Legislature recognizes Cal Poly health group

Rachel Glas

Cal Poly's efforts to combat obesity took a statewide step forward Wednesday when local Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee recognized the efforts of Cal Poly's developing Center for Obesity Prevention and Education (COPE).

The organization was presented with a resolution endorsed by the California State Legislature and Blakeslee himself to support COPE's mission of educating the community about health and obesity-related issues.

"They were presented with a large framed certificate that actually had to go through legislative counsel to be approved and become an official resolution," said Courtney Kienow, a field representative for Blakeslee.

Prior to the noon presentation, Cal Poly students involved with the organization rode bicycles throughout Arroyo Grande and San Luis Obispo to collect signatures from agencies in support of the resolution.

COPE is an organization that works with numerous local agencies and institutions to educate the community about healthy eating and obesity. COPE's original plan was to organize a bike trip all the way up to Sacramento and meet with the governor, but since the timing of the trip coincided with the legislature's spring recess, the group decided to meet with Blakeslee locally instead.

"He presented us with a proclamation pledging to share his support and his knowledge of how COPE works and what we're doing with other districts and counties so they can adopt similar programs and use this model we are presenting," said kinesiology senior Emanuel Mullenneaux. Mullenneaux is working on this for his senior project and was a vital part of reaching out to the community and contacting legislative representatives.

COPE received a resolution from Blakeslee yesterday in support of the group's efforts to combat obesity.

Some critical of handling of girls disappearance

Juliana Barbassa

TRACY, Calif. (AP) — Police called the disappearance of 8-year-old Sandra Cantu a missing persons case, not an abduction, for 10 days — until some farm workers drained an irrigation pond and found her body stuffed in a suitcase.

Some residents and a law-enforcement expert say authorities in Tracy should have publicly expressed more urgency about the case and warned of the danger that could be lurking in their Northern California community. But police say that despite their initial uncertainty about Sandra's fate, they did everything they could, scouring the area, calling in reinforcements and exploring theories from dealing with a runaway to looking for a kidnapper.

"Until we had an indication that Sandra had been killed, we were treating this as a missing person's case," said Tracy police spokesman Sgt. Tony Sheneman. "We had no indication of an abduction," he said. "We had to be as careful as possible."

Sandra's body was found Monday a few miles from her home. Police have interviewed hundreds of people and served more than 15 search warrants, including one at a local church, but say they have no suspects so far.

An autopsy on the girl has been completed, but results will not be available for several weeks, a coroner's spokesman said Wednesday. Officials declined to discuss any preliminary findings.

Hundreds of volunteers and police searched for the girl and pictures of her smiling face were posted all over town, but some wonder if a different approach by police might have made a difference.

Three days after she was last seen, Sheneman said Wednesday. Officials had expressed confidence that she was "alive and well," but police statements were a little misleading — their statements led us to believe they knew something about how she was doing.

"If it would have been my daughter, I would've wanted everyone watching, everyone to be suspicious," said Ana Morales, 24, a mother of two.

"We alwayss had the sense that she was going to be OK," she said. "(Police) statements were a little misleading — their statements led us to believe they knew something about how she was doing."

Her brother, Luis Morales, 27, chalked it up to inexperience. "This usually happens in large cities, not in small towns like this."

MEGAN KEATING

Students rock out with ASI

Computer science sophomore Danny Bierack, left, and microbiology junior Eric Peterson Jr., right, competed at Chumash auditorium yesterday in an ASI-sponsored Rock Band competition.

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Tracy Police Sgt. Tony Sheneman speaks to the media regarding the death of 8-year-old Sandra Cantis in Tracy, Calif., on Wednesday. Hundreds of people have been interviewed since the disappearance, Sheneman said, and police have served more than 15 search warrants since the body was found a few miles from her home. 

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Sheneman acknowledged that "we've never handled a missing persons case such as this." But officials say city police quickly asked for help calling in the San Joaquin Sheriff's Department, other neighboring law enforcement and the FBI.

Hours after Sandra's family reported her missing the evening of March 27, the city opened its emergency operations center, normally reserved for emergencies and fires, according to city spokesman Matt Robinson.

