Swimmer killed in great white attack

By Luke Darling
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

A 15 to 18-foot great white shark took the life of a local Nipomo woman early Tuesday morning in the waters off of Avila Beach.

While swimming about 75 yards off shore alongside a group of seals, Deborah Franzen, a 50-year-old Allan Hancock College professor, was attacked and pronounced dead after being pulled out of the water by several lifeguards.

The shark attacked Franzen twice, according to Sheriff's reports.

The bites and lacerations from the shark’s tooth produced a 14-inch bite upon Franzen's lower extremities and severed her lower femoral artery. This caused the severe loss of blood and eventual death, investigators said.

"The chance of survival with a femoral artery laceration is difficult — a person would need medical attention and support within one minute," San Luis Obispo County Fire Chief Mike Harkness said.

The fatal attack, which occurred at 8:23 a.m., prompted the closing of Avila Beach and both Pismo city and state beaches on Tuesday. The Port San Luis beaches will remain closed until today. If any future shark sightings are reported, the Port of San Luis will have to determine what the protocol will be, said Operations Manager Casey Nielsen.

Port San Luis beaches have remained closed after a local woman was fatally wounded from a shark attack.

Cal Poly continues winter enrollment

By Nadea Mina
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

All California State Universities except Cal Poly will be cutting enrollment due to California's budget crisis. About $15 million is being cut from the CSU system. Under the new budget, CSU will be losing a total of $345.2 million in 2003-04, according to a press release. As a result, most CSUs will not accept winter and spring applicants.

Because the Cal Poly Admissions Office planned for an impacted campus, the university will not have to turn its back on winter applicants, admissions Director Jim Maraviglia said.

"(Cal Poly) has always been impacted so there is no real change for us," Maraviglia said. "We have been managing this since the 1980s and our program hasn't changed." Although Cal Poly is planning to accept transfer students in the winter, spring applicants have never been permitted, Maraviglia said.

Last year, only a few hundred transfer students were accepted for winter quarter. About 9,000 out of 25,000 students were accepted for fall 2003, according to the admissions Web site.

Whereas other campuses didn’t have to worry about shutting their doors to students as much, Cal Poly employees Wayne and Carol Morris embrace at the on-campus memorial service for Cal Poly employee John Eugene Martin, who was killed in a car accident Aug. 10. Eugene had worked for custodial services for 30 years and was planning to retire in October.

Employee’s death mourned

By Hillary Schuler-Jones
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

"All they have to do is swipe and sit down. It's very easy.”

New machines track student bus riders

By Austin O’Dell
city transit manager

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The devices will help administrators at Cal Poly and the city transit department track how many Cal Poly students use mass transportation, O’Dell said.

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Summertime gives UPD break from crime

By Luke Darling
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

To a student, summer is a well deserved retreat from the stresses and pains of classes, exams and essays. However, as the campus slows down it creates a retreat for everyone, not just for students.

For the University Police Department and the officers in charge of safeguarding the campus and more than 18,000 students, the summertime is a big release from the thefts, burglaries and dorm violations during the academic year.

"It’s our big breath of air and relief just as it is for the students and the entire Cal Poly campus,” UPD officer Robert Eckrote said.

This summer, UPD officers have been focusing their attention on informing the Cal Poly community of the types of crimes to be aware of on campus and prevention methods when students and an increase in crime returns during the fall.

About 85 percent of the crimes on campus during the year are thefts. A majority of those crimes are bicycle related thefts. Last year alone there were 52 bicycle thefts, which resulted in $23,340 of lost value. The theft value from stolen bicycles was up 27 percent from 2003 and reducing the problem is a top concern for UPD, officers said.

"The problem is that most of the
News

The inside scoop on health happenings at Poly

A s finals hit, many students sacrifice sleep time for late
night study sessions with
an open book and a cup of coffee.
They decide to study until they
are too tired to keep reading
and
then take a quick rest.

News Column

Many students
are busy preparing
for finals. Some
bodies, full of anxiety over a
chemistry or senior-level engineer-
ing exam, are so stressed they can't
enter dreamland.

When a textbook alone isn't
effective enough to fall students to sleep,
some might consider using an
alcoholic beverage as a conven-
taneous "sleeping pill." Alcohol is
a central nervous system depre-
sant that impairs the body's abil-
ity to respond to stimuli.

