Students, community ‘Take Back the Night’

Christina Casci

The Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource Program (SAFER), an organization on the Cal Poly campus that promotes sexual assault awareness and education, held “Take Back the Night” at Farmers’ Market Thursday. The event was organized to educate the community about sexual assault.

The point of the night was to let women feel safe at night, said Aimee Williams, a communications studies senior and member of SAFER.

“You know when people ask to take a word or phrase?” she said. “It is to take back a night that someone was sexually assaulted and get back the moment it happened.”

The annual event is put on by college campuses all over the country. In past years, the event has been held at Mission Plaza and on campus, but the organization wanted to try somewhere else this year, Williams said.

“We held it at Farmers’ Market to include the community,” she said. “This problem is not just campus-wide, it’s community-wide.”

People of all ages walked around Garden Street and looked at the tables.

As part of Remember Week, SAFER held “Take Back the Night” at Farmers’ market to raise awareness about sexual assault.

The less-reported crime, the most important story to tell

Dan Watson

When he forcefully took her frightened hand that summer night, everything changed. “I felt obligated,” she said. “I was scared. He hovered above me.”

For Cal Poly senior Aimee Williams, this wasn’t her image of a sexual assault. He wasn’t a “man in the bushes” or a stranger. He was her boyfriend.

“He was dating me,” she said. “He started taking off my pants...I asked what he was doing.”

She remained silent.

In the Cal Poly Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource room (SAFER), where the campus attempts to increase awareness and promote prevention of sexual assault and rape — Williams spoke openly of her experience — and her future.

Williams, the co-coordinator for the Cal Poly SAFER program, didn’t know she was sexually assaulted for years.

Some blame the media for her ignorance, while others point the finger at the university. Some blame society in general for this lapse in education.

Two controversial decisions concerning sexual assault at Cal Poly furthered the debate. Early into the 2005-06 school year, Housing and Residential Life distributed a pamphlet to freshmen that described sexual abuse as being more prevalent in the greek system and also removed red handprints at the dorms that represented where a sexual assault had taken place.

With the sensationalism of such events, the issues that are more frequently a problem, such as acquaintance rape, get left unaddressed, Williams said.

Acquaintance rape is one of the more common crimes, yet it is often under-reported.

According to SAFER, one in four women on college campuses will be sexually assaulted.

Campus police to alert community through new radio station

Amy Diesdorf

Cal Poly will begin broadcasting advisory and traffic information on AM 1610 beginning Open House Weekend.

The AM Alert System will be used by the University Police Department (UPD) to provide information and updates in the event of emergencies that occur on campus or affect the campus community. It will also advise the community of traffic and parking issues or changes.

The station, which is the first of its kind in San Luis Obispo County, will have a broadcast range of approximately 2.5 miles, allowing community members and visitors to hear traffic and advisory information on and around campus.

“We are thrilled with this new tool because it will help us provide traffic and emergency information to our local community and visitors quickly and effectively,” said Bill Watson, Cal Poly’s police chief.

UPD to create prepared messages in case of an emergency.

Lori Hashim, UPD commander, said the department takes frequent phone calls about traffic and event parking, and hopes it will make their job a little easier. “This has just been an additional tool really,” Hashim said. “Mostly, it will be used to alert people of events.”

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The UPD currently uses the telephone system to alert people on campus in case of an emergency.

“We needed a way to communicate other than through e-mail or telephone in case of local emergencies,” said Cindy Campbell, associate director for UPD.

A test broadcast is already in place on AM 1610 and UPD expects the station to officially start broadcasting Thursday.

UPD is placing temporary signs on city streets near campus to alert drivers to tune in to AM 1610 for traffic and advisory updates during Open House, Campbell said. They plan to post permanent signs on U.S. Highway 101 and at various entrances to campus as soon as they can get them made.

The new alert system allows UPD to create prepared messages to provide basic information for parking, traffic and in the event of a number of different emergencies, as well as “in the situation warrants,” Campbell said.

The station will be used for information and advisories only; advertising and campus news will not be broadcast.

The AM Alert System was purchased with money provided to the university by a grant from National Homeland Security.


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that were set up. Several campus and community organizations working to improve women's health and safety had tables arranged along the street, including the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center (SARP), Code Pink Women for Peace, Health works, a booth of art work, the National Organization for Women, a "Remember" table and the San Luis Obispo Police Department. SAFE4 tried to attract the crowds with a big red arch of balloons over the entrance to Garden Street, live singers and spoken word artists. Williams said.

