Calif. GOP shakeup bodes ill for $42B budget plan

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Chances of a quick resolution to California's budget stalemate appeared to fade Wednesday after Senate Republican holdouts ousted their leader in a midnight coup and promised to resist tax increases that GOP Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger says are needed to close a $42 billion deficit.

The Democrat-controlled Legislature appears to need just one more GOP vote in the Senate to reach the two-thirds majority it needs to get the bill to the governor's desk, but that vote may prove impossible to get.

"We don't want to see taxes increased, increasing the tax burden on Californians," said Sen. Dennis Hollingsworth, R-Murrieta. "But we're not going to put the state's credit rating in jeopardy, which is what the governor is saying to us."...
Theft
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dents on campus used iPhones in the fall quarter — 900 more than in the spring he added.
University Police Chief Bill Wat-
ton said students lack awareness. "They're not as in tune as they should be," he said. "This is a very safe campus and a very safe place, and typi-
cally far more so than where our stu-
dents come from — whether it be the L.A. area or the Bay Area."
One way you can protect yourself is with simple locks. They're becoming less simple though.
At Best Buy in San Luis Obispo, only one security option is for sale as a sea of wall adapters and mouses. A Decon Cable Lock — sett-
ing a six- and a half-foot-long cable — can be had for $39.99. Ironically, though, is if the presence of laptop theft weren’t enough of a concern, a key isn’t included for that price, as the packaging for the lock—which must be opened with one of 10,000 possible number-combina-
tion readings. "Requires no keys, which can be lost or stolen."
Outside of Week of Welcome, su-
ervisor Matt McCormack said, the lock isn’t a big seller in spite of laptops unattended. "It's a given. Hut electronics unattended is a given. But the lock isn’t a big seller, in spite of laptops and you know what? The incidence of theft probably in-
creased."
The smaller devices get, the easier they’ll be stolen, Edds added. When he went to college, "a comp-
puter was something that occupied the whole desk," he said. "I didn’t have a cell phone, unless it was a combi-
tone item, and only a few people had lap-
Top, with names and Social Secu-
rity numbers of more than 3,000 stu-
dents, was stolen from his home.
To aid recovery efforts last year, Watson said, Cal Poly implemented a free service of registering personal property, much like that used for be-
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Jack, with which Edds said he could choose "at least two favorable inci-
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“Aside from the Mustang Daily, where do you get your news?”

“I go to CNN.com sometimes and The New York Times if I have time. Mostly I went online during the presidential election but now the stimulus is over too, so now I’ll probably go for the typical politics.”

-Tim McCaughey, mathematics senior

“Mainly digg.com because it has a wide variety of information.”

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“I go to Yahoo and I watch some news on TV but no particular channels, mostly SportsCenter.”

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Briefs

State

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A University of San Francisco student charged with allegedly raping four female classmates while they were unconscious has pleaded not guilty.

Twenty-one-year-old Ryan Caskey of Bakersfield pleaded not guilty to four counts of rape and four counts of assault through his defense attorney during an arraignment held Wednesday in San Francisco Superior Court.

Prosecutors allege Caskey raped the women while they were unconscious after he served them alcohol at parties. According to court documents, the assaults took place between April and January.

Judge Diane Wick also on Wednesday granted prosecutors’ request to raise Caskey’s bail to $800,000 and ordered him to stay away from the alleged victims and the USF campus.

National

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Geronimo’s descendants have sued Skull and Bones — the secret society at Yale University linked to presidents and other powerful figures — claiming that in members stole the remains of the legendary Apache leader decades ago and have kept them ever since.

The federal lawsuit filed in Washington on Tuesday — the 100th anniversary of Geronimo’s death — also names the university and the federal government.

Geronimo’s great-grandson Harvey Geronimo said his family believes Skull and Bones members took some of the remains in 1918 from a burial plot in Fort Sill, Okla., to keep in its New Haven clubhouse, a crypt. The alleged graverobbing is a longstanding legend that gained some validity in recent years with the discovery of a letter from a club member that described the theft.

