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Tailgating allowed at Cal Poly

Kristen Marschall

Saturday marked a big moment in history for Mustan-
gball fanatics as the university opened up the H-1 parking lot for tailgating at the
price of $20 per vehicle.

"To my knowledge, this is the first organized tailgater that Cal Poly has had," said Brian Thurmond, Cal Poly's sports information director.
The H-1 parking lot, which provides more than 350 parking spaces, is locat-
ed off of Mt. Bishop Road, off of Highland Drive and northwest of the stadium.
Approximately 15 spaces were filled for Saturday's tailgater before the game against Weber State, which Cal Poly won 47-19.

Chris Baker, assistant athletic director for advance-
ment at Cal Poly, said he was pleased with the turnout considering the short time frame in terms of notifying people.

"People were glad to see us moving in that direction," he said. "It's a moment of justice on most campuses.

Though Baker said primarily community members attended Saturday's tailgater, students and alumni were welcome at the event. The tailgating will continue at the next four home foot-
ball games and begins three hours before kick-off.

"Tailgating is not, however, al-
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For Sharon Day, there is no break.

The star Cal Poly high jumper

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USA Track and Field Championships

in Indianapolis with a jump of

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"She did fantastic," said Cal Poly head coach Terry Crawford in a

phone interview. "She compe-
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Crawford and assistant coach Jack Hoyt both traveled to Indianapolis with Day for the competition that featured world-class athletes and for-

mer Olympians.

"It's a pretty cool atmosphere," Day said of the event in a phone in-

terview. "It's kind of inspiring to see people running so fast and jumping so far.

Day cleared the same height as the winner of the event, Amy Acuff, but she had more missed attempts. Day did manage, however, to edge out the 2007 NCAA high jump champ, Destinee Hooker, by a full inch.

Men's soccer team beats Cal

David Zanora is the real deal.

The Cal Poly forward and fresh-

man transplant from San Jose, Costa Rica scored all three of the Mustangs' goals in Cal Poly's 3-1 exhibition win over No. 11 California on Tuesday.

"He's a goal-scorer," head coach Paul Holocher said. "He's one of those guys that just lives to score goals and he's not happy when he's not scoring goals."

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Congress passes College Cost Reduction Act

Jessica Henderson

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives passed the College Cost Reduction Act earlier this month. The act will help lower student loan debt by lowering subsidies to private banks at no additional cost to taxpayers.

The bill is awaiting a signature from the president. It will increase the maximum Pell Grant and allow low-income students to qualify for the maximum award.

The Pell Grant, the nation's leading college access program, provides grants to five million low-income students a year. Currently, the maximum is $4,310. According to the legislation, the maximum Pell Grant will increase to $7,660 for academic year 2008-09 and eventually will stand at $11,600 for the academic year 2012-13.

For undergraduate students borrowing from the Federal Family Education Loan and Direct Loan programs, such as the Stafford Loan, interest rates will reduce from 6.8 percent in July 2006 to 3.4 percent in July 2009.

"(The bill) acknowledges that students have been paying too much in loans," Higher Education Advocate for US PIRG Luke Swarthout said.

Lenders will receive a lower rate of return for federal student loans and a slightly smaller reinsurance rate from the federal government. Therefore, taxpayers are not paying extra for the increased grant aid and loan benefits.

According to Swarthout, private banks and other companies have over-billed the Department of Education with the "we could do it" attitude.

The bill also provides a student loan forgiveness program aimed at graduates in poorly paid areas such as teachers, librarians, nurses and child welfare workers.

According to the Department of Education, the average student graduate with $19,000 of debt is working an extra 18 percent over the 40-hour week to pay off the debt.

In addition to the increased Pell Grant and lower interest rates, colleges are required to report explanations on increased costs.

This places schools on "affordability alert status" if their prices continue to go over the acceptable amount established by the bill, according to the legislation. "(The bill) provides quality student aid for students," Swarthout said.

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Bromley and Stevenson's contracts extended through the decade

When Cal Poly volleyball head coach Jon Stevenson and men's basketball head coach Kevin Bromley head out on recruiting trips later in the year, they will be able to answer the potential recruits' question with a simple 'yes.'

Cal Poly Director of Athletics Alison Cone met with Bromley on June 21 and agreed to a contract that would extend through the 2010 season.

