Mardi Gras weekend saw 28 total arrests, with 20 on Friday night and 8 on Saturday night, most of which were for public intoxication. Last year, police arrested 48 people Mardi Gras weekend, 82 in 2005 and 206 in 2004. "Although there were long lines at most of the bars downtown, there were very few parties in the neighborhoods, and it was a very slow Saturday night in terms of arrests," said San Luis Obispo Police Department Capt. Dan Blanke in an e-mail. Police surveillance will continue until Tuesday night and enhanced fines will still apply, ranging from $350 to $700.

Mardi Gras front

Poly partakes in national webcast

Samantha Freitas

Hotline of San Luis Obispo County, a 24-hour information, referral and crisis support system, is hoping to make the phone number 211 accessible by this summer.

Similar to 911, 211 is a 24-hour daily service that connects people to appropriate health and human services. It will be especially useful in disaster situations.

"In a disaster, 211 becomes the hub of public information. It will really help people and ease 911 open and available for real life and death situations," said Hotline executive director Evan Mendelson.

"Basically the time is now, we have to respond to the global emergency," Stannard said. "Essentially, this initiative is a culmination of a lot of work people have been doing for a long time, and now we can get momentum in a more focused way."

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Previous Cal Poly clubs like the BioDiesel Club, Poly Greens, the Fair Trade Club and many more that are raising awareness about global warming and sustainability will get involved. The goal of the teach-in is to promote new educational programs and curriculum that can be implemented to further the sustainability cause.

Sandy Stannard, the leader of the movement and architecture professor, has been working on bringing the 2010 Imperative and the larger 2030 Challenge issue to Cal Poly since last fall.

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The 2030 Challenge is part of the 2010 Imperative, a discussion on global warming and sustainability in the environmental design profession, will broadcast live from New York on Tuesday and will be hosted in Chumash Auditorium.

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design is hosting the webcast in hopes that all departments can do and will give the entire department a goal to work toward.

"If we work as a collective toward some aggressive target it's a more measurable and stronger way to go about it," Stannard said.

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Los Angeles to divest $27M from Sudan

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LOS ANGELES — In protest against the continuing violence in Darfur, Los Angeles will withdraw $27 million from pension funds with companies that deal with the Sudanese government.

"The city of Los Angeles is adding its voice to the international outcry over the genocide in Darfur," said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in a statement after announcing the city's intention to divest.

"We must stand for freedom and basic human rights for all, and we must do everything possible to stop the killing in Darfur," the mayor said.

Violence in Darfur, which Congress has unanimously declared to be genocide, has killed more than 200,000 people and displaced around 2.5 million people since fighting broke out in the region in 2003. The Sudanese government has been accused of providing money and assistance to militia groups carrying out the violence and participating in joint attacks, though it denies this.

Smitha Srinath, co-president of Amnesty International at the University of California at Los Angeles, said she is happy to see Los Angeles divest from Sudan, a decision which follows the vote by the University of California Board of Regents to divest from companies which support the Sudanese government.

"The city of L.A. is so big and has such a great economic force and such prominence that hopefully national government will take notice of the conflict in Sudan," she said.

Funds will be divested from companies which the regents found to substantially support the Sudanese government or rebel groups.

Pension funds from the Los Angeles City Retirement Systems will divest $18 million, and the police and fire departments will divest $7.5 million. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power pension plans will reinvest $1.8 million.

The city has around $40 billion invested in employee pension and retirement funds, according to a press release from the mayor's office.

The divestment is part of a nationwide campaign of financial action against companies which deal with the Sudanese government.

"People aren't willing to do business with companies which are providing money for the genocide," said Karina Garcia, member of the Leadership Committee of the Darfur Action Committee.

She said the campaign is a public demonstration against the violence.

"It's collective action to show that we won't tolerate genocide," Garcia said.

She added that the divestment campaign imposes sanctions which may prove more successful than international condemnation.

"It's very targeted and very substantive, not just symbolic," she said.

The announcement by the city followed the announcement by Gov. Schwarzenegger last year to end the state's investments in Sudan.

The University of California also voted to end dealings with the Sudanese government in March 2006, following the lead of other universities including Harvard and Stanford.

In April 2006, Providence Cty. R.I., became the first U.S. city to divest from Sudan.

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"When Santa Barbara County launched the 211 service in 2005, the incoming calls immediately doubled from 700 to 1,400 a month, according to the Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County. Throughout the country there has been a 100 to 400 percent increase in the amount of incoming calls once an operation switch-es to 211," Mendelson said.