International

BAGHDAD (AP) — About 100 people staged a protest in Baghdad on Wednesday to demand the release of the Iraqi who threw his shoes at President George W. Bush on the eve of the TV journalist’s trial.

A lawyer for journalist Muntadar al-Zeidi, 30, said the defense would ask for a postponement when the court convenes Thursday in western Baghdad.

“We will also demand his release because his act was spontaneous against the president of the state that occupies Iraq,” lawyer Khalid al-Izz said The Associated Press.

Al-Zeidi, who works for a satellite station based in Cairo, Egypt, has been in custody since the Dec. 14 outburst at Bush’s joint news conference with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in Baghdad.

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of not voting for a tax increase," said
Tom Steckland, R-Thousand Oaks. "We know the dilemma is that we're trying to fund education and the state coffers have dried up."

Schwarzenegger criticized that statement during a Wednesday afternoon news conference. He said there is no way to close the $42 billion deficit without tax increases.

"If you think you can do this without any increase in revenues, then you have a big math problem," he said during a Capitol news conference. "We negotiated a bipartisan budget that is good faith. We're going to work today and we're going to stay here and until one more senator to sign on and pass California first."

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Defenders of both parties produced the compromise that is currently before lawmakers. 

Just as Republicans do not want new taxes, Democrats will not agree to a cuts-only budget fix.

The Senate was continuing to vote on the tax portion of the leg-

islative package every hour. Senate leader Darrell Steinberg of Sacra-

mento said his fellow Democrats intend to stay until they secure the remaining Republican vote.

"We are not starting over," he said during a Capitol news conference. "We negotiated a bipartisan budget in good faith. We're going to work today and we're going to stay here and until one more senator steps up and passes California first."

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filled as potentially supporting the budget fix — Roy Ashburn of Bar-

kersfield, Dave Cicilline of Fair Oaks and Abel Maldonado of Santa Maria — abstained from voting on the new leader.

"I just can't believe in the middle of the night we would oust our leader," Maldonado said. "I didn't support Dave Cogdill for leader, but I didn't vote to vote him out today. It's the wrong time to make a change in the process."

The pressure on California lawyers to pass a spending package has intensified during the budget impasse. Laid-off notices went out Tuesday to state agencies and hun-

dreds of public works projects will lose state funding on Thursday unless a budget fix is approved, throwing some $92,000 construction workers out of a job.

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.

Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso, right, speaks to Economy and Fiscal Policy Minister Kaoru Yosano at Finance Minister Shosuke Nakagawa, left, looks away at Lower House of Parliament in Tokyo, Japan on Tuesday.

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“Che” gives refreshing view of history

It’s easy as all hell to describe the new record from the up-a-common Canadian band Faunts. Simply imagine the sound of British-dream-popsters, Monster Movie, and then marry it with the work of the now defunct New-Wave-Retros-Futura outfit known simply as my favorite. The combination of those two bands is all you need to appreciate the auditory experience of “Feel. Love. Thinking? OC” But statistically speaking, no one reading this paper has listened to both bands, so I’ll try and rephrase the recipe.

Start out with “Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark” for suicidal synth-pop beat and echo/chorus/hi-fi/ barely-discrecible vocals. “It Hurts Me All the Time” is the best example of this depersonalized electronics-based with its swelling synthesizers and down-in-the-dumps lyrics: “you could never love me / the sky is dark above me / your shadow lurking in my mind / and it burns in all the time” Add in some sporadic flutterings of Radiohead, as in “Alarms/Lights” featuring Thom Yorke’s evocative, and prog-electrics. Sprinkle in some John Marnie’s guitar work throughout (before Modest Mouse obviously). Then, arrange a few numbers (such as “Lights Are All Yours”) in the style of M83; elevate some that doomy evokes the listener that he is drowning.

Then again, you might hear something completely different. Most people I’ve talked to enjoy “Feel.Love. Thinking.O.” But statistically speaking, no one reading this paper has seen Movies, page 7.

