is back from Europe and getting ready for his second season with the San Diego Chargers.

Burford, 24, spent his off-season in Barcelona, Spain, as the starting quarterback for NFL Europe's Dragons. He improved his skills by playing in 10 games there.

"It was a great experience to be in Barcelona, and I gained a lot more confidence," he said. "Since I didn't get to play in any games for the Chargers last season, it helped me to play above the college level."

Playing in Europe was very similar to playing in the United States because most of the players were from a U.S. team or used to play for one, Burford said.

The Dragons finished fourth overall in NFL Europe. Burford completed 102 out of 175 passes for 1,054 yards.

"You cannot put a price on his opportunity in Europe," Cal Poly quarterback Joe DuPaix said.

Seth Burford, left, is shown practicing with teammate Cleo Lemon at Chargers' minicamp in June. Burford is listed third on the depth chart as he enters his second season with the team.

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### Shortstop has played for three farm teams in brief pro career

By Hillary Schuler-Jones

The phone rang at 7:30 a.m. and the voice on the line told him he would be moving to the other side of the country in two and a half hours. For the average person, the location would seem absurd, but for recently drafted Cal Poly baseball player Scott Anderson, it was just another perk of the job.

Anderson, a shortstop, was picked up by the Colorado Rockies in the 20th round of the Major League Baseball amateur draft June 4 and signed a professional contract with the team June 10.

His first post as a shortstop and second baseman with the A-League Tri-City Dust Devils in Pasco, Wash., lasted nearly a month before the surprise phone call July 10 sent him packing to the Tourists in Asheville, N.C.

"In the same day I was in two places I'd never really been before," Anderson said.

New experiences have been the name of the (ball)game for Anderson. Just two days after arriving in Asheville, he hit the road for a three-game series against the Savannah Sand Gnats (a Montreal Expos farm team) in Savannah, Ga., another unfamiliar location.

Anderson was impressed by the "old mansions and weeping willows" there, but was even more excited by his new home stadium, McCormick Field.

"It's really an amazing little park," Anderson said.

The field opened in 1924, and Ty Cobb christened it with a home run during the first game. In the following years, Babe Ruth and Jackie Robinson also made appearances at the plate.

Anderson may have carried some of that big batting history "(Scott's) handling it like a professional. He's a quality individual." - Joe Mikulik

Asheville Tourists manager

The hit was especially important for Anderson, who has had difficulty switching from aluminum to league-mandated wooden bats.

He hit .143 in 35 at-bats for the Dust Devils and is at .071 for the Tourists after five games. His career average at Cal Poly was .278.

"I've had to change my whole stance and how I approach the ball," Anderson said.

He is also learning to adapt to new situations off the field.

"In Washington, with the draft, half the guys were brand new. Here (in Asheville), the guys have been playing together for almost five months," he said. "This team has a real good chemistry."

Tourists' manager Joe Mikulik recognizes the difficulty that many college players have adjusting to different bats and new teammates. But Mikulik said he is confident that Anderson will do just fine.

"He's handling it like a professional," Mikulik said in a polite North Carolina drawl. "He's a quality individual."

While the rapid changes of the professional baseball business have been difficult to adjust to, Anderson is also enjoying the real perks of his job, including a growing fan base.

"Europe was very beneficial for the experience and that he got game time," The coaching staff at Cal Poly said they are not surprised Burford went on to play football at a professional level.

"Seth had the NFL ability," linebacker coach David Brown said. "He was a huge asset because of his leadership. He was the best player and the hardest worker."

When Burford finished his Cal Poly career he was the all-time passing leader with 4,282 yards and second in school history with 36 touch­down passes.

Burford, originally from Oakdale, transferred to Cal Poly from Idaho State University, where he completed 287 of 517 passes for 3,074 yards.

### Scott Anderson touring Rockies' farm system

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Scott Anderson has been struggling as a member of the Asheville Tourists. He is hitting .071 in his first five games.