A week to ‘Remember’

Kelly Cope

The Cal Poly community is playing host this week to events dedicated to the awareness of sexual assault and violence against women. Presented by Cal Poly Women’s Programs through Student Life and Leadership, Remember Week, as it is called, involves events both on and off campus.

The events began with a memorial Monday night at the Luna Café for five local women who were victims of violence: Kristen Smart, who disappeared in 1996; Rachel Newhouse and Audrya Crawford, who both disappeared in 1998; Christina Hogan, who was killed in 2001; and most recently Laci Peterson in 2002, who was a Cal Poly alumna.

The events will conclude with “Walk A Mile In Her Shoes: Men’s March to Stop Rape,” which will be held on Saturday, April 29.

“Remember Week works to provide avenues to educate the Cal Poly community about how to end sexual violence while empowering survivors,” said Julia Palm, a Remember Week coordinator.

The events draw a large number of participants and spectators every year, especially at Take Back The Night, which is held downtown at the Farmers’ Market from 6 to 9 p.m. This year, about 200 people are expected to attend.

Volunteers are also in high demand, as the week requires as many people as possible to be successful. This year, Residential Life and the greek system on campus are helping out, and Remember Week organizers expect about 50 assistants.

“What I find amazing about Remember Week is that it is put on (mostly) by volunteers who are passionate about raising awareness about sexual assault. These persons dedicate much of their free time advertising, designing events, soliciting donations, and educating others;” said Aimee Williams, a Women’s Programs volunteer involved with the production of the events.

Remember Week involves the entire San Luis Obispo community. Many local businesses will be drawn in, such as Crazy Jays, Optical Illusions, Boston Bagel Company, Janisha Juice, Lucy’s Juice, Steinern, La Cuesta Inn, California Blonde, Cowboy Cookies, House of Bread, Girl 2 Girl, The Secret Garden and Hands Gallery.

The week is full of many events, including speakers and service projects. Today from noon to 1:30 p.m., the Soup and Substance luncheon will be held in the Chumash Auditorium East Wing.

Computer engineering, science students design future of library Learning Commons

Kendra Deutsche

Cal Poly computer engineering and computer science students developed proposals on effective ways to use the Learning Commons in the Kennedy Library as part of a class project during winter quarter. These proposals are being exhibited in the Learning Commons from April 10 through May 12 during regular library hours.

Students and faculty will be available to answer questions about their projects at a special event, named Genius Day, on Tuesday, April 11 from noon to 2 p.m.

“Visitors of the exhibit can see how students would utilize the space and some of the infrastructure in the library,” said Franz Kurles, advisor for the project. “This is an excellent opportunity for people to voice their opinions on how the library can improve the facilities for learning.”

“It’s a great idea (for students to attend the exhibit), since Kurles’ whole class will be there, to come and ask questions about software being developed for students, by students, in hopes of making everyone’s lives easier,” said Dustin Anderson, a computer science senior.

Christine Le, a computer science senior, explained that the students are basically trying to decide what will be in the Learning Commons and it is important for students to visit the display because it affects them.

“They really liked working with the students, and I hope we can get an idea from this of how to use the Learning Commons space,” said Christine Le, a computer science senior.

In addition to storyboard ideas for the future design of the Learning Commons in the library, photos of students who worked on the designs are also on display.

Thousands march in support of immigrant rights

Peter Prengaman

LOS ANGELES — Waving American flags, thousands of people marched and prayed for immigrant rights throughout California on Monday, taking part in a nationwide movement urging that millions of people living illegally in the United States be put on a path to citizenship.

Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony led thousands of protesters in prayer outside a downtown church, calling on Congress to hear their pleas, before the crowd, estimated by police at 3,500, began an evening march.

“We are America, a nation of immigrants seeking a better life,” said Mahony, the leader of the nation’s largest Roman Catholic archdiocese who has emerged as a spiritual leader of the movement.

Huge throngs also gathered at the Capitol in Sacramento, and in San Francisco, San Jose, Fresno and Oakland, while small groups turned out in San Diego and in Santa Ana, the Orange County seat.

Mahony urged the Los Angeles protesters to roll up flags from any country other than the U.S.