Mortar Board, a national honor society for college seniors, is beginning the competitive recruitment process for the 2009-2010 year.

Membership is nomination-based and requires students who have a 3.0 GPA, senior standing by Fall of 2009, and have demonstrated achievement in scholarship, leadership, and service.

The Cal Poly chapter would like to encourage faculty members to nominate qualified students in their department or eligible juniors to nominate themselves.

Please contact Dr. Roya Jaredpour at rajvandp@calpoly.edu or Kendra Rowley at krowley4@calpoly.edu to fill out a nomination form.

Thursday, February 19, 2009

Movie Review: Che - 2009 (Limited Release) [****]

Director: Steven Soderbergh
Starring: Benicio Del Toro, Demian Bichir, Rodrigo Santoro, Franka Potente

As long as I can remember, Ernesto “Che” Guevara has been characterized as being either the hero and backbone of a daring rebellion whose face is painted on countless T-shirts, or a conniving soldiers' changer for power. Director Steven Soderbergh (“Traffic,” the “Ocean’s Eleven” franchise, “Erin Brockovich”) presents his epic memory “Che” in a surprising and refreshing manner that doesn’t seem to attempt to paint a black and white picture of the revolutionary. The film is presented in the title character’s personal point of view, depicting Guevara’s everyday life and challenges as he fights to overthrow the administration of then Cuban President Fulgencio Batista.

The film is presented in two parts: “The Argentine” and “Guerilla.” The film begins with Che’s past, albeit with his present occupation, we see him defending peasants against the army, thus showing that while he does a great job in depicting his connections with the common people of his country On more than one occasion, we see him defending peasants against the current oratorical terrorism at the hands of his own men. In his mind, the people are the key to a successful revolution. The amount of firepower or manpower supporting an army means nothing if their cause is not supported and aided by the spirits of those who have been faced with the adversity dealt out by selfish and distorted authorities. Another enlightening aspect of the story is that while the fact that Che obviously holds strong principles, he refrains from preaching or forcing his beliefs on others.

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Benicio Del Toro is already one the few actors (Oscar win for “Traffic” and Oscar nomination for “21 Grams”), and his role as a producer on this film truly reveals how much time and energy he put into a story that he believed deserved to not just be told, but he told accurately. Benicio gives a bold and impressive performance, giving Che a sense of vulnerability and selfishness. Another actor who shines in this film is Demian Bichir, who portrays Fidel Castro. Look at any clip of Fidel Castro in his younger years, and listen to how he speaks and observe how he moves... now watch Bichir’s performance. He does an incredible job and while he is unfortunately in the film for only a limited amount of time, his uncanny resemblance to the famous leader only adds to this movie’s sense of authenticity.

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The Cal Poly jazz ensembles will present an evening of jazz music and showcase their talents in their winter concert "Just Jazz" Saturday night.

This end-of-the-quarter event will feature about 38 student musicians, focusing on the ever-changing world of jazz music, from classical to contemporary jazz styles, as well as everything in between.

"It's such a broad spectrum," said graphic communications senior and four-year University Jazz Band #2 drummer Aaron Kroeger.

"There will be a mix of materials. The bands will do some standards, some contemporary, rock or funk tunes, et cetera," said Paul Rinzler, director of jazz studies and Cal Poly music professor.

The University Jazz Band #1 will be performing a song called "Graz & Greener" composed by Boston-based trombone player Adam Bartczak.

"It's a pretty good fusion of big band and hip-hop. It's also got vocals in it. It's a really good composition and fusion of the two," Rinzler said.

"I'm a firm believer of branching into different areas of jazz. Hip-hop and jazz is an obvious combo. But there's not a lot done for big bands, so I was really happy to stumble on this guy's music (which I purchased) over the Web," he added.