Then, on Tuesday, Cone announced that Stevenson had extended his contract through the 2011 season.

"I think, No. 1, it shows stability," Cone said of the Cal Poly athletic program.

Ditty Bops perform

Abby DeWald (on guitar) and Amanda Barrett (on mandolin), who are currently on a summer farm tour from Los Angeles to New York City, are very environmentally conscious. They've started a nonprofit organization called "You and I Save the World" and are currently trying to encourage using reusable bags at grocery stores.

There was never a dull moment during the show. The Ditty Bops brought out a puppet made of cups to dance amongst the audience during "Your Head's Too Big" and pulled audience members up to participate in songs. Barrett, however, kept introducing new instruments, including a washboard and several toy noisemakers.

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idea is a "step in the right direction," but is reluctant because of the price.

"I might give it a try, but probably not because it's $20," he said. The $20 fee covers a $6 event parking fee and the rest goes to the added cost for the event, such as the event crew, cleaning up the area and more, Baker said.

"It's great for the fans who want to make a day out of Cal Poly football," Russell said.

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**Study shows having gaming roommates will hurt GPA**

Megan Kelly

A study released last week by the National Bureau of Education found that first-year students whose roommates bring video game consoles to school study less and, consequently, have lower GPA's than students without the distractions.

Tim Holmes, University of Illinois junior, does not play video games but had a roommate last year who would play up to 18 hours per day.

"Contrary to the study's findings, Holmes never felt compelled to leave the games, however, his roommate's habit of vocally playing them during both day and night made Holmes unable to concentrate and sleep well in his room. Whenever he needed to study, he traveled to a friend's apartment or a library.

"Instead of spending 20 minutes to get on a bus or to walk back, it would have been easier to just stay in my room and get work done," Holmes said.

"Holmes believes his grades were impacted by his old roommate's habit. "If I had enough sleep going up to my room to cram for tests and use my room to study an extra hour a day."

Although excessive video game playing can be a problem, Steinbrickner said that he does not believe video games should be banned and that students should continue to play them in moderation — as long as they find time to study as well.

"It is really worth trying to find that extra hour a day to study," he said. "It can make a big difference."

Dr. Chris Milo of Rose Hill psychology clinic in Holly, Michigan, stressed the importance of recognizing warning signs.

"Anything out of the ordinary, alterations in character and such," Milo said.

Milo also said you could talk to anyone about the concerns you have because college age people fall into the middle of this study's focus.

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Oral sex can cause mouthful of problems

Ledy Petro
Los Angeles Times (USC)

LOS ANGELES — Though new research shows that high-risk oral sex may lead to the transmission of carcinogenic strains of the human papillomavirus, resulting in certain forms of oral cancer, many University of Southern California students say they and their peers do not realize the risks.

A study published in May by the New England Journal of Medicine indicates that one type of the virus commonly associated with cervical cancer, HPV-16, may also contribute to the development of the most common form of oral cancer.

The human papillomavirus is a virus that infects mucous membranes in both humans and certain animals, and most commonly results in the appearance of benign skin and genital warts.

More than a dozen sexually transmissible forms of HPV have been identified, and most commonly result in the appearance of warts on skin and genitals.

Dr. Rosanne Mulligan of the USC School of Dentistry said that it is also possible to contract and transmit diseases such as herpes, syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia through oral sex.

Studies have found college students are at higher risk for oral sex-related health problems based on their sexual, drug and eating habits. Those habits can also lead to poor oral health, Mulligan said.

She said that vigorous sucking, smoking and alcohol use may cause injuries to the soft mouth's tissue, making it even more susceptible to sexually transmitted infections.

As a result, symptoms in the mouth such as growths, sore, discolorations, fuzzy or sore sensations in the throat, abnormal odors, bleeding, burning and/or itching go untreated, though these symptoms may indicate infection or disease.

"There are systemic diseases that we're talking about," Mulligan said. "They're happening in your mouth, and they're happening throughout the body too."

USC School of Dentistry fellow Jasmine Venturin, DDS, of the Student Patient Care Program, warns that oral cancer and sexually transmitted disease symptoms can be easily overlooked so there may be no telling signs of infection.

"[Oral cancer] doesn't look like anything else," Mulligan said. "They need regular check-ups; they need to be checked out by general health care."

Students at the dental school and other students from the study and other articles to look for possible links between HPV and oral cancers.

