**Calif. lawmakers seek 1 vote to pass budget fix**

Judy Lin

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California lawmakers spent the President's Day holiday as they had Valentine's Day, locked in a frustrating search for one more vote to end the state's budget impasse.

Lawmakers broke the record for longest legislative session in state history over the weekend before disbundng Sunday night, with many of them looking haggard and worn out after a futile attempt to secure the necessary votes.

The Senate and Assembly, which at one point was in session for 30 hours, were scheduled to meet again Monday, but the expected budget session failed to produce the necessary votes, Schwarzenegger's spokesman said the administration had no choice.

"In the absence of a budget, the governor must do everything he can to cut back on state spending," spokesman Aaron McLear said.

The notices will start going out Tuesday to 20,000 workers in corrections, health and human services and other agencies that receive money from the general fund. Administration officials are seeking to eliminate up to 10,000 jobs as part of the governor's order to cut 10 percent from the state's budget.

The mix of spending cuts, tax increases and borrowing is intended to close the projected budget shortfall through June 2010. Like other states, California faces plunging tax revenue that has imperiled state services.

The proposal put before lawmakers this weekend was negotiated by Schwarzenegger and the four legislative leaders and appeared to have support of the required two-thirds majority in the state Assembly.

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Traffic flow was a main concern, as walls since the entrance to the current UU Plaza are narrow openings on all sides.

"The way it flows now is not really good for getting people in and out," Brunnert said. "With the new plan, it's going to be much easier."

Multiple entrances will be added to the plaza to make it a more open space and ramps will be built for ease of access. The area next to El Corral Bookstore, where Greeks typically set up booths during rush, will be made into a more permanent "club market place" so clubs can always have booths instead of just Tuesdays and Thursdays, Payne said.

"It's really to maximize efficiency so you can travel through the plaza but there's always little pockets where you can stop," Payne said, noting that the small walls dividing up areas of the plaza will all be at "seating height" so students and others will be able to eat at and relax.

Students can view the UU Plaza renderings on the Associated Students Inc. Web site (cas.calpoly.edu) under the "ASI facility constructions" link. Construction timelines and background information are available on the site as well as a blog about the project posted weekly by UCSB members. As construction nears and then begins, students can check the Web site to see what closures will be in effect.

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It was falling one Republican vote short in the Senate, a situation that had not changed throughout a weekend marked by long hours and uncertainty over the state's future.

The plan includes $13.1 billion in program cuts, $14.4 billion in temporary tax increases and $11.4 billion in borrowing. The package also would send five ballot measures to voters in a special election to be held May 19.

On Monday, Schwarzenegger's finance director warned that a state board will freeze even more public works projects unless the Legislature approves a budget quickly.

The Pooled Money Investment Board on Tuesday is expected to shut down 276 critical projects worth $1.6 billion, along with 98 transportation projects funded from voter-approved bonds worth $1.8 billion.

The combined $5.8 billion freeze would affect 91,800 California jobs. Some 2,000 infrastructure projects are already on hold because the state lacks the money to pay for them.

"Let's get back to work. Let's solve this fiscal crisis," said Sen. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, chair of the Senate transportation committee. "It's a tremendous amount at stake.

Despite the warnings of impending fiscal calamity, most rank-and-file Republicans have refused to agree to higher taxes. Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, acknowledged Monday that tax increases were difficult for all lawmakers to swallow but said the Legislature had no choice.

"Nobody likes that idea, but remember the reason we are in this crisis is because we are in a national and international crisis," he said. "California's revenue is estimated to drop over $50 billion between 2008 and the middle of 2010, and so there isn't a choice but to make deep cuts, painful cuts, but also to raise some taxes temporarily to get through these difficult times."

He said it was time for GOP lawmakers to fall in line behind their caucus leaders in the Assembly and Senate, who helped negotiate the budget proposal.

"It's time for one more vote," Steinberg said.

Steinberg said:

"Getting it is the problem. One moderate Republican, Sen. Abel Maldonado, criticized Senate Majority Leader Darrell Steinberg for failing to make sure he had enough votes from his caucus.

Maldonado was thought to be one of the GOP lawmakers who would vote for the budget, but so far he has been a holdout. He said he was not asked to support the negotiated package until Sunday.

