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Student Housing

Poly Canyon Village to relieve housing crunch

Jennifer Hall
MUSTANG DAILY

Construction on the new Poly Canyon Village housing project is set to begin on March 17. The housing project will provide 2,700 beds for Cal Poly students who want to live off campus. The project will be the largest on-campus student living complex and will house students in 2008-09, according to Larry Kelle, President for Admissions and Financial Aid for Cal Poly.

The project offers opportunity to create a lively learning and living environment that will bring students closer together, Kelley said.

The village design three residential neighborhoods, which will house 7,200 students, with structures totaling 1,500 spaces, a recreation center, swimming pool, community and food service areas and a knowledge center.

"It will give students an opportunity to find and acquire good, solid housing and it gives us an opportunity to bring much more life to the community," said Preston Allen, assistant vice president for student affairs and director for housing and residential life.

Construction on the project includes clearing and grading of 30 acres of land north of Brindisola Creek near Poly Canyon, relocating agricultural resources, and constructing an access road to the complex. Clark Construction, the contractor for the project, expects the first phase of the project to be completed and ready for students by fall 2008.

"We're on schedule, we have a great contractor and a wonderful plan," Kelley said.

Funding for the project was passed last May by the California State University Trustees. They voted to issue $299 million in bonds for construction that includes the cost of relocating College of Agriculture facilities and upgrades for electrical substations, sewage, water, roads and bridges.

There are currently 3,500 students living on campus and this project will increase that number to 6,200, nearly doubling the amount of housing offered to Cal Poly students, up to 7,000.

Online admissions tool helps to break language barrier

Liz Soteros-McNamara
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Spanish-speaking prospective Cal Poly students can now access information and get answers to questions online.

"Respuestas EMT" allows prospective students to type in questions in Spanish on the online server and receive answers prompts in Spanish.

The service received over 200 questions on the first day, according to James Maraviglia, assistant vice president for admissions, recruitment and financial aid at Cal Poly.

What is the most common question? "How do I apply?" Maraviglia said. After students find out how to apply, they then ask questions about how to apply for housing and financial aid, he added.

The online response service has been available in English since 2001. The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities funded the new edition to the program in Spanish.

General e-mails, such as those sent to conditionally admitted students about their acceptance to the university are still sent only in English.

The new online program does not interfere with Proposition 209, which prohibits a university from recruiting students based on race, Maraviglia said.

Hispanics represent the largest growing section of California's population. Hispanic students currently make up about 6.5 percent of Cal Poly's eligible student pool, according to the 2003 University Eligibility Study from the California Postsecondary Education Commission.
13 states offer emergency contraceptive pill over-the-counter

The pill works only up to 72 hours after unprotected sex, failed protected sex or forced sex.

Ninety-five percent of women who take the pill correctly are successful, according to the Web site. However, the pill will not work if the woman is already pregnant.

Also, in order for a pharmacy to distribute the pill, the pharmacist must first complete an emergency contraceptive training program.

The Fullerton Health Center provides the pill to students after they have seen a nursing practitioner or received a prescription. Students cannot receive the pill from the CSUF pharmacy without a prescription, she said.

Ward said easier access for the pill across the country would actually help those who are sexually active more responsible, instead of promoting un-protected sex like some people claim.

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— Beryl Pfizer

The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well.

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**If You Could...**

— be anyone for a day, who and why?
  I would be President Bush and do some real work.

— have any theme music to live by, what would it be?
  Tom Petty

— meet anyone, who would it be?
  My grandpa, because he was gone before I was alive.

**Other**

Shout out: To the people that stop by to see me, the lovely ladies on Cortez and the guys of Sigma Nu
National briefs

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Mike Rounds signed legislation Monday banning nearly all abortions in South Dakota, setting up a court fight aimed at challenging the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. The bill would make it a crime for doctors to perform an abortion unless the procedure was necessary to save the woman's life. It would make no exception for cases of rape or incest.

NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T Inc. plans to cut up to 30,000 jobs, mostly through attrition, in its $86 billion purchase of BellSouth Corp. goes through, AT&T's chief financial officer said Monday. The workforce reduction would take place over three years, AT&T's (T.N) Tucker said on a conference call. The acquisition is expected to close next year, pending approval from shareholding and regulators.

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) Opening in argument that Zacarias Moussaoui was executed, the government asserted Monday that he "did his part as a loyal al-Qaeda soldier" and caused the deaths of nearly 3,000 people by failing to tell what he knew of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Moussaoui's defense countered that his dreams of being a terrorist were his own, and that he had no part in the attacks. "This is Zacarias Moussaoui in a nutshell," said his court-appointed lawyer Edward MacMahon.

