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US invades island to rescue crewmen

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The American merchant ship *Mayaguez*, abandoned by its Cambodian captors, was seized by U.S. Marines Wednesday night as another force battled Communists on the island of Koh Tang in search of the crew. The White House demanded unconditional and immediate release of the 39 crewmen.

The Pentagon said the force of Stadium site for grad ceremonies

Commencement exercises for the graduating seniors will be held in Mustang Stadium, Saturday, June 14, at 3:30 p.m.

The graduates will assemble in the Physical Education Building no later than 2:40 p.m. (without their families). In case of rain, Commencement will be held in the Gym. Inside the Gym, areas will be roped off for each of the seven schools.

The 1500 to 1600 participants will form a procession to the stadium, where the degrees will be conferred by school by Dr. Robert E. Kennedy.

At approximately 5 p.m. a recessional will take the graduates to areas where each School will make individual presentations. The deans of each School will preside over the awards and the presentation of certificates of participation.

The areas for the individual presentations by the schools are: the Erhart Agriculture building for the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Engineering West patio for the School of Architecture and Environmental Design, and Crandall Gym for the School of Business and Social Sciences.

The School of Communicative Arts and Humanities will meet in the Speech and Drama amphitheatre, the School of Engineering and Technology will meet on the Library lawn, the School of Human Development and Education will meet in Chumash, and the University Union Plaza will hold the School of Science and Math.

Hearing on coastal plan set for tonight

A public hearing on the preliminary coastal plan affecting future coastal development will be held in San Luis Obispo tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers.

Citizens will have the opportunity to submit an oral or written statement at the hearing which is just one of 19 to be held throughout the state.

The preliminary plan was made necessary in 1972 when California voters approved the Coastal Initiative (proposition 20). The proposition called for the establishment of one statewide and six regional commissions to prepare a plan for the future of the coast, while development was temporarily regulated. The plan has been prepared

and published and the public hearings will now provide for citizen input. The Coastal Commissions will go out of existence in 1976 as prescribed by law, at which time the Coastal Plan will be implemented.

Environmental groups as well as the coastal commissions are urging public participation in the hearings because they will be the only channel for direct citizen input.

Working under a strict deadline, the commissions plan to adopt any final recommendations this summer before presenting them to the governor and the legislature in December 1975.

some 200 Marines flown in from Thailand was encountering resistance as it made its way onto the five-mile-long and one-mile-wide island, 30 miles off the coast of Cambodia, but had no immediate reports of casualties. said Thursday it would release the U.S. merchant ship *Mayaguez*, seized by the Khmer Rouge on Monday.

The Phnom Penh radio broadcast which was heard in Bangkok came after the United States warplanes sank three Cambodian patrol boats near the seized freighter *Mayaguez* while 1,100 Marines and a Navy task force moved in for a possible rescue operation.

At the White House, press secretary Ron Nessen read a message to the Cambodian government in which the United States said: "As you know, we have seized the ship and as soon as you issue a statement that you are prepared to release the crew members you hold, unconditionally and immediately, we will promptly cease military operations."

Nessen said Pres. Ford had ordered these measures: —U.S. Marines to board the *Mayaguez* in order to rescue any crew members there. —U.S. aircraft from the USS *Coral Sea* to undertake "associated military operations" in the Gulf of Thailand in order to protect and support the operations to regain the vessel and members of the crew.

Pentagon officials said the renewed fighting in Indochina was limited to the immediate area of the ship and Koh Tang, and there were no military operations going on elsewhere. But other sources said additional planned operations were cancelled.

On orders from President Ford and with the approval of key congressional leaders, Air Force fighters strafed the fiberglass patrol boats with cannon fire for three-and-a-half hours to stop them from moving the 39 *Mayaguez* crewmen from an offshore anchorage to the Cambodian mainland.

The fate and exact whereabouts of the captive *Mayaguez* crew remained uncertain.

Wednesday evening, congressional leaders of both parties were summoned to the White House for what one source described as "an emergency meeting."

This followed presidential conferences with top national security advisers.

Officials of the Defense and State Department were dispatched to Capitol Hill to brief various congressional panels on the *Mayaguez* action.

After hearing from J. Owen Zurhellen, assistant secretary of state for East Asian affairs, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee issued a unanimous resolution of support for Ford's efforts "to secure the release of the ships and its men."

It also condemned the seizure of the American ship, supported Ford's diplomatic efforts and urged Cambodia to release the ship.