"I think the responsibility here falls on the shoulders of Darrell Cogdill," Maldonado, R-Santa Maria, told reporters on Monday. "He still has to put up three votes. He's the leader of the party."

Cogdill, R-Modesto, declined to comment.

The proposed tax hikes include an increase of 1 cent on the dollar in the state sales tax, a 12-cent-a-gallon hike in the gasoline tax and a boost in vehicle licensing fees.

The measure also includes a one-time, 5 percent income tax surcharge for taxpayers who owe money to the state at the end of 2009. The surcharge would drop to 2.5 percent if California gets its expected share of money from the federal stimulus bill.

Many of the tax hikes would remain in effect through the 2013-14 fiscal year if voters approve a cap on state spending during the May special election. That deal is designed to limit labor unions' opposition to the spending cap, which was sought by Republicans as part of the budget negotiations.

The budget plan is designed to close California's deficit through June 2010 if voters also approve a number of related measures at the ballot. Those include the spending cap, a plan to sell bonds based on future lottery proceeds and approval to shift money from accounts for mental health and child-development programs.

Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders from both parties warned that California faces insolvency unless the Legislature enacts a midyear budget fix.

The governor has ordered furloughs for state government workers and has threatened layoffs for as many as 10,000. The state controller already has delayed refund checks owed taxpayers and payments to state vendors because of the state's revenue shortage.
Clinton begins Asia trip under North Korea shadow

Matthew Lee  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton kicked off the official program of her first overseas trip in Tokyo on Tuesday, visiting a Japanese cultural site and meeting U.S. Embassy staff under the shadow of threatening rhetoric from North Korea.

Clinton participated in a purification rite and welcoming ceremony at a Shinto shrine to the father of modern Japan, Emperor Nintoku. She said its message of "balance and harmony" would set the tone for the Obama administration's foreign policy, especially in tough economic times.

"It's not only a good concept for religious shrines, it's a good concept for this entire student body regardless of major or college affiliation.

The province is already in talks with the U.S. and other countries about building a base, and could be used by the U.S. military for exercises.

"I think that it's a good concept for religious shrines," Clinton said.

"I don't spend any time there," said computer science sophomore Evan Kleist.

"I don't spend any time there, but I think we should use the money on recreation activities for students like the new Recreation Center being built," said Michael Alper, business junior.

"I don't think it's necessary because it's a lot of money," said biology senior Maija Beaudoin.

"Do you think the UU Plaza revamp is needed? Why or why not?"

"No, I don't think it's worth $4.5 million. The school is already in a bad position with money and should be spent in other places." - Evan Kleist, computer science sophomore

"I think that it's a lot of money and could be put to use by buying better lab equipment and lowering student fees. I'm against it." - Nathan Dolez, mechanical engineering junior

"I think the school should use the money to improve facilities. I don't think it's necessary to build a new recreation center." - Michael Alper, business junior

Clinton proposed a fee initiative to increase the College-Based Fee Initiative. The proposal would bring all students to the same fee level of $362 per quarter for full time students ($50 per quarter for part time students) effective Fall 2010 and an additional $100 per quarter for full time students ($50 per quarter for part time students) effective Fall 2011.

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College Based Fee Initiative

The Provost and College Deans have submitted a proposal to increase the College-Based Academic Fee. The need for these fees is a result of the severe cuts in State support over the last decade and Cal Poly's desire to continue to offer high quality academic programs and provide students with the classes they need to complete their degrees.

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Team Astana rider Lance Armstrong, center, along with Team Columbia-High Road rider George Hincapie, left and Team Colavita/Sutter Home rider Lucas Haedo, right, near San Francisco, Monday.

Lance Armstrong took a spill when he got tangled with a motorcycle and still managed to win the overall standings Monday at the Tour of California after a rainy and crash-filled second stage.

Two-time defending champion Levi Leipheimer of Santa Rosa, Calif., became the third different race leader. He emerged from a chasing group on the final climb with about 17 miles left before finishing a close second to stage winner Thomas Peterson of North Bend, Wash.

Peterson was victorious in the 115.9-mile Santaquin to Santa Cruz road race in 5 hours, 6 minutes and 20 seconds.