Administration says it has now taken all legal actions to avoid hitting debt limit

Martin Crutulis

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary John Snow notified Congress on Monday that the administration has taken "all prudent and legal actions," including tapping certain government retirement funds, to keep from hitting the $8.2 trillion national debt limit.

In a letter to Congress, Snow urged lawmakers to pass a new debt ceiling immediately to avoid the government "sliding out of the dollar in currency markets.

Snow in his letter notified lawmakers that Treasury would begin "exceeding the current limit some time during the week of March 20," per the administration's economic program's emphasis on sweeping tax cuts.

Democrats hope to use the upcoming congressional debate over raising the debt limit to highlight what they see as the failings of the administration's economic program. Snow reiterated that the $15 billion in the Exchange Stabilization Fund, a reserve that Treasury officials also announced Friday that the government can use to keep the debt limit working, is "an important victory for the military recruiters, said in response to Sheehan's arrest: "We invited her to discuss her concerns with a U.S. Military employee. She chose not to come in but to lay down in front of the building and block the entrance. It was clearly designed to be a media stunt, not aimed at rational discussion," Grenell said.

Grenell said the news conference, Sheehan said when her 24-year-old son — a U.S. soldier killed in Iraq — died in April 2004, he was filled with innocent men, women and children.

Bakr Mohammed, a pharmacist who works at a hospital in Baghdad, became tearful when recalling the deaths and injuries she said she has witnessed daily.

She estimated that 1,690 Iraqis were killed in Baghdad every month, with a greater number injured. "Thanks for the liberation from Saddam Hussein," said Mohammed, addressing the Bush administration, "now please go out.

Cindy Sheehan reads a letter she and other peace activists tried to deliver to the American Permanent Mission to the United Nations on Monday in New York.

Gina Holland

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Monday that the government can force colleges to open their campus doors to military recruiters despite university objections to the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays.

The ruling will allow the military to recruit on about 1,000 campuses that had been blocking the recruiters by relying on the Pentagon's lawsuit, which it says is barred by the Fifth Amendment because it would violate a university's rights to free speech.

The court ruled that even though the university's lawsuit was filed in 1998, it has not been resolved as of yet.

"The court's decision is a significant victory for the military," said Geoffrey Shields, dean of Vermont Law School, which has been ruled by the court.

"We've stuck to our guns and I anticipate we'll continue to stick to our guns," said Grenell.

"Rogers' decision carefully sidesteps taking a stand on the policy itself, but places the burden on the footnotes that under don't ask, don't tell, 'a person generally may not be forced to join the military,'" said the school.

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International briefs

LONDON (AP) — The controversial takeover of British shipping company P&O by Dubai-based DP World received the green light Monday when Britain’s Court of Appeal ruled in favor of a Miami firm’s objection to the deal.

The Court of Appeal declined to hear an appeal from Miami-based ELLER & Co., which had tried to have the deal barred on technical grounds, arguing that U.S. concerns about a United Arab Emirates company owning significant operations at six major U.S. seaports could harm its business.

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Three can have tested positive for the deadly strain of bird flu in Angraio’s first reported case of the disease spreading to an animal other than a bird, state authorities said Monday.

The sick birds were among 170 ducks found dead on an agricultural field where the disease was detected in ducks last month, authorities said.

The World Health Organization called bird flu a greater global threat than any previous infectious disease, costing the EU agriculture more than $10 billion and affecting the livelihoods of 300 million farmers.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Mien Babic, the leader of rebel Serbs in Croatia and one of the key figures in the early Balkan wars of the 1990s, committed suicide in prison where he was serving a 13-year sentence, the U.N. war crimes tribunal said Monday.

Babic was found dead Sunday evening in his cell at the U.N. war crimes tribunal in the Hague, a suburb of Schengenfield, a suburb of The Hague, said a tribunal statement.

LONDON (AP) — In the first book known to be published by a former Guantanarno Bay prisoner, Musoum Begg said his three years in detention were marked by beatings, fear and unexpected friendships with his captors.

In "Enemy Combatant: A British Muslim’s Journey to Guantanamo and Back," Beggs describes his upbringing in a British town and his time in the U.S. military academies more than $10 billion and affecting the livelihoods of 300 million farmers.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Hamas headed into a full-scale conflict with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Monday, voting to strip him of his powers. Hamas was hardly bowled by his Fatah Party in last session of the outgoing parliament, voted to strip him of his powers.

