City Council votes against extending fines

The San Luis Obispo City Council voted Thursday not to extend triple fines through March 2. The motion was presented by San Luis Obispo Police Chief Deborah Linden in response to the possible related Mardi Gras celebration known as Poly Gras. Since the motion failed to pass, fines will be set at the same amount as they were before Mardi Gras weekend. Student representatives from the Associated Students Inc. spoke out against the extension, saying it would only widen the gap between the students and the community. For the full story on the city council vote, check out Monday’s edition of the Mustang Daily.

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Cal Poly grad hanging low after a long coaching career

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This is the third part in a three part series examining how the conflict between academic freedom and limited university and state resources has precipitated changes to move students through their degree faster and make them find more of their own education.

As politicians and administrators play out the battle between academic freedom and limited resources on a philosophical and economic level with hypothetical situations, the individual colleges within Cal Poly engage in hand-to-hand combat with these issues in a very real student body.

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The chancellor’s office has been pushing to reduce the minimum number of units to get a baccalaureate degree from 186 to 180 quarter units since 2000. This request can be denied, though, if there is justifiable reason that a particular program would deteriorate in quality from such a change, said David Conn, vice provost for academic programs and undergraduate education.

“The lower number of total units you require, in principle the faster a student can get through,” Conn said. “In practice, students don’t end up with just the minimum number of units they are required to get.”

Nearly half of the majors available at Cal Poly (27 majors ranging from physics to theatre) have reduced their minimum required units since 2000. Some have made cuts in just one category, while others have made cuts across the board.

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“Students do while they are here,” Conn said. “We are doing it to help the student, said interim associate dean of the College of Engineering Ummy Menon. “It is a stick that you do not want to use but the purpose of that is to encourage.”

Administrative probation is a fairly flexible tool available to the colleges to urge students toward graduation, unlike grade point average determined academic probation.

Executive Order 823 from the CSU Chancellor, which functions as a sort of administrative bible on the matter, dictates that a student may be placed on administrative probation for failure to comply with an academic requirement or repeated failure to progress toward the degree objective.

It includes as an example “failure to complete a specified number of units in a condition for making satisfactory progress in the academic program.”

“It allows a fair amount of latitude to the dean to impose that kind of probation because it leaves undetermined what it means to say repeated failure to progress toward the stated degree,” Conn said.

Cal Poly rushes students through

Each college has its own methods of dealing with students that take units not related to their major

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SLO rings in the year of the rooster

The Chinese new year celebration began Wednesday and will be celebrated for 15 days

Thao X. Tran Mustang Daily

Chinese culture and traditions crossed this week to celebrate and welcome the new year of the rooster. The Cal Poly Lion Dance Club performed at the Golden Gong restaurant on Wednesday.

The traditional performance with vibrant colors, rhythmic drum beats and gongs represent luck and prosperity.

“The lion dance brings luck for places especially restaurants and businesses where we come to bles,” drum major for the club Michael Huynh said.

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High school students taste Poly life

The annual Pre-Collegiate Symposium is a two-day event aimed at increasing applications from disadvantaged teenagers
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Two hundred high school sophomores invaded Cal Poly Thursday night and took over McPhee. Today they will be in colleges all over campus.

But, it’s for a good cause: diversity. Students from partner schools around the state were invited to the annual Pre-Collegiate Symposium for a two-day look into life at Cal Poly in an effort to increase applications from students with disadvantaged backgrounds.

The event is a sort of mini-WOW to get the sophomores excited about college, said English senior Julia Ando, one of the group leaders.

“It gives them a goal to work toward,” Ando said. “It gives them a chance to put college in.”

The annual Pre-Collegiate Symposium took place in the residence halls, which acts as a mentor and lends floor space for a deeping bag.

This year for the first time, there are freshmen in the dorms who participated in the program when it first began three years ago, including several who have become hosts themselves.

Thursday’s activities included bowling, “casino night,” rock climbing and a late-night game of capture-the-flag. Today’s activities are devoted to the more academic aspect of college life with tours and workshops in the various colleges on campus.