However, a new study by sci-
entists in Canada shows a warm
trick for a good night's rest.
In fact, those who drink two to
three night caps before going to
bed usually fall asleep more
quickly, they are more likely to
suffer from frequent awakenings,
decrease sleep quality and
less deep sleep time than those who
fall asleep naturally. Plus, they
wake up earlier than usual and
don't feel as rested when they
are.

"I would drink, I would pass out, than I would wake up two
hours later and then I couldn't get back
to sleep for the longest time. I would keep drinking,
hoping I would pass out again, but it wouldn't
work."

Shawn Currie, the Canada
study's author, said developing
consistent sleep habits and
learning relaxation and stress
management techniques are bet-
er ways to promote quality rest.

The study, published in
Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research, was
designed to analyze the relation-
ship between alcoholism and
insomnia. People with alcohol
problems often have diffi-
culty sleeping when they are
active drinkers and when in
recovery.

Scientists monitored 44 men
and 19 women as they slept in
their homes for the study. The
sleepers kept daily sleep diaries,
answered surveys and wore sleep-
monitoring devices for two weeks.

Heavy drinkers aren't the only
ones affected by the study's find-
ings. College students are
often under high academic pres-
sure and may use alcohol to deal
with stress.

"I have a drink and then go to
bed all the time," industrial engi-
neering freshman Collin
Hamilton said. "It helps me get
relaxed after I'm done studying
and I want to fall asleep."

The majority of college stu-
dents are moderate drinkers,
according to the National
College Health Assessment, and
heavy drinking is not the norm.

Heavy drinking is not the norm.
Sixty-three percent consume an
average of four or fewer drinks
per week, according to the Core
Alcohol and Drug Survey
(Core).

The California State
University system is actively bat-
ting substance abuse. In May
2002, the CSU system received
almost $2 million in grants from
the State of California to curb
substance abuse problems among its stu-
dents.

However, many students still
struggle with alcohol. Over
300,000 of today's college stu-
dents will eventually die of alco-
hol-related causes like drunk dri-
ving accidents, liver disease,
cancer or heart disease, according to
Core.

For those having mild to
extreme difficulties with sub-
stance abuse, the Health Center
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for alcohol and drug counseling
services. Call 756-2511 for an
appointment.

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Bid to delay recall fails, Republicans lay out budget

By Erica Werner

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Simple as black & white: Gray Davis should stay

His history of political action makes him more credible than any of his opponents, including 'The Terminator.'

Many Californians agree that Davis should stay in office. Among them are some of the 135 candidates running in the recall. Democratic candidate Robert Gilchrist was among the many who gathered 65 petition signatures and paid the $3,520 filing for his voice to be heard.

"I think the recall is a terrible idea — the only legitimate vote in this one is for [Gray] Stamenita, because everyone else, including me, is an interloper," Calabrosi said. "Did this because there's no other choice for me to make an impact and that the recall is to as many people as I'm making it to for a small amount of money.

California's budget crisis isn't our governor's fault, nor will the crisis go away after Oct. 7. The state will need a leader with experience to address the budget deficit. Davis already has the experience and the job to work on over-turning economic recession, but not overnight.

Even though the U.S. Justice Department has given a green light to the recall, voters can be a positive influence in taking democratic action. When scanning through 135 candidates, one of who could be our future governor, remember who has the experience to run a state, not just the name.

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Playing the alphabet game

Basically, the recall election is embodying a typical high school election. Candidates have gained less media attention than the one's that receive random votes — probably their friends and family.

Althought the random assignment of candidates on the recall ballot may give representation to the less popular candidates, it will not take representation away from the most popular candidates. Therefore, it will have little significance in the overall outcome of the election except to eliminate some whining and complaining.

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Total recall: Gov. Davis deserves the boot

Need a reason to recall Gov. Gray Davis? Check out your bank account lately! You may have noticed the balance is a few hundred dollars smaller than it was a few months ago. That's roughly $250 million dollars more than likely went to Cal Poly to compensate for the lack of state funding coming in.

Maybe Davis should take Accounting 212. I'm not sure if he is ready for 214, so we'll start easy. I'm still possible he would learn the concept of keeping the money of an entire state in the black, rather than $38 billion of it in that pesky red color.