The event was very successful, said Sue San, a San Luis Obispo police officer. "It's always great to educate," she said. "We've worked sexual assault for four years and 95 percent of the cases involved alcohol. We just need to get the word out there to other ladies."

Spoken word artists were a selling point of the night. There were three individual performances and a collective one of acts of women together. Christine Foster, Erika Morgan and Skyla Olsen were the three girls. Olsen, the artist who was present at the event. Guest musicians were Brenna Orr and Jill Orr; Orr also played earlier that day at Cal Poly's UU Hour.

"The point of the night is to create a space for men and women to feel safe at night," said Julia Sinclair, interim director of SAFE4, and the Remember Week events. "It's about having fun and not worrying about what they usually need to do."

"Usually sexual assault is so sad and talked about so negatively, and it shouldn't be," Williams said. "But tonight is a happy environment, not somber. The idea is that usually sexual assault may happen, but tonight is our night."

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es are victims of rape or attempted rape, and 84 percent knew their attacker.

"Usually the examples that are put in the media are the men in the bushes or the person that doesn't survive the situation," Williams said.

Students need to be educated on the greater possibility of acquaintance rape, date rape and smaller sexual assault crimes, she added.

There are a number of reasons, many of these cases are never reported. Rebeca Swanson knows all too well. Having volunteered for the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center of San Luis Obispo and having worked at the Cal Poly Women's Center for three years, Swanson has repeated-ly heard the voices of reluctant victims.

"We recognize we have a problem like any other campus. For every report we get, we know we have 10 unreported," Swanson said. "We get a lot of first-time reports."

First-time reports represent a group reluctant to speak up.

"To report it, they feel it must be silent," Williams said.

Temps fared when words as strong as "rape" and "gang rape" were associated with Greek life at Cal Poly.

"If we could press a rewind button, we would not have distributed that flyer," Vice President for Student Affairs Cormont Morton said.

Despite the retraction, many say the damage by the university was already done.

"It said rape six times in one paragraph," Interfraternity Council (IFC) President Mike Monrous said. "It was upsetting to all of us. We want to really show a good side of Greek life and not be penetrated by stereotypes."

The lesser assaults typically are left unaddressed. According to the North County Women's Shelter, 31 percent of women who report forced sex identify their boyfriends as the perpetrators and women were 15 percent more likely to report sex outside of 16 to 24 experience the highest per capita rates of intimate violence.

Removal of the symbolic handprints has caused its own debate. "I think it's sad that this is my fifth year and there's still a discussion whether they (the handprints) should be here or not," Swanson said. "At the cost of having students walk by and feeling uncomfortable, it's worth it."

According to both Williams and Julia Sinclair-Palm, interim director of SAFE4, the handprints represent resistance.

"A hand is fighting," Williams said. "It means stop. It can also mean the hand forcing you to do something."

The handprints, along with quartet presentations, are prominent present-ations, ReMEmber Week in April and flyers are ways to edu­cate students on the realities of campus life.

Cal Poly rates consistently as one of the safest CSU campuses in terms of reported rapes, according to Swanson. But it is not exempt from problems.

Between 2002-04, four rapes and one sexual assault were reported on the campus while 20 forcible rapes were reported in San Luis Obispo, the highest amount of any city in the San Luis Obispo County. But these numbers are misleading, some argue.

"I don't think people report," Williams said. "I don't think SLO could have accurate reporting."

Especially in regards to acquaintance rape.

"It's confusing for a variety of reasons," she said. "It's not really knowing if it was sexual assault because there's so many dimen-sions to it. Many have a hard time recognizing what happened."

Williams didn't realize she had been sexually assaulted until participating in the Virginia Monologues — a popular perfor­mance spurred by a movement to stop violence against women.

"What happened to me to some people would seem small, but the feeling that someone has control of you, it's there whatever the extent," she said.

The incident had a hard back­lash.

"I dated someone my second year," she said. "I would get scared at anything intimate."

The monologues made her feel comfortable. Relating her experi­ence with a friend who had a sim­ilar experience also helped, she said.

Often victims never get that far. Legally, it's even more rare to see representation.

According to Swanson, only two percent of assaults go through the criminal process.

