When police received a call that a man on campus had a gun, they responded with their own weapons, only to find he carried a flashlight.

**UPD responds to gun threat**

Brittany Ridley
MUSTANG DAILY

The University Police Department responded to a call on Feb. 27 about a man on campus who appeared to have a gun by sending officers armed with shotguns and rifles. The manner of the response shocked many students about University Police policies involving gun use on campus.

Detective Wayne Lyons said the man was part of the David Copperfield performance that was held on campus that evening. When police reached the scene they found the man was actually holding a flashlight in a holster like other Copperfield crew members, Lyons said.

Philosophy junior Aaron Morales said he was surprised by the police officers’ response.

“I was just kind of shocked of the weapons they were carrying,” Morales said. “I didn’t know that we had officers running around with assault rifles on this campus. It looked very military.”

Some officers were carrying shotguns and rifles, Lyons said.

“I was just surprised they were running around like that because, in my opinion, those weapons aren’t used for1 ••.ing someone but killing someone,” Morales said. “I was just wondering who authorized the use of those weapons on campus.”

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**College students spend spring break with farmworkers**

Olivia Munoz
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LAMONT, Calif. — On a sunny day when her fellow college students were grabbing beach towels and beer, Nathalie Sanchez was knocking on the doors of farmworkers left jobless after a recent freeze killed much of the state’s citrus crop.

It’s not the first spring break she’s spent doing service instead of shots. The senior art major was among 10 students from Loyola Marymount University who lived and worked with San Joaquin Valley farmworkers for a week in March, learning about farmworkers’ lives.

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**Homebrewers compete for Cal Poly Cup**

Tyler Wise
MUSTANG DAILY

In a ceaseless effort to promote home brewing, the Cal Poly Brew Crew showcased the best beers that Cal Poly students and the community of San Luis Obispo had to offer Saturday night during the annual Cal Poly Cup.

In association with Central Coast Brewing Co. and Doc’s Cellar of San Luis Obispo, the Cal Poly Brew Crew hosted the Cal Poly Cup, a competition open to students and members of the community, on March 10 at the Central Coast Brewing Co. at 1422 Monterey St.

The competition offered several different prizes to determine the best tasting beer in the community (including the chance to have Central Coast Brewing Co. brew a leg of the winner’s homebrew), and also stood to enlighten competitors and guests alike about the various types of beers that can be produced through home brewing.

“This isn’t just a competition to decide the best tasting beers, but also an opportunity for students and members of the community to taste several different types of beer and learn about how they’re made so that they too can brew their own beer,” said Nick Chammes, the Brew Crew vice president and industrial technology senior.

With doors open for registration at 7 p.m., a swarm of competitors and guests began filtering their way into Central Coast Brewing Co.

In order to compete in the Cal Poly Cup, contestants were required to pay an entry fee of $5 and to bring eight 12-ounce bottles or four 22-ounce bottles — some for judging and others for sharing with everyone. Guests wishing to get a taste engaged in a ceaseless effort to promote home brewing, the Cal Poly Brew Crew...
taste were asked to pay $10, while sober drivers, there simply to mingle (or baby-sit), were allowed in for free.

Wine and viticulture student Philip Ye won for his homebrewed Pale Ale.

The crewmember was unaware of the amount of effort that went into this competition. After every beer submitted had been tasted, a panel of judges, including members of the Brew Crew and Central Coast Brewers, announced their favorites.

First place and a $100 gift certificate to Doc’s Cellar went to wine and viticulture student Philip Ye for his homebrewed Pale Ale. Second place and a $50 gift certificate went to wine and viticulture student Latix Videnkyn for his Double IPA submission, while the "Crowd Favorite" prize went to civil engineering seniors Kevin Gerst and Chris Barkley for their home brewed "Patriot Ale."

In addition to the title of Crowd Favorite, Gerst and Barkley’s Patriot Ale will become a featured brew at Central Coast Brewery.

though both Freitas and Clunness said they were happy to have so many people attend and participate in the competition, the overall goal was to encourage students and members of the community to learn about how beer is made; also, by showcasing the variety on hand at the Cal Poly Cup, get them excited about the endless possibilities.