In order to account for the presumed increase in calls and to have application approved by the Public Utilities Commission, Hotline plans to double the amount of on-call resource and support specialists to answer incoming calls.

The funds required to make San Luis Obispo County 211 accessible received a boost from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company recently. PG&E donated $10,000 to the county and committed to match up to $25,000 in March and again at the end of September.

In addition to the funding to get the program started, Hotline will also need to raise in funds annually to keep 211 running. Mendelson said that they will need the help of the government to pay for the service.

Government support for the system is growing as Sens. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., and Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., are introducing bipartisan legislation that would provide federal funding for 211.

Hotline is still available to San Luis Obispo County during this transition and can be reached at 549-8989.
New Jersey offers civil unions for gay couples

Geoff Mulvihill

MUSTANG DAILY NEWS

HADDONFIELD, N.J. — Diane Marini used to joke that she was always the bridesmaid and never the bride. Because, as a lesbian, she thought it was unlikely New Jersey would ever approve same-sex marriage.

Still, she and long-time partner Marilyn Maneely campaigned for gay marriage. They were among seven couples who sued the state in 2002 demanding the right to a gay marriage law, it has led to New Jersey becoming the third state to offer civil unions to same-sex couples.

The civil unions law takes effect Monday and some same-sex couples are planning ceremonies. For couples who are not already in civil union from other states, however, there is a 72-hour waiting period after applying for a license — just like with marriages. A few towns have closed the state planned to open at 12:01 a.m. Monday so couples could file their applications.

It will be a bitter sweeter day for Marini because her partner of 37 years Louise Gehrig's disease in 2005, more than a year before the case was decided.

"I'm thrilled to have been part of the whole movement to show people who knew, didn't know what marriage meant, why it was important," said Marini, who plans to attend the Sunday Morris County Legislative Union for gay couples.

As a law student, Marini worked as a domestic partner under a 2004 New Jersey law that extended some benefits of marriage to gay couples. Under that law, Marini was entitled to make medical decisions for her partner in New Jersey, the way a spouse would.

But much of Marini's treatment had been as a same-sex couple.

Marini said, as advocates for gay marriage have often argued, that a partnership marriage come into play often when one spouse is sick. "It's a time of emergency, a time of hysteria," she said. And a bad time to explain legal rights and status to hospital officials, well-meaning or not, she said.

The phrase "domestic partner" and "civil union" only add to the confusion, she said, whereas "marriage" is more universally understood.

Gay rights advocates say they will keep pressing for New Jersey to become the second state in the nation to allow gay marriage. But Massachusetts is the only state to allow same-sex marriages; Vermont and Connecticut have civil union laws.

At the same time, however, some social conservatives are launching a campaign drive to persuade legislators to change the state constitution to define marriage as being between a man and a woman.

Marini says she'll continue to be involved in the political fight for gay marriage, but with Maneely, she says, she won't be part of another lawsuit.
**THE BIZARRE**

**RARE DUCKLING WALKS ON 4 LEGS**

LONDON (AP) — Webbed feet run in Stumpy's family, but a rare mutation has left the eight-day-old duckling with two nearly full-sized legs behind the two he runs on.

Nicky Janaway, a duck farmer in New Forest, Hampshire, 95 miles southwest of London, unveiled the duckling to reporters on Saturday.

"It was absolutely bizarre. I was thinking 'he's got too many legs' and I kept counting 'one, two, three, four,'" Janaway said.

Stumpy would probably not survive in the wild, but Janaway, who runs the Warrawee Duck Farm in New Forest said he is doing well.

"He's eating and surviving so far and he is running about with those extra legs acting like stabilizers," Janaway said.

**ASIANS AROUND THE WORLD GREET YEAR OF PIG WITH FEASTS, FESTIVITIES**

Alexa Olsen

Asians flocked to temples, parks and Disneyland on Sunday to pray, play, eat, and celebrate the first day of the Lunar New Year, ushering in the Year of the Pig.

At the Lama Temple and White Cloud Temple in Beijing, the faithful burned incense and tossed coins at incense burners, believing that if they landed in the pot they would have better luck in the New Year.

At a traditional fair in the capital's Ditan Park, performers sang folk songs and snippets of Peking opera, including things of people strolling through the park, many carrying balloons and pinwheels. Vendors sold pork dumplings and other treats, such as freshly made candy sculpted into chubby pig shapes.

