Students, community ‘Take Back the Night’

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The Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource Center (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.

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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

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When he forcefully took his 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.

“I was dating him,” 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 naivete.

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Campus police to alert community through new radio station

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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.

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.”

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 Watton, Cal Poly’s interim police chief.

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

The station will be used for traffic and advisory updates during Open House, Campbell said.

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.

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.

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WHERE: Chumash Auditorium
WHEN: Monday, April 17 from 7-9 p.m.

WHAT: NightTime K campus run, the Run 2 Remember, as part of Remember Week. WHAT: Nightline K campus run, the Run 2 Remember, as part of Remember Week.
WHERE: Chumash Auditorium
WHEN: Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m.

WHAT: Cal Poly’s lgbtq society, Pi Alpha Xi, is hosting a community flower show. The event is free and open to the public.
WHERE: The run starts at the Cal Poly Health Center Lawn.
WHEN: Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHAT: The top-ranked Cal Poly Rodeo Team is headed into regional competition for the Polynesian Kodiac.
WHERE: The rodeo starts at 6 p.m. Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22.

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that we 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.

SAFER 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 Sanin, a San Luis Obispo police officer. "It's always great to educate," she said. "I've worked sexual assault for four years and 95 percent of the cases have 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 act of women together.
Christine Foster, Erika Morgan and Skylar Olsen were the three artists. Olsen delivered a poem about a woman who was present at the event.
Guest musicians were Brenna Orr and Jill Night. 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 SAFER, the handprints represent resistance. "We want to remind people that violence against women is not okay."
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 heard the voices of reluctant victims.
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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," Becca 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 repeatedly heard the voices of reluctant victims.
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The lesser assaults typically are left unaddressed. According to the North County Women's Shelter, 13 percent of the girls that report forced sex identify their boyfriends as the perpetrators and were victimized at age 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 there 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 SAFER, 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 quarterly does point poster present-ations, ReMember Week 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 rape reports, 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 think it's confusing for a variety of reasons," Williams said. "It's almost impossible to call a person 'a rapist' if alcohol or an acquaintance is involved."
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"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 SAFER, SARP and the Women's Center hope to improve awareness. Society, Swanson argues, isn't helping.
"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 what was going on when he was 17. He was so offended by the story isn't sensational, but it is the most important one to tell.

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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

Inside or outside: Outside

Most used phrase on AIM: hahaha

The Face of Cal Poly presents...

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

Wordly Wise

Inchoate: Partly but not fully in existence or operation.

Reticent: Inclined to keep silent.

State

SAN DIEGO — More than 350 pounds of explosives brought down the 92-year-old Hotel San Diego — a planned implosion to make way for a new courthouse.

It took just 2.5 seconds for the seven-story downtown landmark to collapse into rubble early Saturday morning.

Hundreds of people woke early to watch the spectacle.

Feeling freight train, authorities said.

The hotel, built in 1914, once was the site of wedding receptions, proms and other milestone events, proms and other milestones and in recent years was mostly used for low-income housing.

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ORANJESTAD, Aruba — An announcement that police made an arrest in the disappearance of teenager Natalee Holloway left many islanders wondering Sunday who the suspect is — and whether the arrest marked a real breakthrough in the almost year-old case.

Aruban authorities would only say late Sunday that the person arrested almost year-old case.

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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 approve a national response plan in the next week or two laying out how agencies should respond if it were transmitted to humans.

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 envisions 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 response plan, assembled by the president's Homeland Security Council, lays out who 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.

It's up to have such an agreement 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.

Egyptian Violance

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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 hospital.

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 Coptic Christians and Muslims at a funeral procession for a 78-year-old man killed Friday outside the Saints Church in the Saihi Bahr district.

Sporadic scuffles continued after a nightfall Sunday.

Mounta Mohamed Mostafa, 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-Razig, 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, Muslims militants 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 about their damaged homes and shops.