“Do it because they do not help us get the legislation we need,” he said.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said he had been advised to stay out of the immigration debate.

“And I say, ‘How dare you?’ I know where I came from,” he told the crowd.

Marchers chanted and waved U.S. and Mexican flags in Sacramento, see March, page 2

Red hands with information about sexual assault and violence against women are displayed around campus as part of Remember Week, hosted by Cal Poly Women’s Programs through Student Life and Leadership.
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This luncheon will include a speech on domestic violence by a member of the San Luis Obispo Women’s Shelter.

Also tonight, the SARF Center will be giving their responder training from 5 to 7 p.m. in the University Union, Room 219. This workshop will also provide resources for survivors of sexual assault.

Tomorrow, the SARF Center will continue its involvement in the week’s festivities with a self-defense workshop, which is to be held in UU 220 from 1 to 4 p.m. This will be an active three hours in which participants will learn assertiveness, awareness and self-defense techniques. Participants are asked to come dressed in comfortable clothing. Also, spaces are limited, so sign up soon in the Women’s Center.

“One in Four” is a presentation geared toward men to teach them how to help a sexual assault survivor. It is scheduled for tomorrow night from 6 to 8 p.m. in Philip Hall (Performing Arts Center Room 124).

On Thursday, Helen Zia, an award-winning journalist, scholar and contributing editor to Ms. Magazine will give her speech entitled “Crossing Boundaries: Social Change in the New Millennium” in the Vista Grande Cafe from 7:30 to 9 a.m. as part of the Provocative Perspectives series. Other events on Thursday will include the Women’s Fair, from 11 a.m. to noon during UU Hour in the UU Plaza, and the Take Back The Night festivity from 6 to 9 p.m. in downtown San Luis Obispo during Farmers’ Market on Garden Street. Performances will also be a part of Take Back The Night. Something Irish, Jill Knight and more bands will play as part of the night’s entertainment.

On Friday, a food drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Women’s Center. This food drive will benefit the San Luis Obispo Women’s Shelter and landscaping for the Life Steps Foundations.

On Tuesday April 18, the SK Run 2 Remember will start at the Health Center lawn at 7 p.m. Registration is $15 per person, and includes a T-shirt commemorating the event, a water bottle, a glow stick and more. It is a fund-raiser for Remember Week. Organizers expect about 300 participants to be involved.

And finally, on Saturday, April 29, Mitchell Park in San Luis Obispo will be the starting place for the “Walk A Mile In Her Shoes: Men’s March to Stop Rape.” This event begins at 10:30 a.m. and the march itself starts at noon. Music, lunch and a raffle will conclude the festivities. Registration for individuals is $25, and for teams of four or more, it is $20 per person. Registration also includes five raffle tickets and an event T-shirt, if all parts of the registration are turned in, forms and money by April 21.

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Additional proposals to be on display at the exhibit include potential tools for clubs involved in ASI and a multi-media area on campus for movies and interactive projects, according to a press release, as well as large, technologically-equipped spaces to help students working on group projects.

Additionally, there are projects not specific to Cal Poly. “Some of the projects don’t relate 100 percent to Cal Poly, and in that case, it would probably just be interesting to see some of the ideas students have about what kind of life technologies they’d like to see built in the future,” Anderson said.

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where organizers estimated the crowd at 5,000 but the California Highway Patrol unit in charge of Capitol protection would not provide an official estimate.

“Our roots are Mexican and we don’t want to lose that, but at the same time I feel more American,” said Fausto Cervantes of Gak, who said he found work picking crops after coming to the US illegally.

At one point, marchers halted to drown out John Baker of Dixon, who yelled, “USA, USA, no to amnesty.” Baker, 52, a carpenter, said he was not against immigration, just illegal immigration.

“You come to a country, you should follow the law of the land.”

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— Alice Childress

Wordly Wise
Soporific: Causing sleep; also, something that causes sleep.
Salmagundi: A mixture or assortment; also, a kind of mixed dish or salad.

Briefs

State
SACRAMENTO — Tens of thousands of Sacramento-area community college students who
had been riding the region's buses and light-rail trains for free may have to start paying a nominal fee.