Police say they never issued an Amber Alert because they had no information on a suspect or mode of transportation connected to an abduction, which is normally required for the alert.

Joseph Pollini, deputy chair of the law and police science department at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, said he disagreed with that decision.

"Even if it's just some nuance of information, we still want to get that out there," said Pollini, who headed the kidnapping and cold-case homicide unit during his 33 years with the New York Police Department.

With time a crucial factor in recovering an abducted child, publicizing a physical description of Sandra as broadly and quickly as possible would have made sense, Pollini said.

"It's not like it's going to cost a lot of money to put the transmissioon on the air," he said. "You're still dealing with a life."

Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, also said that issuing an Amber Alert was necessary.

"This is a town in which we protect our own. We had an unexplained ending with Sandra, and that's going to eat at people," he said. "Now the next step is getting police to do their jobs."

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in partnership with the agency or educational institutions to best fit the needs of the participants.

Mullenouz said this program's message is especially needed in this time of budget instability.

"The (California Legislature) is under a lot of pressure with budget issues and many groups are complaining about funding, so we wanted to say, here's what we're doing even in this time of budget crisis. We're thinking outside the box, using student volunteers and being very efficient."

McDermott thinks the program serves as a valuable model business plan.

"We're like entrepreneurs, we act rapidly and boldly, and we link interdisciplinary teams with science and public policy," she said. "I think it's time programs are developed that flip because someone sat in an office and didn't work with the community to implement it and see how feasible it would be."
Slavery within our borders: One student counteracts human trafficking in the nation's capital

Christy Pelton

As our car turned the corner of one of Washington D.C.'s busiest downtown streets I was immediately confronted with the reality of its nighttime traffic: sex. Cars lined the block of a well-known sector of the city, a popular business area by day. But the purpose for these many cars occupying the curbs at night were for a much different business: prostitution.

I witnessed scantily clad women, deprived of inches of skin, walking along the side of the road on a freezing East Coast December night while their pimps stood 10-15 paces behind them, warily dressed and auctioning their sexual curiosity to strangers. It was one of the last nights of within the United States, particularly in the exploitation of commercial sex industry. I, a nonspecialist in human trafficking! Many of us have been exposed to the issue, or at least the term, perhaps you've read in recent news world headlines, or maybe you've learned of it in a political science course. But with many of our first impressions, myself included, we vastly under-react in its prevalence, misconstrue its definition, and namely, ignored its occupation outside of our borders in the land of the free.

Human trafficking is the second-largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world. According to Free the Slaves, another prominent anti-trafficking NGO, "there are 27 million slaves in the world today." These statistics are still inadequate in gauging the true extent of the problem. According to the United Nations' International Labour Organization, 15 million to 27 million people are trapped in the worst form of modern slavery: human trafficking.

So what exactly is human trafficking? Many faces; they come from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds, ages, races and genders. These heinous crimes encompass any one of the countries, existing in rural and urban communities alike. It is a diverse and prevalent issue, and it is rapidly growing. I was fortunate enough to work with the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC), a part of the Polaris Project, during my fellowship. My time on their team was the most meaningful experience I have participated in during my undergraduate career.

In responding to calls through NHTRC hotline, I predominantly interacted and assisted various social service providers. However, the hotline was originally created to report tips of potential cases of human trafficking, and my involvements with these calls were typically more significant. One in particular occurred during my first shift. I received a rather urgent call from a hospital social worker concerned with a new mother assigned to her ward of a hospital.

The woman admitted that she had come to America to have a child for a couple who were unable to have their own and that she primarily worked in this family, having no source of income or any social interactions.

The woman was unresponsive to questions about her happiness and details about her life when the father of her baby was present. After collaborating with members of our team, we were able to pass off the hotline number to the potential victim, recorded all relevant information, and referred the social worker to a local area member of an anti-trafficking task force. As that final note of witnessing human trafficking first hand came to a close, I was left with the vivid memories of both the issue and its slow movement. The research that I conducted provided me with the fact that each emergence of publicity on the issue will cause other members of the public to fight human trafficking and raise awareness of the issue.

Christy Pelton is a English senior, a modern day abolitionist and a Mustang Daily guest writer. For Polaris Project, www.polarisproject.org or call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to find out more.

