**Black History Month**

**Mardi Gras parade is what they look forward to**

**By Amy Kocot**

It is once again time for Mardi Gras festivities and for many San Luis Obispo residents, the Mardi Gras parade is what they look forward to most. This year's Cal Poly float, headed by a crew of about 60 volunteers, is themed "Greek Gods and Goddesses.""The parade will be downtown Sunday, Feb. 22. By Meghan Reerslev

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**By Kendrick J. Carson**

The National Association of Schools of Music recently awarded an unqualified five-year accreditation to the Cal Poly music department. Above, choral groups prepare for a performance Sunday.

This year's float and presentation includes the entrance fee for the float. Field trips are also complimentary.

The float will meet both weekend events before the Feb. 22 float presentation.

Students pulling the float in the parade will wear trains, sandals and festive face paint. The float's Resination, which helped last year's float win "Best Music on a Float" honors, will play on the float again. Sign-ups to join the committee continue through Tuesday.

The joining fee is $20, which includes the entrance fee for the float into the parade, as well as all other rental and supply fees.

The crew takes the activity seriously, but business senior Garrett Mann said they also knew how to have a little fun.

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"Aunt Jemima" is a stereotypical role that many as the woman on the Quaker Oats' pancake mix and syrup bottle. Overly plump and jolly, the image fosters familiarities and generalities about black people. Through the years, the term has become derogatory, invoking grotesque images despite racial equality efforts.

Denise Campbell, Cal Poly's special assistant to the provost for university initiatives, spent 500 hours sewing a quilt that depicts her perception of the true Jemima. The quilt, titled "Would the Red Jemima Please Stand Up and Claim Her Heritage?" is part of an exhibit that opened Jan. 22 at the Gallery of the American Bible Society in New York City.

Campbell said she designed the quilt to minister to others and help heal a racial divide. The message of the quilt was inspired by an Old Testament Bible verse.

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**Beyoncé early leader in Grammys**

**By Nekesa Mumbi Moody**

LOUIS ANGELES — Beyoncé captured a record-tying five Grammys on Sunday for her solo debut album "Dangerously in Love," while Justin Timberlake had two and apologized for his role in Janet Jackson's Super Bowl flash.

Jackson's breast-baring at the hands of rapper Timberlake remained the major subplot, as CBS and Jackson offered conflicting reports about why she was not at the telecast. And CBS, which also televised the Super Bowl, hosted a five-minute delay on the "live" broadcast to avoid any more scandals.

"I know it's been a rough week on everybody," said Timberlake, stalling a self-deprecating laugh while accepting the award for best male pop vocal performance for "Cry Me A River." He brought his mother as his date.

"What occurred was unintentional, completely regrettable, and I apologize if anyone was offended," he said, adding: "This is officially the greatest moment of my life."

The 46th annual awards show began at 3:55 p.m. with Prince — a former rock king in his 1980s heyday — performing "Purple Rain," marking the 20th year of the groundbreaking song and album.

Beyoncé, wearing a tight dress with a feather skirt that fleetingly revealed her pink panties, joined Prince on his role in Janet Jackson's Super Bowl flash.

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**Students concerned about budget**

By Katie Schiller

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Free hot dogs can’t fix the talk of budget cuts at ASI’s State of the Student forum Thursday.

With an expected 7 percent cut, summer school and college budgets are in jeopardy.

“Few classes will be offered during the summer, mostly lower division and general education,” said Alison Anderson, ASI president and civil engineering senator.

Each academic college is expecting a 5 to 9 percent cut. Students can help decide where the money will go and should have an active voice in their college, Anderson said.

Dramatic registration and scheduling changes are also under consideration. One suggestion is to allow students to only sign up for 14 units in the first round of registration until everyone has registered, Anderson said.

“This lets students with 12th priority have a better chance of getting the classes they need,” she said.

Another option is shortening the add/drop period from two weeks to one week. Some faculty are concerned that in the case of classes that are already oversubscribed, missing two weeks will put the student away behind on work, Anderson said.

Also, GIVER, the automated registration system, might close after the first day of classes so that only the professor can add students, she said.

The State of the Student forum earlier this year addressed club issues. ASI hopes to have a plan online by the end of the spring and to give clubs more freedom with their accounts, Anderson said.

“We are trying to minimize the hoops clubs have to jump through,” she said. “Students are details and do what they want anyway.”