The pig is one of 12 animals (or mythical animals in the case of the dragon) on the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac, which follows the lunar calendar. According to Chinese astrology, people born in pig years are polite, honest, hardworking and loyal.

They are also lucky, which is why many Chinese like to have babies in a pig year.

Across China, revelers ushered in the New Year Saturday night and early Sunday morning by exploding fireworks and fireworks — an ancient New Year tradition meant to drive away bad luck and scare off evil spirits.

In Beijing, the streets were littered with tattered red paper and the cardboard casings from spent fireworks.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported that in Beijing 125 people were reported injured from fireworks, including one person who lost both eyes. Police said shoddy fireworks were to blame.

Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao made separate visits to remote villages in poorer areas, chatting and cooking with locals in far western Gansu and northern Liaoning provinces.

Such trips have become an annual ritual for the leadership — part of efforts to show that the government cares about those living in the countryside, where incomes average only $400 a year.

Hu fried dough twists with farmers on the outskirts of Gansu's Dingxi city, helped cut traditional door decorations from red paper, and received a basket of potatoes from a poor farmer, state media said.

China's booming economic growth in the last several decades has pulled hundreds of millions out of poverty, but a growing wealth gap in recent years has exposed cracks that Hu and his government have acknowledged threaten social stability.

In Hong Kong, the normally bustling streets were virtually empty as families gathered for feasts of chicken and hot pots piled high with pork, shrimp and vegetables.

At Hong Kong Disneyland, Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse shed their usual Western clothes and wore traditional Chinese clothing. Mickey wore a red beanie with a matching silk shirt trimmed in gold. Minnie showed off a bright red cheongsam — a tight-fitting Chinese women's dress.

Instead of the usual Disney movie tunes, speakers in the park played classical Chinese music. There was also a loud clattering of cymbals and drums as a traditional dragon dance wound its way around the park.

In Taiwan, firecrackers exploded late Saturday and early Sunday to usher in the New Year. Worshippers gathered at temples all around the island, holding incense sticks and bowing in the direction of Buddhist and Taoist deities in an effort to secure good luck throughout the coming year.

Major highways in South Korea were congested on Sunday as millions began returning home after visiting family to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

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At Rio de Janeiro's carnival, nude bodies don't always spell sex

Michael Astor

WASHINGTON D.C.— Senate Democrats pledged renewed efforts Sunday to curtail the Iraq war, sug­gesting they will seek to limit a 2002 measure authorizing President Bush's use of force against Saddam Hussein.

The top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said the proposal had lit­tle chance of succeeding. "I think the president would veto it and the veto would be upheld," said Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana.

A day after Republicans voted a Democratic bid to repudiate Bush's deployment of 21,500 additional combat troops to Iraq, Senate Democrats declared to embrace measures — being advanced in the House — that would attach condi­tions to additional funding for troops.

Sen. Carl Levin, who chairs the Armed Services Committee, said Democratic senators would probably seek to capitalize on wavering Republicans to limit the "wides­open authorization" Congress gave Bush in 2002.

"We will be looking at a modifi­cation of that authorization in order to limit troop deployments to a support mission instead of a combat mission, and that is very different from cutting off funds," said Levin, D-Mich.

Sen. Joe Biden, a 2008 presidential candidate who leads the foreign relations panel, said the 2002 autho­rization should be repealed to restate the president's authority and clarify the mission of U.S. troops in Iraq.

"I've been working with some of my colleagues to try to convince them that that's the way to go ... make it clear that the purpose that he has troops in there is to, in fact, protect against al-Qaida gaming chunks of territory, training the Iraqis, force protection for our forces," said Biden, D-Del.

Dancers perform on top of a "Estacio de Sa" samba school float that resembles Brazil's State of Liberty during the carnival parade in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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They come from a land down under

years ago, the region offers intense Cabernet Sauvignons with great classic fruit flavors. Another famous region is the Hunter Valley. Located close to Sydney, the Hunter Valley is the oldest wine region, boasting vines from 1825. This region is best known for its complex Shiraz and well-balanced Chardonnays.

I tried an excellent 2005 Penfold Shiraz Cabernet ($5.99, Trader Joe’s) blended wine labeled Rawson’s Retreat. This wine was very smooth and luscious, giving off beautiful raspberry flavors along with hints of coconut and spice. Another Aussie pick was the 2004 Rosemount Estate Shiraz ($5.49, Costco). This one had slightly higher spirits, containing ripe blackberry and toasted cedar. I found it to be a little louder than I usually care for, though if you enjoy busy Shiraz, it may be your cup of tea, mate!