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WORD ON THE STREET
"Are you suprised human trafficking happens in the United States?"

"No, I'm not suprised. It certainly happens with immigrants imported from places like Haiti and Asia."
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**Adventureland** delivers stale plotlines but fresh humor

**Movie Review: Adventureland - 2009 (*** )**

**Director/Writer:** Greg Mottola

**Starring:** Ryan Reynolds, Kristen Stewart, Jesse Eisenberg, Hill Hader, Kristen Wiig

It's almost summer vacation, that it if you are in your teens or early 20s and have a crappy summer job, the only thing you are truly accomplishing is daydreaming about attractive coworkers, which you hopefully have. I mean, what else are you expected to do after dealing with annoying customers for hours on end in terrible working conditions? Director Greg Mottola's "Adventureland" is a sweet, funny and smart comedy dealing with the "adventures" many of us have experienced while working in jobs we initially can't stand but later cherish through the emergence of surprising and desirable circumstances.

The film's main character, James, is a recent college graduate with high hopes for the future. He's excited about an upcoming backpacking trip with friends and a move to New York. Unfortunately, bad news from his parents forces James to find work for the summer. He stumbles upon a sketchy Pittsburgh amusement park called Adventureland (based on the same real sketchy amusement park) where all of the rules seem as if they are on the brink of disaster and eating a corn dog results in a feeling of nausea. Greg Mottola, who is also responsible for one of the most notorious hilarious movies of our generation, "Superbad," returns to direct a story about a lovable hero who wants only two things in his life: to break out of his shell with the opposite sex and start making use of his college degree. Jesse Eisenberg ("The Squid and the Whale") plays our main character James, who is initially uncomfortable with the environment in Adventureland and is mentored by his determined and slightly psychotic boss Bobby, amusingly portrayed by terrible timing, has just lost his job, placing an unfair burden on James to find work for the summer. He stumbles upon a sketchy Pittsburgh amusement park called Adventureland (based on the same real sketchy amusement park) where all of the rules seem as if they are on the brink of disaster and eating a corn dog results in a feeling of nausea. Greg Mottola, who is also responsible for one of the most notorious hilarious movies of our generation, "Superbad," returns to direct a story about a lovable hero who wants only two things in his life: to break out of his shell with the opposite sex and start making use of his college degree. Jesse Eisenberg ("The Squid and the Whale") plays our main character James, who is initially uncomfortable with the environment in Adventureland and is mentored by his determined and slightly psychotic boss Bobby, amusingly portrayed by

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So, a few years back I saw Scotland's Camera Obscura in concert. Ignoring the cacophony of the crowd, front woman Tracyanne Campbell took the stage with a look of complete despondence, and launched into the quietly devastating ballad, "Books Written for Girls." In my many wasted years of concert frequenting, this was the only time I've ever seen a bunch of drunk, belligerent hipsters shut the fuck up and actually watch the show; everyone was totally gutted after two verses.

Campbell's stage presence and songwriting radiate a kind of melancholic glory that can stab through all that emotional stability you've been building up and kick your heart right in the balls. But don't think the music is some whiney, repetitive Bright Eyes bullshit. Camera Obscura is capable of delivering their emotive payload in a song with a compelling rhythm and big pop hooks. The newest record, "My Maudlin Career," is testament to their potency in this department. Jari Haapalainen, again handling the band's slick production, is responsible for a good part in this.

"French Navy" is the album's first single and first track. It's probably the catchiest damn thing that's ever been released on the band's new home label, 4 A.D. The arrangement is full, with pronounced drum fills and flourishes from both string and brass, reminding me a bit of ABBA's best recordings. "Honey in the Sun" has a super dancy tempo and tons of insistent trumpets to foster bedroom dance parties in the mid-afternoon. It's the last track on the record, creating a sandwich...
As always, some of the tastiest are shambling country downers. "Away with Murder," has some especially cool slide guitar action and lyrics that I love for the sheer stubbornness of pessimism: "How many times have you told me you want to die / How many times have you told me now that you've tried?" Or how about, "People have been traveling miles just to hear us sing / It's a February night and I don't want to feel anything." By the way, this is a love song.