Carl Sanchez, a senior majoring in dental hygiene who has studied the research, said students have compiled a variety of articles discussing HPV and looked for possible links to oral sex.

The New England Journal of Medicine's retrospective study encompassed more than 20 years of research related to oral cancer and HPV, he said.

"It was the most comprehensive study out there which showed that HPV has been present in the majority of the oral cancer lesions that they've been looking at," Sanchez said.

He said the study found 72 out of 100 oral cancer tumors contained the presence of HPV-16.

Sanchez said though there are more than 100 types of HPV the viruses associated with certain cervical and oral cancers are known as high-risk HPV types. The high-risk types produce cancer-causing proteins that suppress normal cell function.

"[The study] also talked about the frequency of oral cancer in terms of high-risk sexual behaviors, which is a health issue that may be of interest to many students," Sanchez said.

Mulligan said the HPV-16 research showed oral cancer increased significantly with the number of oral sex partners.

A separate study published by the Center of Disease Control and Prevention in 2005, which surveyed specific age groups, found oral sex participation correlated with respondents' age.

"It's definitely an activity that college students participate in," said Mulligan.

Mulligan said there is a common misconception that oral sex is a safe alternative to vaginal sex that has a smaller risk of infectious disease or pregnancy.

"I think students don't realize everything that can happen," said a freshman majoring in vocal arts. "They think of STDs as a consequence of having 'vaginal sex.'"

Oral sex, he said, is thought of as a safer form of stimulation than vaginal sex, and as a result, it carries a sexually transmitted infection or pelvic inflammatory disease.

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LOS ANGELES — Bookings at The Walt Disney Co.’s domestic theme parks are not reflecting a broader economic downturn, the company’s chief financial officer said Monday. Travel bookings in the current quarter are up compared with the same period last year, Thomas Staggs told investors gathered at the Merrill Lynch Media and Entertainment conference.

"I’m not saying the parks are immune to the economy," Staggs said. "But thus far, we’re not seeing any impact in the numbers."

But the biggest laugh of the night was reserved for "30 Rock." It wasn’t just a shot at the political world and this nation was run by gangsters," said "The Sopranos" creator David Chase. "And gangsters are out there taking their kids to college, and taking their kids to school, and putting food on their table.

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Artists create sidewalk masterpieces with chalk at annual I Madonnari Festival downtown

Bright, colorful displays of artwork adorned downtown San Luis Obispo’s Mission Plaza and its surrounding streets last weekend, transforming the ordinarily bland concrete canvas of its sidewalk into a montage of artistic masterpieces.

More than 200 local artists and thousands of art revelers congregated in the plaza and on Broad and Monterey streets for I Madonnari, an Italian street-painting festival with a 16-year tradition in San Luis Obispo. Artwork included a plethora of subjects, covering everything from a rainbow-hued interpretation of a famous Che Guevara photo to a rendition of Davy Jones from the final two installments of “Pirates of the Caribbean.”

Started in 1992 by Kathleen Koury, the event is reminiscent of Italian street-painting festivals, which date back to the 1500s but still continue in that country today.

Proceeds from each artist’s slot, purchased by sponsors for $75 to $500, as well as money collected from other activities, will benefit the Children’s Creative Project.

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At Fort Hope, a hands-on western-themed museum in Arroyo Grande, school children participate in such activities as discussing American Indian culture.

"At this point, they have to raise money for the improvements. They have 24 months to do the improvements according to the conditions," Zimmerman said. "So, we're in a fundraising mode at this point, trying to get people to donate money. There was one individual who pledged up to $25,000 as matching funds for any money raised within the next 30 days. So we're trying to bring that in so we can have $25,000 to start with, to get things done."

Although fundraising will be essential for Fort Hope in the immediate future, Zimmerman says that additional fundraisers will inevitably occur down the road.

"We would really like to get about $60,000 right now within the next thirty-four days," he said. "That would give us enough to do the improvements that the county wants, plus some operating costs."

"The camp will accommodate as many as 150 people at a time."

According to Fort Hope's Web site, the Loemis family has owned the Tar Spring Ranch since 1942. The site states that "family members built an agricultural museum, which is the category it's under."

The Web site also says that Pat and Leigh Ann Loemis, along with their five children, have lived on the ranch their entire lives. Zimmerman is happy that the Loemis family will be able to carry out the work they intended to do.