I would recommend pairing these robust Aussie red wines with any robust ribs or smoked lamb. In fact, lamb is near and dear to my heart. I hope you find “sweet as!”

Greek Style Lamb Kabobs

Kabobs:
- 1 pound boneless lamb cut into 1-1/2 inch cubes
- 24 cherry tomatoes
- 24 1-1/2 inch chunks of onion

Marinade:
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 bunch of fresh oregano
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 8 large pita bread

Directions:
- Drain meat cubes; discard marinade. Thread lamb, tomatoes and onion onto skewers. Grill on medium heat for 12 to 15 minutes or until done. Turn kabobs several times, brushing with marinade. Serve with warm pita bread and hummus.

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Performing Arts Center invaded by make-up, tights, tutus for one night only

Taylor Moore
MUSTANG DAILY

Performers with stage names like Ida Nevaayeva, Tatiana Youbeyaboksotaya, Minnie van Driver, and Nadia Dousmieux danced their way into audiences' hearts, or funny bones. Friday night at the Performing Arts Center.

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, an all-male ballet group, wore tights, nay and terrifying makeup during their two-hour performance parodying classical ballets.

The men played the parts of female and male dancers in well-known pieces like "Swan Lake" and "Don Quixote." Dancing tutus, crowns and makeup, the men transformed into their female, Russian stage characters, pushed each other for stage space, got into fights and forgot their choreography.

The playful atmosphere, mixed with the original ballet music and genuine dancing talent, created a winning performance full of laughs.

The performance began with a parody of the popular ballet "Swan Lake." Men wearing flowing, white dresses and wigs of hair tied into tight, ballet style buns, played the part of the swan. Just like the real ballet, the men were graceful, light on their feet, and coordinated.

However, with the inclusion of a fight between the swans, one dancer who just couldn't seem to keep up with the others, and a few "accidental" falls, the men transformed the beautiful ballet into a master-piece of humor.

The two main performers in the piece, the prince and the swan queen, wearing a white tutu and tiara, made a hilarious duo with their impressivelifts and humorous chemistry.

One of the best parts of the show was the melting of the swan queen. As the queen danced gracefully, her tutu started to shed feathers, and soons, to the audience's pleasure, the dancer began throwing all the lost feathers back onto the tutu while attempting to contain her (or his) frustration and keep her poise on stage.

Another equally outrageous performance was a scene where about 10 dancers performed "Go 'fo' Barocco," which included fast walking, tripping and the occasional shimmy.

With these and other parodies of classic ballets, Les Ballets Trockadero created an award-winning performance. See Ballet, page 8.

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A "Rocky Horror Picture Show" fan — clad in Dr. Frank-N-Furter drag — waits in line at the Fremont Theatre for a pre-Valentine's Day showing of the cult classic, which originated from a musical of the same name.
To watch a film like "Venus" is to watch somebody do something they shouldn't be doing, like a small child picking his nose or a drunk friend hitting on your sister.

Or an old man trying to seduce a girl 60 years younger than he is.

That's the particular case in Roger Michell's new film, a story about an aging, foul-mouthed actor who becomes infatuated with his best friend's estranged teenage caretaker. You look on in cautious fascination, transfixed by the embarrassing spectacle in front of you. Not knowing how to respond, you continue to watch.

And you can't help but smile.

Screen legend Peter O'Toole plays Maurice, the octogenarian film and stage star on the last lap of a respectable career. Succumbing to the health-related pinfalls of old age, Maurice depends on two-bit acting classes to stay in the game (often perfor­ming with remarkable acuity), and he passes the time pointing out post-mortem articles in the obituary sec­tion of the newspaper.

Still, Maurice retains his child­ish spunk, refuses to go down without a fight and years for a fresh ingredient to rejuvenate his recession condition. Opportunity presents itself in the form of Jessie (played by newcomer Jodie Whittaker), the pretty yet coarse family member of Maurice's best friend, Ian (Leslie Phillips).

Jessie is your typical teenag­er; she's unprepossessing, self-con­scious and angry at the world. But her youthful spirit — and youthful body — appeals to Maurice, fasci­nating him sexually and intellectually.

When Maurice is able to secure an unorthodox modeling job for Jessie, the two begin an unlikely companionship defined by trips to art museums and nights out on the town.

As a young person struggling to make a living, Jessie increasingly begins to depend on Maurice for money, and she gradually starts offering him quasi­-sexual favors as compensation. Nothing too serious happens; Maurice is allowed to kiss her shoulders or caress her hand. But it becomes increasingly apparent that Jessie looks on him more as a sugar daddy than as an actual friend, and their relationship has a hollow aura about it.

