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GEORGE BRAND • 1923 — 2004

Educator dies of cancer

By Emily Wong

Longtime journalism department lecturer George Brand died Monday morning of esophageal cancer. He was 81.

Brand was diagnosed with cancer last month and passed away at 9:30 a.m. in his San Luis Obispo home, near campus.

Neighbors would see him walking to campus in the morning and in the afternoon he would wander into the Mustang Daily newspaper to greet students and call his wife to come pick him up.

In his 34 years at Cal Poly, he taught a variety of journalism classes, including agricultural communications this quarter.

"He was unique among all the other journalism teachers because he came from the old school," said journalism teacher Jeff Schnobir, who is currently enrolled in the class. "He had an aura about him that he was obviously experienced, and the way he taught showed it."

Brand came to San Luis Obispo from Redding, where he was the managing editor of the Redding Record-Searchlight. He became editor of the Telegram-Tribune (currently The Tribune) and began teaching classes while maintaining his position at the paper. One of the classes he taught was mass media law.

"He taught media law while he was either here or teamed up at that time the Telegram-Tribune was being used for law," said The Tribune's editorial page editor and Cal Poly alum Bill Morem. "It was a case that lasted three years... and it was summertime dumness."

It was experiences like this that made Brand a teacher who taught beyond the textbook.

"He was the ideal news writing teacher," journalism senior Jacob Jackson said. "He gave you a broad platform for what you needed to learn for all of your journalism classes. I felt confident after I left his class."

As editor at the Telegram-Tribune, Brand was considered a "liberal ecologically friendly editor," and he wasn't afraid to stand up for his beliefs.

"He overview the paper in a really interesting way," Morem said. "He see BRAND, page 2

Research moves online; no more books

By May Wong

SAN JOSE — These are nearly days for encyclopedias. At libraries, the volumes sit ignored for days on end as information-seekers turn busily away at nearby computers.

Even in the warmth of a loving home, that set of hard-bound books that once represented the crown tool of a good education gets the cold shoulder.

"Sometimes my mom uses it as a coaster," said high school senior Andy Ny of Daly City, Calif.

In the age of the Internet, encyclopedias are gathering dust, and most families with young children don't even consider buying the space-hogging printed sets anymore. Even digital versions struggle for attention.

Michael Gray's home computer came pre-loaded with Microsoft Corp's reference software, Encarta, but the seventh grader from Milpitas, Calif., has never used it. He prefers doing research online, where information from a vast array of sources comes quickly, and for the most part, for free.

"Like many students, his first Internet stop is Google. "I find information really fast," says his student assistant in the economics and finance department George Ramos.

The study notes several reasons for the increasing prices. Publishers often sell "bundled" textbooks with extra learning material like CD-ROMs, Web site access codes and workbooks. Many times, the textbooks are not offered without the extra material.

"In a recent book order, the newest editions all came with supplements and there wasn't a choice to order the book without," international management major Rachel Rotondo said.

She is a student assistant in the economics and marketing department and places teacher's orders for books to El Corral. "Professors don't choose (to order the extra materials) per se," she said. "It's usually optional."

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that they need to take in order to graduate.

It was a decision made by the faculty to cut the foreign language requirement. Though Ramos uphold the decision the faculty made, he was disappointed to see the requirement go.

"Personally I oppose it," Ramos said. "Knowing how to speak a foreign language is how I earned my reputation."

Ramos, a three-time Pulitzer Prize winning reporter, won two of his awards prizes because of his ability to speak Spanish. Other changes to the journalism curriculum include concentrations in print, broadcast and public relations, as well as some additional classes into the major requirements.

The new curriculum is "much more reflective of what's going on in the industry today," Ramos said. Liberal studies has taken away some foreign language due to strong requirements from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Not many college programs in California still make foreign language mandatory and due to new requirements some things had to be removed to balance it out, Hellenbrand said.

The second reason was the reduction of requirements, which "squeezed out" modern languages and literature. Most of the students already have a couple years of foreign language completed when they arrive at Cal Poly, Hellenbrand said.