"The district attorney can't pick up all these cases," Swanson said. "And it's almost impossible to call a person 'rape' if alcohol or an acquaintance is involved."

"A lack of evidence also prevents many victims from moving for­ward with a case. If a victim does not get an exam within 24 hours, most of the evidence is lost."

"Most don't know about it," Swanson said referring to the exam. "That's where SAFE4, SARP and the Women's Center hope to improve awareness. Society, Swanson argues, isn't helping."

In 2003, a weekly sex column that ran in the Mustang Daily titled "The J-Spot" set the awareness movement back, she said. The male-written column was crit­i­cized for glorifying rape by encouraging males to take advan­tage of freshmen females under the influence of alcohol.

"Society is the problem, it's "The J-Spot" a product of society," she said. "That we're allowing talk and discussion like this. Society's views are portrayed through the media."

The first 30 days of a freshman woman's experience in college are their most dangerous, Swanson said.

"For them to read, that it almost feels like you're being put into four place," she said.

The article had such a strong effect, a man entered the Women's Center crying. He was so offended by the article that he admitted he had been sexually assaulted for the first time.

"It glorifies it," she said. "And you don't hear anyone saying this is wrong."

Because of a lack of awareness, Williams didn't know her crime was so wrong or right that frightful sum­mer night.

"She'll be the first to admit her story isn't sensational, but it is the most important one to tell."
Monday, April 17, 2006

The Face of Cal Poly

Meet the Editors

Name: Kristen Marschall
Year: sophomore
Hometown: Lake Oswego, Ore.
Major: journalism

Favorites
Color: Aqua marine
Punctuation marks: Hyphens
Movie: "Back to the Future Part II"
Books: "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley
Kind of footwear: Flip-flops
Kitchen appliance: Spatula, because I like making pancakes.

If You Could ...
— change the Cal Poly mascot, what would it be? A wooly mammoth.
— meet anyone in history, who and why? Princess Diana, I think she's a cool person.

Either/Or
— Peanut butter or jelly: Raspberry jelly
— hot or cold: Hot

Wordly Wise

WHO SAID THAT?
The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it.
— Patrick Young

Getting my lifelong weight struggle under control has come from a process of treating myself as well as I treat others in every way.
— Oprah Winfrey

Inchoate: Partly but not fully in existence or operation.

Reticent: inclined to keep silent.

THIS WEEK
in ASI Events

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Bush preparing to approve bird flu plan

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WASHINGTON — In the event of a bird flu outbreak, U.S. money could be produced overseas and Americans checked in drive-through medical exams for signs of infection, according to government plans being finalized.

Federal officials say the first case of bird flu could show up in the United States in the coming weeks or months as birds migrate from overseas. President Bush is expected to endorse the need to reverse U.S. money if bird flu could show up in the United States in the next week or two.

Living out the plan assumes a worst-case scenario that as many as 90 million people in the U.S. would become sick and 2 million would die during a worldwide flu pandemic.

It envisages people may need to avoid human contact and stay home from work, school and other large gathering places, according to officials familiar with draft. Some details of the draft, first in Sunday's Washington Post, were confirmed by officials at the White House who spoke anonymously because the plan has not been finalized.

Dr. Bruce Gellin, director of the National Vaccine Program Office at the Health and Human Services Department, said the report builds on the strategy that Bush outlined six months ago — new flu-vaccine technology and greater stockpiles of vaccines and antivirals.

The government had focused on health issues in that earlier report, but a pandemic would affect every aspect of government, Gellin said.

The plan is being finalized by the president's Homeland Security Council, who said they should be the first vaccinated, proposes that other countries make U.S. money if domestic locations cannot operate. The plan anticipates that employees could strain Internet capacity while working from home computers.

The U.S. has had such multi-national agreements with allies in the past in case of emergency; a White House official said, but there is no current arrangement. Congress approval would be needed for a new deal.

The Veterans Affairs Department has developed a medical exam that could be conducted in VA hospital parking lots, with those who suspect they may be infected able to get a quick exam. The program is modeled after a drive-through flu vaccination program conducted last year.

EAPPLICATIONS

EGYPTIAN VIOLENCE

Riots erupt in Alexandria: Molotov cocktails, live ammunition and tear gas

Omar Sanan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt — Police fired live ammunition into the air and lobbed tear gas into rioting crowds of Christians and Muslims on Sunday in a third day of sectarian violence in Egypt's second-largest city.