Fares for students in the Los Rios Continuity College District have been subsidized since 2004, but college adminis-
trators and state lawmakers are considering a plan that would raise rates for some students.
— The Associated Press

COSTA MESA — About 100 demonstrators waving American flags gathered at City
Hall to protest the recent immi-
gration rallies where scores of people carried the Mexican
flag.
"This is my first time doing something like this. It's time to get involved," said 35-year-old protester Linda Newman. "It's not about racism. It's about illegal immigration."
— The Associated Press

National
ATLANTA — Tens of thousands of immigrants spilled into the streets of Atlanta and other
cities across the country Monday in a national day of action billed as a "campaign for immigrants'
dignity." In North Carolina and Dallas, immigrant groups called for an economic boycott to show
their financial impact. In Pittsburgh and other cities, pro-
testers gathered outside lawmakers' offices to make their voices
heard as Congress considers immigration reforms. At the
Mississippi Capitol, they sang "We Shall Overcome" in
Spanish.
— The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former Enron Corp. Chief Executive Jeffery Skilling declared he was
"absolutely innocent" Monday as he began to testify in his own
defense in his fraud and conspir-
acy trial.
— The Associated Press

International
ACCRA, Ghana — An overloaded motorboat carrying about 150 passengers on a vast
lake in this West African nation has sunk, and 110 people are missing and feared dead, police
said Monday. Only 40 people are known to have survived the
sinking Saturday afternoon on
Lake Volta, said Akwasi
Agyaka, a police official in
the region. He said hopes for finding
more survivors were slim.
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CARIOCA, Brazil — Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi's coalition is leading in
parallel parliamentary election pitting cen-
tr-left economist Romano
Prodi against flamboyant billion-
aire Premier Silvio Berlusconi in
a close battle.

Projection showed Berlusconi's coalition leading in
the Senate, but the two sides are running neck-and-neck in the
lower Chamber of Deputies.
— The Associated Press

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College graduates chase jobs, culture to big cities

Stephen Ohlemacher  
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WASHINGTON — College graduates are flocking to America's big cities, chasing jobs and culture and driving up home prices.

Though many of the largest cities have lost population in the past three decades, nearly all have added college graduates, an analysis by The Associated Press found.

The findings offer hope for urban areas, many of which have spent decades struggling with financial problems, job losses and high poverty rates.

But they also spell trouble for some cities, especially those in the Northeast and Midwest, that have fallen behind the South and West in attracting highly educated workers.

"The largest predictor of economic well-being in cities is the percent of college graduates," said Ned Hill, professor of economic development at Cleveland State University. To do well, he said, cities must be attractive to educated people.

Nationally, a little more than one-fourth of people 25 and older had at least bachelor's degrees in 2004. Some 84 percent had high school diplomas or the equivalent.

By comparison, in 1970 only a bit more than one in 10 adults had bachelor's degrees and about half had high school diplomas.

Seattle was the best-educated city in 2004 with just over half the adults having bachelor's degrees. Following closely were San Francisco; Raleigh, N.C.; Washington and Austin, Texas.

Molly Wankel, who has a doctorate in educational administration, said she moved to the Washington area for a job, and the culture of the city pulled her from the suburbs. Wankel, 31, grew up in eastern Tennessee and works at a company that develops software and training materials. She recently bought a house in the city.

"I just enjoy walking around looking at the architecture and the way people have renovated these 100-year-old homes," Wankel said. "I love the landscaping and the lovely mix of many races, straight people, gays, single people, older people, younger people."


The 21 cities were chosen because of their size and location to provide regional balance. The analysis was expanded for 2004, the latest year for data, to include all 70 cities with populations of 250,000 or more.

While most states in the Northeast have high percentages of college graduates, their states do not. Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey were among the top five states in the percentage of adults with college degrees in 2004. But the Northeast placed no city among the top five for income — the point at which half make more and half make less — for high school graduates.

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Adults who did not graduate high school had a median income of $18,144.

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"Society is paying people more for their brains than for their brawn," Vedder said. "The needs and the whims and the guees are ruling the world."

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Singer comes back for more

Lauren Zahnner

After a record-setting attendance at his Backstage Pizza performance in January, Sacramento musician Corey Nitschke will be filling the pit with music again today from 11 a.m. to noon.