The University Jazz Band #1 will also be performing the classic "Cherokee" as recorded by jazz vocalist Sarah Vaughan and the modern, rhythmically complex composition, "Green Tag: Zigarette?" The University Jazz Band #2 will feature two jazz standards as recorded by Frank Sinatra, "I Get a Kick Out of You" and "Only Have Eyes for You.

Both jazz combos, which are smaller performance groups of about four to five musicians, will also be performing original student compositions and musical arrangements.

Philosophy junior and singer and guitarist Matt Donner composed an original song titled "Turn Around" for the concert with the help of saxophone player Sean Grimes.

He will be performing it with the five-person jazz combo band #2. "It's upbeat. I put a bunch of jazz turnarounds together and Sean helped with the melody and we filled in the blanks," said Donner, who said composing can take anywhere from 20 minutes to several hours.

Political science and music senior and guitarist Brandon Rolle has been with the University Jazz Bands for four years and has since been composing and arranging songs for them.

He arranged a piece by jazz musician Pat Metheny called "Songs for Bilbao" which he will be performing with other musicians in Jazz Combo Band #1.

"It is a contemporary piece that uses less traditional jazz theory. There are less layers and musical texture," Rolle said.
The concert will also feature an original musical arrangement of jazz pianist and composer Herbie Hancock's tune of "Watermelon Man," arranged by trumpet player and pianist Justin Au.

"It's done with seven beats to the bar rather than four or eight, which is normal. The rhythm is going to feel really unusual," Rinzler said.

"Hopefully I've been able to inspire them to be interested in all sorts of different fusion and then the most standard, straight-ahead classical jazz. To do both things is really thinking widely," he said of his student musicians.

The Cal Poly jazz ensembles are four different ensembles comprised of two big bands, University Jazz Bands #1 and #2, and two jazz combos under the direction of Rinzler. They are music department classes which perform in concerts at the end of every quarter with varying themes. For the spring, the ensembles will have the opportunity to play with a world-class jazz musician, clarinetist and saxophonist Don Byron.

The bands rehearse anywhere from two to four hours a week.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and Instructionally Related Activities Program.

"Not only does that help the audience relate to the students, but it also helps the students who are playing relate to their audience, too. They're playing in such a fashion that they know they are communicating to their fellow students," he added.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday night in Hamman Hall at the Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are on sale at the Performing Arts Center box office and will also be on sale at the door.

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Avoid hypocrisy: Don't just talk it, walk it

Over the weekend, the state legislature held the longest session in state history, and still ended up without a budget. Monday was the deadline for legislators to come to an agreement, but one Republican held up the entire budget from being passed. Because of that Republican’s unwillingness to compromise, last Tuesday Gov. Schwarzenegger sent out 10,000 layoff notices to state employees in order to deal with California’s budget crisis. The layoffs are set to take effect July 1, at the start of the fiscal year.

On the same day that our governor sent out layoff notices, our president signed the stimulus package, and almost a third of that money will go to the states. I’m glad that the single Republican held up our budget from passing, because California should now look at its crisis very differently. That doesn’t mean we shouldn’t still raise taxes and make some cuts to overcome shortfalls, but I think that K-12 education and higher education can at least be put back on the table as non-negotiable.

However, not all states with budget woes should be so accepting of funds from the stimulus package. Some states with governors, representatives and senators who voted against the bill should perhaps consider their hypocrisy if they accept the money. Since so many states have been in budget crises, I get the idea that during the past few weeks’ discussion over the stimulus package, many Republican legislators were methodically weighing the benefits of opposing the bill.

Politics is all about appearance and image. Republicans knew that if they voted no on the bill it would still pass as long as a few votes were cast for it, and that in the end they would have the appearance of being the party judicious with citizens’ money. Republicans could not immediately go along with the idea of the stimulus package, even though their states desperately wanted the money because it would be the final nail in the casket of their “limited government, low taxes” image.

I know that this is true because if they were opposed to the fundamental theory behind the stimulus package, they would reject the funds for their state. They would be the same conscientious objectors now, when the cash is being doled out, that they were when the funds were being debated. If Democrats have in fact proposed a communist bill, it is wrong for Republicans to support communism by taking the funds. Do we have a choice, please, because I don’t want to live in a communist country.