Hellenbrand would prefer that the department keep the requirement but recognize a good candidate with the teaching credential requirements.

Liberal studies department chair Susan Duffy declined to comment. Although journalism and liberal studies lost their foreign language requirements, speech communication picked it up for multiple reasons.

Because we live in an "increasingly multicultural world, it's important for students to have facility in a language other than English," said speech communication department chair James Morales. "I earned my degree in French, and I wanted to make sure that students had an opportunity to take French classes." Hellenbrand would prefer that the speech curriculum is a good idea because the program is training students to engage in writing and communication, and they should have a grasp of another language because the United States is so diverse.

Another change speech will see is a slight reduction in free electives — from 26 to 23.

In addition, first 201/202 will be made a support course, but will satisfy the general education area D4. This is because students should have a background in social science, Conway said.

When finals are over...

"When Lives are Over"

"When Lives are Over" is a program that will air on the internet, during the end of the school year. The program will feature interviews with students, teachers, and other community members. It will also include a segment where students share their memories and thoughts on their time in school.

One of the main goals of the program is to honor the contributions and legacies of the students who have graduated. It will feature interviews with former students and their families, as well as faculty members and staff.

The program will also provide an opportunity for students to reflect on their experiences and what they have learned during their time in school. It will encourage them to think about their future and what they want to achieve after graduation.

The "When Lives are Over" program will be available to watch online, and will also be broadcast on local television stations. The program will be hosted by a team of experienced journalists and media professionals.

The "When Lives are Over" program is sponsored by the local community, and is supported by donations from local businesses and organizations. The proceeds from the program will be used to support local education and community initiatives.

The "When Lives are Over" program will be a unique and meaningful way to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of our graduates, and to honor the impact they have had on our community.
**National Roundup**

**NEW YORK** — Martha Stewart thanked viewers of her television shows and readers of her magazines and Web sites for their support Monday after meeting with a probation officer following her conviction for lying about a stock trade.

She made the remarks at a lower Manhattan courthouse, where she met with a probation officer. The meeting came as stock in her nameless empire continued to slide and the bond of her company was gathering to discuss life without the domestic diva.

Stewart was convicted Friday along with stockbroker Peter Bacanovic. Both are expected to get 16 to 18 months in prison when they are sentenced June 17.

**WASHINGTON** — The FBI DNA database, filled with genetic samples from prison inmates nationwide, has helped local authorities identify suspects in more than 11,000 cases, an examination of FBI records shows.

The database, known as the Combined DNA Index System or CODIS, has helped solve two of the most notorious cases, including the two-decade-old remains of a missing California child and a sexual predator who remains uncaught to this day.

Just as important, police and lawyers said, it has forced prosecutors wisely convicted of crimes and helped detectives quickly eliminate wrong suspects, saving manpower chasing false leads.

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush's appointment of former Alabama Attorney General Winton Pryor to the U.S. Appeals Court during a congressional recess may be unconstitutional, a continued Senate Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Bush on Feb. 20 gave Pryor an almost two-year stint on the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, calling him a "leading American lawyer" and saying Democrats had used "unprecedented obstructionist tactics" last year to stop his confirmation by the Senate.

The appointment came on the last day of Congress's weeklong President's Day break.

**WASHINGTON** — Relatives of three terrorism suspects held at the Navy base in Cuba on Monday urged President Bush to release the prisoners for trial in their home countries, saying the indefinite detention is taking a toll on the prisoners' mental health.

The family members, who journeyed to the capital from England, France and Germany, said each of the detainees is being "kept like an animal in a cell" with little sleep and no information about why they are being held.

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**World Roundup**

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti** — U.S. Marines shot and killed a gunman during an outbreak of gunfire at a weekend demonstration by Haitians celebrating the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a spokesman said Monday.

The gunman occurred during an anti-Aristide march Sunday, prompting Marines to return fire in the first armed action of their week-old mission to stabilize Haiti.

At least six other people were killed and more than 30 wounded in the worst bloodshed since Aristide fled Haiti Feb. 29 and U.S. and French peacekeepers arrived. The death toll rose to seven after one of the wounded died overnight.