Maurice's health continues to deter­iorate, encouraging him to revisit a wounded ex-wife (Vanessa Redgrave) who stood on the tattoo parlor's sidewalk for Friday night's spectacle, her head covered by a hooded sweatshirt.

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Spears appeared in a tattoo parlor in Body and Soul in Sherman Oaks, with no notice and stayed for about 10 minutes.

The appearance came the same day as reports on TV and Web sites checked into rehab.

"She seemed fine," Snell said. "1 cite a source."

"Access Hollywood" then said Spears had gone in to a treatment center but had checked out one day later. Neither revealed their sources.

People magazine's Web site, citing "a source," said Spears had gone in and out of rehab, and identified the facility as Eric Clapton's Crossroads center in Antigua, in the Caribbean.

"Access Hollywood" then said the reports weren't true, but didn't cite a source.

A woman who answered the phone at Crossroads told The Associated Press that she couldn't confirm or deny anyone's presence at the facility.

Angélique Uram, a Spears fan who stood on the tattoo parlor's sidewalk for Friday night's spectacle, was agape at the singer's new look.

"We could see her in the mirror, and her head is completely shaved," she told KABC. "It looks terrible."

Police arrived to control the crowd and helped Spears' bodyguards guide her into a waiting SUV, her head covered by a hooded sweatshirt.

"She's fine," Snell said. "I didn't really notice (the hairdo) at first, she had a hood on when she showed up."
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This past week, the House of Representatives considered a non-binding resolution on President Bush’s escalation of combat troops in Iraq by 20,000. Let us look past the wisdom and effectiveness of passing a non-binding resolution when the president has made no secret of his complete disregard for such a move. Instead, we must imagine the debate that took place in the House last week. The resolution passed in the House by a vote of 246-182, with 17 Republicans joining all but two Democrats in voting for the resolution. Indeed, that is a sign that idocy is not a requirement for membership in the Republican Caucus. However, several Republicans certainly tried their hardest to disguise that claim. Republican Majority Leader John Boehner of Ohio led the chorus, claiming that this resolution was the “first step down the slippery slope” toward “improvisation of the military.” Unfortunately for Boehner, it is the job of the House of Representatives to represent the citizens of this country. The next Republican to bring his nonsensical blather to the House floor was Virginia Rep. Virgil Goode. Goode made news back in December when he attacked news—elected Democratic Rep. Keith Ellison of Minnesota, the first Muslim to be elected to the House.

Goode warned the American people that they needed to “wake up”, or there would be “more Muslims elected to office.” Goode continued to speak of violently anti-Muslim rhetoric last week when he claimed that support for the anti-escalation resolution would “aid and assist the Islamic jihadans who want the constant and unceasing war over the Capitol of the United States and over the White House of this country.” Furthermore, Goode “feared” that radical Muslims who want to control the Middle East and ultimately the world would love to see “In God We Trust” striken from every money and replaced with “In Muhammad We Trust.”

Not only does Goode exhibit a wildly inaccurate knowledge of Islam—a monotheistic religion that worships Allah, not Muhammad—but flays the irrational fear and hatred of the Islamic nation that dominates much of the conservative rhetoric in support of the Iraq war. The pinnacle for unintelligent debate has not yet been reached, however. Rep. Don Young of Alaska took the floor with one goal: to campaign for re-election. Using a quote he attributed to President Lincoln: “Congressmen who will not try to fasten war taxes that damage morale and undermine the military are saboteurs, and should be arrested, exiled or hanged.” This quote is as false as it is outrageous. Yet, Goode got the quote from an opinion piece from the right-wing Washington Times, whose author quickly issued a retraction that the quote, though commonly attributed to President Lincoln, was in fact never said by him.

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The death of intelligent debate

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Vagina Monologues
doesn’t objectify women

The definition of objectify is to “make impersonal or present as an object.” The Vagina Monologues consists of personal stories of sexuality, sexual assault, and violence; scene; some are individual accounts, others use literary devices to illustrate the issues.

They are not objectifying any one’s vagina...they are doing the opposite. They are taking full advantage of all of the power of the audience with real stories to personalize the issues for the reader. There is no rule or code against telling the true story of how someone was raped...it was good rape.”

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Tops scored the game-tying run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Eager was also happy to see Theophilus retire. "That cat's been working his tail off," Eager said. "He's here all the time. To see him go out there is exciting, especially (to play) as well as he did."