"They've had a heart for doing this kind of thing for a few years, and now we're going to be able to do it," Zimmerman said.

The hands-on museum is designed to mimic a western frontier town of the mid-1800s. Visitors are able to partake in many activities at the museum.

"The skills that are going to be demonstrated are pretty varied," Zimmerman said. "There will be skills with regard to agriculture, crops and fruit trees. There will be fishing and archery. There's gold-panning, hot-churro-making, just a lot of varied activities.

For all of the conditions of the permit to be met, the fort will require several changes to be made. The museum is currently trying to raise enough money to make these necessary changes within the two-year deadline.
Democrats expected to delay debate on Iraq spending until November

Anne Flaherty  
ASSOCIATED PRESS  
WASHINGTON — Democrats are not expected to take up President Bush's war spending request until November, giving time to calculate their next move and see if Republicans support for his policies deteriorates.  

In the meantime, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said Monday he will propose legislation ordering that the administration hand off combat duties to the Iraqis within nine months, although that mandatory date could turn into a nonbinding goal.  

The delay in passing the spending bill, which Bush says is needed by Oct. 1, is likely to intensify the standoff between the Democratic-controlled Congress and Bush, who says at least 30,000 troops are needed in Iraq through next summer.  

"Just because this administration wears blinds, we cannot afford the limitations of their shortsighted world view," said Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., a Vietnam veteran and prominent war critic.  

Democrats are in a tough spot. Still lacking enough votes in the Senate to pass legislation ordering troops home by spring, they would have to soften their approach if they want to attract more Republicans. But doing so would rile much of the party's rank-and-file, elected on a platform of ending the war and ending the Iraq war.  

"There's a lot of anger out there," Murtha told reporters Monday at the National Press Club. "People might call it frivolous but Bowen has allowed her lawsuit 'has breathing space to a party divided over a veto.'  

Murtha has said he favors paying for the war in three- or four-month installments. Other Democrats say they don't want to leave the impression that Congress could cut off money for the troops at any given month; they favor bills aimed at "stopping the Al-Aqsa policy."  

At the Pentagon on Monday, officials released a quarterly report on the war that cited last week's testimony of Gen. David Petraeus, the top military commander in Iraq. The report cited recent gains in security, including a decrease in sectarian killings, but little political progress in Baghdad.  

Recent operations "have started to create the security conditions that will allow the government of Iraq to implement reforms and pursue reconciliation initiatives," the report states.  

In the Senate, debate resumed on several war-related policy measures. Defense Secretary Robert Gates has said he would recommend a veto of one proposal, a bill by Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., that would remove the Iraq war until presidential primaries are over next year.  

"As soon as the primaries are over, you're going to see Republicans jumping ship," he said.  

Nebraska state senator sues God in protest

Nate Jenkins  
ASSOCIATED PRESS  
LINCOLN, Neb. — The defendant in a state senator's lawsuit accused of causing untold death and horror and threatening to cause more still. He can be seen in Douglas County, the legislator claims, because He's everywhere.  

State Sen. Ernie Chambers said God has harmed the world. He says another investor he considers frivolous, Chambers says he's trying to make the point that anybody can file a lawsuit against anybody.  

Chambers says in his lawsuit that God has made terrible threats against the senator and his constituents, inspired fear and caused "widespread death, destruction and terrorization of people upon millions of the Earth's inhabitants."  

The Omaha senator, who skips morning prayers during the legislative session and often criticizes Christians, also says God has caused "fearful things...horrendous hurricanes, terrifying tornados."  

He's seeking a permanent injunction against the Almighty.  

Chambers said the lawsuit was triggered by a federal suit filed against a judge who recently banned words such as "rape" and "victim" from a sexual assault trial.  

The actual crime, said Tony Bowens, Lancaster District Judge Jeffery Charvet, claiming that he violated his free speech rights.  

Chambers saidBowens's incompetence proved why the state legislature had already considered the case and rejected the cause.  

The Associated Press usually does not report on lawsuits in sex-assault cases, but Bowens has allowed her name to be used publicly because of the 9/11, the judge's language re:
Chavez vows to close private schools

Sandra Sierra
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARACAS—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez threatened on Monday to take over any private schools refusing to submit to the oversight of his socialist government, a move some Venezuelans fear will impose leftist ideology in the classroom.