Last year, the most popular colleges were engineering, science and math. For Cal Poly students, it may be just another tour group; for most of the visitors it is their first exposure to a college campus. Many students in the program have never even been away from home before, Ando said from previous experience.

The state legislature set up a program to fund college preparation partnerships like the one Cal Poly has with 45 high schools across the state. School counselors at each location chose 10 students to attend the symposium. But due to funding, only 22 of those groups were invited.

All are “Cal Poly material,” Admissions Officer Melissa Pierce said. A minimum 3.5 grade point average was required to participate.

However, even bright students with high GPAs sometimes do not make it into the state university system. Some areas of the state send few students to state universities because of poor economic conditions or other factors. Often these areas have higher concentrations of ethnically diverse students and those who would be the first in their family to attend college.

The symposium helps such high school students to overcome these disadvantages by answering their questions and making sure they know what courses and tests fulfill entrance requirements for Cal Poly.

“This is a huge recruitment effort for us,” Pierce said.

Other similar programs through the Office of Admissions and Recruitment support these students later when they are admitted to the university.

Units

Satisfactory progress is a minimum of two major or support classes (at least six units) with no more than one course per quarter that does not count toward graduation (which could be more than one course not to exceed four units), according to the Engineering Advising Center Web site.

This has led some students to dance around probation by playing little games, physics professor Richard Sauer said. For example, a student might take two outside classes one quarter and receive a warning letter the next quarter only one non-major course, repeating this process several times before having to sign a contract, which if broken would mean dismissal.

This policy caught the attention of physics professor Ron Brown when he served as an engineering program reviewer.

“I don’t think college policy should prohibit the best students from pursuing their goals,” he said.

He sent a memo to the upper echelons of the administrative hierarchy at Cal Poly and has raised the issue in the Academic Senate.

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Republicans pushed the measure through on a 261-161 vote despite protests from governors and state motor vehicle departments that it would be too costly and would require them to take on the role of immigration officers.

NEW YORK — A veteran civil rights lawyer was convicted Thursday of crossing the line by smuggling messages of violence from one of her jailed clients — a radical Egyptian sheik — to his terrorist disciples on the outside.

The jury has been deliberating off-and-on over the past month in the case of Lynne Stewart, 65, a firebrand, left-wing activist known for representing radicals and revolutionaries in her 30 years on the New York legal scene. The jury deliberated 13 days in all.

Stewart faces up to 20 years in prison on charges that included conspiracy, giving material support to terrorists and defrauding the U.S. government.

JACKSON, Miss. — Stretches of Mississippi highways in three counties would be renamed for victims of the nation's most infamous civil rights killings under a bill approved Thursday by the state Senate.

A stretch of Mississippi 19 near Philadelphia, believed to be the site of the murders of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, would be renamed for the three civil rights workers ambushed and killed by the Ku Klux Klan in 1964.

A reputed former Klammam Ray Killen, was recently indicted in the case.

WASHINGTON — Assuming he can hold the momentum from his nuclear tests, North Korea announced Thursday it has missed three filing periods, giving material support to terrorists.

The communist state's statement against an increasingly hostile administration dramatically ratcheted the stakes in the 2-year-old nuclear confrontation and posed a grave challenge to President Bush, who started his second term with a vow to end North Korea's nuclear program through six-nation talks.

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Resisting forcefully to Hamas rocket and mortar fire in the Gaza Strip in defiance of a cease-fire with Israel, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas dismissed his top security commanders Thursday and sent a message to the militants that he will not tolerate further truce violations.

Abbas' action among about 20 senior officers who lost their jobs were the top two commanders, Brig. Gen. Abdel Razek Majajid, chief of public security, and police chief Shab al-Ajaj, security officials said, a clear sign that Abbas is serious about enforcing the two-day-old truce.

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Duke student protests Army's call

Graduate student is barred

Saidi Chen

THE CHRONICLE

DURHAM, N.C. — While other graduate students eagerly await the arrival of lucrative investment banks or renowned hospitals, Duke University first-year public policy graduate student Joe Ingenii dreads leaving the university and returning to active military duty.