Bashir Meow (Associated Press)

Supporters of the National Council of Resistance of Iran demonstrate outside Vienna’s International Center, on Monday during the International Atomic Energy Agency’s 35-nation board meeting on the escalating nuclear standoff with Iran.

John Bolton, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said in New York that the United States should impose any enrichment on Iranian soil.

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U.N. agency chief hoping for deal on Iran’s nuclear program

George Jahn (Associated Press)

VIENNA, Austria — The head of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency Monday said a deal Iran’s nuclear program could be a few days away, making U.N. Security Council action unnecessary.

International Atomic Energy Agency head Mohamed ElBaradei told reporters in Vienna that an agreement would propose that Tehran conduct small-scale enrichment and ask the IAEA to set the "parameters" of any such activity to minimize the chances of abuse.

In the report, ElBaradei said Iran would be asked to recommit to deep IAEA probes of its program in short notice — something Tehran canceled last month after the agency’s 35-nation board voted Feb. 19 to extend the deadline.

The Russian proposal was driven by a wedge into which had been rammed a relatively unified front on uranium enrichment — with Germany cautiously supporting France and Britain opposed and backing the United States.

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Iraqi president fails in bid to order new parliament into session

Bassamal Moune (Associated Press)

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq’s president failed in a bid Monday to order parliament into session as March 17, further delaying formation of a government and raising questions about whether the political process was subjected to the unrelenting violence or disintegrate into civil war.

A senior European diplomat said earlier in an attempt to untangle the crisis, deeply compounded by a split in the Shiite factions, even a full-blown confrontation with the Sunni Arab and some secular politicians.

The Shiite bloc closed ranks and to form a "government of unity," even if it meant the appointment of Abdul-Mahdi, a Shiite, who lost his own bid for the prime minister’s commission by one vote to al-Jafari. Talabani himself was the only power of attorney of the other that would be one of a full. uniting government, said in New York that the United States should impose any enrichment on Iranian soil.

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Willis exudes classic charm in latest film ‘16 Blocks’

Imran Syed

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — As John McClane in 1988’s venerable “Die Hard,” Bruce Willis embodied one of the most enduring action characters in modern American cinema. But he’s 33 no longer, and just can’t sell lines like “Yippee ki-yay, mother—ker” anymore.

Actor in his position face a tough choice (see Harrison Ford, who pretends that he’s still the whipwielding hero who fought Nazis in 1983). Willis, however, harboring no such delusions, emblazon his balding, gray head, creaking joints and ballooning belly and uses them to create a memorable new brand of action hero in his latest, “16 Blocks.”

OK, time for a small reality check. Though “16 Blocks” is an action thriller, Willis’ Jack Moseley is hardly an action hero. He’s the hangover, sick-to-stomach cop who just wants to go home and sleep after a long night shift. But wouldn’t you know it, some under-the-hands hire this cop just as he’s leaving the building and ordes him to transport a prisoner 16 blocks up the street to a court hearing, 118 minutes, 16 blocks.

One hell of a day.

The prisoner is Eddie Banker, played brilliantly by the supremely talented hip-hopper-turned-actor Mos Def (“The Italian Job”). We’re told he’s a nobody. It’s just a routine job — but, of course, there’s much more to it than that. Eddie is a key witness in a police corruption case and, as it turns out, the city’s police force is out to stop Jack and Eddie at any cost.

Turning America’s most symbolic city into a villain is a trash yet successful move and gives the film a sense of coherence that similar fare often lacks. “16 Blocks” is about a 10-minute drive in most inhabited places, but in New York, it can be a nightmare taking up the better part of a day. At its core, the use of the city’s congestion and bustle in this way is nothing earth shattering — just a solid variation of the archetypal “dark forest” theme in a hero’s journey — but applied in this film, it works to just the right effect, complicating our hero’s burden and adding intrigue.

‘Sons & Daughters’ causing case of LOLs

Scott Coffman

COLUMBUS, Ohio — With the deteriorating quality of “Saturday Night Live’s” executive producer Lorne Michaels has scored with his new comedy “Sons and Daughters” on ABC. The show combines improvisation with scripted humor, and offers a comedic view of family life through awkward situations between family members that love to hate one another.