Eager said the team's confidence has been boosted since it returned from a four-game road trip to open the season. "I thought it was great," he said of the team's season-long 10-game homestand coming to an end. "Playing in front of (home) fans and (on) our home surface, you're a little more calm out there. We needed that. Going into Santa Clara next weekend, we're not going to be so nervous because we've played so many games."

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Cal Poly has outhit opponents 133-114 on the season — including a margin of 42-28 in extra-base hits — and has six starters batting .280 or higher. That comes with a pair of hits.

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Iwata and Cary each finished the day 4 for 4 and combined to score 10 runs on five hits. Cary doubled home Iwata after giving up three earned runs walked one and gave up one hit in three innings. The hit was his second of the day, a single to score Modglin and give the Mustangs a commanding 5-0 lead.

Theoiphilus' hittable southpaw Grant Theophilus, who made his season debut after recovering from a pair of knee surgeries. He struck out two, walked one and gave up one hit in one inning.

"It's big," Lee said of Theophilus being available. "We're very, especially without (DJ) Maudlin, it's just another quality arm that we need to come out of the pen and he should be able to over the next three or four weeks to pitch himself into shape."

Maudlin, the team's ace to open the season, is recovering from an elbow injury. He has not pitched since a 5-6 Opening Day loss at the University of San Diego on Jan. 26.

Lee said Theophilus will likely continue to see action out of the bullpen and that the coaching staff will "see where he is three or four weeks from now."

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"We just try to convince our players to win every pitch and realize there are 27 outs and a lot of times, the toughest out to get is the 27th," Lee said.

The Mustangs' pitching staff combined for a 2.60 ERA for the series, and the offense — led by Deane (4 for 10), Smith (5 for 13), Kepner (3 for 8) and Morel (4 for 11) — hit .281.

Washington left 10 runners stranded Sunday, compared to just two for Cal Poly.

The Mustangs were glad to regain the services of 6-foot-4 Cribby (0-1) was hit with the loss.

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Cal Poly reliever Evan Keed (1-0) got the win. The Mustangs added a trio of insurance runs in the seventh as Modglin matched her third home run of the season over the left-center field fence and freshman Krysten Cary doubled home Iwata.

Northwesterners scored both of its runs in the sixth and loaded the bases with two out in the seventh, but Peña stemmed the tide once more by striking out Wildcat left fielder Kelly Pauley to end the game.

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two of the 122 pitches he threw were strikes.

"I told myself I had to keep making pitches and hopefully our defense would start making plays and we could start fresh in the second inning," Eager said. "Usually I'm a fastball pitcher. (The Huskies) happened to be hitting the fastball a little bit. I had to go to my slider. Pretty much lived and we could start fresh in the second inning," Eager said. "He's here all the time. To see him go out there is exciting, especially (to play) as well as he did."

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POLY MEN'S GOLF TEAMS WIN TOP 20 NATIONAL RANKINGS

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

HOUSTON — Cal Poly saved its best for last, shooting a final-round 293 to climb into third place in the Rice Classic's men's golf tournament Sunday at the Westwood Golf Club.

Coach Scott Currie's Mustangs, who shot 297 and 318 Saturday finished with a 54-hole 908 total, eight strokes behind team champion San Houston State.

Louisiana finished second at 905.

Cullen Peck was Cal Poly's top individual finisher, placing 16th in a tie for eighth place with 74 Sunday and an 8-over-par 224 total on the first 54 holes.

Freshman Geoff Gonzalez, who had the best round of the day Saturday with a 70 in the morning, shot a 74 Sunday for a 225 total and a 10-place tie.

David Lenninakos also finished as the top 20 for the Mustangs, carding a 73 Sunday for a 227 total and 15th tie.

Mustang women's tennis team ranks 7-0

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly women's tennis team won its second home dual of the season, 7-0, over San Jose State Sunday.

The win improves the Mustangs' overall record to 3-6.

Cal Poly recorded two doubles wins and outsprinted the Spartans 20 games to 20 in singles matches.

At the No. 1 position, the tandem of Coach Brandi Snopik and Player of the Week, Brittany Badcock, recorded a win for the Mustangs in singles over San Jose State's Courtney K noefield, 6-0, 6-2.

Freshman Scott Wigg won her match in the No. 3 slot over Ashley Tavares, 6-3, 6-2.