"Other Towns and Cities" explores a similarly stained portrait of romance, but with the most minimalist instrumentation: just a guitar, harp and Tracyanne with heavy echo dropping sweet nothings like this: "Drinking Whiskey reminds me of you, you're the first in ages to have gotten through" and ending curtly with, "you're in another town... you mean nothing to me tonight." This, too, is a love song.

And that's the charm of the thing. Tracyanne goes beyond writing songs that are simply expressive. Rather, she elevates bitterness to such a transcendent beauty, you'd swear it were the purest human emotion (and probably is.)

The "French Navy" 7" single and the full length LP should be in stores next week and next-next week, respectively. Or you can use the interneth to voodoo-magic it onto your iPhones or whatever stupid horseshit you kids do now.

Jesse Bo Widmark is a Cal Poly alum and a Mustang Daily music columnist.

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Mottola regular Bill Hader ("Saturday Night Live").

Most of James' co-workers understandably lust after the attractive and seductive Lisa, but not James. He only has eyes for Em, played successfully by the respectable rising star Kristen Stewart ("Twilight," "Into the Wild"). Em, while beautiful, is unlike Lisa in being intellectual, deep and mature. She finds in James a sweet, rare companion who, while less experienced in things like sex and relationships, matches her fondness for engaging conversations.

Some other interesting employees include Bobby's peculiar wife Paulette, played by fellow SNL alum Kristen Wiig. She and her husband seem to have a preconceived notion of how every single job in the amusement park should be performed, and are adamantly in running what they think is a respectable establishment that they have a personal attachment to. You can't discuss this film without mentioning the film's funniest character portrayed by possibly its best actor. Veteran funny man Ryan Reynolds ("Van Wilder," "Just Friends," "X-Men Origins: Wolverine") brings to his character Connell, the Adventureland's out-of-place maintenance man, his usual quick-witted, smart-ass attitude that we all know and love.

This film perfectly captures the feeling of nervousness shortly before entering adulthood. It predictably will be enjoyed most by audience members of our generation, the same demographic that still quotes "Superbad" on a daily basis. While Mottola directed both Adventureland and Superbad in a similar fashion with much of the same type of humor and even many of the same actors, it is a much more light hearted film that I believe will still be equally enjoyed.

Alex Petersian is a biological sciences freshman and the Mustang Daily film reviewer.
America emerging as world leader

The fact that there is no real news after President Obama's trip through Europe, Turkey and Iraq is itself worthy of discussion. After former President Bush's speeches, there always seemed to be immediate media fallout, followed by a period of White House containment and rephrasing. When President Bush traveled abroad, there always seemed to be a number of angry protesters greeting him, with a certain world culture of disapproval toward the United States.

In stark contrast to Bush's poor reception abroad, President Obama was greeted, in the majority of circumstances, with rock star status. After his speeches, there was no debate as to what President Obama might have intended by what he said, nor was there talk about the possible negative reception of the President's "tough talk" in Europe.

Instead, President Obama's speeches were inclusive and conciliatory. In London, he said, "Ultimately, the challenges of the 21st century can't be met without collective action. Agreement will almost never be easy, and results won't always come quickly. But I am committed to respecting different points of view, and to forging a consensus instead of dictating our terms." In Turkey, he talked about the fact that the United States "is not and never will be at war with Islam," and that America wishes to have an open dialogue with Muslim countries.

On Monday morning, North Korea launched a missile in direct violation of a United Nations resolution banning the country from performing missile ballistics tests. President Obama took this opportunity while he was in Prague to talk about his hope for a future world free of nuclear weapons. He said, "Some argue that the spread of (nuclear) weapons cannot be stopped, cannot be checked — that we are destined to live in a world where more nations and more people possess the ultimate tools of destruction. Such fatalism is a deadly adversary, for if we believe that the spread of nuclear weapons is inevitable, then in some way it is our duty to admit to ourselves that the use of nuclear weapons is inevitable."