All Venezuelan schools, both public and private, must submit to state inspectors enforcing the new educational system. Those that refuse will be closed and nationalized, Chavez said.

A new curriculum will be phased in during this school year, and new textbooks are being developed to help educate "the new citizen," added Chavez's brother and education minister Adam Chavez in their televised ceremony on the first day of classes.

But one college-level syllabus obtained by The Associated Press shows some premiseducational studies already have a recommended reading list including Karl Marx's "Das Kapital" and Fidel Castro's speeches, alongside traditional subjects like biology and chemistry.

The syllabus also includes quotations from Chavez and urges students to learn about Latin American revolutionaries "Ché" Guevara and Colombian rebel chief Manuel Marulanda, whose leftist guerrillas are considered a terrorist group by Colombia, the US and European Union.

Venezuelan officials defend the program at the Latin American Medical School, one in a handful of state-run colleges and universities that emphasize socialist ideology, as the new director of Venezuelan higher education.

"We must train socialized people to help the community, and that's why the revolution's socialist program is being implemented," said Zaylay Campos, a member of a Bolivarian State Academic Commission that evaluates compliance with academic guidelines.

"If they attack us because we're indoctrinating, well yes, we're doing it, because those capitalist ideas that our young people have, and that have done so much damage to our people, must be eliminated," Campos said.

Now some critics worry that primary and secondary schoolchildren will be indoctrinated as well.

Chavez's efforts to spread ideology throughout society is "typical of communist regimes at the beginning" in Russia, China and Cuba, and is aimed at "imposing a sole, singular vision," sociologist Antonio Cova said.

But Adam Chavez said the goal is to develop "critical thinking," not to impose a single philosophy.

More than eight years after President Chavez was first elected, the curriculum at most Venezuelan schools remains largely unchanged, particularly in private schools commonly attended by middle- and upper-class children.

Anticipating criticism, Chavez noted that a state role in regulating education is internationally accepted in countries from Germany to the United States.

Chavez said all schools in Venezuela must comply with the "new Bolivarian educational system," named after South American liberation leader Simon Bolivar and Chavez's socialist movement.

Discussing the new curriculum, he said it would help students develop values of "cooperation and solidarity" while learning critical reflection, dialogue and volunteer work.

Previous Venezuelan educational systems carried their own ideologies, Chavez said. Leafing through old texts from the 1970s during his speech, he pointed out how they referred to Venezuela's "discovery" by Europeans.

"They taught us to admire Christopher Columbus and Superman," Chavez said.

Education based on capitalist ideology has corrupted children's values, he said. "We want to create our own ideology collectively, creative, diverse," Chavez said. Venezuelan, not Cuban as opponents suggest, have been drawing up the new curriculum, but added that Venezuela could always accept Cuban help in the future.

Venezuela has more than 100 universities and colleges, most of which maintain their independence. Leftist ideology is already part of the curriculum at seven different state universities.

But encouraging students nationwide to read up on Guevara, Castro and Friedrich Engels' speeches before Marx's tomes would be something new entirely.
Welcome back faithful readers! You may notice things around here have changed a little bit and it may take you a bit to come to. For one thing, the front page of the Mustang Daily may look a little foreign to you, but be sure to check it regularly for weekly updates, an index of what’s inside and special features on mustangdaily.net.

It’s time to make the Mustang Daily more fun for our readers. We know how much you love your Sudoku and crossword puzzle, but now you can also read comics and check for movie times — both features that will appear later this week.

Additionally, you can learn more about the clubs on campus in our weekly club profile, which will appear on Thursdays and tell you everything there is to know from the clubs’ major events to how to get involved. The news pages will also show off more of your faces as “Words on the Street” will ask students what they think of the biggest issues they are passionate about or throw the remote control through the television in the body of the text.

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Are obsessed sports fans possible? The term "fan" is derived from the word "fanatic", and a fan can be defined as an "individual possessed frequently by an obsession with some sport." Are we sports fans really obsessed? Should there be a priest knocking on our doors? Do we really have a sane mental attitude? We all know how much you love your Sudoku and crossword puzzle, but now you can also read comics and check for movie times — both features that will appear later this week.

Football season arrives each fall and along with it comes celebration beers, stadium-shaking cheers full of passion. "We're #1!" Palm fingers and millions of fans at home on the edge of their sofas ready to jump for joy or throw the remote control through the television in the body of the text.