One Muslim man reportedly died Sunday of his wounds. Police said 40 people had been wounded in clashes and 90 had been arrested over the weekend.

The riots were touched off Friday by knife attacks at three Coptic Christian churches, which killed one man and wounded up to 16 other people. A mentally ill man is being held in the subjugations.

Some 2,000 police fought back Sunday against 200 Coptic Christians who fled into St. Maximus Church in Alexandria, after the mob began hurling stones and bottles. Other demonstrators tossed Molotov cocktails from the balconies of nearby buildings.

Police were seen beating a young Coptic boy, who was among the crowd that fled. Later, a huge mob of what appeared to be Muslim protesters charged the police cordon from the other side.

Security forces also used tear gas Saturday to quash violence that erupted among several hundred Muslim Christians and Muslims at a funeral procession for a 78-year-old man who died Friday outside the Saints Church in the Sidi Bishr district.

Sporadic clashes continued after a fight Sunday.

Montef, Mohammed Mustafa, a lawyer, said a 24-year-old Muslim died Sunday after being beaten by Christians a day earlier.

A judge in Alexandria on Sunday ordered the alleged perpetrator of Friday's attacks on three churches, Mahmoud Salah-Eddin Abdel-Raiz, to be kept under observation at a mental hospital. Abdel-Razig had earlier been diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Coptic Christians are 10 percent of Egypt's 73 million population and generally live in peace with the country's Muslim majority. But occasional sectarian clashes have broken out. Most recently, Muslim militiamen attacked churches in Alexandria protesting the distribution of a DVD that they deemed offensive to Islam.

Four people were killed in those riots.

Christians also complain that they suffer job discrimination, particularly in the high ranks of the civil service.

Officials said more security forces had been sent to Alexandria to maintain calm, but residents were despondent over their damaged homes and shops.

"We were afraid so we locked ourselves inside our houses, but they broke in and destroyed everything," Sami Atef, a Muslim who said about eight cops who stormed his home Saturday night.

Ehab Sanii, a Copt, said his electronics shop opposite St. Maximus was looted.

"It was the Muslims, and the police were collaborating with them. I asked the police to help me, but they didn't lift a finger," Sanii said.

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Out of this world but making it to SLO

Christina Caci

Valient Thorr is out of this world - literally.

Valient Thorr, a rock ‘n’ roll band straight out of the planet Venus, will be coming to San Luis Obispo Monday to play at Downtown Brew. The band consists of five members, Valient Himself, Bjorn Thorr, Eidan Thorr, Professor Strangers and Lucian Thorr.

The band landed on Earth in 1957 in North Carolina in their time machine. After returning to space for a while, they crash-landed on Earth in 2000, front man Valient Himself said. Now, they are here to stay.

“The next album is our realizing that we are earthlings now,” he said, “and we can’t go back.”

The band is currently recording their second album for release called “Legend of the World.” The meaning behind this album is much deeper, said Valient Himself. The band goes into detail about things such as the beginning, end and middle of time,” he said. “Out of this world is trying to get a message across, wrote Dane Merton, a reporter for the Rockit Magazine of Los Angeles, in his article “Norsermen Visit the Viper Room in the Form of Valient Thorr.”

“This band appears to have some sort of mission statement, a message to us humans who march to work every day like ants,” he said.

The band constantly tours. For weeks at a time, they visit cities all over the country to spread their message. “You can’t learn in one place like you can in every place,” Valient Himself said. They are about to leave for a four-month tour of the country.

Though the band plays in both large and small venues, Valient Himself likes the smaller “Rock ‘n’ roll bars” better, he said. “Those packed-ans clubs are awesome,” Valient Himself said. “When your sweat can’t reach the back of the room, it’s not as good.”

However, venues like the House of Blues appeal to Valient Thorr, because it is usually a good chance for exposure, he said. “Even when you aren’t well known you are caked in the middle and nobody is too tired to check you out,” Valient Himself said.

Valient Thorr looks like bands like AC/DC and MC5 for inspiration and looks to specific artists such as Mic Jagger (“he has a swagger like nobody else”) and Thin Lizzy.

The band is going to be playing along with bands like Thrice, Fall Out Boy, and All-American Ruggle this summer on the Warped Tour. However much Valient Thorr looks to older music, they see potential in some smaller up and coming bands. “Small bands like River Boat Gamblers and Bird of Avalon are awesome,” Valient Himself said. “There should not be a band so underground that you can’t find it at your f— in’ record store.”