In addition, the Cal Poly Cup also stood to encourage students to advocate the establishment of a brewing minor on campus, Freitas said.

"Through the Cal Poly Cup and our weekly meetings, the Brew Crew's overall goal is to have Cal Poly create a minor in brewing so that students can learn about the ingredients, and the process of creating hundreds of types of beers, so that they can brew their own for business or pleasure," Freitas said.

Cup

The beer included a variety of ales, ciders, lagers, and more. Wine and viticulture student Philip Ye won for his homebrewed Pale Ale.

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Every police department in California has shotguns and rifles in all patrol cars, and it is important for officers to be well prepared in a situation such as this, Lyons said.

"I was personally carrying my handgun but other officers did have rifles and shotguns," Lyons said. "That is very standard. You never know if a person at the scene will have a rifle himself."

University Police Department Commander Lori Hashim said police always arrive on a scene in safety gear, which includes a handgun and pepper spray.

"We take these calls very seriously, especially with everything that happens in society today," Hashim said. "We are always going to approach it as if it is a real problem."

The crewmember was unaware that his flashlight looked like a gun, but Lyons said he wasn’t surprised that a passerby thought it was a handgun.

"They were clueless," Lyons said. "They had no idea what we were assuming. It really did look like he had a handgun on his hip from the front. You really couldn’t tell it was a flashlight until he turned to the side. So, I mentioned that he may want to move the hoster somewhere besides his right side."

Lyons said that students should always report suspicious situations on campus.

"Our common complaint is that if students do see anything unusual, take note of the person and report it right away," Lyons said. "Try to get as much visual information as you can: what color hair, color pants or what he was wearing."

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There must have been well over 125 people at the competition to try the 65 different beers submitted.

Of the 65 beers submitted, the competition featured a variety of brews including ales, ciders, lagers, and a few unique blends.

One of the most unique beers submitted was a Munster beer," Freitas said. "I’m not sure how that one was celebrated but it was a welcome addition and we’re always excited to try new creations.

The beer with the most submissions was a variety of ales, which tend to be the least difficult to brew, Freitas said.

"Because ales are best brewed at room temperature, the mild climate of San Luis Obispo makes it an ideal beer to brew at a cold temperature. We were always stoked on new entrants make the effort to brew lagers which need to age the longest, and the people of that," Flores said.

With the competition, the overall goal was to encourage the Latino population to get more involved; Flores said. "I really believe that people need to be contributors to the betterment of their community. I'm a firm believer of that."

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underrepresented population and to assist them in becoming more involved in civic affairs in the county.

"From the name Vision Unida, united vision, you can tell that the focus of the program initially was to get the Latino population, who was pretty much silent in a lot of the affairs in the county, more active," Flores said.

Vision Unida has graduated 11 classes, comprised mostly of working adults who have completed the 13-week program since it started in 1994.

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Cal Poly is No. 2 in the nation in graduating Latinos in agriculture, but Flores said there is still work to do.

"We will have a long way to go, don’t get me wrong. If you look at Cal Poly, it is not representative of the high school population of California," Flores said.

This is the second year that Latino Today has honored Latinos on the Central Coast. Last year they honored 50 people, including Cal Poly journalism professor George Ramos, because there was such a backlog of people who had not been recognized.

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**FRESNO (AP)** Judges across the country are keeping local clinics in cities across the country, rather than slashing a program designed to provide culturally competent health care for urban American Indians, a judge said Tuesday.

For the second year in a row, President Bush's 2008 budget proposal calls for the Urban Indian Health Programs' $32.7 million allocation to be axed. Instead, taxpayer dollars would be redirected to fund Indian health programs in rural areas and on reservations.

The bulk of American Indians and Alaska Natives nationwide live in urban areas, and eliminating the program would force many of the 33 clinics that serve them to close their doors, clinic directors said.

**SANTA MONICA (AP)** -- A judge on Tuesday prevented O.J. Simpson from receiving the rights to "If I Did It," in a canceled book deal and TV interview that has drawn criticism from lawmakers and gay rights groups.