Or maybe that few hundred dollars missing from your bank account will pay your vehicle registration fees. Because if Davis stays in office, he is planning to automatically triple what you owe for those. But apparently the money going to help service the debt he put California in, so I suppose you are just doing your part to help out, Davis.

But this is no money saving move. Perhaps your bank account is smaller because of that extra money going to the energy company to pay for that little power crisis we had recently. I'm just assuming the fact that Californians pay the highest energy bills in the country isn't helping their saving getting any larger.

But personally there is another reason I plan to check the box to rescind an embattled state. But there's a lot of issues that I want to ask Davis. I am perfectly aware that most politicians aren't labeled "Honest Abe" anymore, but exactly how long did it take California to accumulate a $38 billion debt? I'm assuming longer than it has been since the last election.

Davis has been quoted as saying the recall effort is a "hostile takeover" by Republicans.

I couldn't agree more. Only I would add that it is also a "hostile takeover" by Democrats, the Green Party, teachers, soccer moms, family dogs and pretty much anyone else.

I couldn't agree more. Only I would add that it is also a "hostile takeover" by Democrats, the Green Party, teachers, soccer moms, family dogs and pretty much anyone else who would like to see the head of the California government in something other than a spend-a-holic and a compulsive liar.

Some say a recall will only destabilize the state even more. I have a feeling many lawmakers said the exact same thing when those annoying patriots actually wanted to be independent of England. My question is what do you have to lose? Don't know if any one person can fix the problems California carries, but I Do know that Davis isn't someone who is going to try. The election is coming quick and choosing someone else to run the state is a scary task. But with $38 billion in debt and a dishonest governor sitting with the state's checkbook, how can we afford not to?

Jessica Hoffman is a journalism senior and Summer Mustang staff writer.

Recall goes red carpet

As a recall election, it is a must for 12 percent of registered voters who voted in the last election to sign the recall petition. This means that more than a whopping 897,158 registered voters signed this recall petition, begging the question, "If current Gov. Gray Davis is so bad, why was he elected in the first place?"

If Californian voters took all see RECALL, page 5

"That's a good sports story — goose kicking."
Lack of U.S. intervention in Liberia has devastating results

The attention paid to the plight of the suffering masses of Liberia has been quite encouraging in light of the usual lack of attention when it comes to issues dealing with Africa.

President Bush's visit to Africa—where he made a commitment to help West African countries bring peace to war-ravaged Liberia—has also played a part in increasing the world's awareness of the situation. However, absent a few extraordinary circumstances—and Liberia may turn out to be such an instance—will the involvements be undertaken unless demanded by the American public?

America and the rest of the world have a role to play in Liberia, but it is time the Africans solve their own problems. Reliance on former colonial powers only seeks to affirm continual neocolonial intervention and domination in Africa. It points to the failings of Africans to resolve their own problems and heightens the chances that any major power will intervene in the future in another country—a rogue or failed state.

African countries should take the lead. Liberia's debt to the United Nations to bring an end to the Liberian crisis. Instead of looking to Washington, the Liberian government's primary request should be funds and logistical help, and a background role for the United States in an impartial U.N.-led coalition.

The resolution of the recent coup crisis in Sao Tome and Principe—along with other African situations—may come when the democratically elected government of Sao Tome and Principe—under the threat of a military attack by coopted leaders—sees a good precedent. Liberia presents another opportunity to stand up to the task.

I only hope this time the political differences are settled by the good people of this country for Charles Taylor, think about the innocent Liberians and stand up to the challenge. Shugon Otulana is a student at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.
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bicycles are not properly locked or the thefts occur when the bicycles are not even locked at all," UPD detective John Edds said. "People will spend a great deal of money on a high quality bike, but the type of lock they buy to protect that purchase just isn't sufficient."

Edds said the types of crimes on the Cal Poly campus are typical of any community where most of the population is between 18 and 24 years old. Thefts, burglaries and alcohol related incidents are the major disturbances during the year.

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The installations come amid discussions between Cal Poly and the city transit system on how to make busing more user-friendly for students. Long-term plans call for less complicated routing and later hours of operation.