Ingenii was committed to eight years of mandatory service obligation after he graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1997. He is now facing the spring, but he has been stop-boarded by the Army, leaving the Army even after he has fulfilled his commitments. About six weeks ago, he received a letter that mandated two more years of active service.

He said he does not wish to be an active service member of the Army again and is now petitioning for an exemption from service.

"I just know when I will hear back," said Ingenii, a captain in the Army when he left active duty in 2004, "I didn't love it.

Ingenii said he is frustrated because he has already fulfilled his service in the Army and now is being asked to go beyond the call of duty.

Ingenii also cited personal reasons and his opposition to the current military action in Iraq when discussing his reluctance to return to active service.

"I am very much opposed to the tone of our foreign policy," he said.

Ingenii served in various capacities in the Middle East, including the most recent Operation Enduring Freedom in Kuwait in 2001 and 2002. After serving actively for five and a half years, he joined the Individual Ready Reserve, which does not require members to drill on a regular basis.

When stationed abroad, Ingenii supported the war in Afghanistan, but he has been against the war in Iraq from the first place.

"My military service has always been a source of pride. It's something that I've learned a lot about myself and about management and leadership," he said. "But this whole situation has turned it into almost a nightmarish scenario."

In the end, he is left with a dilemma.

"I'm almost at this point where I recommend people not to go into the military," he said.

On the other hand, he noted that he is worried about personnel shortages in the military. He said the military is not getting enough new enlistments.

"I just can't see how the military can continue to be stretched thin for this amount of time. It's going to come to the point where we're going to have to pull back some of our commitments or look at expanding the draft in some way," Ingenii said.

"There are just not enough warm bodies to go around."

Despite the diminishing number of recruits, Ingenii knows he does not want to serve again.

"This is a volunteer army, and I took the initiative to de-volunteer," he said.

He said he recognizes that his critics will accuse him of not fulfilling his responsibilities to the Army. But he believes the stop-loss procedures, though legal, are unfair and wrong.

"After completing his active duty, Ingenii said he never imagined he would be called back.

"I'm not in the Army, the Army told him.

"I just asked the woman who was processing my paperwork, 'What are the odds of getting called up?' She said, 'I don't even work here for 25 years, and I've never seen the IRR get called up.'"

"That was at the end of 1992 and now a lot of people are getting called up" Ingenii said he is not thinking about what he will do if his request for exemption from service is denied.

"There is an appeal process, but I haven't been thinking that far into the future yet," he said. "I'm not optimistic; I'm just waiting."

Drug given to troops causes concern

Claims that malaria pill given to troops causes hallucinations and depression are numerous, but difficult to prove

Seth Mattzen

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — As a volunteer firefighter, Georg-Andreas Pogany had seen disfigured bodies pulled from wrecked cars. But something very different happened when the Army interrogation unit the mangled remains of an Iraqi soldier.

He became panicked, disoriented and that night reached for both his loaded pistol and rifle as he thought he saw the enemy bursting into his room.

Pogany asked his superiors for help; the Army packed him home to face treatment and prevention of malaria, "There is an appeals process, but I'm still waiting," the guide said.

"Lariam is among the drug's recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for treatment and prevention of malaria, which kills about 1 million people worldwide each year. The drug's New Jersey-based manufacturer, Roche Pharmaceuticals, points out that more than 30 million people worldwide have used Lariam over 20 years.

Further blurring the issue, the side effects associated with Lariam closely mirror symptoms of mood disorders, such as depression, making diagnosis difficult.

Still, the pill has dedicated critics who believe it's causing problems that are only beginning to be understood. A review by the Department of Veterans' Affairs found 34 articles in medical journals about patients who took Lariam and became paranoid, psychotic or behaved strangely. Within the civilian medical community, faith in the drug is mixed among doctors who specialize in tropical diseases.

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Emotion, talent run high in 'Baby'

Christina Jolin

Clint Eastwood, at the ripe-old age of 74, still has some tricks up his sleeve, including the knockout punch of "Million Dollar Baby.

Racking up seven Academy Award nominations, the film is a hard-hitting, poignant boxing story, deserving of every commendation it has received.