I am an optimist, especially when it comes to the power of politics and human determination to solve world problems. However, my optimism stops at the elimination of nuclear weapons in the world. I feel that, contrary to President Obama's statement, I can be strong against the use of nuclear weapons, but remain realistic about the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Why? Because you can't "un-know" anything. Once a country obtains the knowledge of how to enrich uranium and develop a nuclear weapon, that knowledge — even if untapped — will always be on the sidelines whenever the world collectively decides to destroy all nuclear capability in every country. There will be no greater possibility that a country like Iran or North Korea would use a nuclear weapon because they would have no fear of annihilation.

It's safe for me to say this because I'm not a Miss America contestant. Achieving world peace is impossible.

Other than this one point of disagreement, I was proud of President Obama's work to restore the world's perception of the United States, and I am thankful that he is interested in reaching out to the world. For the first time in many years, the United States is emerging as a true world leader. Over the past year, President Obama set an example of leadership that is open to ideas, as opposed to broadcasting other nations to surrendering to our policies.

But the president gained foreign troop commitment to Afghanistan and persuaded our allies to pour money into their economies — the two goals he had reportedly hoped to achieve? No, but he made a huge leap in improving our relationship with the world and, perhaps most importantly, improving the Islamic world's perception of America.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Living by Bible's word is easier said than done

Andrew, you wrote a letter claiming that "The Bible, God's word, is not a set of rules like Van's slip-ong; it is immutable." If that is truly unchangeable, why is it difficult to follow all of the rules? I believe there are quite a few (more than just 10 commandments), and you may find some of them more difficult to follow.

Given your vast knowledge of the Bible, I'm sure you know what I mean. This one should be easy, at least."We shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard" (Leviticus 19.27, KJV). There's a book called "A Year of Living Biblically" by A.J. Jacobs that I'd recommend, but you probably already stopped reading what I have to say.

David Hicks
mechanical engineering senior

Forest clear-cutting column very misleading

The column that was recently printed about forest clear-cutting may have been misleading to many of your readers.

First, Canada is a major supplier of lumber to the United States. In the column it seems to imply that Canada has suspect forest management practices, stating "the most common practice with timber harvesting is clear-cutting," Canada has 25 percent of the world's intact forests. "(PAC, Pacific NorthMozilla Council, research it) approved acre.

And to suggest that clear-cutting is the primary way that forest harvesting is carried out is simply not true. With regulations and restrictions for harvesting, clear-cutting is a good way to become very unpopular with the media, the source from which people get their views, not professionals in the field.

Second, old growth trees have some of the highest strength properties of any type of wood. Would it be logical to use lumber that would best be used for building, and grind it into paper? I'm sorry but that is not how it works. Low-density trees with short re-grow times are used, such as pine or poplar. Nut to mention many different types of hardwoods are made of recycled paper, not old growth refinished.

With just 250 words it is limiting to attempt to dispute other details in the column "Save a napkin, save a tree" that are misleading, and many are simply not true. The "green" population needs to make sure that scientific evidence, not emotion, govern their views, statements, and arguments.

Dustin Grise
Jenney-ophthalmology

An act of kindness

I am a librarian, as I was sitting down to enjoy a quick lunch in the atrium of the Avenne, a Black bird flew straight through the tall glass pane right next to my table. I stood the glass with a loud thud and fell straight to the ground. After recovering from my initial shock, I reported the incident to staff at the typically busy cafeteria. Soon there after a gotamoon — I believe the manager — was sent outside picking up the bird off the sidewalk and placing it in a canton. I don't know what became of the poor bird, but I want to acknowledge my appreciation for the gentleman's kind act. Perhaps something can done to the glass pane to prevent such incidents in the future?

Mei-Ling Liu
computing science department faculty
Abraham Lincoln once said, “America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

The loss of our freedoms is the real threat to the American way of life. Despite what many Washington politicians would have you believe, it is not some militant holed up in a cave in the Middle East that poses the most significant threat to America. Allowing our own government to sacrifice the liberty of its citizens in the name of security is the gravest threat of all.

Benjamin Franklin warned, “He who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserves neither liberty nor safety.” Liberty is the freedom to make your own decisions. The principle formed the foundation of the American government at its inception, the preamble to the U.S. Constitution states one of its purposes is to “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.”