Strong wind and heavy rain hazed the field throughout most of the stage, which crossed the Golden Gate Bridge shortly after the start.

Armstrong, the seven-time Tour de France winner making a comeback after a 3 1/2-year retirement, had his mishap about 80 miles into the stage.

"A motorcyclist for the photographer from the race crashed right in front of me," Armstrong said. "Unfortunately, but it could have been worse. I don't feel too bad, hip is a little banged up but overall a great day." Levi proved he is the best guy in the race hands down,"

Armstrong quickly received a spare bike from a team car and returned to the field with the assistance of teammate Jose Luis Rubiera of Spain.

Armstrong, who began the day in 6th place, is now fourth, 30 seconds behind. He finished 13th in the stage.

Floyd Landis, the former 2006 Tour de France champ competing for the first time following a two-year doping suspension, is 29th overall, 6:04 behind.

"We're going to be listening but we're also going to be asking for more partnerships to come together to try to work with us to handle the problems that none of us can handle alone," Clinton said, mentioning again her top agenda items: climate change and the world financial crisis.

"She did not specifically mention North Korea. The Stalinist state's threat to press ahead with test-firing what many neighboring governments believe is a long-range missile, is expected to be at the top of her discussions with Japanese officials on Tuesday, as well as talks later this week in South Korea and China.

Japan, led by a deeply unpopular government struggling with dire economic woes, is particularly jittery at the moment and Clinton aims to reassure the country of its importance in the international arena.

"These are hard times economically for the Japanese people, just as (they are) in many places around the world," she said. But she said the U.S.-Japan alliance remains the bedrock of American policy in the Pacific, adding: "I am absolutely confident we will navigate our way through these difficulties."

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"She also is expected to announce that she will send a special U.S. envoy to a Japanese-hosted donors conference for Pakistan.

"It is the first time in nearly 50 years that a secretary of state has made Asia the maiden voyage abroad. But efforts to focus the trip on the broader agenda were eclipsed by North Korea, which hinted at an upcoming missile test just hours before Clinton arrived in Japan.

Last week, Clinton warned North Korea against any "provoca-
I was with a group of gay friends, the other night and, while they were enjoying cigars and whiskies, I felt the need to contribute some sort of masculine sentiment. So I began to tell a story about a friend of mine that told me the very same brunet.Tom was texting. The two happened to be roommates. Now, one would think that this situation would wind up being incredibly awkward for Tom and that he would perhaps deserve a storm out or a slap in the face by one or both of the girls, but Tom and his remarkable game struck out of this trap. He laughed it off and enjoyed the fine half of the game in peace with his new grocery store friends.

It was during the second half of the game that things got interesting. That was when the trio relocated to a hot tub. The girls helped in with only their bras and panties and Tom jumped in nude since he never wears underwear. When Blondeie starts lossing Tom's neck, he sneaks a glance at the brunette who is taking off her bra. Mere seconds before the situation turned out to be a porno flick, Tom says, "I'd love to ladies, but I have a girlfriend.

As soon as I revealed my story, my anti-anticlimactic coed, my male audience immediately roared with disappointment. One guy even claimed that I gave him "verbal blue balls." This reaction caught me off guard, as my initial reaction was that Tom is really a stand up guy.

However, deeper thinking made me question why a guy with a girlfriend was getting with skinny-dipping with girls in the first place. Although I initially let those ideas slide, though I initially let those ideas slide, I decided if it would be more hurtful to the girlfriend to hear that he spent hours talking to these girls and getting to know them, or being shown in their underwear.

Cheating is a fickle thing because unless you talk about it with your significant other, you don't know what the lines are. Is your boyfriend OK with you dancing with random people at a party? Is your girlfriend more distressed by deep emotional or love infidelity, while women were sexual infidelity, while women were more sensitive to sexual infidelity, while women were incredibly misunderstood. Is it cheating to make out with a formercling over winter break. The question really is what is the line of cheating for your partner?

According to a study on sexual infidelity versus deep emotional or love infidelity, men were more sensitive to infidelity versus deep emotional or love infidelity.

The listener with a girlfriend seemed to think that there aren't exceptions, nor is this information an excuse to partake in other type of cheating, but it is evidence of the different sensitivities that people have. Obviously, the line of cheating is never clear.