"Baby" marks a return to a typcal, fleshed-out, Cinderella sports story, with Maggie Fitzgerald (Hilary Swank) as a 31-year-old boxing hopeful who wants to make it to the top. She performs in support of "Knuckle Down."

To catch DiFranco in Santa Barbara, DiFranco about to "Knuckle Down"

MONTANO DAILY STAFF REPORT

Less than three weeks after her latest album release, Ani DiFranco is making her way up north on tour, with a stop on the Central Coast on Monday.

Appearing at the Arlington Theatre in Santa Barbara, DiFranco will perform with special guest Andrew Bird -- a stark contrast to her typical one-woman shows. This collaborative effort mirrors that of "Knuckle Down" -- released Jan. 25. In an interview with Righteous Babe Records, DiFranco said: "The trajectory of my life has been so solitary and all of a sudden there is this..." and then there are 12 new songs that harmonize events in DiFranco's life, she captures moments of love, family and individuality.

Her life transformations are also evident in her ever-changing sound. DiFranco debuted with folk/punk but throughout the years her music has evolved to include jazz undertones.

But one thing that has stuck throughout her career has been her strong political voice. Most recently, she participated in "Vote Damnit!," which toured the swing states during the presidential election season. She also joined in on the March for Women's Lives in Washington D.C. last April to support women's rights.

Her viewpoints are less present in her latest album, but she continues to push bottom with singles such as "Paradigm," a song that illustrates of citizenship and freedom of expression.

"To me, it's all an expression of a perspective, and things are very rarely exclusively either political or personal," DiFranco said. "They're always both in my mind or my heart or that place that inspires me to write."

To catch DiFranco in Santa Barbara, tickets are on sale now by phone and via the Internet at www.ticketmaster.com. Following this stop, she will appear in San Francisco on Friday at the Warfield and Saturday at the Fillmore.

''Million Dollar Baby," directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Hilary Swank, is the gritty story of a female boxer's dreams of victory in the ring.

MUSTAND DAILY STAFF REPORT

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The list was calculated for years using a combination of radio airplay and retail sales. That changed in the late 1990s, when the music industry largely phased out the single as a product. Some singles were being sold at a deep discount in what Billboard called an effort to manipulate the chart, so for the last several years the rankings have been almost totally based on radio play, said Geoff Mayfield, Billboard's director of charts.

"The sales were still factored in, but the hit was more like piece of that puzzle you had on your wall," he said. Even though it has been the top hit, "Let Me Love You" has only been selling around 500 copies per week of a commercially available single, Billboard said. The song has lately been getting about 17,000 downloads a week.

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50 Cent's new single, 'Candy Shop,' jumped 22 positions on the Billboard Hot 100 chart thanks to the inclusion of downloads.

David Bauder

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Estimated weekly downloads of "Candy Shop"
Bus etiquette is important for all

We are part way through another quarter and you would think people would know how to ride the bus by now. I'm not talking about the singular act of getting on, riding around town for awhile and then getting off. I'm talking about the dos and don'ts of how to act on the bus.

I'm not a bus rider, but I must say I've got a pretty good grasp on manners. Others of you don't. Try not to argue with me, we all see you committing social blunders. Let me take this opportunity to remind the masses of a little bus etiquette.

Before your journey begins, be at the bus stop on time and have your Poly card ready to swipe. Bad move No. 1: taking for granted the bus will be running late, so you take your time moving over to the bus stop. On your way, the bus passes you by and you run after it with your arms waving wildly expecting the driver to wait for you.

Let me share a little secret with those guilty of this move—the bus is running late because of people like you. By sitting at the stop waiting for you, even for a few extra seconds, the bus' timetable is pushed back. Don't perpetuate a vicious cycle. Wait for the bus; don't make it wait for you.

If you're Poly card ready to swipe. Bad move No. 1: taking for granted the bus will wait longer than necessary. The whole problem with the entire Mardi Gras/Poly Gras situation is that neither side wanted to compromise on anything. The city didn't want to lose control and the students didn't want any police presence or control over them. But today, the city council voted in favor of a compromise. It's not just about triple-fine zones anymore; this is an opportunity to bridge the gap between the city and the university. Let's not let that opportunity go to waste.