Fred Goss stars as Cameron Walker, a hopelessly inept father who just cannot keep his family functioning properly. Although he means well, he and his wife Liz (Gillian Vigman) constantly deal with the rest of the family’s messy situations. Despite Cameron’s role as a leader, each relationship in the show provides a different vehicle for comedic and downright embarrassing situations — and there are quite a few different relationships.

Cameron and his second wife, Liz, have three children, who all have their own standard kid issues, most of which concentrate on parental misunderstandings. Cameron’s sister Sharon (Aislinn Quinn) and her husband, Don (Jerry Lambert), must deal with their own sexual inadequacies while also handling two kids of their own, both of whom express their opinions constantly.

Cameron and Sharon have a younger stepson, Jemma (Amanda Walsh), whose life changed when she got pregnant and had a son. The father of that child, Tommy “Whiz” White (Greg Pino), plays an immature goofball who is every bit as hilarious as he is offensive to the entire family.

Jemma’s troubles continue as she never receives child support from Tommy, but still prefers to look for a “bad-boy” type of man.

The three siblings must also handle their own parental situations as their mother Colleen (Dee Wallace) runs into marital problems with their stepfather, Wendal (Max Gail). Married for 25 years, Colleen judges everyone in the family and Wendal simply works his way through the problems in the extended family.

“Sons and Daughters” is similar to the comedies “Arrested Development” and “Curb Your Enthusiasm.” Though sometimes lacking the audacity of either of the shows, “Sons and Daughters” is consistently funny.

What makes “Sons and Daughters” a success in the family-comedy class is that everyone can appreciate at least one of the scenarios. The range of ages in the characters can provide laugh-out-loud moments to viewers of almost any age. At the end of each episode, the family members find a way to write their issues — well, at least until the start of the next episode.
The time was just past 11:30 p.m. on Feb. 25, the Saturday of Mardi Gras weekend. While I was patrolling the streets of downtown San Luis Obispo awaiting the mass of police to actually do something besides stand around with their hands in their pockets, I received a hit on my scanner that a vehicle crash had occurred on the Cuesta Grade just north of town.

Within a matter of seconds, I was in my car racing northbound on U.S. Highway 101 trying to beat the response by ItKal firefighters and medical assistance. A few miles out of town the sight of bright red pierced the darkness as road flares became visible in the distance. At the nearest breach in the center divide, I flipped a U-turn and headed back south-bound toward the accident.

Surveying the scene as I slowly drove past, I realized I had arrived just as planned, before authorities. I parked far from the crash, being discreet, and then began to trek up the grade behind the guardrail invisible from the freeway.

As I approached the wreckage, the pungent smell of burnt rubber and ignited flares radiated through the stillness of the cold winter evening. The engine of a late '90s Mitsubishi Mirage was engulfed and highway patrol had apprehended the driver. Minutes later the San Luis Obispo Fire Department arrived and took appropriate action extinguishing the engine. The driver was found intoxicated and was taken into custody. She was apparently on her way in San Luis Obispo to celebrate Mardi Gras, but never made it.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Reasons why Republicans are happier than Democrats

T he past few weeks have been tough on Republicans. President Bush was blamed in the media for his questionable post-deal, the vice president accidentally shot someone, people are being killed in Iraq, Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons and Brokerback Mountain is near. But President Bush was not born in the West. Despite the many reasons why Republicans could be unhappy, we simply aren't. In fact, Washington Post article, the

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COMMENTS

Try reading between the lines for a change

I n December, I read an article that caught my attention. The content of which has been fresh on my mind since then. The article highlighted a recent study which stated that "only 41 percent of college students could be classified as "proficient" (reading and understanding information in short texts in 70 percent of content areas since 1992). The low scores are allegedly "attributable to most schools not being particularly selective, accepting most high school graduates to bolster enrollment. The article concluded that "these facts are not core values of education... Students are told to go to college in order to get a better job...; the real task is to produce educated people.

I thought to myself, "maybe some students, but not Poly students, right?"

Wrong.

Every letter to the editor printed last Thursday in response to my column addressed the question. Poly students are unable to comprehend even the most simple form of the prose of some students. I'm not saying that those who write in the "brightest crayons in the box," but the letters speak for themselves.

I'm embarrassed that I have to explain this in a so-called institution of higher learning, but I will, since poor reading comprehension appears to be the defining debate among some students. Satire is a type of literary technique used to expose human folly through criticism, satire, stream of consciousness mix, or other words, much like Danish cartoon that caused that fundamentalists Muslims to rise in recent weeks, my column was not meant to be taken literally, but figuratively. Yet, like these Muslim risties, some of our readers find it difficult to separate humor, but sense enough to distinguish between the literal and the figurative.