Sophomore Shannon Brady notch ed a win with Popescu 6-4, 6-1 at the No. 5 singles match. Mustang sophomore Maria Malec cruised to a 6-1, 6-1 win over Sandra Hadzabic.

Green's 29 points and 12 rebounds and Jessica Wilson added 16 points and 14 boards.

The Gauchos amassed a 55-33 advantage on the boards, but could not overcome 24 turnovers and 34 percent shooting from the floor. The Mustangs had 17 turnovers and made 36 percent of their floor shots.

Newman and Eggleston each had six rebounds for Cal Poly.

The Mustangs endured a 10-point lead late in the first half and settled for a 33-25 advantage at the break.

UC Santa Barbara rallied for a 43-41 lead at 12:25 to go in the game on a layup by Wilson, but Cal Poly regained the upper hand, leading by as many as nine points, 61-52, with 5:29 to go on a 3-pointer by Eggleston before the Mustangs went on their game-winning run.

Eggleston made 9 of 15 floor shots, including 2 of 4 from 3-point range, and 5 of 7 free throws.

Cal Poly, which has played in last three games on the road, will host a pair of Big West games next weekend, hosting UC Riverside on Thursday at 7 p.m. and Cal State Fullerton on Saturday at 7:45 p.m.
Mustangs rally past Huskies 5-4, sweep 3-game series

Cal Poly scored three runs on five hits in the ninth inning Sunday to complete its comeback from an early 4-0 deficit.
Tristan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

With the Cal Poly baseball team down by two runs entering the bottom of the ninth inning Sunday, Wes Dorrell was just hoping to get baserunners however possible.
The Mustangs did that in a big way, stringing together back-to-back triples in the final frame on their way to a 5-4 nonconference win over Washington in front of 641 fans at Baggett Stadium. Dorrell drove in pinch runner Chad Pruett with a two-out single to shortstop for the game-winning run, lifting Cal Poly to a sweep of the three-game series.

"It shows we can overcome adversity," said Dorrell, a freshman catcher. "It showed that we have heart. You've got to win every single pitch and that's what we've been doing."

Indeed, Cal Poly (8-6) has been winning a lot lately. The Mustangs are 9-2 at home and have won eight of their last nine games overall following the team's first 0-5 start since moving to Division I.

"We're a really young team and we needed this under our belt," Cal Poly starter Thomas Eager said of the sweep. "We're young enough and brash enough to not really realize what happened. We swept Washington, but let's just go to the next series."
The sweep of the Huskies (0-3) was the Mustangs' first in a three-game series against a Pac-10 school since March 4.

"We got better this weekend," Cal Poly head coach Larry Lee said. "That was one of the things we preached after starting 0-5 like this."

We did. We had some bad feelings about our performances, but realized we're a young team and play a tough nonconference schedule."}

Cal Poly starting pitcher Thomas Eager throws during the Mustangs' 5-4 nonconference win over visiting Washington on Sunday at Baggett Stadium. The sophomore right-hander struck out 10 in seven innings.

CAL POLY BASEBALL — BY THE NUMBERS

404 - Batting average for opponents this season against Cal Poly sophomore right-hander Thomas Eager, the team's No. 3 starter.

.447 - Team-leading batting average this season for sophomore third baseman Brent Morel.

4 - Home runs hit this season by junior right fielder Grant Desme, who also leads Cal Poly in runs scored (16), hits (20), RBIs (15), total bases (37) and walks (10).

Cal Poly honored Morel with a medial komen, to his nine 3-pointers.

Grant Desme jumped-started the Mustangs' five-hit, ninth-inning rally with a one-out single to right field. He then scored on a triple to right-center by Brent Morel, who slid to third base and was ruled safe on a disputed call. After initially appearing injured on the play, Morel came home on Adam Buschini's triple off the center-field wall — which looked as if it might clear the 405-foot fence.

"My stomach dropped when I was in the dugout," Dorrell said. "I didn't want to go too happy. I got behind early in the count, saw a couple breaking balls. I wasn't really thinking I would get a fastball."

Of the consecutive triples, Lee said: "It's a very offensive ballpark, especially during the day. Two real good swings on both those balls. Real good way to finish off the weekend."
The Mustangs won the first two games of the series 10-1 Friday and 4-2 Saturday. They needed to rally Sunday after Washington jumped to a 4-0 lead behind Kyle Conley's two-run triple.

After the first, Eager (2-1) settled down to throw six scoreless innings.