Denise Nolan is a journalism major and the Outsider's new sex columnist.

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Please Enjoy Responsibly
Cal Poly needs to use some sustainability strategy

Two weeks ago thousands of students, faculty, staff and community members attended Focus the Nation: Building a Sustainable Economy. The attendance for the three-day event was impressive, but not nearly as significant as the number of people who chose to voice their opinion on what Cal Poly should do to become a more sustainable university.

On Feb. 5, 835 students (and a few faculty and staff) participated in "The What Should Cal Poly Do?" poll, each putting a thumbs-tack in one of five categories. The results are as follows: require a sustainability general education class (253 votes), ban plastic bags on campus (235 votes), mandate campus wide composting (166 votes), prohibit the sale of plastic water bottles (129 votes) or none of these (12 votes).

What is amazing about these numbers is that 99 percent of students who voted wanted some sort of action. Perhaps 1 percent who voted for "none of these" believe Cal Poly should do something else besides the four available options. Maybe these voters would rather we non-invasive plant species, waterless urinals or more fair trade clothing on campus. (It's not likely but I hope that is what they were thinking).

I'm surprised the largest number of votes cast were for requiring a sustainability GE, which tells me that students want to learn more about sustainability. Out of all of the options, the addition of another GE would likely require the most amount of work for a student. Carrying a reusable water bottle and bringing or throwing a banana peel in the compost bin instead of the adjacent trash can seems a lot easier to me than taking an additional four units of general education, but the students are voting.

So now what do we do? We've got this good information that we'll forward to campus stakeholders who will open up their e-mails today and think, "Wow, cool, these students are really headed in the right direction" and then they will hit either archive or delete.

OK, so maybe I exaggerated about how little campus stakeholders care about student opinion polls. The truth is that there are a lot of people uptight that truly do care about sustainability, and want to radically transform this campus. Trust me there are many of the decision makers who would love to be pressured and forced by students to implement progressive sustainability initiatives. The problem is they are not "being backed into the corner" yet.

Luckily, Cal Poly is currently at a crucial juncture in deciding its future. The Cal Poly Strategic Plan 2009-2014, which defines broad-based goals and objectives to guide university decisions over the next five years, is currently open for public comment.

In this plan, seven goals are outlined, including "Lead in Sustainability." More specifically, "Cal Poly will lead in sustainability through the educational preparation of our students, the research and scholarly contributions of our faculty and the practices used throughout the university.

To accomplish this goal, five key objectives are listed:

1. Develop sustainability Learning Objectives. Does that sound strange to anyone else? The objective is to develop objectives! Now, I know strategic plans do not dive into details, but I do take issue with some of the objectives or rather lack thereof. For example, nowhere is the importance of localization emphasized in this plan.

2. Change our great university will acquire a continued effort to campus decision makers that students are ready to take the next step in this plan. The hundreds of votes at Focus the Nation were an important signal to campus decision makers that students are ready to take the next step in sustainability, but it is hard to influence campus policy by one poll.

3. Changing our great university will require a continued effort from many students for many years. So log online and share your thoughts about Cal Poly's Strategic Plan, it might just be the push that Cal Poly needs to take the next leap.

Chad Worth is an industrial engineering senior and former president of the Empower Poly Coalition. He encourages everyone to go online and comment on Cal Poly's Strategic Plan at www.academicaffairs.calpoly.edu/StrategicPlan before March 3.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Big government isn't the answer to financial issues

Stephen: There are so many flaws in your article "Uncle Sam's Here to Help." I'm not sure where to begin.

1) False: "big corporations and banks" in business to make a profit and nothing else. You know, these companies run our nation. They're the heart and soul of capitalism. The Community Reinvestment Act, passed in 1977 by liberals forced banks to become "charities." They were forced to make sub-prime loans to low-income and minority individuals. It finally caught up with us. The solution? Spend even more.

2) The Founding Fathers grant ed us life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I spit at the idea of my tax dollars being given in the form of a "tax rebate" to those who don't even pay income tax. This is also known as redistribution of wealth. Nationalized healthcare makes me sick. Does Big Brother need to change our diapers too? I think not.