One student expressed concern about rules for barbeques and their effects on smaller clubs. Sometimes a club holds an event to make profit but are shut out by a bigger club who is offering free food, said Davina Gonzalez, environmental engineering senior and president of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

“Clubs that try to follow the rules get screwed,” she said. “We schedule events but have no control over the clubs that are actually charging.”

ASI also used the forum to announce a voter registration drive and their goal of getting 2000 students to vote.

“If more students are concerned enough to vote, people might pay attention to us when they’re cutting the budget,” said Olga Berndal, ASI vice president and journalism senior.

As well as the upcoming primaries in the presidential election, Proposition 55 is on the table.

“It Proposition 55 passes, we will get money to replace building 52 (the spider building) and the architecture building,” Berndal said. “We could have better facilities for labs and a better use of space.”

The executive staff of ASI is working on events like the forum for student feedback.

Students are encouraged to express their opinions by emailing ASI at asi.calpoly.edu or visiting room UU 202.

**California farms: bigger but fewer**

**New report by U.S. Dept. of Agriculture shows average size grew about 6 percent**

SACRAMENTO (AP) California farms are getting bigger, but there are fewer of them, according to a new report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The agency’s Census of Agriculture, a statistical snapshot of farms around the nation in 2002, shows the average size of California farms grew about 6 percent since 1997 to 347 acres.

But during the same period, the number of farms in the state fell from 87,991 to 79,029, according to the report.

The number of California farms selling more than $500,000 in goods annually rose 3.3 percent during the same period, while the number of farms selling $25,000 to $499,999 in goods fell 6 percent, according to the report. The number of small farms selling less than $25,000 a year in products dropped 14 percent.

Daniel Sumner, a professor of agricultural and resource economics at the University of California, Davis, said the trend toward larger farms is no surprise.

“Generally, for just about any industry you want to name, the trend is the same,” Sumner said.

“Farms are getting larger to add value so they can stay profitable and wage-competitive,” Sumner said.

Sumner said measuring farm size by annual sales can be misleading because different commodities sell at different prices, but he said the numbers still accurately reflect a tendency in agriculture toward larger state operations.

The added size helps provide the capital needed to attract people who can run modern farms, he said.

“As the industry has become more technologically intensive, you need people who know finance, marketing and human resources,” Sumner said.

“More and more people on farms are the kind of people who would be making good money outside of farming. They’ve got to make a pretty good income … to stay in it.”

**SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Professor Scott Nord, a sociologist, said he was impressed with the turnout.

Nord moved from the small country, which is surrounded by South Africa, to the United States in 1994.

“Everywhere we go, blacks, whites, Asians, whatever group you talk to, they talk about the same thing: the amount of hate and racism,” Nord said.

December’s elections were a turning point for Sonoma State, he said.

“People are less willing to accept the status quo,” Nord said.

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BOSTON — Hundreds of opponents of same-sex marriage gathered Sunday on Boston Common to show support for a proposed constitutional amendment that would define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

People held banners that read “Let the people vote,” “Marriage, ancient, sacred,” and “Homosexuality is not normal” as they were entertained by live music.

Speakers lined up for the rally included some of the state’s most high-profile gay marriage opponents, including Archbishop Sean O’Malley of the Roman Catholic Boston Archdiocese and state House Speaker Thomas Finneran.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A van and a Mercedes were shot minutes apart on an interstate Sunday in a region where a series of 21 sniper shootings have occurred, investigators said.

The gamma ray scans consistent with the sniper shootings along Interstate 270 south of Columbus, based on initial evidence, said Franklin County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Steve Martin. He is seeking short • of linking the two shootings to the serial gunfire.

No injuries were reported in Sunday’s shootings, which happened about 1:30 a.m. on Interstate 77 near Jeffersonville, about 40 miles southwest of Columbus, said Jerri Redfern, a dispatcher with the State Highway Patrol.

LOS ANGELES — NASA Opportunity rover took microscopic images Sunday of a bedrock outcropping on the surface of Mars that scientists hope will answer questions about whether the rock could have formed in water.

The images will help scientists understand what the environment was like when the rock was formed, said Jim Erickson, deputy mission manager.

Opportunity’s camera spotted the outcropping, which is about 50 feet long and a foot high, within days of its Jan. 24 landing. It is the first bedrock outcropping seen on any Mars mission.