Prior to the installation of the machines, bus drivers recorded the number of student riders manually. The city recorded about 316,000 student bus rides in 2002. The number may be closer to 375,000 because the department did not keep track of students during Free Transit month in September, ODell noted.

The new system will have little impact on students, ODell said. "All they have to do is swipe and sit down," he said. "It's very easy.

Student reaction to the change was mostly neutral. "I don't think it really matters," said James Garcia, a nutrition senior who rides the bus daily. Garcia said he doesn't think the system is being strictly enforced, since he has seen students using both the card readers and the old system. Other students questioned the problems that frequently occur with technology. "What if your ID card doesn't scan?" questioned biology sophomore Zachary Pappalardo.

ODell said bus drivers will continue to record student riders manually should a problem arise with an ID card.

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"Everything changes with incoming students, outgoing students and different people every year. We have to work with what we are presented with and just continue to do our job."

John Edds
UPD detective

On Saturday, August 23, we will be testing our early warning system sirens.

On Saturday, August 23, the San Luis Obispo County Early Warning System sirens will be tested to make certain they are in proper working order. The sirens will sound twice — at noon and again about thirty minutes later. The sirens will sound for about five minutes each time.

This is a test and does not require any action on your part. However, if you hear the sirens at any other time, turn the radio on to either 920 AM, 1400 AM, or 98.1 FM immediately. During the tests, these stations will be conducting normal programming. In case of an emergency, these radio stations and other area Emergency Alert System stations will broadcast essential information and instructions.

Remember, Saturday, August 23, it's only a test.

Inexpensive pets enrich student's lives

By Amy Hessick
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

A cute puppy or kitten may be the ultimate way to attract the opposite sex, but not all college students are responsible enough or have enough money to care for a pet that demands so much attention, time and money.

Enter the world of "alternative pets."

There are animals that can bring joy and companionship but are also low maintenance and fit into the college lifestyle.

Jenni Penfield, an assistant manager at Petco in San Luis Obispo, said the ultimate pet for the college student is a hamster.

"All you have to do is change the cage lining every 10 days and feed them," Penfield said. "They're very low maintenance."

Penfield also said hamsters are fairly popular among the college crowd.

"Strange enough, we actually get a lot of sorority girls coming in to buy hamsters," she said.

Not only are they low maintenance, but hamsters are also low-budget animals. They cost $8.99 at Petco and a hamster starter kit, which includes a cage, exercise wheel, bedding, water bottle, food dish and wood chews, is only $19.99. Hamster food costs about $3.50 depending on brand. All in all, hamsters are an inexpensive way to have a small furry friend, but keep in mind that they will live 3 to 4 years, so don't rush into anything.

Another inexpensive, although less responsive, pet is a fish. The cheapest fish is a goldfish at 12 cents, but the best choice for a college student is probably a Betta fish, which cost $3.49.

One benefit to the Betta fish is that in their natural habitat, they live in small puddles in rice paddies, so they like small spaces, making them a perfect apartment pet. A problem with Betta fish is that the more colorful varieties are predatory, so care should be taken when choosing companions for them.

Psychology senior Erica Williams found this out the hard way.

"I had my Betta, the Captain, in with a smaller fish, Jose," Williams said. "But I realized that maybe they didn't belong together when chunks started disappearing from Jose's tail. After I found out that the Captain was eating Jose, I had to put them in separate bowls."

Good college pets come in all shapes and sizes. Yet, it is important for potential pet owners to be realistic on the amount of time and money he or she is willing to spend.

Fish can be pretty, low-maintenance pets, but once you have an aquarium with different kinds of fish, there are more things to check on.

"With fish, you have to keep track of the acidity levels in the tank, and things can get complicated," Penfield said. "So maybe they aren't the best choice for students."

If these pets still seem too complicated and expensive, there is a pet solution that even the most broke, irresponsible student can handle: sea monkeys.

The only pet that comes in a packet, sea monkey kits can be bought for about $12 and include the sea monkeys, a habitat, food and everything else that is necessary to take care of these creatures. Sea monkeys prove that no matter the budget, there is a pet out there for everyone. It's important to choose a pet that can fit around students' busy schedules.