The written statement by Simpson's former defense attorney, Johnnie Cochran, that TPM Media is offering Simpson to "over publish this thing," was treated at a hospital for self-inflicted wounds, the Miami Herald reported. Simpson is scheduled to return to court Wednesday morning.

**INTERNATIONAL**

**MERIDA, Mexico (AP)** -- President Bush sought to soothe American drug appetites. Mexico, the one where the political stakes seemed the highest.

"The climate change bill would be the first legislation in an industrialized country to spell out such long-range goals, including a carbon budget set every five years that would cap CO2 levels and create an independent body to report on progress," Hernandez said after the Assembly Health Committee held a roughly hour-long hearing on the bill. "I wanted to make sure I address all of the concerns of members and bring it back for a vote in April."

He said he was willing to consider amendments. "A couple of members that expressed concern have specific language they'd like to discuss with me," he said. "I'll take it into consideration, and if it makes sense I will include it."

"Starting in 2010, the bill would require girls entering the seventh grade to have a series of three vaccines to protect them against HPV, which can be sexually transmitted and cause genital warts and cervical cancer. But parents could obtain an exemption by writing a letter to the school stating their opposition to the vaccination requirement."

Dorothy B. Miller, an obstetrician and gynecologist at the University of California, Davis Medical Center, testified for the bill, saying the vaccine was "almost 98 to 100 percent effective."

Patricia Cichowski, a Los Angeles woman who said she suffers from debilitating bone problems because of radiation treatments for cervical cancer, called the HPV vaccine "a vaccine of life."

"I just wish when I was younger there was a vaccine so I would not have to go through this," she said. "It's too late for me and it's too late for a lot of women, but it's too late for our daughters."

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** -- The Pentagon top general said Tuesday he should not have voiced his personal view that homosexuality is immoral and should have just stated his support for the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy in an interview that has drawn criticism from lawmakers and gay rights groups.

The written statement by Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, did not apologize for his stance on homosexuality.

In a newspaper interview Monday, Pace likened homosexual acts to adultery and said the military should not condone it by allowing gays to serve openly in the armed forces.

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** -- The Transportation Security Administration stepped up security at airports around Florida on Tuesday, days after baggage handlers in Orlando were accused of smuggling guns aboard a commercial airliner.

More than 160 security officers, aviation inspectors, federal air marshals and others were being dispatched to airports in Orlando, Tampa, Miami, Fort Lauderdale and San Juan, Puerto Rico. The officers will be in place for a few days before rotating to other airports, officials said.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** -- Universal Pictures has come up with an unusual plan to try to fill theaters when its film "Peaceful Warrior" opens later this month: the company is giving away $15 million worth of free tickets.

Through a partnership with Best Buy, the film company will give interested moviegoers as many as 10 free tickets to see "Peaceful Warrior" during its opening weekend, March 30 to April 1. Universal's president of marketing, Adam Fogelson, announced Tuesday.

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Sends can show support or sympathy with post-abortion e-cards

Lisa Leff
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — A non-profit that runs a national post-abortion telephone talk line has unveiled a series of electronic greeting cards that concerned friends and family can send to a woman after she chooses to terminate a pregnancy.

"Women having abortions are calling our line because often they don't have someone to talk to - it's a stigmatized issue," said Aspen Baker, founder and executive director of Oakland-based Exhale. "So the chance to honor and acknowledge someone's experience by calling upon something that is within our social practices and social mores seemed important and could go a long way toward supporting people."

Like Exhale's confidential talk line, the six e-cards available on the group's Web site were designed by a non-profit and encompass the range of someone's potential responses to going through an abortion.

One expresses sympathy, offering the gentle reminder that, "As you grieve, remember that you are loved." Another is an encouragement for someone who "did the right thing." Yet another strikes a religious tone with the thought that "God will never leave you or forsake you."

Although greeting card offerings have expanded in recent years to include such milestones as divorce, post-training, and half-birthdays, Baker said she was unaware of anyone else providing after-abortion cards online. The inspiration for the project came in part from a veteran abortion provider who frequently observed there were no Hallmark cards for abortion, she said.