— Associated Press

AGHDAD, Iraq — U.N. experts met with Iraqi leaders for the first time Sunday to discuss the chances of holding early elections as Prince Charles made a surprise visit to Iraq and expanded its first military deployment to a combat zone since World War II.

In fresh violence, insurgents attacked separate U.S. Army convoys with explosives, killing one soldier and wounding three others, witnesses said.

The soldier was killed when a roadside bomb exploded near Mahmoudiyah, 20 miles south of Baghdad, a military spokesman said. No other details were available.

— AP

ST. MARC, Haiti — Hundreds of Haitians looted TV sets, mattresses and sacks of flour Sunday in this coastal town, one of several communities seized by armed rebels in a bloody uprising against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Using felled trees, flaming tires and chair cushions, residents blocked the streets into St. Marc, a day after rebel leaders drove out police in gunbattles that killed two people. Many residents in the area have formed neighborhood groups to back insurgents in their push to expel the president.

At least 18 people have been killed since armed rebels began their assault four days ago, setting police stations on fire and driving officers from the key city of Gonaives along the Caribbean Sea and several smaller nearby towns.

— Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed "appréciation" for Pakistan's investigation into nuclear proliferation to Iran, Libya and North Korea in a call to President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, an official said Sunday.

Powell will visit Pakistan "shortly," a top government official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The United States has refused to publicly criticize Pakistan for leaks of nuclear secrets to countries included in President Bush's "Axis of Evil."

Instead, Washington has praised the investigation and called Musharraf's decision last week to pardon Khan after the scientist's televised apology an internal matter.

— Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Members from the Georgetown University Students for Justice in Palestine raised a 20-foot-high wall in Red Square on Wednesday to protest the 400-mile wall being built by Israel around the West Bank.

Students rallied to oppose the wall that would encircle parts of the Palestinian territories, saying that half of the land to be lost would be annexed to Israel. Protesters affirmed that the annexed land would result in severe economic and social implications for Palestinians in the West Bank and that U.S. tax dollars be used to support the wall's construction.

Samer Owaid, an executive board member of Students for Justice in Palestine, said that the protest "was the hopelessness and the frustration in this breach of international law and barrier to peace."

Owaid said the protest had been very successful.

"Many people were supportive. It was important to get our message out because there hasn't been enough debate on the topic," Owaid said.

— University Wire

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2 pm...........Mike Mike............Palm tickets

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New York City is a centerpiece for the human experience, and I was drawn toward it like an insect to light.

Last autumn I left the security of a small town existence to serve an internship with "20/20" and "Primetime" ABC News in Manhattan.

The city is intimidating from the outside, and it frightened yet fascinated me. Dense metallic structures seemed to exude an inaudible tone of ambition, ruthlessness and privilege. I was afraid it would devour me.

Once inside, I quickly grasped that my inhibitions were unjustified. Those in search of an exciting and successful life seemed to be in the city, creating a web of human desire and dreams. I was part of that web, and it united me with the immigrants, artists, businessmen, celebrities and even the homeless.

I spent three months with some of the greatest industry professionals in the national news network, including Barbara Walters, Diane Sawyer and John Stossell. Their insights provided me with much about the broadcast news industry, but I found more value and truth about human life on the streets of Manhattan.

New York City is a place of life, a bed of history and a wealth of diversity. Walking down every street, one is confronted with so much magnificence in terms of architecture, human interaction and lifestyles that it inevitably forces the observer to accept diversity. So many people come to the city for a better way of life, or for a better career, that makes New York essentially a hub for personal change. It changed me. I can now live life knowing that there is humanity waiting for me to document.

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**Mighty Ducks** more about drama than sport

**By Kendrick J. Carson**

Film based on 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team lacks actual on-ice action

**IN REVIEW**

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LOS ANGELES — Mel Gibson said he needed to renew his life inspired by the biblical epic "The Passion of the Christ."

"I've been offered every kind of excess that money and fame brings, and it's not good enough," Gibson said Saturday before 3,800 invited guests at evangelical Azusa Pacific University.

"I've shown it to many Jews, and they're like, 'It's not anti-Semitic,'" said Gibson, who directed, co-wrote and financed the $52.5 million film. "I've shown it to many Jews, and they're like, 'It's not anti-Semitic.'"

Gibson plans to open the film in August.

By David Germain

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Movie-goers are feeling good about hair and hockey.