SAC rep claims he never read statement

by LINDA GENTRY

A Student Activities Council (SAC) Representative, Wednesday said he did not read the flyer circulated by Rob Chappell's supporters before he signed it.

The flyer, signed by 16 of the 24 SAC representatives, was distributed in the dorms by Chappell supporters on Tuesday night.

It stated, "We, the undersigned SAC members, do not want Mike



photo by David Stubbs

Richard Abbott cast his vote in the ASI presidential runoff election at the University Union Plaza polling place

not think Hurtado was an ineffective leader, he said.

"There's no way I will sign this statement," Roberts said he told supporters who asked him to sign the statement.

Roberts said Chappell and his supporters returned Monday night with the second version of the statement.

Roberts said he was told that if he signed the second statement he would be signing a statement endorsing Rob Chappell.

"It was partly my fault because I did not read the statement," Roberts said.

Roberts said he signed the statement without reading it because one of the people who asked him to sign it was a "trusted friend."

Roberts said he felt he was being pressured into signing the statement by Chappell and his supporters.

Until he attended the Political Action Club Forum, Roberts said he thought Chappell was paying for the statement's publication himself. Roberts said he was not asked to contribute any money.

When questioned about Roberts' statement, Rob Chappell said, "He knew what he was signing. Greg Fowler told him what he was signing."

Chappell said all the implications of the statement and its publication were fully explained to Roberts before he signed it.

"I never asked him to sign something he didn't read," Chappell said. "I think he's old enough to read for himself."

"I'm sorry he signed something he hadn't read. We explained all the implications of it to him," Chappell said.

When informed of Roberts' statement ASI Pres. Scott Plotkin said, "I've never been so outraged as I was when I saw and heard this."

Plotkin said he plans to start his own investigation to get to the bottom of the situation and to see what action can be taken.

Dean of Students Everett Chandler said the situation involves a question of ethical behavior.

"No disciplinary action will be taken unless it was illegal," he said.

The flyer was distributed because Mustang Daily Editor Marji Nieuwema refused to print the original ad in the newspaper.

The flyer's authors claimed the flyer was printed and distributed "in order that students know how these SAC members felt and of the attempt by the Mustang Daily to control freedom of expression on this campus!"

Lecture

"The American Revolution as a People's Movement," the final lecture in the 1975 festival commemorating the bicentennial of the American Revolution, will be in Rm. 220 of the University Union, 11 a.m. Thursday, May 22.

The speaker is Dr. Page Smith, professor emeritus of the University of California, Santa Cruz and presently staff historian of the People's Bicentennial Commission.

The lecture is sponsored by the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities.



JIM ROBERTS

Hurtado's ineffective leadership to burden the ASI again."

Jim Roberts, representative from the School of Science and Mathematics, said he refused to sign the original version of the letter.

Roberts said he was supporting Chappell but refused to sign the original statement because he thought it was too strong. He did

Letters

Hurtado

Editor:

I was not going to vote in the ASI runoff because I expect no miracles and I felt unaffected by the election. However, I do feel that the office must be earned. There is a political(?) ad that you refused to run. I thank you for that.

Mr. Chappell, you may thank your friends for creating an interested voter. Unfortunately, your immaturity in allowing this trash lost you a vote.

Mark Cocke
Ag. Engineering

Editor:

As on-campus residents, we in the residence halls have specific needs. There have been three main areas of concern in Interhall Council this year. They are: 1) alcohol on campus, 2) constitutionality of the housing license, 3) reduced parking rates for on-campus residents.

Mike-Hurtado has helped Interhall Council work toward accomplishment of these goals. He authored a revision of the Campus Administrative Manual that would allow the possession and consumption of alcohol on campus. This revision has already been forwarded to the administration for their approval.

With Mike's help, we have taken steps which may result in change within the housing license. One of these changes is the allowing of refrigerators in

individual rooms in the residence halls. Along with the Interhall Council, he is currently consulting with the ASI attorney on the constitutionality of the housing license.

In the area of parking, Mike has proposed a reduction of parking fees for on-campus residents. He reasons, "In most other residences, you do not have to pay a parking fee."

It is for these reasons Interhall Council endorses Mike Hurtado for our next ASI president.

Mike sees need for change and works for it. He has shown the resident on campus that he cares. You can only gain by making Mike Hurtado your next ASI president. Vote for Mike today.