**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip** — Hamas threatened revenge Monday, after 14 Palestinians were killed in the deadliest Israeli raid in Gaza in 17 months.

Among the dead were 11 militants and three boys between the ages of 8 and 15, and 214 people were wounded. The fighting near the refugee camp Sandy pulled hundreds of Palestinians with anti-tank missiles and grenade launchers against Israeli snipers and troops firing from helicopters and tanks.

In new fighting Monday, a 16-year-old Palestinian was killed by army fire. The spike of violence in Gaza came weeks after Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he would withdraw from most of the strip if peace efforts remained stuck.

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Iraq's Governing Council signed a landmark interim constitution Monday, a key step in U.S. plans to hand power to Iraqis by July 1.

Within hours, Iraq's top Shiite cleric issued a fatwa religious ruling calling the decree a sin, and a dispute that delayed the signing was not over.

Before an audience of prominent Iraqi and American civil and military officials — including top U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer — 21 of the 25 council members signed the document on an antique desk once owned by King Faisal I, Iraq's first monarch. Representatives of the absent four signed on their behalf.

**HARARE, Zimbabwe** — Zimbabwean human rights authorities have seized a U.S.-registered cargo plane carrying 64 "suspected mercenaries" and military equipment, the Home Affairs minister said Monday.

The Boeing 727-100 was detained at Harare's main airport late Sunday after its owners allegedly made "a false declaration of its cargo and crew," the minister said.

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**College Roundup**

**HUNTINGTON, W.Va.** — The Marshall University Student Government Supreme Court ruled unanimously against Amendment One Thursday afternoon, stating that it violates the Student Government Association Constitution.

The Court cited Mellen v. Bunting in which justices of the U.S. Court of Appeals said the practice of a recitation of a prayer before meals was a violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Because the student "did not have a choice in being part of the recitation," the Student Court believed that only a meeting of a "local group, it could be prepared for an organization to recite prayer, thus making them a captive audience.

"I do think it's important for what people believe, but you can't force that on other people," said former Judge R. Williams.

In the decision, the Student Court ordered that the Amendment be taken off the March 9-10 election ballot and the Senate cease and desist from opening any further meetings with a sponsored prayer.

SCA Vice President Seth Murphy said that he was very disappointed, but he has to respect the ruling.

"This case proves what the supporters of the amendment have said all along, we need the Prayer Amendment to protect the right to pray publicly on this campus," Murphy said.

—WVS Services

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**student fee referendum**

**April 14th and 15th**

**Two separate proposals**

1. **Increase Health Services Fee**
2. **Increase ASI Fee supporting student athlete scholarships**

have been approved for a student referendum on April 14th and 15th

The following Open Forums have been scheduled where students can ask questions and learn more about these two important proposals:

**Monday March 15, 8:30-9:30 a.m.**
**Tuesday March 30, 8:00-9:00 a.m.**
**Wednesday April 7, 3:00-4:00 p.m.**
**Thursday April 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Location: UU 220**

Additional information including an objective statement, financial analysis, pro and con statements, sample ballots, and polling times and locations are now available on the web, by clicking on the link located on Cal Poly's home page (www.calpoly.edu).

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(870 Foothill Blvd.)
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Drive Through Location on Campus
(Mt. Bishop Rd, off of Highland)
March 15-19
9:00am - 5:00pm

Dexter Lawn
March 15-19
8:30am - 4:30pm

Front of El Corral
March 11-12  March 15-19
9:00am - 3:00pm  7:30am - 6:00pm

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(back of El Corral Bookstore)

Sell your books and receive a coupon for
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Cal Poly ID Required for Buyback

*See store for details
Mad Caddies guitarist Sascha Lazor (above) riled up the packed crowd at SLO Brewing Co. (below) last Tuesday.

‘HUNGRY for quality punk ...’

Last week’s Mad Caddies show proves that the Central Coast music scene is thriving

By Spencer Marley

Mad Caddies guitarist Sascha Lazor relaxes in a small booth, sweat-drenched and exhausted from their hour-long set. He sips his Coors Light slowly and contemplates the bands’ upcoming tour.