Ice Cube's upbeat sequel "Barbershop 2: Back in Business" debuted as the top weekend movie with $25.1 million, while Kurt Russell's inspiring hockey tale "Miracle" opened at No. 2 with $19.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The family flick "Catch That Kid," about a girl who organizes a bank heist to pay for her father's surgery, opened at No. 6 with $6 million.

The overall box office fell, with the top 12 movies grossing $92.8 million, down 9 percent from the same weekend last year.

Playing in 2,711 locations, "Barbershop 2" averaged a strong $9,259 a theater, compared to a $7,464 average in 2,605 cinemas for "Miracle."

"Barbershop 2" brings back Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer and the rest of the gang from 2002's hit comedy set in a gossipy hair joint on Chicago's south side. With positive reviews, the sequel has a good shot at topping the $75 million total gross of the first "Barbershop," which took in $26.6 million over its opening weekend.

Blacks made up almost all the opening-weekend audience for the first film, while non-black crowds accounted for a third of viewers at "Barbershop 2," said Erik Lomis, head of distribution for MGM, which released both movies. That was a sign the sequel may have more long-term crossover appeal than the original, Lomis said.

"Barbershop 2" also introduced Queen Latifah in a small role as a salon owner next door, the setting for her own spinoff movie, "Beauty Shop," which MGM plans to release around Thanksgiving.

"Miracle" stars Russell as hockey coach Herb Brooks, who led the U.S. team to an upset victory over the powerhouse Soviets in the 1980 Winter Olympics. Distributor Disney hopes "Miracle" will have the same staying power at theaters as the studio's previous sports-themed successes, "Remember the Titans" and "The Rookie."

"We all like a dose of feel-good," said Chuck Vanas, Disney head of distribution. "It's interesting to have a movie in which people know the ultimate ending, yet they're on the edge of their seats. You'd swear you were at a sports arena because the audience is so into the game."

"Barbershop 2: The Dreamers" debuted with $35,078 at five theaters in New York City and Los Angeles, scoring an impressive average of $7,016 a cinema. Rated NC-17 for explicit sex, "The Dreamers" is a coming-of-age story about twins and their new American friend in 1968 Paris. "Osama," an Afghan drama about a child beggar in Kabul under Taliban rule, also opened strongly with $53,220 on four screens in New York City and Los Angeles, averaging $13,250 a theater.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released Monday.

Summertime and the living can be easy

While you're on the beach with nothing to do, you can take a red marker and circle all the errors in the Summer Mustang newspaper. Do this — we all know it doesn't legally necessary to defend the sanctity of marriage — we all know it is men is hiking to quash these errors in the Summer Mustang newspaper.

Then if you're feeling really ambitious you can rewrite the articles with the correct spelling, grammar and punctuation and send it to the editors, since all of you seem to think you could do a better job of producing this fine publication. Oh, if you finally realize that now the loss of journalism major and don't have the skills to put this out today, you can just settle for completing the crossword puzzle. We know that New York Times puzzle can be a doozy, but our university is in the top-notch rung of the intellectual ladder — there is no excuse but to finish it.

For those more active summer participants, we have an idea that will get you all wet. Nothing says summer more than a Slip 'N Slide with 20 of your closest friends. If you need a good place to let down, the business lawn, with its soft grass and perfect slope, is a good venue since we know there won't be many classes to disrupt. Don't forget to invite us.

Here's an idea for all the engineering majors out there — keep doing your welding skills over the summer. If you need something to practice making, you can always try duplicating Janet Jackson's nipple-thing. After all, the sun-burn design did look fairly intricate. Don't be afraid to show off your skills, and market the end result to some Poly Dillies.

Then we have the esteemed faculty of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. You didn't think we left you out, did you? The faculty definitely needs to relax the rules of that bath tub and get down to the good times roll. That's right — with all the extra time, forget about catching up on all the reading you've been wanting to do and let the good times roll. There's no shame in that.

Steve Hill and Chrisy Roth are journalism seniors and Mustang Daily columnists who intend to accomplish all of the above tasks (well, except for the welding part). Know any good ways to fill the summertime in SMTP? Email them at QuitnBitchin@Plychymail.com.

Bush statement is 'troubling'

Imagine every young person who is already having these young people hearing Bush's words. His statement could only serve to crush any confidence and self-assurance that they may have had so far in showing young homosexuals back in the closet and into a world where they have lived in far too long, a world where they are viewed as different simply because of their sexual orientation.