The cards are part of a broader effort by Baker, who launched Exhale in January 2002, to bring the agency's work into a broader arena.

In two weeks, the agency plans to publish a magazine featuring stories, poems, letters and rituals by and for women who have had abortions.

Baker said she hoped popular e-cards might start offering links to the agency's work into a broader arena.

"We designed them to deal with different people's response to abortion. Not everyone is grieving their loss. Not everyone has a relationship with God. Not everyone thinks it is the best thing," she said.

In the lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in New York, Viacom says YouTube "harmed the technology to willfully infringe copyrights on a huge scale" and "has brazen disregard of intellectual property laws."

YouTube's soaring popularity has been a cause of fascination but also fear among the owners of traditional media outlets, who worry that YouTube's displaying of user-uploaded clips from their programs - without compensation - will lure away viewers and ad dollars from cable and broadcast TV.

Viacom is especially at risk because many of its shows are aimed at younger audiences who also are heavy Internet users. At the same time, Viacom is trying to find legal ways to distribute its shows digitally, such as by selling episodes of "The Daily Show" and "South Park," for $1.99 each through Apple Inc.'s iTunes service.

Viacom says YouTube is cooperates with all copyright holders and removes programming as soon as it is notified. But Viacom said it may seek to remove a video on a computer or video iPod.

"Don't be Evil,"  and you could lose your company's displays on YouTube's site and breadth of clips that could lure away viewers and ad dollars.

Universal Music Group, a unit of France's Vivendi SA, had threatened to sue YouTube, but it was a hub for pirated music videos, but the company reached a licensing deal with the site.

Despite those arrangements, media owners remain wary. CBS's CEO Leslie Moonves told investors last week that his company had "broadly promoted a high profile" to get videos onto copyright hold-up.

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But Assemblyman Alan Nakashima, a Stockton physician, said the vaccine was too new for the state to be mandating its use.  
"It's past policy for the state to mandate that half of our children get vaccinated with a drug that has been on the market less than one year..." he said. "We need more time to see the efficacy and safety of this drug."

Other lawmakers raised concerns about the cost of the series of three vaccinations — $360 — and whether some parents would be able to afford them.

Assemblyman Ted Gaines, R-Granite Bay, said the bill should direct schools to get approval from parents before requiring the vaccinations.

"When we address issues related to children and sex, I want real clarity in terms of what the parent is agreeing to," he said.

Assemblywoman Mary Salas, D-Chula Vista, suggested waiting until the drug has been on the market less than one year... "We need more time to see the efficacy and safety of this drug."

"We're only talking about half of the equation today," she said.

Hernandez told the committee."Because it's a sexually transmitted disease, I think it's creating a lot of problems." The Virginia and New Mexico legislatures have approved bills similar to Hernandez's, and the governors of those states have promised to sign them. Lawmakers in 18 other states also have introduced HPV vaccination mandates.

Texas Republican governor, Rick Perry, issued an executive order Feb. 2 requiring girls entering the sixth grade to have the vaccinations. That has triggered heated criticism from conservatives and an effort in the Texas Legislature to pass a bill overturning the order.

Critics also have focused on Perry's ties to the vaccine's manufacturer, Merck & Co. His former chief of staff lobbed for the drug company, which has contributed to Perry and the Republican Governors Association.

Merck, which made nearly $6 billion in sales last year, recently announced that it was dropping lobbying campaigns to convince states to adopt vaccination mandates.

Many schools now offer programs during winter break, summer vacation and even over a weekend.

Students from the University of Wyoming went to New Orleans to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina; University of Kansas students worked at homeless shelters in Washington; and volunteers from the University of Northern Florida helped a tsunami reconstruction program in Ecuador.

Loyola Marymount's alternative breaks have become so popular the application process is now competitive. Applicants go through an interview and pay for the trip themselves; the Lamont trip was $250 but expen­ sions abroad can cost as much as $1,200.