“We have, like, two days to get up to Vancouver,” Lazor said. “Then we go all the way across Canada, over to Belgium for one show and then we’re gonna get lost in Australia.”

The Mad Caddies, a self-proclaimed reggae and Dixieland-influenced punk band, gave a pre-tour show at SLO Brewing Co. last Tuesday. The band played to an all-ages audience on a bill that also featured Irish Car Bomb and Thrashing.

While an audience comprised of mostly local teenagers packed the club, the Mad Caddies threw down song after song of high-energy punk. Their two-piece horn section was a refreshing change from the standard guitar and drum barrage of most punk bands.

The fresh edge of the Mad Caddies caught on quick with Tuesday’s audience. After a long set, the crowd screamed for more and the band responded, returning from backstage to play two more songs.

The five members of the Mad Caddies grew up in nearby Santa Ynez.

“It’s nice to play locally, but usually our crowds are just as enthusiastic here as they are worldwide,” Lazor said while alternating between catching his breath and sipping his drink.

Local punk godfather Edly Numbskull joins Lazor at the table. Numbskull puts on punk shows all over the Central Coast from his Ventura-based operation. Numbskull proceeds to open his book and check the times and locations of his next shows.

“It’s a really interesting scene you have here in San Luis Obispo,” Numbskull said. “The kids really don’t seem as spoiled when it comes to these kinds of shows as they do in L.A. They’re more hungry for quality punk shows.”

He agreed the Mad Caddies were the perfect band to get the San Luis Obispo punk fans fired up.

“Tonight was a perfect example of the scene here,” Numbskull said. “The band was done, the kids were screaming for more and they came back to play.”

The punk scene Numbskull has helped to create came to San Luis Obispo far later than to the rest of California. Numbskull remembers the first major concert, featuring Santa Barbara-based Lagwagon, which took place in 1994.

“We’ve been going 10 years strong, and we’re not stopping anytime soon,” Numbskull said. “Major bands are making San Luis Obispo a stop on their itinerary now.”

The Mad Caddies’ presence and the crowd’s reaction certainly does verify Numbskull’s hypothesis.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Australia, kids are screaming for one more song. The Mad Caddies will give it to them.
Wilson, Stiller resurrect 1970s in ‘Starsky and Hutch’

- Pimps, cheerleaders and cocaine standard fare for cop drama turned spoof

By Thomas Atkins

As the cheesy 1970s movie started off in the beginning of “Starsky and Hutch,” I wasn’t sure what to expect. To be honest, I had never seen or heard of the apparently popular cop show on which this movie is based, yet I soon realized that this didn’t matter. What mattered was that I was entertained for an hour and 40 minutes, and I walked away pleased with what I saw.

The reason was not because it was directed by Todd Phillips (“Old School” and “Road Trip”). It wasn’t because of the story line, cool cars or hot cheerleaders. It was because Owen Wilson and Ben Stiller are funny. Sure, they have done some lame movies alone (“The Big Bounce” for Wilson and “Along Came Polly” for Stiller), but they were able to “totally redeem themselves” by reuniting and letting their comical chemistry shine together like “Zoolander” and “The Royal Tenenbaums.”

Although the movie gets its inspiration from a cop drama, “Starsky and Hutch” is basically a comedy-action film that really isn’t about anything more than several funny antics darting between different adventures. This movie works well because of the comedic knockout punch the all-star cast delivers.

The movie revolves around the lives of Dave Starsky (Stiller) and Ken “Hutch” Hutchinson (Wilson), who are undercover cops in a metropolis called Bay City. Starsky is a tough, over-achieving, leather-jacket wearing cop who lives by the motto, “When you cross the line, your nuts are mine.” Hutch, on the other hand, is a cop who resembles Wilson’s usual roles of being more laid back and cool.

Because of the over- and under achieving behaviors of Starsky and Hutch, the two crimefighters get into trouble with Captain Duby (Fred Willamson) and are forced to become partners. From this point, they roam the streets in a red 1974 Ford Torino hot rod trying to solve the mystery of a body they found floating in the bay. Their investigation leads them to cocaine dealer Reese Feldman (Vince Vaughn), who has created a kind of cocaine that can’t be detected by police dogs.