Let's turn the tables on Bush for a moment. Make him a regular citizen, and suppose the president — the leader of this country — came out and said he and his wife Laura could not be married. Would denying their love be fair? Would he not do all he could represent his hope for the future of his country?

Yes, we will say homosexuals should not be together, pointing out that their relationships are marred by irresponsibility and infidelity. But has it ever dawned on anyone that society may have pushed this position on them? By denying them outlets, they are shouldered with tremendous social pressure to conform. Thus cannot help any relationship they are trying to establish with a person of the opposite sex.

What this boils down to, then, is basic human decency. The Massachusetts high courts have recognized this need for decency, but the president has not. By denying homosexuals the right to legally bind their love and commitment, they are also denied their constitutional rights as people. It does not matter if a union is between a man and woman, man and man or woman and woman.

The collective population cried "impeach!" at the birth of former President Clinton's sexual misconduct, yet no one but an eye at Bush's late speech. His deplorable words undermine his trust as a leader, as he no longer represents the liberties of his followers and serves to enforce the morals of the religious right.

This, more than any court ruling, is "deeply troubling."
Cal Poly: Show me the culture

Opinion

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Cal Poly: Show me the culture

S o, it's only six weeks into the school year, but you just received your grades, maybe two of your midterms back with less than desirable results, and to top it off, you have to register for classes for next quarter.

This daunting task may include choosing a major or changing your mind. With all the stress avoided for the past couple of quarters, maybe registering for a class that you are unsure about is a reasonable choice.

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are going to fall or choose classes that fulfill only the major requirements but your general education requirements as well.

Let's take a closer look at these GE requirements.

They are all classes we have taken before in our primary or secondary school years. English, history, math and science spiraled with some new tech

According to the Virtual Advisor on the Cal Poly admissions Web site, 27 percent of the Cal Poly population belongs to ethnic groups. I don't know how this survey was taken or what is considered an "ethnic group." I know of at least 427 different races, far from the ethnicity of Caucasian, Asian, Hispanic, African-American and American Indian.

The classes focus on issues of "diversity, equity, ethnicity and ethnicity and the problems facing contemporary society.

But in four years at Cal Poly I've witnessed a new wave of蔑ven being influenced by the phrase "Got Waxx?" to advertise their services.

The week-end filled thousands of seats, but this paper did not mention it or its discussions about how to sell a band through a slipcover. It's disappointing that every issue this commentary brings up things last week. Sadly, the majority of people reading this paper doesn't know that.

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More letters to the editor

Advisors should spark dialogue

Editor,

This letter is in response to Sarah Bencos's letter, "Monologues ads offensive" (Feb. 4). That's the point. No one is saying they aren't offensive or that they shouldn't feel that, but it's not simply put, their point. They aren't meant to be seen as offensive to the community. The purpose of putting away "Vagina Monologues" is to have important dialogues that we often repress in our society.

"Cunt" is an advanced word, a word that women are not supposed to talk about sex. We are all humans — we all have needs, wants and desires, but for some reason, it's okay for one sex to express themselves more than the other.

Sarah, you said you were going to attend a production of "The Vagina Monologues" before you use the "use of such a vulgar and offensive word in its advertisements." It's probably more important now than ever that you still attend and try to understand why that word offends you so much in the first place.

Pam Gidwani is a graphic communication senior.

"Monologues will educate

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Bush expected to find WMD

By Deb Riechmann
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush denied he marched America into war under false pretenses and said the U.S.-led invasion was necessary because Saddam Hussein could have developed a nuclear weapon.

"I don't think America can stand by and hope for the best," the president said. Bush suggested Saddam may have destroyed or spirited out of the country the banned weapons the Bush administration cited as a main rationale for the war.

"I expected to find the weapons," Bush said in an Oval Office interview broadcast Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." 

"Standing behind this desk, making a very difficult decision of war and peace, I based my decision on the best intelligence possible," the president said. The interview was taped Saturday.

Bush also was asked about fugitive Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks whom the president had pledged to get "dead or alive." 

"I have no idea whether we will capture or bring him to justice," Bush said.

The interview, his first on a Sunday talk show since taking office, came as the president's approval rating has dipped to 47 percent, according to an Associated Press poll taken in early February; that compares with 56 percent just months after the White House election.

The appearance followed weeks of criticism from Democrats over the failure so far to prove Iraq's cache of weapons.