Lauffer Effect: you'd be surprised to see that for the Bush administration, the government tax cut over the last eight years, government tax revenues have been the highest.

3) Obama (like other presidents) pre-selects people to ask questions at interviews.

4) FDR didn't bring us out of the Great Depression. FDR stole everyone's gold and devalued the currency and turned on the printing press. Big government is still affecting us today. Research Executive Order 6012. Obama is not the savior. If he wants to stimulate the economy, he should start by cutting the capital gains tax and income tax. That would be an immediate stimulus.

Hyperinflation, here we come...

Jason Carian

editorial engineering manager
Another earth-shattering quake hit baseball last week when New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez admitted to using 'roids during his three years in a Texas Ranger.

When the news broke about the alleged juicing, baseball fans' shoulders fell, mouths gaped and eyes shot open. Most of the damage, however, was to our hearts.

How could we be so naïve? Did we really believe that baseball's "golden boy" could be above the pressure and avoid the alluring substance that boosted the careers of every player around him? (over 100 players tested positive for banned substances in 2003).

In the wake of the Mitchell Report, Rodriguez sat down with Katie Couric on CBS' "60 Minutes" and denied using steroids. He said that his game was so good that he never had any reason to flirt with the idea. We believed him. Why?

Because he's right. With or without steroids, he is the best player in the game right now, not of all time. Even if he's not the easiest guy to get along with in the clubhouse, or the best display of character off the field, he is the guy you want guarding the line and filling your line up. This was the case even before he started doping. That's why the Rangers made him the highest paid athlete ever when they signed him in 2001.

We believed him because he didn't fit the mold of a typical steroids user. His career was on the way up, not on the way down. He was young, not someone knocking on retirement's door. He didn't come out of nowhere like McGwire and Sosa. He didn't bulk up like Bonds. Everything he did seemed to fit with the natural maturation of a ballplayer.

We believed him because we watched him grow up in front of our eyes. We remember him as just a kid on the Seattle Mariners. A kid wouldn't do steroids, right? Especially not a kid mentored by big-kid Ken Griffey Jr., who always gave it his all. Not the innocent shortstop with the bright future. Not Alex Rodriguez.

No, not Alex Rodriguez, but A-Rod. With the nickname, came the fame. With that fame, came a lucrative contract. With the contract, came pressure. With the pressure, came insecurity. Doubt crept into his mind and he could never shake the possibility that he may not live up to his hype. With that, came steroids. Shortly after, a hero was destroyed.

Once baseball fans got over the shock and the disbelief that comes when a star falls, the debate ensued about what should to be done with A-Rod's numbers and the numbers of players different than the other.

"The ones that have come out and admitted it, and are proven guilty, (their numbers) shouldn't count," Owalt said. "I've been cheated out of the game."

Oh really? How are we supposed to believe that you haven't used steroids or that you haven't cheated using another method? This is the crazy thing about it. We have no idea who hasn't done it. We know who has, but unless every player in the league falls under a spell that compels him to tell the truth, we have no way of knowing who is innocent.

Other people suggest that players like A-Rod and Giants outfielder Barry Bonds were just leveling out the playing field against pitchers like Yankee pitcher Roger Clemens and Brewers pitcher John Rocker.

"What was [Rodriguez] supposed to say? My rivals may be chemically enhancing their performances, but that’s just a disadvantage I must live with?" Zev Chafets wrote in a column published in the Los Angeles Times.

Some even believe that steroids can only do so much and say that the numbers should stand. They serve one purpose and one purpose only: to make people stronger. What they can't do is increase a player's possibility of connecting with the sweet spot of the bat. They don't make a swing more compact or change its fluidity.

Another argument is that some of the most beloved players in the history of the game have been guilty of cheating and their numbers have stood. So should the players of today. For instance, Babe Ruth, the face of baseball, was caught using a corked bat during his playing days. Hall of Fame pitcher Gaylord Perry was accused of using a spitball throughout his career and has found his place in Cooperstown.

The point being, precedent was set and baseball can't treat one group of players different than the other.

Then there's the compromise that comes in the form of the infamous "asterisk." This call for baseball to put an asterisk next to every known user's statistics. Although this seems like a good idea on its face, is it really a fair option?