"We were afraid so we locked our stores inside our houses, but they broke in and destroyed everything," Sami Aziz, a Muslim who said eight Copts who were accorded his home Saturday night.

"I fled into another building," Sami said.

"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," Sami said.

Riots erupt in Alexandria: Molotov cocktails, live ammunition and tear gas
Out of this world but making it to SLO

Christina Casi

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 Strangeys 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 realization 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, Valient Himself said. "It's about the beginning, end and middle of time," he said. "Legend of the World" is a concept album based on the band's time machine that had been left behind. Later, they realized that Walt Disney had stolen it. Valient Himself said.

Valient Himself has "held millions of Earth jobs, including a school teacher." However, he decided that teaching adults was more valuable. "Why teach kids when you can teach adults?" he said. Other people can tell that the band is trying to get a message across. In his article "Norsemen Visit the VIPer Room in the Form of Valient Thorr," author Dane Moreton, a reporter for the Rockie Magazine of Los Angeles, wrote of the band's article "Norsemen 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 ban" better, he said. "These packed-club slots are awesome," Valient Himself said. "When your sweat can't reach the back of the room, it's not as awesome."

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 to 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 Réggae 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 albums 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 coat everything with honey, but I'm not going to coat 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."
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 “in return.” 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, is it corruption? Is it bribery? It can be difficult to determine the difference between the two in a given situation. Kindness, for example, in some cultures, 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 also a long-time friend 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 salespeople. 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:

- Is this decision against the law?
- Does it serve the public interest?
- Is it ethical?
- Is it the ethical choice?
- Is it the right thing to do?

In the scenario above, accepting a bribe may be one of those smaller choices that will pay off in the long run. For many reasons, 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.

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Guest Comment

Privacy and constitutionality

One news story with the most traction this year is the debate surrounding privacy. From the ostensible infringements in the name of national security by way of the Patriot Act to the sought-after scrutiny of otherwise benign “Google” searches, the scope and definition of privacy in this country is being shaped, our personal expectations as well as the mental and legal agents exerting their pressures in search of an answer. A little more than two weeks ago one of those agents, the U.S. Supreme Court, had the occasion to rule on a narrow prong of a complete concept. In the case of Georgia v. Randolph, the Court held that when police receive consent to search a home, that consent may be negated by a co-occupant of that same home. The decision left constitutional issues divided as divided in the court — six separate opinions were written including a rather stinging dissent by Chief Justice Roberts. In the overall landscape of privacy law there are many more to come.

But what does the case highlight is the dynamic nature of the definition of privacy. I rate this point because it was a little more than two months ago an O. J. Simpson type piece of the University of Illinois Daily I l i f m found its way onto the pages of the Mustang Daily in its weekly newsletter. The U.S. Supreme Court for bottoming its decision in Roe v. Wade on a supposed constitutional right to privacy. Passionate in its prose, the writer nonetheless only offered one perspective — relying upon a rather strict, albeit self-serving, interpretation of the constitution to arrive at the conclusion that the court’s decision in Roe mocks what very same document. That’s rather like in light of competing methodologies of constitutional analysis.

While privacy is not specifically enumerated as a right in the constitution, it arguably exists in the "penumbras," or fringes, of several amendments in the Bill of Rights — namely the Third, Fourth, Fifth and particularly the Ninth. The right is evoked from a means of fundamental analysis where the entire document is construed — selectively parsing the Constitution may be politically expedient in framing one-sided arguments, but it only serves to divide the very populace that hallowed document seeks to unite. From a historical perspective and considering the persuasive force of common sense, it would be folly to presume the framers meant to recognize those rights, and only those rights, specifically listed in the Constitution. When John Mosers, Samuel Warren and Louis Brandeis — who himself would be later appointed to the bench — penned “The Right to Privacy” in 1890, they rationalized the political, social and economic changes about in our nation to argue for the recognition of such a right. The Supreme Court does not operate in a vacuum — as the necessity of substantiating such a right culminated in a majority opinion in the Supreme Court’s ruling in Griswold, so those same forces shape the interpretation of that right. The Supreme Court continues to shape the interpretation of that right and Chief Justice William Rehnquist arguably did not on his own volition and the right of dissenting opinion to the nullification of Roe being a healthy thing. But, the it’s an accumulation of several smaller choices before 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 Mustangs host UC Davis for a doubleheader at 4 p.m. Saturday. ‘It was fun, Jenna’s doing a great job,” Condon said. ‘She had a little injury in the fall and has really been strong. She’s been so impressive for us stepping into that role just like Robyn (Kroner) did last year and Emily (Hively) did two years ago."