If you truly believe, as some Libertarians and Republicans do, that paying taxes is the government stealing from you, then do not accept its benefits. Do not take a Pell Grant next year, because Pell Grants were doubled through the stimulus package. Let’s follow through with your argument and make it real in this world. Don’t just talk it, walk it. Many Republicans will find it hard to attend Cal Poly next year.

But Republicans will take the money to go to school, and state officials like Gov. Tim Pawlenty (R-MN), who ardently opposed the stimulus package, will accept help from the federal government because his state is in crisis. His constituents, the people of his state, would be very angry with him if he refused the funds. Why? Because the money will help the people of his state.

If Democrats are communist for passing this bill and supporting it as I do, then Republicans are careless for letting the United States become a communist country. But I venture to guess that all states in America will accept the funds from the stimulus package, and thus the Republicans have been revealed as nothing but obstructionists. The majority of Republicans argued over this bill simply to start an argument and how can we, with a clear conscience, ever take them seriously again?

Stephanie England is an English junior and a Mustang Daily political columnist.
With the speed that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was proposed and passed through Congress, few Americans had the time to really take a critical look at the spending provisions within the over $787 billion planned for programs characteristic of a welfare state. These programs include unemployment benefits, federal medical assistance, food stamps and even housing assistance programs. The provisions of the act exemplify an ever-increasing role of the federal government in areas of the economy previously run by private enterprise, charities and state and local governments.

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Across
1. Irish melancholy
2. Part of some famous names
3. Arm
4. One way to get a good chowder
5. The Black Station, e.g.
6. The answer, as it were
7. He made it
8. 17 & 10: "I've Done It" singer
9. Whoremaker
10. "A" brand of candles
11. "B" literary pen name
12. "C" Chinese chicken favorites
13. "D" style TV set
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

PUZZLE 34

1. Ball game
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3. The Jing-a-Jang-Kung Society
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MusTANg head coach Larry Lee is glad to have the services of Dorrell and Yoder, but said there are players on the team that are in the same category that aren’t getting the same recognition.

"It’s good, you know, it’s a list,” Lee said. “It’s a Leather in their cap, but they know they are just parts of the puzzle for us being successful. Now, it’s about earning the right to be on that list.”

Even though Dorrell regards the list as meaningless, he has every intention of earning his spot on it. He has confidence that the strategies he drew up in the off-season can make him a more complete player.

Reflecting, strategizing and working hard are how Dorrell has shown his dedication to the sport since the moment he showed up at Cal Poly, Lee said.

"He’s a first baseman (and) catcher, so he has to prepare himself for both positions," Lee said about Dorrell’s work ethic. "He’s gotten more serious in the weight room and has redefined his body since his freshman year.”

Nowhere is Dorrell’s work ethic more apparent than in his own body. When Dorrell arrived at Cal Poly as a freshman he weighed 237 pounds. As he enters his junior season, he will have slimmed down to 215 pounds.

Lee said that despite cutting the weight and adding quickness that Dorrell is actually stronger then when he arrived.

Apart from his commitment on the field, Dorrell plans to graduate from Cal Poly with a degree in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice. He hasn’t allowed that to become a career option, however.

For now, Dorrell is setting his sights on playing in the major leagues. Any other career plans after baseball will have to sit on the back burner.

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is not quite as difficult but still we have those difficult games.”

The Mustangs will also play two games against defending national champion Fresno State, including the team’s first away game on Feb. 24, after they finish the 3-game set against the Owls.

As for competition in the Big West Conference, Yoder expects to be challenged by both Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State. Fullerton returns all but one of their starting players and was picked to finish first in the Big West. Long Beach is expected to finish second.

“One of our important goals as a team is to do everything we can to make it to the playoffs,” Yoder said. "The big thing first is that we have to win conference because if you win conference, you get an automatic bid, and once you’re in the playoffs, anything can happen.”