Like I said before, there is no way of knowing who did it right. By placing the mark of shame on a user's statistics, we let other unknown users off the hook. Based off that logic, I really don't think the asterisk should be used.

I believe that the numbers should be left alone. There will be enough stories told from generation to generation that all future baseball fans will know that A-Rod and Bonds used steroids. This way we leave it up to the people to decide on their own what the numbers stand for.

Clinton McGee is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily reporter.

Most religions readily give away their scriptures to interested parties (note creepy old men passing out Bibles in the University Union). Why would someone need to pay exorbitant fees to become a more devout follower? I would like to see this question answered sufficiently before I can recognize Scientology as anything more than a Ponzi scheme.

—Jacob

Response to "Video: Speaker comes ready to explain, defied Scientology"

The cult is indefensible. The only way it could ever be defended is through the lack of knowledge of the university students or the compliance of the hosts.

—Pete Portnoy

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We should be free to criticize everyone's belief system, be it political, be it religious. Without criticism there is no evolution and no improvement.

Why should an organization have special rights and be immune against criticism, just because it calls itself religious? Why should any organization be tax exempt, just because it is religious? "Religious freedom" is being used as a bad excuse for the inability of people to defend their weak, irrational belief system with strong arguments.

—Anonymous

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What's next? Snake-oil salesman invited on campus? Demonstrations of divination through entrails? KKK recruiters giving a lecture theater and an overhead projector? On the other hand, I guess it might be beneficial for students to see a sadly deduced man up close.

—Anonymous

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58. Report (luxury lifestyle magazine)
59. Jockey’s handbook
60. B’rith name
63. What 17-, 38-, and 52-
67. Neighbor of Israel
68. ‘You Tonight’ band, 1987
69. ‘Minor
70. Shoes that add inches to one’s height
71. Delquez call
72. Flashy sabre, for short

Down
1. 24 hours
2. Outback runner
3. Outback hopper
4. Outer Prefix
5. Avatar Earhart
6. Online guffaw
7. Get-up-and-go
8. Brown eyes or Heard one
9. ‘My gal’ of song
10. Fuss
11. Hang around
12. Two-seated carriage
13. Hard dinner at home
18. Forget-end
22. Soviet labor camp
24. Bear’s mate
25. Madeleine of “Young Frankenstein”
27. Common kow stain for kids
30. Apple variety
31. What a barber
34. Once more
37. Dappled horses
38. Big boom maker
39. Bears: Latin
40. Supermodel
41. Thorny shrub
42. Center of an egg
45. Secret of many
46. Steakhouse
47. Regard highly
49. Most confident
50. __ Report
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52. Reedy place
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61. __’rith
62. Carrier to Oslo
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being outscored by 22 points in the second half and handing the Gauchos a 55-45 victory.

"This one hurts a lot more, because it was right there," McBride said. "Whereas the other one, we let go and lost by ten, this one we thought the whole time we were going to win."

The Mustangs will have to wait until their next game at University of Pacific to try to get their 16th win, which will ensure their first winning season since 1991-92.

with San Diego in many of the matches, narrowly losing the doubles point by scores of 8-6 at No. 1 and 8-5 at No. 2.11

Senior Andrew Gentz pushed No. 92 Charles Weinan to three sets at No. 2 singles, but fell 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 while at No. 3, singles junior Robert Foti fell to Nicola Bulusu in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

All four of the Mustangs’ losses have come against ranked competition.

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women’s tennis

NO. 50 SAN DIEGO 6, CAL POLY 1

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Sophomore Blake Wardman defeated Nih Schive 6-4, 6-2 to claim Cal Poly’s only singles victory on the day while senior Darren Young and junior Robert Foy defeated Cal Poly’s Wilton and Jean Devillers 7-9 at No. 3 doubles.

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SC sheriff: No pot charge for Phelps after photo

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — A South Carolina sheriff said Monday he was not going to charge swimmer Michael Phelps after a photo of the 14-time gold medalist showed him smoking from a marijuana pipe.

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said he couldn't ignore the photo but defended his investigation.

"Michael Phelps is truly an American hero...but even with his star status, he is still obligated to obey the laws of our state," Lott said.