Mike Hougen
for Interhall Council

Chappell

Editor:

After hearing both presidential candidates on KCPR, my mind is made up. I am voting for Rob Chappell. He gave short and concise answers to the questions asked. He was frank and open. On the other hand, his opponent rambled on about nothing in particular the majority of the time. When I listen to a press interview, I do not care to hear about who has experience in photography and who spent how much on who's campaign. It is petty, contrite and a waste of time. I was glad to hear Rob Chappell say "Let's get on with the issues." This election should deal with issues concerning student government, not personal trivia.

Rob Chappell further impressed me because he remained cool, calm and collected throughout the press interview. He never raised his voice once, he never made accusations, and he never let his emotions surface. To me this behavior should be indicative of the behavior of any president representing anybody. I do not care to be represented by a person who blows his cool, loses his train of thought, or lets his emotions run pell-mell. A president deals with rational people and should conduct himself accordingly.

I know what kind of representa-

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tion I want at this school and I know that Rob Chappell is the only person who can give it to me. If you did not vote for Rob in the last election, or you did not vote at all, perhaps you had better consider how you acted. When you do, you will realize who will best represent you.

Jeff Fischer
Treasurer, Poly Royal Board

Bishop

Editor:

I would like to thank those individuals that assisted me in my recent campaign for vice-president. I realize all the time and effort you put in and I do appreciate it.

For all of those who voted for me and to those who haven't decided who to vote for vice-president, I would ask you to take a close look at Phil Bishop. What Phil might lack in experience he definitely makes up for it in his other qualities. I have much respect for Phil. He is a very hard worker and very responsible. He will be fair and unbiased to all.


Phil Bishop has the qualities that are needed to make a good vice-president. Please take a close look at Phil and I think you will see as I did, that Phil Bishop is the one for ASI Vice-President.

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SAC Representative,
School of Engineering and
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Cartoon

Editor:

I would like to respond to Paul Mono's cartoon appearing in the May 12 issue of the Mustang Daily. As I interpret it, he is implying that this country's welfare funds should first service

Americans before it extends its generosity to the Vietnamese refugees.

Although this is a very controversial issue, I am sure the real issue is whether or not recent immigrants should be given a share of American tax dollars. Even if the current problem in-

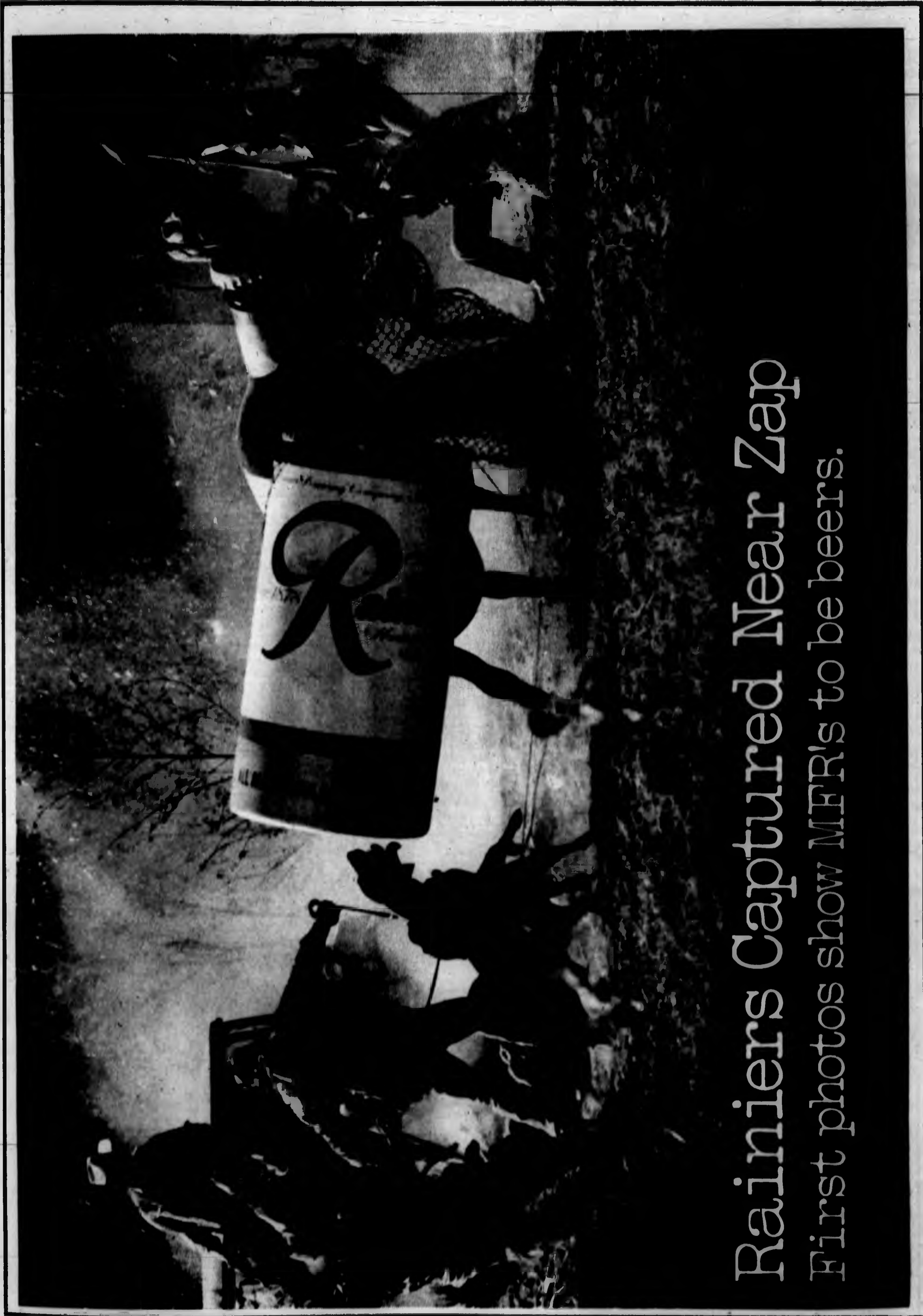
volves Vietnamese refugees, race is not the issue. I doubt seriously that the public is reluctant to support Asian immigrants only.