All the members write songs on the group’s album collectively. “We can’t let anyone write our songs,” Valient Himself said. “All the members write songs on the group’s album collectively. We would never let anyone write our songs,” Valient Himself said.

The acclaim that the band has received recently has been largely noticed. Purevolume.com said Valient Thorr is “the best band on the planet that is not from this planet.”

Though the band is from space, they still have much to say about Earth and they want to let everyone know it, he said. “The media tries to cock everything with honey, but I’m not going to cock anything,” said Valient Himself. “When asked about his age, Valient Himself takes a minute to calculate it in his head, then answers, “27, 218 Earth years old, but that doesn’t make sense in Venusian years.”

Recently, Hustler magazine did an article on the band and, according to the band’s Myspace.com page, the writer called the members “middle-aged.” In response to this Valient Himself said, “Everybody thinks we are old because of our beards, but we are actually old because we are from space.”

Compd by Nick Coury
Design by Louise Dubly

The band Valient Thorr will be rocking the stage at Downtown Brew in San Luis Obispo today. The all ages show begins at 7:30 p.m. with headlining band Bullets & Octane.

Bilbored

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

1. TAKE a date to the opening of “Thank You For Smocking,” a comedy “following the machinations of Big Tobacco.” The film opens Monday, April 17 at the Palm Theatre. Give your support for “Run 2 Remember” on Tuesday, April 18 starting at the Cal Poly Health Center Lawn. This third annual event is hosted by the Cal Poly Women’s Programs and is designed to provide a fun and safe atmosphere for nights running registration is $15.

3. HAVE a listen to the new album, “Black Magic Show,” the new record from the alt-rock band, Elephant. The record hits stores Tuesday, April 18.

4. WIN your spots at the college rodeo regional competition at the Cal Poly Rodeo Arena beginning Friday, April 21, featuring the men’s and women’s top-ranked Cal Poly Rodeo Team. The event starts at 6 p.m. on Friday.

5. HELP out a Cal Poly club during Student Preview Day for new students beginning Friday, April 21 during Cal Poly Open House.

7. PLANT yourself at the Community Flower Show hosted by P. Alpha Xi on Saturday, April 22. The free event begins at 10 a.m. in room 103 in the Agricultural Sciences building.

8. SEE three Cal Poly ensembles play a tribute to George Gershwin at Open House on Saturday, April 22. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

9. WATCH the Poly Royal Parade on Saturday, April 22 starting in the University Union Plaza at 9 a.m. and ending at Dixter Lawn.

PIZZAZZ your world with the exuberant movements of Parsons Dance Co. on Sunday, April 23 at the Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at www.paciso.org.

BREAKING NEWS

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The ethics of gift-giving: Not all bribes are bad

Dilemma During my internship at a company, I had an opportunity to go out on a client visit with one of the salespeople. When the salesperson met with the client, he handed an envelope to the client. I later asked what was in the envelope and he told me that the client had a few friends in town and they were interested in going to Disneyland and so the salesperson “provided” some tickets. Is this ethical?

In this situation, the salesperson’s true intention seems to be quite pro quo, which is Latin for “for a favor” or “for a fee.” In other words, the intention is bribery, something of value that is given or promised in a corrupt manner to another person in order to influence behavior inconsistent with their duties. In our society, bribery has a strong way of corrupting the free-markets, selling out to the rich, causing a general distrust of institutions and treating people as commodities whose honor can be bought and sold.

If you give a gift to someone and it leads to a business deal, it is not bribery. In this case, it is a gift. It can be difficult to determine the difference between the two in given situations. I think that in some cases, gift-giving is an entrenched part of doing business. Thus, we cannot say that all bribes are bad. There may be circumstances where there is a greater good accomplished by giving a gift. If a client is a long-time friend then it is often acceptable to give a gift, particularly one that is of a personal nature and meaningful to the person. Here are some things to think about before accepting that “gift.”

For this specific situation, the gift was not of a personal nature and was not openly discussed during the sales call. Thus, it had the appearance of being underhanded. It was also presented during a business meeting that increased the likelihood that it was being used to possibly gain favor with the client. This type of practice has become so common that companies such as Wal-Mart expressly prohibit their buyers from accepting gifts from sales people. Taking a bribe can undermine an organization, making everyone look bad. It’s easier to simply explain that you cannot, nor can anyone else in your organization, accept a “gift” or bribe.