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 Lisa Modglin 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."

**Tennis**

Continued from page 8 over Malec. Three singles matches did finish a week ago Wednesday as Samantha Waller (11-18) fell to No. 69 Hannah Grady, 6-2, 6-2, in the No. 1 position. Daniel Henry (13-10) was defeated by Katy Williams, 6-2, 7-5 in the No. 2 spot and Sheila Lewis (13-17) lost to Andrea Roza in the No. 4 position, 6-3, 6-3.

The Mustangs will return to action ‘Monday, playing in a make-up game against No. 14 UCLA at Los Angeles.

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Cal Poly’s Cristen Lee beats out a grounder to short in the bottom of the third inning against Cal State Northridge on Friday.

Mustangs take mercy on Matadors

Tristan Aird

Based on what she saw Friday, Cal Poly softball head coach Jenny Condon had a hunch that freshman first baseman Melissa Puru would do something special with the bases loaded Saturday.

Puru did just that, crushing a grand slam over the center-field wall with two outs in the bottom of the fourth inning. The towering blast carried the Mustangs to an 11-2 Big West Conference win over visiting Cal State Northridge at waterlogged Bob Jansens Field. Condon said, “She swung the bat well all weekend and picked some good pitches to swing at. She’s been really comfortable and relaxed. Her swing has been so good and she just drilled it.”

Puru was 2-for-3 with six RBIs; Condon, 1-for-4 with two RBIs, two home runs, two walks and scored five runs over the weekend.

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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 Dudney at the plate. The ball caromed hard off Dudney’s bat and Van Ostrand fielded the ball while charging from first base to see Baseball, page 7.

Cal Poly had plenty of hits, but scored just six runs in three conference games against UC Irvine, losing two-of-three games

Frank Stranzl

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, 6-4) 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’s bats again struggled to produce runs.

Cal Poly’s starting pitcher on Saturday, Casey Fien, Cal Poly’s Jimmy Gardiner and Josh Lasfood each had two hits on Saturday, accounting for half of the team’s hits, but neither was able to score. In all, Cal Poly left eight runners on base in the game.

Nick Camacho

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Stags fall in rain-shortened contest

Sports information report

Rain cut short the women’s Big West match between No. 69 Cal Poly and No. 30 Long Beach State Saturday, 4-1.

Doubles matches were not played, as both teams agreed the first team to four wins was the victor.

With the loss, Cal Poly drops to 11-9 overall and 5-2 in conference play.

In the No. 5 position, Shannon Brady lost 6-2 to the Matadors. It gave the Stags a glimmer of hope, as the freshman took out Jessica Weeks in a hard-fought contest.

Moments later the contest ended as Long Beach State’s Rachel Porsz was able to hold off a tenacious Marla Malec (13-15) in the No. 6 position, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, in a match that saw Malec fall behind 3-0 in the final set, only to battle back to a 3-3 tie, before eventually falling 6-3.

The No. 3 match between Carol Erickson (19-8) of Cal Poly and Stephanie Bengson of Long Beach State ended with Erickson leading 7-6, 4-2, but both had reached the fourth win due to Porsz’s win see Tennis, page 7.