And yet, the concept of liberty as conceived of by the founding fathers of this nation remains elusive. The system of law established to prevent one from infringing upon the natural rights of another has morphed into a system in which laws form within the court system rather than legislature. The legislatures of both the national and state governments have worked to promote their selfish interests over the liberty of their constituents, covering their path with a propaganda smokescreen. The executive branch has ascended to the most powerful branch through the formation of various agencies under its command that regulate the daily activities of citizens. The propaganda machine has triumphed here also, promoting its figurehead as a savior from certain doom.

The growth of a socialist type of authoritarian government is the greatest threat currently facing the American political system. Redistribution of currency from the people (through inflation and taxes) to centrally-determined allocations have favored the most politically-connected elite under the guise of assistance for the common man. Only a citizenry guided by the pursuit of liberty and justice for all can prevent the dangerous growth of centralized government authority in the United States of America.

The sacrifice of personal liberties in the name of security has led to the rise of the warfare-welfare state, with programs such as Homeland Security and Social Security. The renaming of the Department of War to the Department of Defense shortly after World War II is an excellent example of the “war is peace” mentality, cautioned by George Orwell in “1984.” President Eisenhower warned America about the rise of the military-industrial complex and its potential to endanger our liberties in his eloquent 1961 farewell address, but history shows us few took note. The appeal of state-run central social programs has broad appeal among the masses who do not understand the potential damage of such programs to economic prosperity and personal liberty.

The recent severe intervention of the federal government in the business cycle serves as a precedent for stronger power assumptions in the future. While the interventions were labeled as in the best interest of the common man, it is becoming more evident that government favoritism is being used to bolster the status quo.
**Callero**

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Last season, Cal Poly looked good on paper. They have closely competed with opponents in almost every statistical category, losing games by an average of just five points. Statistically, the success for the Mustangs seemed to come on the defensive end of the court, finishing ahead or just matching opponents in blocks, steals and defensive statistics. However, they did lose games on the other end of the court, falling behind in points, field-goal percentage and assists. The same trend followed for the 2007-2008 season. So it would appear that if coach Callero is going to revive the men's basketball program, it may need to be with some offensive production. There just may be some hope after all. At his previous job as head coach of the men's basketball team at Seattle University, Callero boasted offensive numbers higher than Cal Poly's. Going by the numbers it seems Callero will be a good fit for the Mustangs. Even when ignoring individual game statistics, Callero does boast an impressive résumé.

Last season, Seattle finished 21-8, including a remarkable 10-0 home record and a win over Cal Poly. With that, hopefully Callero brings his success with him. In the past 15 years, the Mustangs have acquired four new men's basketball coaches, a number that doesn't exactly equal success. At an introduction press conference on Friday, coach Callero stated: "I'm looking forward to the parade downtown when we make it to the dance." So are we.

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"We knew Saint Mary's was a really tough team," Bream said. "They were tough at the top and all the way through." Saint Mary's famous comeback was due to their strong singles play. Leading the team at No. 1 singles was Alexandra Poors, ranked No. 66 in the nation. She squandered out a pair of breaks against Blalock to win 6-4, 6-4. Also winning for the Gaels in singles was Claire Soper who defeated Whitney Peterson 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 and Marah Calbo who beat Shannon Brady 6-3, 6-4.

Despite the loss the Mustangs felt that some good will come out of such a tough loss. "We can definitely learn a lot from this match," Filip said. "We're gonna come out strong tomorrow." Bream echoed the sentiment. "We did so many things right today, a big part of us doing well at the Big West (tournament) is just being really tough and resilient," he said.

The team has its last home match against Oregon today at 11 a.m. Senior Shannon Brady, Maria Malec and Whitney Peterson hope to say farewell on a good note.

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**Baseball**

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The Tigers, coached by former major league world champions and all-star Ed Sprangie, have lost four of five coming into the series but have played some tough competition this season including wins over No. 12 Baylor, No. 28 San Diego State and No. 29 San Diego.

Pacific swept struggling UC Davis to open conference play two weeks ago before losing two of three to UC Santa Barbara.
The Cal Poly baseball team is in the midst of playing seven games in nine days but there's no rest for the weary.