“He’s got a great sound. He’s great on the guitar — a lot of the guitar skill that Jack Johnson has, at least in my opinion,” said Bryan Nay, a business senior who first met Nitschke in Chico. “His voice will just fill up a room and he’s got a great range. You can just tell when you’re at a show that he just loves what he’s doing.”

Nay said Nitschke’s music appeals to a wide range of audiences, especially the “coffee house crowds” and people who like acoustic.

“Anybody who enjoys a little more comedic type of music will appreciate his sound,” Nay said.

Nitschke is known for his upbeat original songs like “She Hates Me,” and his deceivingly disguised cover songs.

“(The covers) really get people to laugh because they come out of left field,” said Nay, explaining that Nitschke’s cover of “Hit Me Baby One More Time” is unrecognizable until the chorus.

Another of Nitschke’s original comedic songs is “The Marriage Song.”

“It’s about my wife. I don’t know who she is yet because I’m not married,” Nitschke said.

Nitschke’s concerts are mostly impromptu start to finish. He recently did a show for a largely English audience. When he introduced himself, he told them he was originally from England and every­

audience is feeling.

“There’s a definite rush that you get onstage. I’m wired for an hour after I get off-stage,” he said. “You could say it’s like a drug.”

How did he get into the music business?

“I first got into music in general in the womb,” he said. “When the doctor slapped* me, instead of screaming I just sang.”

It was not until high school, however, that Nitschke began writing music. He started by writing poetry for school, but found little encouragement.

“One of my biggest criticisms from my teachers was that I rhymed too much,” he said.

Well, that, Nitschke decided that instead of becoming a poet, he would be a songwriter. His experi­ence writing lyrics for the group Deep Red inspired him to learn guitar as well.

“I don’t write songs from my personal experiences. I write them from other people’s experiences. It’s more fun that way,” he said.

His influences include John Mayer, Eric Clapton and The Beatles. He said he wants people to enjoy the happier aspect of his songs.

“People get so caught up in all the trivial things that don’t matter and lightheartedness is not some­thing that we really get into,” Nitschke will also be performing downtown at Frog and Peach tonight starting at 10 p.m.

“I love his music,” Nay said. “It’s contagious. I get addicted all the time.”

Aulus Ensemble brings energy, intelligence to PAC

Christina Casci

The reputable Aulus Ensemble will be coming to Cal Poly for the biggest performance of their career today at 8 p.m. Usually only featuring eight to 10 players, the band will expand to 22 musicians for this show.

The band originated in 1973 and was started by Julliard graduates. The ensemble has released over a dozen recordings and performs every year for a Christmas concert in New York, according to their official Web site, www.aulus.org.

Even though the ensemble has performed in much bigger theaters, the musicians are excited for the show in the Performing Arts Center on campus.

“It’s going to be like a big party,” said Marc Schachman, an oboist in the ensemble. “All of our friends from the East Bay will be with us, so it should be fun.”

Expanding an ensemble is difficult because specific people must be hired to do the job correctly, Schachman said.

“You can’t just hire anyone,” he said. “These people are specialists in their field.”

The ensemble has a reputation for putting on an exciting perfor­

dance with some intellectual taste.

The audience will appreciate the performance, Schachman said, adding that the type of music is great to listen to.

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America's most outrageous congresswoman

Who is Cynthia McKinney? (A) An embarrassment to the United States Congress B) a crazy woman wearing (unique) clothes C) a congresswoman who should be facing grand jury indictment for striking a police officer D) all of the above. Yes, the answer is D.

Cynthia McKinney is a black congresswoman who struck a police officer after being grabbed by the officer. The officer had warned her multiple times to stop after she had bypassed metal detectors without showing any identification outside of a House office building. Two days after the incident, Rep. McKinney made comments to the Atlanta Journal Constitution that the officer inappropriately touched her and that she was a victim of racial profiling. For weeks, Rep. McKinney and her lawyers maintained this position, until a grand jury indictment became a real possibility. She then made an about-face, expressed “sincere regret” and offered an apology to the House (but not offering an apology to Capitol police or admitting any culpability).