To find more information about the criminal, the partners go on all kinds of adventures looking for answers. Sometimes they dress up in hilarious costumes; other moments find them playing it straight so they can hit on the scandalous cheerleaders played by Carmen Electra, Amy Smart and Brandy Raderick.

Most of their clues, though, come from their reliable informer Huggy Bear (Snoop Dogg), a pimp who knows what’s going down on the street (hopefully his music is better than his acting because Snoop Dogg’s whistle didn’t make the movie any more entertaining).

There was one actor, though, who, as always, made the movie more enjoyable — the incomparable Will Ferrell. As in “Zoolander,” Ferrell plays another abstract character, this time a perplexed prison inmate named Big Earl, who has a weird obsession with dragons. Although the scene with Ferrell is short, it is definitely unforgettable and twisted.

Overall the movie was what it claimed to be very funny. I would say out of all the Wilson and Stiller movies, “Starsky and Hutch” is most comparable to “Zoolander” (it even has a similar dance-off scene, only this time it’s disco), but I haven’t made up my mind which one I like better. Out of four laughs, I’ll give it three and a half — ha, ha, ha.

Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson go undercover in the big screen adaptation of “Starsky and Hutch.”

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Associated Press

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McDonald's measure won't cure America's obesity

Letter to the editor
Create a public outcry

Editor,

"All that is required for evil to triumph is that good people do nothing." The numbers of recent accounts of police brutality appall me. Police officers are given power to keep order, not to take our violent frustrations on them. It's been known for many years that there are displays of prejudice and cruelty and against minorities. For whatever reason, in San Luis Obispo the students seem to be the targeted "minorities." We've been profiled as troublemakers and in disrespect. For those of you who experienced this firsthand, the one thing that you should say is that I'm not particularly want to wear.

So, what we need is the golden rule of life, moderation. Nobody likes a glutton, but I'd prefer the company of others. Restoring good graces to the companionship of the nutcases who "women's rights" seems to think that life is about keeping ahead in a foot race with death.

Ryan Merrymann is a writer for The Reveille at Louisiana State University.

Opinion
Women battling for political equality

There's a certain amount of respect that women should garner when they amass tremendous power in a modern society, both political and business. In a country where children are told that extreme success is achievable to anyone willing to put forth the effort, these women should be paradigm-setting icons to anyone willing to accept an estrogen-charged ideal.

However, because of their success, women aren't given credit for their prowess in their accrual of power. They instead become unsettling, as cold, calculating and sinister paradigms — as cold, calculating and sinister evil.

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So, what we need is the golden rule of life, moderation. Nobody likes a glutton, but I'd prefer the company of others. Restoring good graces to the companionship of the nutcases who "women's rights" seems to think that life is about keeping ahead in a foot race with death.

Ryan Merrymann is a writer for The Reveille at Louisiana State University.
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Haitians get lost in the political fray

Now, pay attention because I'm only going over this once. In the nine years since Jean-Bertrand Aristide and his government were overthrown, the people of the Republic of Haiti, economic and quality of living developments have been almost nonexistent even as human rights abuses have run rampant. "Race against the gang of regression," argues Karen Penn 0. Principe. The legitimacy of Aristide's 2000 victory itself is questionable due to a dispute over contested results in Senate races, setting the stage for the contention that reached a boiling point in Haiti last week. Aristide is gone, his ragged tail between his legs. Good riddance.

Upon Aristide's disposal from office, Haitian Supreme Court Chief Justice Boniface Alexandre was sworn in as president, while American, Canadian and French officials declared a "new day" in Haiti. This is the sort of global shrug and oblivious to the realities of suffering at the hands of despots. The Bush administration and the Republican right are trying to take away our rights. Whether or not they believe same-sex marriage is immoral is their decision, but they should not be imposing that moral stance onto us. This country is not about agreeing on morals or morals; it is about allowing the freedom to choose our own beliefs and morals. Their only basis for believing same-sex marriage should be illegal is that they believe it is morally wrong and not what God wants.