Therefore, anyone you are faced with an ethical decision ask yourself these two questions: Is accepting this offer OK with the company I work for? And is accepting this offer OK with me? If you cannot answer yes to both of these, then you shouldn’t move forward.

Many people think that every once in awhile you are hit with one big ethical decision, but in reality, it is an accumulation of small ethical decisions where you get to that point. Deciding not to take or offer a bribe may be one of those smaller choices that will pay off in the long run. For that reason, next time you are pulled over for speeding on Hwy 101, think twice before attempting to pay off the police officer to avoid a ticket.

The Bottom Line: According to Professor Armstrong, “Integrity is a habit.” Like any habit, you have to practice it.

Aliza Elbert and Jennifer Ballas are both marketing coordinators with a knack for changing the world.

The ethics of gift-giving: Not all bribes are bad
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the throw home so that's OK. It's a
different interpretation of the rules.
Condon said Jordan "had every
right to protest if it was their
call." "I really doubt that (the umpire)
will change it," Condon said. "They feel
comfortable with their call."

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The Matadors (12-16, 1-6), who
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also won 8-6 and left five runners on base.
Cal Poly freshman Jenny Maiden (6-7) earned the win. She
allowed two runs (one earned) on six hits, walked two and struck out
two in four frames.

The Mustangs, who won 8-6 in both
games Friday, hit five of their
six doubles Saturday in the first two innings. Cal Poly junior
center fielder Luis Mogdlin was 2-for-3 with two doubles and scored twice.
"We've been working hard all year and we've finally seen the
payoff," Condon said. "It's great for our
program and our kids."

The Mustangs host UC Davis for a doubleheader at 4 p.m.
Saturday. "It's going to be a great (three-
game) series," Condon said. "They're similar to Northridge. We need to come out like we did this
weekend. Hopefully there won't be any rain. I think that has
affected our pitching a little bit."

Pura said Cal Poly has surged
ever the last six weeks because of a
renewed focus on fundamentals.
"We've been stressing the little
tings instead of the overall pic-
ture," she said. "We're going back
to the basics and we've come
together as a team. I expect us to win
each inning one at a time."
Cal Poly had plenty of hits, but scored just six runs in three conference games against UC Irvine, losing two-of-three games.

Frank Stranazl

In hindsight, it might have been a profitable day for the Mustangs had Mother Nature stepped in and postponed Saturday's 4-1 loss to UC Irvine in a Big West baseball contest.

Rain delayed the start of the game by 29 minutes, but the skies let up and allowed the Anteaters to win their first Big West series this year as Cal Poly's bats again struggled to produce runs.

The Mustangs (21-17, .534) entered the weekend averaging more than six runs per game, but only managed six for the entire series against UC Irvine (21-16, 3-6). Cal Poly coach Larry Lee isn't worried about the sudden slump.

"We had a lot of hits over the weekend, but not timely hits," Lee said.

Cal Poly won Thursday night's game 2-1 with Bed Norris pitching seven innings and picking up the win for the Mustangs. Casey Fien, Cal Poly's starting pitcher on Saturday, threw two innings of shutout baseball for his second save in 15 K K K.

Cal Poly designated hitter Adam Buschini flies out in the bottom of the third inning in the Mustangs' 4-1 loss on Saturday to UC Irvine. Cal Poly had a season-worst six runs in three games against the series.

Cal Poly's bats again struggled to produce runs. Cal Poly's bats again struggled to produce runs.

The Anteaters threatened to increase their lead with runners on first and third base and one out against Roquet in the ninth inning. The Anteaters attempted a squeeze play with Matt Morris at the plate. The ball caromed hard off Dudrey's bat and Van Ostrand fielded the ball while charging from first base to end the inning with a 4-1 lead.

Scott Gorgon (5-2) earned the win for the Anteaters, pitching seven innings before handing the ball off to reliever Gary Nakashima. Gorgen surrendered one run on seven hits and walked two while striking out eight in his seven innings of work.

Nakashima pitched two scoreless innings to close the game out for his second save of the season.

The Anteaters got to a hot start with the bases loaded. doubles by Taylor Holaday, Jaime Martinez and Matt Morris in the top half of the first inning to give the Anteaters a 2-0 lead.

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