"There's a real desire to understand our world abroad, but there's also an interest in understanding communities in our own country," said Maria Aldrete, director of the university's Center for Service and Action.

The students said their service didn't end with the resumption of classes.

They have arranged for teens from a valley high school to visit Loyola's campus after talking to the students about going to college.

"A lot of people speak about service," said Julian Chocombatl, 20. She felt a personal connection to this trip because her parents are Mexican immigrants who had to work low-paying jobs.

"It's here that I finally saw things being done," she said, "and we're the ones doing it, we young people."
Ishmael Beah’s “A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier” gives a human face to the ravaging civil war that began in Sierra Leone in the mid-1990s. The story begins with Ishmael as a young boy of 12, whose days are spent playing with his friends and reveling in his fascination with American rap music.

Although young, Beah has seen too much: the separation of his parents has affected him deeply, and even now, as he sits on the floor of his family’s Santa Monica apartment, he is visibly shaken by the thought of a war he once feared. He lives day to day, trying to survive and forget, even though the turning point in Ishmael’s life comes when he is sent to a United Nations relief agency, which reunites him with some of his distant family members. At the age of 17, he eventually moves to America. He is then adopted by an American woman and goes on to attend and graduate from college.

Beah’s ability to recall the minute details that make up his life story allow for a riveting, if disturbing, read. The reader can feel his hardships viscerally; it seems impossible to be left unmoved by this book.


African author’s memoirs ‘A Long Way Gone’ from an average life story

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If you have a stomach for brazen sex and violence — and this movie will put many to the test — then "300" is a visual feast more satisfying to the war-monger inside of you than anything before or after it for many years.

Never has a movie utilized so much of the screen. Every inch of every frame is such a stunning masterpiece that we can safely give cinematographer Larry Fong next year's Oscar right now, without question. It's that impressive.

The film's dialogue is no different, lacing every line of every frame with political features that fall in love with the same soldier. Aida is an enslaved Nubian princess who fights for the love of Ramades, a soldier fighting against Aida's homeland. Amneris, an Egyptian princess, is also in the mix, and plot turns into a tumultuous story of love, backstabbing, loyalty and treachery.

Time Magazine calls it "a big, bright show with big beats."

Elton John himself said, "300" is "a pop musical with urban-based rhythm and blues, and even the plot turns into a tumultuous story of love, backstabbing, loyalty and treachery."

The story is as simple as it gets: The Spartans are huge — absurdly huge. These burly godlike Xerxes, who towers several feet over the tallest Spartan.

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The plot drives the violence, the violence in "300" clearly drove the plot, and audiences seeking a serious look at war, or Greek history for that matter, should simply look elsewhere. The movie is really just about violence for the sake of violence, and nudity for the sake of nudity. If that's what you're after, then you can sit back and gorge on this visceral masterpiece.

No one involved in the movie has a very exciting resume. Snyder's only significant claim to fame was the absurd romp in zombie land that was 2004's "Dawn of the Dead," and his cowriter Kurt Johnstad has nothing but forgotten independent films under his belt. Fong's only experience has been in television shows. But they came together to breathe amazing life into Miller's comic.

The "300" comic book, which this powerhouse is based on, never received much acclaim, but it's going to leave a dent in box-office sales like few before it, and movie stills are going to litter laptop wallpapers across chemistry classes for years to come.

Unlike "Gladiator," in which the movie doesn't suffer because it remains true to its ultimate goal of providing its audience with an endless stream of kickass fight scenes and compulsory nudity. Unlike "Gladiator," in which the movie doesn't suffer because it remains true to its ultimate goal of providing its audience with an endless stream of kickass fight scenes and compulsory nudity.

Sunbathe in style over spring break

Nicole Brown
SACRED HEART/EL SEGNO-RENEW

Hit the beach looking hot. Check out ways to dress for all body types and make sure to get your bathing suits soon before sizes and styles diminish.