Last year’s national champion Fresno State is an indicator of the truth in Yoder’s statement. Despite finishing eight games under .500, the Mustangs would defeat the eventual national champions three-of-five times in 2008.

"If everyone is healthy, we definitely have a really good shot as far as getting to the playoffs and maybe even making it to Omaha,” Yoder added.

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Cal Poly's Kyle Smith slides into third base during an April 15 win over Fresno State last season.

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The Cal Poly baseball team is ready for redemption after finishing last season with an overall record of 24-32, their worst since 1999. Mustangs head coach Larry Lee has high expectations for his team with 18 returning players, including juniors Luke Yoder and Wes Dorrell who were recently placed on the Brooks Wallace Player of the Year watch list.

"Collectively, it's a really good group," Lee said. "Barring injury, this solid 1-9 in our lineup." According to Lee, there will be different players available behind the plate with junior college transfer Ross Brayton, senior Justin Hendley who caught a few games last season, and Dorrell who can catch when he is not playing first base. Expect some familiar faces in the field as senior Ryan Lee returns to center, junior Adam Melker to right and Yoder returns to left field after a season as designated hitter. Sophomore DJ Gentle will fill the DH spot for the majority of this season and freshman Matt Jensen will start at second.

Returning from injury are juniors Adam Buschini who will start at third base and Kyle Smith starting at shortstop. Buschini missed all of last season because of arm surgery and Smith missed part of the season due to a wrist injury. The Mustangs will be without the big bats of Brent Morel (White Sox) and Logan Shaffer (Brewers) who were both lost in the third round of the draft after last season. According to Dorrell, the team expects big offensive numbers to come from himself, Dorrell and Ryan Lee.

"Offensively, those guys will probably be the three that will put up big numbers this season," Yoder said. In 2007, the Mustangs had the fifth toughest schedule in the country, last season they had the seventh toughest. Although this season's schedule is not quite as difficult, Lee still expects to face tough competition, starting with the 2003 College World Series champions, Rice.

"It's a quality schedule," Lee said. "There's about 300 Division I baseball teams in the country and in 2007 we had the fifth toughest schedule, last year we had the seventh; this year is going to see some familiar faces in our opposition."

Cal Poly sophomore guard Shawn Lewis (right), and junior guard Charles Anderson (left), swarms UC Davis guard Kyle Bochinka during the Mustangs’ 75-73 loss last night in Mott Gym. Lewis had a career-high 26 points to go along with his eight rebounds.

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Dorrell's game still improving

Clinton McGu
MUSTANG DAILY

Despite being named to the Brooks Wallace Player of the Year watch list, Mustangs junior first baseman/catcher Wes Dorrell is among the upper echelon of the college baseball ranks. But for Dorrell, being among the best doesn't mean that there's no room for improvement.

"I've been developing more of a plan as far as when I get into the batter's box," Dorrell said. "The previous two years I haven't had much of a plan. I was kind of just young and swinging, and it turned out well. I think that, besides the lifting and running aspect, I have a better plan that will help me out a lot."

"I think it will make me have a little higher average," Dorrell explained. "A little more strikeout, but a higher average."

As a sophomore, Dorrell hit for a .304 with five home runs and 54 RBIs. His 24 doubles were one short of the school record and he struck out only 13 times in 234 plate appearances. It is hard to find that kind of patience even among major league baseball's most watchful eyes.

"Sometimes that's my fault," Dorrell said of rarely striking out. "Sometimes it's hard for me to swing through changeups when I should."

Whether a fault or strength, Dorrell's career at Cal Poly is being recognized as one of the best in the country. He and junior outfielder Luke Yoder are among 17 players across the nation mentioned in the Brooks Wallace Player of the Year watch list.

Dorrell is well grounded however, and understands that he needs to focus on what is best for the team, not his personal accomplishments.

"I really don't look into that too much," he said. "I mean, I just look to see what gets me here and try to work on that."

"I try to do whatever it takes to see Dorrell, page 11