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Crafty ideas taken from camp classics

By Stephanie Ikel
Summer Mustang Staff Writer

Although summer is slowly coming to an end, there are still a few lazy days left. During many people's younger years, these days were filled with summer camp and structured activities. Nowadays many students choose to spend these days sleeping and nights in a drunken blase.

So if headaches and reruns aren't cutting it anymore, try tapping into your creative side by giving old camp arts and crafts favorites a new twist. Here is a list of the top four campfire crafts updated for college summers.

Keep your beer can cozy

Looking back on camps and the many campfires that were built, one thing always comes to mind: knitting. Instead of making a scarf that you would probably never wear, make a beer can holder. Ladies could have one in each color to match favorite outfits. Men could have one in the colors of a favorite sports team.

What's needed:
Yarn (in your choice of color)

Time: 30 minutes
Skill level: Anyone that can glue

Many childhood summertime memories took place around the old campfire. Bring those times back to life by giving an adult touch to some arts and crafts favorites.

Popsicle stick jewelry box

Don't let your used Popsicle sticks go to waste. While frozen treats tend to become a staple in the summer, make sure you get the most bang for your buck. Making houses and fences out of Popsicle sticks is so fifth grade, now it is time to step it up and actually make something useful. Popsicle jewelry boxes are not only easy to make but are a great place to store rings, necklaces and bracelets. This is not an activity just for the ladies. Men, try creating one for a girlfriend, mom or sister; sometimes handmade items are more appreciated than expensive items. Painting and decorating the box is also an option and depends on skill and time availability. Here is the low down:

What's needed:

- Popsicle sticks
- Glue (Preferably a hot glue gun)
- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Paint (Optional)
- Hinges for the lid

Time: 45 minutes, longer if you try creating one for a girlfriend, an activity just for the ladies. Men, try creating one for a girlfriend, mom or sister; sometimes handmade items are more appreciated than expensive items.

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The theme of the night could be: "A Finger Lickin' Good Time." It introduces to an otherwise slow night by making finger painting into a social event. Invite a bunch of friends over, including a crush or two old for a little arts and crafts. Aside from livening up a party it can also be considered a decoration. Here is the skinny:

What's needed:

- Construction Paper
- Stapler
- Scissors
- Fabulous ideas

Time: 20 minutes depending on how long you make the chain

Skill level: Anyone who can glue

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Rocky’s aiming to leave Izzy’s in the dust

By Valerie Angelo
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

New restaurant, same owners. Rocky’s Roadside Grill & Cantina serves up salads, burgers and chili. Portions tend to be big and many guests go home with doggie bags.

Rocky’s Roadside Grill & Cantina, now distinctly separate from the bar and dining area. The cantina’s wall is surrounded with televisions and has a bar fit for a king. In the center of the room a large pool table adds to the fun and energetic environment. While the cantina appeals to a more boisterous crowd, the dining area allows individuals to relax.

A typical burger meal includes a large salad, house fries and side of chili. The portions are extremely large and are filled with an exquisite taste starting around $10 including tax.

Happy hour takes place everyday from 4 to 7 p.m. It includes $1 off well drinks and draft beers accompanied by free chips and salsa. During Monday Night Football, happy hour is extended until the end of the game. Also included are finger foods, $1 kamikazes and contests. Along with Monday night specials, every Friday happy hour is extended until closing.

Rocky’s menu offers full course meals that range from salads and hamburgers to gourmet pasta dishes, from about $8.

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Although the prices may appear to be too expensive for the average college student, it is well worth the extra charge, Owens. The portions are large enough to satisfy a healthy appetite or send someone home with a extra meal. Thus far, the new grill has been a huge success.

“I would definitely go again,” Owens said.
University of California students must pay higher fees, for now

By Lisa Leff

SAN FRANCISCO — A group of University of California students that sued over recent fee increases will have to pony up the extra money, at least for now, a judge ruled Wednesday.

The San Francisco Superior Court judge denied the plaintiffs' request Wednesday for an injunction that would have blocked UC from raising degree fees for law, medical and other professional programs this fall, said Jonathan Weissglass, an attorney for the students.

In July, the UC Board of Regents voted to boost student fees by 25 percent across the board, but the lawsuit brought by 10 students from UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC Davis sought relief only for those already enrolled in professional degree programs such as law, medicine and pharmacy.