Foxy Females
1. No curves? No problem. Try the Rampage Mixed-Print Triangle Halter & Side-Tie Hipster Bottom for $42 per piece, available at Macy's. This bathing suit's built-in cups will give the appearance of an increased cup size but the change is subtle enough to not be noticed by the guys. Plus, with flirty ties and faux belt on the bottom, there's nothing keeping you from being the center of attention. Available sizes are extra small through large.
2. Big bust? No worries. Try the GUESS! Collection Gil-y Cham- trim Halter Top & Belted Scoop Bottom, available at Macy's in black and gold sequins for $62 for the halter and $52 for the bottom. Get some dirty Italian brewing with this sexy number. The best feature about this suit is the faux belt, making small busts look wider. Plus, the top is built for women with a heftier chest. Available sizes are extra small, small, and large.
3. Large hips? No stress. Try the BCBG Crocheted Cutout One-Piece available at Macy's for $138. This one-piece takes sexy to a new level with the illusion of a bikini with an open back, lightly covered sides and front. The crochet pattern is slimming and the piece is designed to showcase voluptuous hips. Available sizes are small through large.

Masculine males
1. Tall and lanky? Forget anxiety. Try the Quicksilver Manic Solid Board short available in black, gray, blue and red for $36 at Macy's. Gentlemen, it is time to ditch those Disney-print swim trunks and consider a sophisticated chic piece. The long board short is attractive because it compliments tall and thin bodies without making a guy look scrawny. Available sizes are 30, 32 through 34, 36, 38 and 40.
2. Short and skinny? Forget fashion fumbles. Try the Speedo Shoreline Square Leg Swim Trunk available in black, blue and red for $29.99. If you're short, you don't want to get board shorts because you'll look drowned when they're sopping wet. Also, you want more leg to show to give the appearance of height. This style is available in small-to-extra-large sizes.
3. Tall and wide? Forget being fuzzled. Try the Caribbean Joe brand Swim Trunks for $45 at casualmale.com. These black drink- and-leaves patterned trunks are a classic version of the "fun trunk." Instead of looking like the goofball with Mickey Mouse on your butt, try these attractive trunks. Plus, the trunks come with trendy cargo pockets. And the suit is built specifically for tall and wide men. Available sizes are 3Xau, 4Xau, and 2Xlu through 6Xlu.

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HAPPY PI DAY EVERYONE!

Yes, that’s right, it’s 3/14, a day when mathematicians, scientists, engineers, nerds, and all sorts of people celebrate one of the world’s favorite irrational numbers. One easy way to celebrate Pi Day is to eat foods with “pi” in it, like pie (fennel meringue or strawberry-rhubarb are good choices) or pizza.

You may find it surprising to know that this holiday and others like it are under attack by several Democrats in our state’s assembly. It’s true, though. Just recently, a bill—authored by Assemblyman Tom Mendoza (D) and supported by other Democrats—that would ban trans-fats statewide has passed through the California health committee and will soon be up for a vote.

In an effort to promote the healthfulness of all Californians, certain Democrats would destroy one of my favorite foods: pies. This is because the good tasting pie crust contain trans-fat and is dramatically better than the trans-fat-free pie crusts.

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3. Old Dominion — Is not the best the Colonial Athletic Association team. It seems odd to consider the Blue Devils as a sleeper pick to make the Final Four, but don't skip out on the Ducks even if it's been a down year. Just as anyone would be, I'm wary of the Blue Devils' three-game losing streak heading into the NCAs, but the trio of Greg Paulus, Josh McRoberts and De Marcus Nelson has the ability to take the ball to the basket and make it count in the first round.

4. Duke/VCU — Before championship week began, I penciled in Duke as a potential sleeper while VCU sat on the bubble for my bracket. I made the pick because VCU is a big-name team getting little respect — they could find themselves in the first round.

5. Arizona — There's a lot of talent on this squad and, even though the Wildcats didn't find a rhythm during Pac-10 play, Florida should be wary of a potential second-round matchup with the Cats. Arizona was ranked No. 10 to start the season and, following a second-round loss to Virginia, looked to be in a serious threat with 12 straight wins.

Final Four — Florida, Arizona, North Carolina and Wisconsin are all locks to get into the Final Four... or so I was thinking. The Wildcats are the only team getting little respect — they could find themselves in the first round...