The photo showed Phelps smoking from a marijuana pipe at a party in November when he visited the University of South Carolina.

Phelps has called his judgment bad and said he would learn from his mistake.

Phelps smoking suspended Phelps for three months in the wake of the photo, and Kellogg Co. said it would not renew its endorsement deal with him.

The photo surfaced in a British newspaper, News of the World, on Feb. 1. The swimmer, who won a record eight gold medals at the Beijing Games, did not dispute its authenticity.

News of the World said the picture was taken during a party while Phelps was visiting the university. During that trip, he attended one of the school's football games and received a big ovation when introduced to the crowd.

The party occurred nearly three months after the Olympics while Phelps was taking a break from training, and his actions should have no impact on the eight golds he won at Beijing. He has never tested positive for banned substances.

Record crowd sees Gauchos sneak past Mustangs

Clinton McGue
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Cal Poly women's basketball team lost its first game in the last seven contests as UC Santa Barbara out-scored the Mustangs 66-62 in front of a record-setting crowd that filled into Mott Gym Saturday night.

In what proved to be a back-and-forth scoring affair with nine lead changes, the Mustangs (15-8, 7-4 Big West Conference) came within a 3-point shot of claiming the victory over the first place Gauchos (16-7, 11-4).

Despite being down 59-51 with less than two minutes left to play, the Mustangs battled back into the game behind senior guard Lisa McBride and senior forward Megan Harrison, both of whom had 18 points. McBride also had 10 rebounds on the night, giving the Mustangs two double-double performances in back-to-back games.

Harrison went for 18 points and 10 rebounds against Cal State Fullerton.

McBride shot 6-of-10 from beyond the arc, but no 3-pointer she made was bigger than the sixth. With 45 seconds left to play in the game, she put Cal Poly within two points. The game-changer followed a Harrison steal, of which she had a game-high three, off a Gauchos inbounds pass.

The Mustangs fell to the Gauchos this season but are a perfect 7-4 at home. The Gauchos have only played two home games.

The Gauchos were led by 18 points and 11 rebounds from point guard Tiffany Johnson. The Mustangs held her to the courthouse line. The plan worked as Johnson only converted one of the free throws, giving the Mustangs an opportunity to win the game with a final shot.

Of course, the plan was to go to the hot hand and so McBride was fighting to get open as the ball was brought up the court. She erased the defense to find her spot in the corner and the ball was thrown her way. She caught and fired, but the shot fell just short, hitting the front of the rim. The Gauchos swarmed to the ball and controlled it with seven seconds remaining, securing the victory.

"We were heartbroken," Harrison said of the mood in the locker room following the game. "We tried so hard and it's so frustrating when you give everything that have for it. We fought. You have to give it to us for that. Lisa's shot was amazing. We all thought it was in and I'm so happy that she was the one to take the shot at the end of the game."

With all the shots that McBride made, none of them will be remembered more by the player than the shot that didn't fall. However, she will try to forget about it, she said.

"I felt good and I should have followed my shot, because it came right back to where I was standing, but I can't remember the last shot that everyone is going to," McBride explained.

The 1,737 in attendance provided the largest crowd to ever witness a home women's basketball game in school history. They were treated to a close contest that would see neither team lead by double-digits.

The Mustangs never exceeded the four-point lead they got over the Gauchos within the first 5:15 of the game.

Santiago, who only had five points and a single rebound in the first half, came out hot in the second. She scored 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds after the intermission, keeping her streak of double-digit scoring games alive at 18.

Santiago's quiet first half proved to be critical as Cal Poly's attack in the post was limited and kept the Mustangs off the line and the Gauchos out of foul trouble.

The Mustangs went to the line only nine times Saturday, while UC Santa Barbara got to the line 27 times, accounting for 19 of their points.

"We needed to attack more and get to the free-throw line more and to at least, if nothing else, put them in foul trouble," Mott said.

UC Santa Barbara senior center Jenna Green led all scorers with 23 points. She also had a game-high 12 rebounds.

This was the second time the Mustangs fell to the Gauchos this season. Earlier in the year, the Mustangs led the Gauchos at Santa Barbara by a score of 29-17 at intermission before seeing Round-up, page 11.