This story demonstrates two things: first, people (Congress people included) act in outrageously and silly ways; and second, some people attempt to use race to hide behind silly and outrageous actions. Rep. McKinney played the race card and used a claim of Racial Profiling as the reason to use a factor in suspect profiling, to distract the media from her criminal actions.

Many Democrats and the NAACP would agree that the NAACP supports the same citizens for all purposes and prevalence of racial profiling, are hypocrites. For instance, immediately following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, a Gallup poll was reported by the Boston Globe, showing that 71 percent of blacks (as opposed to 57 percent of whites) supported the racial profiling or special treatment for Arab-Americans at airport security checkpoints. The majority of blacks supported racial profiling for a group (Arabs) that is arguably more likely to commit acts of terrorism, but the NAACP (a group that claims to represent Black interests) is using such support to incite involving everyday crimes. To me, when a police report about a black car thief in a green sport utility vehicle goes out, it makes sense to stop any and investigate black drivers in green SUVs.

But not to the NAACP. Likewise, if an Asian did the same thing, it would make sense to stop Asians.

Another example of this hypocrisy is the President's port deal and the commotion it caused with Democrats. When the president offered to hand over security of our ports from a British company to a business owned by the Arab Emirates, the Republican Party would have thought that Democrats would have applauded our president on his acceptance of diversity (a term that Democrats love). Imagine the surprise when Democrats were outraged that the president would consider such a thing. I guess the Democrats who trust the British over those Arabic with port security must be racists (since in their eyes, the support of racial profiling certainly is racist). A lot of Republicans believe, on the other hand, that race is a factor (but not the only factor) to be investigated in these matters.

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Another way to make a materials engineer's column and a Mustang Daily columnist.

Immigrants might be "illegal," shouldn't be scapegoats

I read an interesting article in the Mustang Daily last Wednesday about the Cal Poly "Facebook." According to the article, ethnic and racial diversity is being augmented at Cal Poly. Unfortunately, the article was illuminated in Thursday’s letters-to-the-editor section, acceptance of those who are racially and ethnically different is a widespread idea. Some students feel very strongly about the current immigration issue. Strength lies in the fact that some have become xenophobic, dehumanizing immigrants and willing to make them the scapegoats for all of our society's problems—a society that most people do not consider themselves to be a part of. At least, not legally.

Before continuing, I couldn't call myself a student of political science if I didn't try to define the terms we often use and don't fully understand. When speaking about immigration, some people refer to those who are here without documentation as "illegal," while others simply refer to such people as "undocumented." So which is correct—"illegal" or "undocumented"? The problem with the former term is that by defining something (or someone) as "illegal" implies that it is part of the legal system. According to Black's Law Dictionary, illegal is defined as "against the law." Behavior that can result in either criminal sanction or civil sanctions is illegal.

Clearly the term "illegal" immigrant is a misnomer when used to refer to people who have no "right to be here." Using the word "illegal" implies that such people are, in fact, part of our legal system.

If you or I do possess a "right to be here," as one letter to the editor claimed, where exactly does it say that? What gives you and I the "right to be here" that these other human beings do not have? I have studied the Constitution for some time now, but nowhere, not even in the Bill of Rights, have I ever encountered the term "right to be here." These immigrants didn't just suddenly appear here. They've been here ... and for decades. The only reason this issue has come into the limelight is mainly political. Heading into a midterm election season, the climate surrounding the GOP has been anything but conducive to re-election. With the Iraq/Katrina/money laundering deal and the commotion it caused with Democrats, the President offered to hand over security of our ports from a British company to a business owned by the Arab Emirates, the Republican Party would have thought that Democrats would have applauded our president on his acceptance of diversity (a term that Democrats love). Imagine the surprise when Democrats were outraged that the president would consider such a thing. I guess the Democrats who trust the British over those Arabic with port security must be racists (since in their eyes, the support of racial profiling certainly is racist). A lot of Republicans believe, on the other hand, that race is a factor (but not the only factor) to be investigated in these matters.

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Submissions are always welcome. Send a letter to the editor.