"I strongly believe that inaction in Iraq would have emboldened Saddam Hussein," Bush said. "He could have developed a nuclear weapon over time — I'm not sure immediately, but over time ... We would have been in a position of blackmail. In other words, you can't rely upon a madman." 

Also on the foreign-policy front, Bush said "diplomacy is just beginning" with North Korea. The United States and its allies are seeking to persuade the communist nation to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

"We are making good progress," Bush said. 

On domestic issues, Bush said his tax cuts were responsible for the "an economic rebound." He dismissed news reports that there is no evidence he reported for National Guard duty in Alabama during the summer and fall of 1972, during the Vietnam War. 

"There may be no evidence but I did report; otherwise, I wouldn't have been honorably discharged." 

Bush expressed indifference about polls that showed him trailing the Democratic front-runner, Sen. John Kerry, of Massachusetts. "I'm not going to lose," Bush said. "I don't plan on losing." 

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**Men fall to last in Big West**

**By Kendrick J. Carson**

A perfect start could not overcome a flawed finish for the Cal Poly women's basketball team.

The Mustangs lost Saturday to the University of Idaho 70-59 at Mott Gym. The Vandals thundered them to sleep with a half-court game and accurate shooting.

"They really shot the ball well," said head coach Faith Mimnaugh. "They ran a total motion offense all game and just killed us off the ball by setting effective back screens."

The Mustangs exploded out of the gate, hitting five-of-eight first six shots, including a deep three from sophomore guard Courtney Uphoff. The game remained close in the first half until a six-minute scoring drought for Cal Poly. The Vandals capitalized, taking a commanding 40-22 lead into the half.

"We need to play up to our level," junior forward Katy Paterson said. "In order for us to win, we have to get in sync and hit our shots. Just did not happen tonight."

Paterson led the Mustangs with 12 points, six rebounds and three assists. Idaho had two players who scored in double figures, guard Leslie Mitchell and forward Emily Faurholt. Faurholt topped all scorers with 24 points and Mitchell chipped in 18 points.

"Mitchell can move really well with and without the ball," Mimnaugh said. "She is the catalyst of their team."

Though the Mustangs weren't victorious, they did have some bright spots. Their bench outscored Idaho 30-8, and they had 23 second-chance points to Idaho's six. The Mustangs also pulled down more rebounds, notchting 46 total boards to Idaho's 41.

"We just did not stay focused on the game plan," freshman point guard Sparkle Anderson said. "We wanted to play half-court defense and try to stop the passes to the wing. We see how we played tonight was a learning experience."

The women plan to use the game as a quick lesson before their next game. They will face conference powerhouse UC Santa Barbara on Saturday in Mott Gym.

"Losing games is always disappointing," Mimnaugh said. "This is our first home loss suffered and is significant. However, I am improved with our program and team chemistry. We are still in a good position in the standings and I am proud of this team."

**Freshman guard Sparkle Anderson gets roughed up against Idaho.**

**Mustangs split doubleheader**

**By Dan Watson**

Once the opening-day jitters evaporated, the offense finally awoke for the Cal Poly softball team.

The result was a 4-2 win over with Colorado State. After being shut out 1-0 in Thursday's opener, the Mustangs triumphed over the Rams 3-1 in the second game of the doubleheader.

"Overall I'm pleased with how we did," said Cal Poly coach Lisa I3oyer. "Certainly we wanted both games, but we just needed to settle in."

The Mustangs kicked it off in frustrating fashion, watching Kerry Farrell home run sail over the left-field wall for Colorado State's winning run.

The lack of offense spoiled an otherwise solid relief pitching effort from Mustang Jennifer Grover. The right-hander gave up only three hits over five innings.

In the 12th inning, Casie Vanderbeek wound up with a complete game without an earned run.

Colorado State's only run came early after two quick errors.

**Tennis upset averted**

**By Brian Kent**

Cal Poly scored its first run of the season in the second game when Teresa Miller singled hard up the middle to bring home Chelsy Stoufer.

The Mustangs took their first lead of the season when Randi Sperry worked the count full before hammering a solo home run over the left-field wall in the third inning, putting the Mustangs in front, 2-1.

"I was waiting for it," said Sperry, referring to the pitch she hit out. "It's always good to have some insurance runs."

Meanwhile, Vanderbeek settled down on the mound, avoiding trouble until the sixth inning when two batters reached with one out. But Vanderbeek struck out Ram Melanie Lafflanni and got a groundout to get the Mustangs in front, 2-1.