Matt Wechter
biology junior

That's it. I've had enough of these damned Top 10 Lists.
1. Because your paper in the letter last week/month was so misinformation, condescending and self-righteous that I had to inform people of the truth.
2. Because my political party is more moral than yours.
3. Because your political party doesn't defend the lives and freedom while mine champions it.
4. Because your party's views on religion are right and yours are misguided or just plain wrong.
5. Because my political party actually respects the freedom and lives of those in other countries and yours doesn't.
6. Because your party's views are riddled with hypocrisy and mine aren't.
7. Because if the founding fathers were alive today, they would obviously agree with my party's political views.
8. Lincoln, too.
9. The same goes for Jesus.
10. Because I can't see that this endless cycle of misconceived political stereotyping and as such it is against the extension of the triple fines.

This was completely, at least from my standpoint, an unnecessary move and huge gamble on your part.

It is disgusting to see an elderly person have to walk halfway down the length of the bus until someone gets up. I can't tell you how many times I've seen frail, old ladies with weak knees walk past obviously healthy, blank-faced guys. Be a man and get up!

Once in a proper seat, place your backpack on your lap, on the floor between your feet or on the seat next to you. If you place your backpack next to you and the bus is full, be ready to move your stuff. Bad move No. 4: forcing someone to ask you to move your bag so they can sit down.

Please keep all of your body parts to yourself. Bad move No. 6: letting your knee strap and lodge itself into the tender thigh meat of the person sitting next to you. Why is it that people who are guilty of this move never seem to notice how uncomfortable they're making their seat partners?

More often than not, the morning bus seats fill up pretty quickly. If you get on the bus and find yourself having to stand, move all the way to the back. Bad move No. 7, planting yourself firmly in the middle of the bus so everyone in front of you is a sitting up.

If you're standing up, hold on. Bad move No. 8, overestimating your balancing skills. No one likes the guy who arrogantly refuses to hold on, yet falls over like a giant redwood and stomps on everyone's toes in a completely wild. It's not just about triple-fine zones anymore; this is an opportunity to bridge the gap between the city and the university. Let's not let that opportunity go to waste.

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Baseball
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The Mustang pitching staff imploved giving up an 11.33 earned run average over the three-game series with San Jose State, but the Waves weren’t much better. They surrendered 20 walks to Gauchos batter, though six fewer than the Mustangs issued.

Kometani (1-0, 7.20 ERA), an honorable mention All-West Conference pitcher a year ago, will start today’s game against Cal Poly senior right-hander Jimmy Shull (0-2, 6.32 ERA).

Shull has struggled thus far in the Friday spot, but did not pitch during the Saturday after turning down an offer from the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Saturday’s matchup features Mustang junior southpaw Garrett Ohren (1.69, 5.19 ERA) against Pepperdine freshman right-hander Barry Enright (6.08, 12.00 ERA).

On Sunday, the Mustangs will send out Gary Daley who hopes to nail down his spot as the No. 3 pitcher. Pepperdine sophomore, hitters are senior designated hitter Steve Klein (.373 in 2004) and junior pitcher David Urbish (.321 in 2004), both first-team All-West Coast a year ago, along with sophomore outfielder Luke Salas (.340 in 2004) for both the Mustangs and Waves.

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Krakow (“He’s one of the few announcers I’ll listen to”) and anticipates he’ll see the current Mustang team play at University of the Pacific. He hasn’t been to a game at Cal Poly in many years, though.

There is a piece of Oliver on campus, however, a plaque that’s sat upstairs in Most Gym since 1996 honoring him as a member of the Cal Poly Hall of Fame. After all, even if he’s shaying away from baseball these days, there’s no denying his accomplishments, from Cal Poly to the major leagues.
**Living comfortably with his legacy established**

Dave Oliver was among the best at Cal Poly, played with the Indians and coached for many years. Now, he's just relaxing.

**Graham Womack**

For the first time in many years, baseball is not a dominant part of Dave Oliver's life.

It's been almost a quarter century since the former Cal Poly second baseman donned a uniform as a minor league player. He draws a major byline since the former Cal Poly batting cage, he hasn't visited it in months.