Unfortunately, Mr. Mono's cartoon only depicts "Americans" (all white) and slanted-eyed people, presumed to be, but not necessarily, Vietnamese. Of what

consequence is this to be for 500 Asian students attending Cal Poly, and for one-and-a-half million Asian Americans? Is he trying to appeal to the racist instincts of White America for support of his side of the issue or was it merely an inadvertent act of ignorance?

I am hoping that his cartoon was the end result of simple ignorance and that Paul Mono will issue an apology to all Asian Americans and the Vietnamese refugees who have been disadvantaged by the issue of race.

Thomas Lee



Rainiers Captured Near Zap
First photos show MFR's to be beers.

Seek fourth straight CCAA crown

Netters go after title

by STEVE CHURM

Coch Ed Jorgensen's Mustang tennis team is hoping to wrap up the California Collegiate Athletic Association Tennis title starting today as they host the final league round robin on the Poly courts. The Mustangs, winners of the two previous tournaments, will attempt to stretch their unbeaten CCAA string to 26.

The host's stiffest challenge may come from Cal State, Northridge which has been the toughest foe in what has otherwise been a slim year for talent in the conference.

Although the Mustangs have dumped the Matadors twice this year, 6-3, 7-2, Jorgensen is conceding nothing:

"In looking back over the tally sheets, our matches with Northridge could easily have gone the other way. So we will have to avoid a let down and keep playing the kind of tennis we are capable of."

In assessing the team's performance thus far this season, Jorgensen feels that overall depth and equally strong play in both doubles and singles has produced another winner.

Jorgensen added, "We don't have the scholarships to attract top talent like some schools but we compensate by putting a strong emphasis on practice and training from September to June."

The squad's league mark has reflected this intense commitment as they have compiled an un-

beaten skien of 22 consecutive conference wins over the last two years including an 8-0 mark this season.

The last league loss came May 18, 1975 against Bakersfield and Jorgensen's five-year coaching mark is proof of the consistent winner that has been built.

One of the best Mustang netters Jorgensen has coached has been the younger half of the Lambert brother duo, Pete Lambert, a senior from Arroyo Grande and the no. 1 CCAA player this year, has yet to be beaten in league this season.

All the other Mustangs are healthy following the two week layoff and are itching for action according to the coach.

Although unable to match last season's incredible 24-1 overall mark, the netters are sporting a respectable 17-6 mark and most certainly will improve on that.



photo by Wayne Thallander

Rosie Lachman delivers a serve in recent coed tennis action. This weekend however it will be the men on the courts in the final round robin of CCAA play. Poly has won 22 consecutive CCAA confrontations and will be seeking its fourth consecutive conference title.



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