Tonight the Mustangs (22-7, 3-3 Big West Conference) begin the first of a crucial three-game series that will help sort out the conference picture as they travel to take on Pacific (11-16, 4-2) at 3 p.m. at Klein Family Field in Stockton.

The Tigers have surprised everyone with their hot conference start, setting in second place a game ahead of Cal Poly and a game behind conference-leading UC Santa Barbara. This weekend's series could go a long way in showing whether Pacific will remain in the conference race through the long haul.

The Mustangs are playing particularly well right now having won five in a row, including four games in five days through Tuesday. The start to this weekend series was pushed up a day to accommodate the Easter holiday meaning the Mustangs will have had just two off days in the last nine.

Cal Poly head coach Larry Lee said that he did see some potential problems with the limited off-time but that it would not affect his team greatly.

"The pitchers that you use, especially in relief on Tuesday got one less day of rest on Thursday and in the case of (junior first baseman Wes) Dowell it gives him one less day to recuperate," Lee explained. "But in the overall picture it's not so much different. We play so many games in a short period of time that it doesn't mean too much."

Dowell has been sidelined with an illness for the past five games, but he isn't the only Cal Poly player out. Junior infielder Adam Buschini has been sidelined with an injured hand and is expected to be out for at least another week.

Despite the injuries, the Mustangs have regained their momentum after a tough start to the conference schedule when they were swept by UC Irvine two weeks ago. see Baseball, page 11

Cal Poly's Jared Eskew throws during the Mustangs' 5-4 win over Saint Mary's on Tuesday night.

MUSTANG DAILY

Mustangs set for crucial early weekend series

SPORTS EDITOR: Scott Salyer

The Cal Poly women's tennis team suffered a heartbreak- ing 4-3 loss to Saint Mary's on Wednesday.

"I started off really strong and I just had to make some adjustments and be a little bit more on the offensive, and I think that's what we need to do for the second doubles match," Filip said. "I just tried to play my game," Matzenauer said. "I started off really strong and I just had to make sure that I was the one who dictated the play."

The teams were tied at three when the match came down to No. 4 singles. Junior Diane Filip fell in a dramatic closely contested match to Sanna Gunnarsson 5-7, 6-7 (8), giving the Gaels the win.

"She played way better today," Filip said of her opponent. "She was getting every ball back."

All the other matches were completed by the time Filip's match came down to the wire, and fellow players and fans alike crowded the court to watch the nail-biting, game-clinching match.

"I didn't feel any pressure out there. I was actually enjoying the moment (with) so many people out there," Filip said. "It was a tough battle out there and I'm happy the way I played."

Cal Poly lost despite sweeping all three doubles matches and winning two of the six singles.

The Mustangs were led by the play of junior Susie Matzenauer (12-6) who won No. 1 doubles, freshman Brittny Blalock and the No. 3 doubles team of Filip and senior Maria Malec won their matches 8-6 and 8-5, respectively.

"Right from the beginning of the match we just started really aggressive," Matzenauer said. "We dominated from the first point to the last."

Cal Poly head coach Hugh Bremm said he knew the Mustangs were in for a hard-fought battle against a deep team from the beginning.

Callero: the cure?

Tyler Jauch

ON NEW MEN'S COACH JOE CALLERO

The men's basketball team hasn't been the most exciting conversation-starter around the Cal Poly campus lately. I think it's easy to say this is because of the lack of success the team has had recently, finishing just 7-21 (last place in the Big West Conference) after the 2008-2009 season and 12-18 the season before. What's more troubling is the idea that success is not far from reach in a rather mediocre Big West Conference. A first place finish in the conference tournament would earn Cal Poly an invite to the big dance in March. However, Cal Poly has found itself watching the tournaments on television every year since joining the conference. So what's the remedy? Or rather, who's the remedy?

Cal Poly athletic director Alphonse Combe thinks the answer lies in Joe Callero, an experienced West Coast basketball coach. For those of you who haven't heard, Callero was announced the new men's basketball head coach last Friday, replacing coach Kevin Bromley.

According to Combe, Callero was brought to Cal Poly to "develop young people who play basketball" and "help us achieve our goal of consistently competing for a Big West Conference championship and a postseason birth in the NCAA post-season."