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The Soapbox Diaries

Jack Ingram

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Byrne was first introduced to track at age nine when she joined a local running club in her hometown, about an hour from Dublin. At first she ran for fun, but beginning in her late teens. During secondary school, the Irish equivalent of high school, Byrne traveled to Italy to compete in the European Track and Field Championships.

Upon completion of secondary school, Byrne was recruited to Providence College by the track coach there, also a native of Ireland.

Although she had competed in cross country as well as track, Byrne says she favors the 800 and 1500 because "personally, they're the events I can compete in the best."

"Cross country is so long. It's like 4 1/2 miles," she said. Byrne claims the most difficult aspect of her move to Cal Poly is the distance between her and family and friends.

But even thousands of miles from her native country, Byrne has discovered the perks of running as a Mustang. "I love just running around Poly Canyon," she said. "Obviously, I like the competition as well. I suppose you have to be somewhat competitive to be in the sport."

Byrne remained in San Luis Obispo this past weekend as a portion of the track team traveled to UCLA for the Rafter John-Jackie Joynt Invitational.

She will compete in the Big West Championships May 10-13 in Northridge and the NCAA West Regionals May 26-27 in Utah.

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Ireland native trying for nationals

Katie Hofstetter
MUSTANG DAILY

From Irish green to Cal Poly green and gold, track athlete Deirdre Byrne's journey to Sun Luis Obispo has been a long one.

After an Irish upbringing and a four-year stint at Providence College in Rhode Island, a change of scenery attracted Byrne, 23, to California for her last year as a college athlete.

While at Providence, Byrne suffered a stress fracture in her foot that cut her East Coast running days short but still allowed for an extra year of eligibility.

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However, she is not as confident when it comes to breaking 3:26.

Cal Poly 1500 meter standout Deirdre Byrne has already qualified for the NCAA West Region meet in late May and has a goal of running in the NCAA Championships.

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Defense: No DNA match in lacrosse case

Tim Whitmire
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DURHAM, N.C.

DNA testing failed to connect any members of the Duke University lacrosse team to the alleged rape of a stripper, attorneys for the athletes said Monday.

Citing DNA test results delivered by the state crime lab to police and prosecutors a few hours earlier, the attorneys said the test results proved their clients did not sexually assault and beat a stripper hired to perform at a March 13 team party.

No charges have been filed in the case.

"No DNA material from any young man was present on the body of this complainant," said defense attorney Wade Smith. "There were three men at the party and no DNA material was found."

The alleged victim, a 27-year-old student at a nearby college, told police she and another woman were hired to dance "ot comment on the findings. North Carolina Central University, where the alleged victim is a student, said after the results were released that the prosecutor would appear at a campus forum on Tuesday to discuss the case.

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49ERS NARROWLY ESCAPE MUSTANGS

The Cal Poly softball team fell 1-0 against Long Beach State in their third game of the weekend against the 49ers. After recording one loss and one win against last year's Big West champions, the Mustangs were unable to recover from an early run by Long Beach State. With the loss, Cal Poly falls to 16-19 overall and 3-3 in conference while the 49ers improve to 19-15 overall and 4-1 in conference.

Cal Poly split their doubleheader with the 49ers on Saturday, losing 3-1 in the first game and winning 1-0 in game two. The Mustangs played the two-time defending Big West champions close in all three games.

Cal Poly continues conference play next weekend when they host Cal State- Norridge for a three-game series at Bob Janssen field. The Mustangs will play a doubleheader on Friday, April 14 beginning at 1 p.m. and a single game on Saturday, April 15 at 12 p.m.

-YOUTH SOCCER

IRAQI YOUTH COMPETE IN TEXAS

The stray bullet that killed an Iraqi soccer player during practice two years ago was rare. Usually, the only part of insurgent gunfire that travels far enough to reach the dusty soccer fields in Baghdad is the noise.

But it's totally different," said Walden Younous, a former journalist who is now a spokesman for Iraq's soccer association. "America is another world for these kids."

Iraq brought 18 players for the Dallas Cup, a massive annual tournament featuring 184 teams. Iraq's bracket includes teams from Mexico, Idaho and Chicago. Mostly the sons of poor small business owners, the Iraqi players easily beat Chicago's team of mostly suburban and blonde-haired teenagers 3-1 on Monday.

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