Maybe this will help. Here's an example of two such phrases:

Figurative: "All the letters to the editor last week were so insightful and informative." Literal: "I feel dumber after having read all the letters to the editor last week."

See the difference?

My claims (regarding conservatives and liberals) were purposely stereotypically and ridiculous. I'm illustrating how the lack of virtue of position and the use of arguments for and against are based entirely upon deeply entrenched and misguided stereotypes of the opposition, an idea consistent with my earlier columns.

Many of the disputes claimed that I was calling conservatives names. That's a ridiculous accusation, one that has more on a platform in a political forum.

One letter demanded that I provide answers to the issues I addressed in my columns. My favorite is the student who "support the killing of innocent unborn babies" while "oppose the killing of vicious murderers." According to the first thinker, that the death penalty is a system in which goods are produced "by investments that are determined by private (not public) decision," while the latter argues "oppose the killing of vicious murderers." The key phrases are "born or natural" and "unborn babies" and is why. Using a conservative approach to interpret the true meaning of language is interpreted as the right one and the only meaning, it becomes crystal clear why abortion isn't murder.

According to the Constitution, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States . . . No State shall . . . deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; . . . deny to any person within jurisdic- tion the equal protection of the laws."

The key phrases are "born or naturalized." Unborn babies are not "born," and are therefore not "persons," much less "citizens" with corresponding protected rights. Abortion patients are not deprived of money, nor given only to murderers, but are persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof. Individuals have the right to make their own fate. Happiness is the best way to solve the problems we face. Instead of asking the government to help the homeless, Republicans would rather donate their own money to help the homeless instead. If you want to save for retirement, you should be able to use your money the way you want. If you want money, then get an education or come up with some new idea to sell. In the end, your happiness is under your control.

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**SPORTS**

**Big West All-Conference Teams**

- **Women's First Team**
  - Jessica Eggleton
  - Carolina Ruiz

- **Men's First Team**
  - Cal Poly

- **Second Team**
  - UC Riverside

- **Cal State Fullerton**
  - UC Irvine
  - UC Riverside

- **Cal Poly**
  - UC Santa Barbara

- **All-Freshman Team**
  - Anthony Brown
  - Pacific

- **UC Irvine**
  - UC Santa Barbara

- **UC Riverside**
  - Pacific

- **UC Santa Barbara**

**Basketball**

- **No. 0124**

- **Cal Poly won**

- **1-1 against UCSC and 0-2 versus Long Beach.**

- "I think we can beat any team in the league," Minnaugh said. "I think who's playing well will determine who the champion will be. Santa Barbara poses some problems as far as their site goes and 1 think Long Beach State poses no problems as far as their speed goes."

While Cal Poly dominated in its latest win against Pacific, the Mustangs lost to Pacific by a similar score in January.

"We know not to look past this team," Cal Poly guard Jessica Eggleton said. "We're going in with a little bit of confidence because we've won our last two games and we know we're playing a lot better than we were back then."

If the Mustangs pull off the first-round victory, they will face No. 4- seeded UCLA Riverside in the quarterfinals. The Mustangs defeated the Highlanders by 34 on Dec. 29 at Riverside, but fell in their latest game against the Highlanders 48-47 in Mont Goya.

Cal Poly will be led by first team Big West player Jessica Eggleton and senior guard Michelle Iles. Eggleton was selected to the Big West first team all-conference on Monday, the first Cal Poly women's player to receive the honor.
Rematch with Tigers on horizon

James Mellor

The Big West Conference women's basketball post-season tournament kicks off Wednesday in Anaheim, where Cal Poly has been dated as the No. 5 seed. After finishing the Big West season at 7-7, the Mustangs were one of five teams in the eight-team conference to finish regular season play with a .500 record.

"Anybody in the league really can beat anybody on their way to the championship," coach Faith Mimnaugh said.

The Mustangs finished the regular season on a positive note with wins against Cal State Northridge and University of the Pacific to close out Big West play. The Mustangs pounded an overmatched Pacific squad on Saturday, winning 83-45 and will face the Tigers again on Wednesday to open tournament play.

"We definitely are in the momentum of the season," Mimnaugh said. "Personally, I like the fact we're playing on Wednesday instead of sitting ... I'm looking forward to seeing how the team responds."