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**Fugitive caught after four decades**

JAMESTOWN (AP) — A California man on the run for nearly four decades said the day officers came to arrest him at work he felt better than he had in 25 years.

"There is always a light on in your head," said Donald Johnson, who escaped from a Tuolumne County jail in July, 1967. "You want it to be over, but you don't look forward to going back. So you just keep going, carrying the load.

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By Chris T. Nguyen

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The lawsuit names Shelley and Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento and Santa Barbara counties, where the largest population of disabled people live.

"I listen to the news, and it makes me not want to vote because I can't do it myself," she said.

Touchscreen voting poses problems for other voters during last week's state primary election.

In San Diego County, touchscreen voting machines available that are equipped to handle disabled voters were not made available because of the computer program took much longer to load than officials had expected.

After three days of walking along the Stanislaus River, he was picked up by a pair of fishermen.

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A winning end to season

TV time: Win over UC Irvine clinches berth

By Kendrick J. Carson

The Cal Poly men's basketball team secured the eighth seed in the Big West Tournament with their 70-62 win over the UC Irvine Anteaters Saturday night in Mott Gym.

The Mustangs improved to 11-15 overall and 6-12 in the Big West Conference. Senior forward Varnie Dennis scored 27 points. He hit 15 of 15 shots from the field and sank six of eight free throws.

If the Mustangs had lost the game, it would have been a better end for the careers of three seniors as Cal Poly would have failed to qualify for the Big West Tournament.

"We did not want to be in this situation," senior guard Eric Jackson said. "Our backs were against the wall. Each of us played with a lot of heart tonight, and we knew that we were not going to go out easily."

Jackson led the Mustangs with five assists to complement his 8 points. It was his final game in Mott Gym, along with Dennis and senior forward Shane Schilling, who added 14 points and seven rebounds.

The game was close during the early moments, with several lead changes and a nail-biter early in the game by driving on the court after a loose ball and scoring eight of the Mustangs' first 18 points.

"I try to sacrifice my body for UC Irvine."

Women earn highest-ever tourney seed

By Spencer Marley

Freshman point guard Sparky Anderson led a quartet of double-digit scorers with 14 points to lead the Mustangs to a 78-71 victory over UC Irvine.

With the victory, Cal Poly wrapped up the fourth seed in next week's Big West Conference women's basketball tournament.

Sophomore guards Courtney Uphoff and Jennifer Dover each scored 13 points while junior forward Kate Paterson had 10 as Cal Poly improved to 14-13 overall and 10-8 in the Big West. The 14 wins are the most for the Mustangs since moving to Division I 10 years ago.

SPENCER MARLEY/MUSTANG DAILY

Samantha Waller returns a shot in Cal Poly's upset of UC Irvine.

Poly tennis upsets Anteaters

By Spencer Marley

The Cal Poly women's tennis team defeated UC Irvine for the first time in a decade on Saturday. The Mustangs beat the Anteaters, who were previously ranked No. 61 in the nation, 7-0.

Junior Ashley Thompson explained the intensity of the team's rivalry with UC Irvine.

"Even though we won Big West last year we didn't get to play UC Irvine in the first half. We were very fired up for the match."

Coach Chuck Brehm was pleased with the team's performance against such tough competitors.

"It was really gritty match, but we pulled through it and won," Bream said. "I don't feel like we played our best in doubles, but everyone put in extra effort to win singles.""

Bream cited Noelle Lee, Carol Erickson and Kristen Gehle as having exceptional matches against their UC Irvine opponents.

The most exciting match of the day was between Cal Poly sophomore Samantha Waller and UC Irvine's Tiffany Chang.

The Mustangs' No. 1 player fought back and forth with Chang to win the final two sets of their match.

"It was really great to see all our practice pay off," Waller said.

Baseball sweeps Wolfpack

BY SPENCER MARLEY

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Trivia

Texas State

How many at-large bids are available for the NCAA Tournament?

Send answers to: sports@calpoly.edu

When was the first Big West Conference formed?

Congratulations to our contest winners! We all make sick!