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**Sports Information Report**

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**Sports**

**Modgilin enjoying one of finest seasons in school history**

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Hayley Bramble

**Mustang Daily**

If anyone knows about commitment, it’s Cal Poly softball player Lisa Modgilin. The senior centerfielder has spent the last few weekends in four different cities, traveling with the Mustangs on a bus to tournaments in Las Vegas, Cathedral City, Fullerton, and Sunnyvale.

Lisa Modgilin

Of her fast-paced schedule the past month, Modgilin said, “We have Monday off, practice Tuesday and Wednesday, and leave Thursday (for the tournament).”

In between the intense travel schedule and classes, though, Modgilin has made early strong case to be Big West Conference Player of the Year. The Simi Valley native leads Cal Poly in batting average (.559), runs scored (31), hits (41), home runs (11), RBIs (28), total bases (84), slugging percentage (1.024), on-base percentage (.586) and stolen bases (6) and is tied for the team lead in doubles (8), triples (1) and has not committed an error all year.

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**COMMENTS**

**Longhorns No. 1 among darkhorse candidates**

Frank Stranitz

Every time I hear somebody ask, "Who’s going to be this year’s George Mason?" I shudder.

What kind of question is that? The two double-digit teams have made the Final Four in the last three years in the NCAA Tournament. It’s madness!

That said, there’s still a group of teams with Sweet 16 potential. At the top of my list of sleepers is a Texas squad I think will move past North Carolina and Georgetown in the East to make the Final Four.

Next comes a highly touted West Virginia squad, a team that has received a lot of hype as "this year’s George Mason." The Eagles likely won’t reach the Final Four, but I’ve got them in my Elite Eight. Next on the list is a pair of Colonial Athletic Association teams, Old Dominion and Virginia Commonwealth, both squads that could see the Sweet 16.

Finally, Arizona is a team that has yet to reach its peak potential, and it doesn’t find its groove, could send defending national champion Kansas at the Capital Classic, which concludes Sunday.

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**BY THE NUMBERS**

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Offensive categories in which Lisa Modgilin leads the Big West

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Modgilin’s ratio of home runs to at-bats this season

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**What must Poly softball team do to be ranked?**

Frank Stranitz

The USA Today/NFCA softball top-25 rankings are unquestionably flimsy and are a gross overrepresentation of the upper-echelon softball squads... NOT! Even our Kazakh friend Borat can figure that one out. Cal Poly, despite marquee wins against No. 7 Northwestern, No. 11 Washington and No. 13 Stanford, garnered one, count-em-one, vote in the USA Today/NFCA top-25 poll last week.

The latest poll was released this morning and ought to tell a different story, but the lack of respect given to Cal Poly’s program the last two years is ridiculous.

On the other hand, pollsters saw fit to give underserving UC Santa Barbara four votes. The Gauchos beat No. 3 Arizona State 8-7, but have only one other top-25 win. The only other game the Gauchos have played against a top-25 opponent was a 2-0 loss to No. 23 California.

To their credit, the Gauchos did win against then-No. 18 Massachusetts, but the Minutemen have since dropped considerably from top-25 talk with an 8-48 start.

In contrast, Cal Poly was 3-5 against top-25 teams before voters cast their ballots one week ago. The Mustangs have clearly played a tougher schedule than the Gauchos. Yet the Gauchos have more votes than Cal Poly— conspiracy theorists, it’s your time to shine.

Did the wins against Northwestern and Stanford go unnoticed by (nearly) every voter in the land? Any men’s basketball team wins with Cal Poly’s caliber would, at the absolute least, take home one vote—by golly, they might even crack the top-25.

Admittedly, the argument is rather petty—calm the death by four, folks. After all, how many teams besides four vote and one. However, this small example is indicative of the small amount of respect Cal Poly softball receives.

Cal Poly is off to a tremendous start, in part since 1997 when the squad rose to No. 7 in the USA Today/NFCA top-25 poll with a 20-3 record somehow the Mustangs were snubbed again that year. Over the weekend, the