UC Santa Barbara and Long Beach State shared the Big West Conference title this year, so both teams ending league play at 10-4. The two teams earned the one and two seeds, respectively, in the tournament, which gives them a bye to semi-finals on Friday.

Daley earns 'Player of Week' honors

Gary Daley Jr.

After dominating the University of San Diego with an eight-inning gem, Cal Poly ace Gary Daley Jr. was named Big West Pitcher of the Week.

The junior right-hander yielded three hits, walked one and allowed no runs in the Mustangs' 4-0 win over then No. 25 (Baseball America) Tommies. He also had eight strikeouts, one short of a career high. With the win, Daley improved to 3-2 on the season at Cal Poly's Friday night starter.

Earning Big West Player of the Week honors was Cal State Fullerton outfielder Jared Clark after his two home runs and six runs-batted-in performance on Sunday.

Five Mustangs receive Big West all-conference honors

True Clark might not start for the Cal Poly men's basketball team, but he played enough to impress opposing coaches, earning Big West "Freshman of the Year."

Clark averaged 9.1 points per game during conference play and shot 42.9 percent from three-point range during the season.

The 5-foot-11-inch guard started just three games during the year, but averaged 23.3 minutes off the bench. He might have made even more of an impact on the Mustangs' season if not for missing the first six games of the season due to eligibility, Cal Poly coach Kevin Bromley said.

Clark is the fourth player from Cal Poly to win the award.

Teammates Derek Stockalper and Dwayne Whittem each received all-conference honors, Stockalper on the first team and Whittem on the second, while Chaz Thomas was selected along with Clark to the all-freshman team.

Stockalper became the third player in school history to earn first team honors.

The junior forward averaged 13.1 points and 6.9 rebounds per game. Those numbers increased to 14.3 and 7.8 rebounds per game during Big West play.

Efficiency was key to Stockalper's game, shooting a team-high 49.3 percent from the field and connecting on 42 percent of his 3-point attempts.

Chris Bjorkland (2000) and Varnie Dennis (2003) are the only other two Mustang players to make the first team.

Whitten, a member of the 2005 Big West all-freshman team, averaged 12 points per game this season. The guard was second on the team with 25 steals.

Although Thomas, Cal Poly's starting point guard, was beat out by Clark for freshman of the year honors, the Daly City native was selected to the all-freshman team. Thomas averaged 7.9 points and 2.7 assists per game and had a team-high 39 steals.

The men's basketball team will play in opening game in the Big West tournament on Thursday against the best remaining seed, likely UC Santa Barbara, which plays No. 8 UC Riverside on Wednesday.

Baseball

HALF OF FAMER DEAD AT 45

Kirby Puckett died Monday, a day after the Hall of Fame outfielder had a stroke at his Arizona home.

Puckett died at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix. He had been in intensive care since having surgery at another hospital following his stroke Sunday morning.

The bubbly, barrel-shaped Puckett carried the Twins to World Series titles in 1987 and 1991 before his career was cut short by glaucoma. His family, friends and former teammates gathered at the hospital Monday. Associated Press

MOSCOW-BOUND

Cal Poly track coach Danny Williams was selected by USA Track & Field to coach the American women at the World Indoor Championships in Moscow, Russia this week. Williams, a senior, will coach his third straight World indoor meet.

"They're having a heat-wave in Russia. It was 11 degrees today," Williams said on Friday. - Mustang Daily Staff Report

Mixed results at UCLA

Aris Borja threw a regional qualifying mark in the javelin as a Mustang at the UCLA Invitational on Saturday. The junior transfer from Fresno City College had a best mark of 207-feet-1-inch to win the competition. Daniel Poyner was second with a mark of 184-feet-1-inch.

"Aris definitely has more in him than his effort on Saturday," coach Jack Hoyt said. "But we're happy he got the regional mark out of the way early in the season."

Cal Poly also had a strong showing with Adrian Rauk in the pole vault. Rauk won the event with a vault of 16-feet-6.75-inches, tying a personal best and qualifying him for the western regional. Mike King took third with a mark of 15-feet-7-inches, a new personal best. In running events, Joe Pappalardo was the top men's finisher in winning the 400-meter with a time of 48.69.

On the women's side, Cassie Arkison was third in the 800m at 2:13.53. Lindsay McManus, Brianne Saunders and Lauren Abruscato went 3:4-5 in the 400m hurdles.

Cal Poly will see its next action while hosting its only meet of the season, the Cal Poly Invitational on March 18 at the Cal Poly track. - Mustang Daily Staff Report