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Sports

Cross country runs to forget

By Sean Martin
SUMMER MUSTANG SPORTS EDITOR

The Cal Poly men’s and women’s cross country teams have been run­ning, but not just to prepare for the upcoming season. The squads are trying to put distance between them­selves and last season’s disappoin­tment.

Disappointment is a relative term though. The men’s lockdown came when they were not extended an invitation to the NCAA Championships. They were ranked 26th in the country at the time and coming off a third-place finish in the West Regional. The women had to suffer through an entire season of disaccretion including a sixth-place finish in the Big West Conference Championship.

Newly-hired head coach Mark Conover should help the squads. The former NCAA Division II champion has been a Cal Poly asst­tant for seven years and is a former Olympian. Trials marathon champion. He will try to make the individual athlete better while creating a posi­tive team environment where ath­letes can push each other in training, Conover said.

“It helps to know you have good training partners,” he said. “There are times a runner will be feel­ing good and push the others in prac­tice, or they’ll be times where they will have to be pulled along by their training partners.”

Both teams will train to improve their pack running so the top five to seven runners finish within 30 sec­onds of each other, senior Kathryn Schlegel said.

Conover said group running is the key to a successful cross country team.

Department’s silver lining is that it provides inspiration to its suf­ferers.

The men’s team will attempt to earn a better position than last year’s third-place finish in the national championships, senior Ryan Moorcroft said.

The team will also look to turn last year’s runner-up finish in the Big West Conference to a championship this year.

Newcomers Marlo Macias and Phillip Redd bring the team in that pursuit if they do not decide to redshirt, Conover said.

Macias was the state junior col­lege cross country and 10,000 meter champion last year at College of the sequoias. Reid won last year’s state high school championship in cross country, as well as the mile and 5,000 meters.

The women will have last season’s results in the back of their head to inspire themselves as they train, Schlegel said.

The team will try its hardest to get back to top form, or “die trying,” Conover said.

Schlegel’s response mirrored her coaches’, saying the team is capable of victory and is trying its hardest to attain it.

“If we run to our potential as a team, we can win conference,” Conover said.

The men’s team will attempt a second place in the conference sea­son records with 25 goals and 55 points.

Cal State Fullerton features last year’s third-place finisher UC Irvine, Niece of these runners is forward Mark Conover said. Group running is the key to a successful cross country team.

The Cal Poly men’s soccer team looked all around the world this year for new players to end its los­ing streak.

The team signed an offensive player from Germany and recruited seven other players last June to attempt to improve their squad. The move was designed to offer the Mustangs’ four seniors a look at experience and results since joining Division 1 in 1994.

The incoming players are needed to improve on a record low 14 goals scored throughout the season. That is an average of 0.37 goals per game.

Along with coming in last place in the Big West Conference, the team was also last in six of eight statistical categories.

Last season ended on a sour note for the Mustangs who lost seven straight games to finish with a 3-16 record. The Mustangs lost five of their last six games, lost the previous low mark by three games.

“We are coming off of a very poor year record-wise,” head coach Mark Gartner said. “This year the roster added some experienced veterans and overall should be a mature team with more defensive­ness than in previous years.”

The news was that the Mustangs only graduated two play­ers and will return 16 starters.

Leading back into forward Maria Jones who led the team with four goals.

The team added Andreas Abeleen from Penna, Germany, Danny Calderon, Jeff Furring, Joseph Hallinan, Vincent Liccaridi, Casey Peston, Matt Robinson and Anthony Santas.

“Practices are going fantastic,” senior defenseman Brian Reed said. “Everybody’s back and healthy with a new attitude.”

The Mustangs ultimate goal is improving finishing. Despite the team’s record, Mustang players had exactly as many shots (233) in oppo­nents.

“We will not do our best but the coaches feel the same posi­tive attitude from the players.

“The players are very optimistic about their life and they have fun.”

Kevin Kline is hoping for their players to step up this year, Ellerson said he pre­dicted the entire team will be successful.

Cal Poly is unique in its athletic program because of the grade stan­dards set up for the athletes. The players have to balance a full load of classes as well as practices every morning during the season.

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Football back in trenches

> Mustangs hopes confidence translates into wins

By Stephanie Ikel
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Volleyball ready to spike

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