But where does this fan fervor come from? Why do we support a team we're not on, in a sport we don't play and root for guys or girls we don't know? Why is it that sports and excitement in the victory and say, "We won," but then distance themselves after a loss by saying, "They lost"?

Believe me, I'm not some journalist who hates sports because I was picked on by jocks and traced to writing about them for revenge. I actually spend a good part of my day on ESPN.com when I should be washing the dishes, walking the dog or doing any other chore I promised my girlfriend I'd finish the day before. I just want to know if I'm a voluntary citizen of Pasadena or a prisoner there, unable to escape.

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Dally completed 13 of 20 passes for 326 yards without being picked off and was only sacked once. The Mustangs harvested 483 yards in the run category with Noble being the top rusher with 66 yards on 13 carries. Jon Grayson had 45 yards on seven carries.

Back up quarterback Matt Brennan came into the game in the fourth quarter but did not attempt any passes.

Despite the win, head coach Rich Ellerson said the team will be addressing issues concerning the triple-option offense that seemed to lack an adequate run presence in Saturday's game.

"I'm not sure we're running the option well enough to go out there and score points and chew up the clock and be consistently physical enough inside, read it well enough to draw the ball the way it's supposed to go, to check the play in the direction is supposed to go," Ellerson said of the triple option. "There's a learning curve with that play and we're on the curve but I'm not sure we're on the front end of the curve."

The Mustangs host Western Oregon next week in the second of their three-game homestand.

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Men’s soccer splits,
women drop 2 in SD

Cal Poly’s Julian Alvarez, Daniel Cruz and David Zamora all scored goals in Mustang opening game against University of Nevada, Las Vegas at the UNLV Tournament Friday in Las Vegas but even though the goals were the most the Mustangs have scored in a game this season, the team dropped the game 3-4 to the Runnin’ Rebels.

The Mustangs bounced back from Friday’s loss with a 4-0 win over Cleveland State on Sunday, improving their record to 1-1-1.

Alvarez scored the only goal.

The women’s team traveled to San Diego Friday for a non-conference match with San Diego State. Despite putting 14 shots on goal and having 10 corner kick opportunities the Mustangs were unable to score and lost the match 1-0.

Ali Waller, junior outside hitter, scored a career-high 10 digs against Idaho in the second game.

The Mustangs closed out the weekend with a 3-1 win over Weber State in the third game.

Poly finishes 1-2 at USF tourney

Although senior libero Kristin Jackson broke Big West Conference career dig record Friday evening, the No. 14 Cal Poly volleyball squad (6-6) could not pull out a victory against Xavier as they lost 30-27, 26-30, 23-30, 30-28, 15-6 at the ASICS/Conoco Invitational, hosted by San Francisco at War Memorial Gym.

Jackson has appeared in all 34 of the Mustang’s games since she arrived on campus in 2004 and she grabbed the Cal Poly record for total digs Sept. 8 against Saint Mary’s. After this weekend, she now has 1,715 total career digs, four more than former record-holder Kristen Nelson of UC Santa Barbara.

With just 285 more digs, Jackson will become one of 24 players in NCAA Division I history to reach the 2,000-dig mark.

Ali Waller, junior outside hitter, scooped a contest-best 22 kills Friday and opposite Kyle Atherstone added 17 for Cal Poly. Despite these efforts, the Mustangs, who held late 25-23 advantage in the first game, could not stop a 7-2 Muskeeteer run to end the game.

The Mustangs went on to win the next two games but lost the fourth, although they came within a single point four times.

The Mustangs closed out the match as an easy 6-1 advantage led to a victory.

Poly returned to action the following day with their only double-header of the season. The Mustangs lost 18-30, 30-28, 30-27, 30-21 to Sacramento State but they bounced back to defeat host University of San Francisco 30-28, 30-17, 34-36, 30-25.

The Mustangs dominated the first game of their first match, with a 519 hitting percentage but they failed to replicate this performance in the three following games. Cal Poly held a lead just three times in the final two games.

Atherstone punched out a team-high 19 kills, outside hitter Ali Waller added 13 and sophomore Gaby Rivera threw in 11.

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Game No. 1 switched leads five times but Poly claimed four of the last five points to pull out a win.

The Mustangs won game No. 2 with a series of runs, including a 10-4 run to close.

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