"I'm trying to do as little as possible," Oliver said with a chuckle.

He doesn't necessarily live quietly. In November, for the fourth consecutive year, he and Seattle Mariners reliever and fellow Stockton native Eddie Guardado held a bowling event that raised $30,000 for charity. That same month, Oliver was inducted into the Stockton Hall of Fame.

However, gone are the days of major league aspirations. At Franklin High, according to a 1973 Mustang program, he was one of the top second basemen in the nation. After graduating in 1969 and spurning offers from the Chicago Cubs, he came to Cal Poly.

The Mustangs of Oliver's era were a Division II force, packed with players like Mike Kreukens and John Orton. Ozzie Smith arrived the year after Oliver's final season. Oliver blended in among the talent, though, becoming a starter as a freshman.

"He wasn't a freshman," Mustang teammate Kent Agler said. "He didn't play like a freshman, he didn't act like a freshman, he didn't handle himself like a freshman."

By the end of his career, he was the Mustangs' third baseman for four years and third highest in each category. His talent lay in more than statistics, though.

"Great glove, turned the double play as quick as anybody I've ever seen, even back then, and (he) could handle a bat as well as anybody," Agler said. "Excellent hitter, one of the best I've seen."

The Cleveland Indians drafted him in the third round in 1973. He played in the majors in 1977, debuting in Yankee Stadium on Sept. 25, then going 7-22 with a triple and three RBI over the following week. Oliver spent far more time, however, in the minors, asking for a trade several times to no avail.

A brighter coaching career awaited him. After retiring in 1980, he coached with the Indians Class-A team, then served as a hitting instructor for the Texas Rangers, then managed the team's Triple-A affiliate at Oklahoma City from 1985-86, being named co-American Association Manager of the Year in 1985.

Thereafter, he was the Rangers' third base coach from 1987-1994, serving under manager Bobby Valentine for his first six seasons and then Kevin Kennedy for his final two. Oliver then coached third with the Boston Red Sox, from 1995-96. Oliver last coached in 2001, within the Cincinnati Reds organization, guiding his hometown Class-A Mudville Nine to the California League playoffs. It wasn't enough. All the years in the majors, with nine annual months away from his family had already affected Oliver by the time he left coaching.

"It wasn't fun for me anymore," Oliver said.

He doesn't plan to do anything beyond baseball and is living comfortably on his pension. For now, he spends time in his Stockton home, a veritable baseball shrine, packed with autographed pictures and memorabilia that he began collecting in the 1980s. He also stays in touch with former teammates like Agler and see Flashback, page 7

In his time as a Mustang, Oliver swiped 60 bases, the fourth highest in Mustang history. The "Dave Oliver Hustle Award" honors his legacy.

**It'll be no vacation in Malibu**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT**

Larry Lee encourages a good challenge for his Mustang baseball team and this weekend, the Mustangs will get just that when they face Pepperdine.

Though the Waves lost two of three games last week, they come off a successful stint last year in the West Coast Conference.

The Waves went 30-32, but still won their conference championship and received an NCAA regional berth for the 21st time in their school history.

In the tournament, the Waves won their first two games before losing on the final day to the eventual national champion Cal State Fullerton Titans.

Much of that talented team from see Baseball, page 7

WRESTLING

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT**

The Cal Poly wrestling team fell to Stanford 23-14 in a Pac-10 dual meet, Wednesday night in Palo Alto.

The Mustangs are now 3-11 overall and 0-3 in Pac-10 competition.

The Mustangs were highlighted by Dave Roberts, who defeated Zack Henley at 149 by a major decision, 20-6. Also receiving wins for the Mustangs are Eric Melgares at 133, Ralph Garcia at 197 and Aarun Basulto at 285.

Melgares won major decision over Josh Brown 12-3 and moved to 4-4 on the season while Garcia won by decision over Ryan Hagen and Basulto defeated Shawn Ritzenhouser by decision.

The Mustangs have two more home meets before hosting the Pac-10 Championships at Mott Gym.

Possible meet, Wednes­day night in Palo Alto.