"It's a lesson that as a team and a pitching staff you need to learn from," Lee said. "It happened quite a few times where a quality starting pitcher will give up some runs early and then settle down. (Eager) allowed our team to stay in it."
The sophomore right-hander finished with 10 strikeouts, gave up seven hits and walked four. Eighty-six of 114 pitches were strikes.

Poly softball team tops No. 6 NWU, goes 3-2 at tourney

The Mustangs also had wins over Oklahoma State and Wright State at UNLV's Desert Classic.

POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

LAS VEGAS — Junior Sarah Iwata and senior Lisa Modgil each homered and freshman right-hander Helen Peña defeated a ranked team for the second time in three career starts on Sunday as the Cal Poly softball team posted an 8-2 victory against sixth-ranked and 2006 Women's College World Series runner-up Northwestern in the finale of the Las Vegas Desert Classic at Stephanie Lynn Craig Park.

Following Modgil's leadoff double in the third inning, Iwata powered her first homer of the season to left field to give Cal Poly a 2-0 lead. Cal Poly overcame its biggest threat in the bottom half of the inning as a fielding error from second baseman Stephanie Tam followed a leadoff base hit from Northwestern third baseman Darcy Sengewald. With Sengewald at third and shortstop Tammy Williams at second, Peña walked Wildcat slugger Garland Cooper to load the bases with one out. Peña proceeded see Softball, page 10

Mustang women's hoops squad continues historic winning streak

Cal Poly has won six straight games for the first time since a nine-game winning streak in 1981-82, its last 20-win season.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

SANTA BARBARA — Cal Poly captured its 100th victory against UC Santa Barbara 8-2 in the final 45 seconds to earn its sixth straight victory, 71-66, in a Big West Conference women's basketball game Saturday at the Thunderdome.

Senior forward Jessica Eggleston converted a three-point play with 44 seconds to go to lead, junior guard Toni Newman scored a layup with 26 seconds to go, freshman guard Ashley Stewart sank two free throws with 13 seconds to play and Eggleston wrapped up the run with a free throw with four seconds to go.

Eggleston's three-point play tied the game at 66-66. Newman's layup gave the Mustangs the lead for good at 68-66 as Cal Poly improved see Basketball, page 11

Stockalker's record day leads Poly men to win

Derek Stockalker hit a school-record nine 3-pointers on his way to a career-high 37 points on ESPNU Bracket Buster Saturday.

Cassie Gaeto
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly men's basketball team handed Portland State a 92-87 nonconference loss in an ESPNU Bracket Buster game Saturday behind a career-high nine 3-pointers and career-high 37 points in front of 2,167 fans in Mont Gym.

Stockalker joined in on the 3-point shooting spree with his nine treys exactly one week after Cal Poly junior guard Dawn Whittem tied the old record with eight in an 89-80 Big West Conference win over visiting UC Irvine on Feb. 10. Cal Poly (14-10, 5-5 Big West) improved to 10-2 at home and has won three straight and eight of its last 10 games overall.

"I'm proud of them all for their individual accomplishments within the team concept," Cal Poly head coach Kevin Brockway said. "When Derek is hot, he has got to keep shooting. He did in tonight and that's what happened."

Stockalker's 37 points were the most scored by any Mustang since Vernie Dennis poured in 38 in an 80-73 home win over Division II Cal State Stanislaus on Dec. 29, 2003.

"I had no idea I was going to have this kind of a game tonight," Stockalker said. "Everything just clicked. There were a few times I shot and thought 'way off' and sure enough, it went in."

The neck-and-neck scores made for a fast-paced game that was especially nail-biting second half. At the start of the second half, the Mustangs were holding a four-point lead at 38-34.

The Mustangs trailed by six with 9 minutes, 44 seconds left before climbing back.

"Tonight's game was kind of neat because we've had some close games, teams 10 points down trying to catch us, but we have not had one that was as consistently close as tonight," Bromley said. "We didn't panic; we stepped up and played the game."

The Vikings (16-12) kept it close on their side with points put up by both players except one. Paul Halford led Portland State with 23 points.

Cal Poly standout included sophomore post Tim Slonnie, who scored a career-high 20 points with junior guard Tyler McCinn (13 points) and Whittem (11).

The Mustangs shot 48.5 percent from the floor compared to the Vikings' clip of 52.4 percent. With 29 made baskets and 11 assists against 12 turnovers, the Mustangs outscored the Vikings 48-34 and outscored the Vikings 23-13 in the paint. Proctor added 17 points off 3-pointers on his way to a career-high 37 points on ESPNU Bracket Buster Saturday.

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