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Actor focuses on civil rights issues

By Kelly Rice
Staff Writer

Edward James Olmos told a standing room only crowd that there is no such thing as a melting pot — and there shouldn't be.

The actor and activist kicked off Cal Poly's Civil Rights Awareness Sunday night in Chumash Auditorium.

As he walked out on the stage, Olmos, who give speeches 150 times a year in the United States and around the world, was greeted by a standing ovation.

Best known for his work on the TV series "Miami Vice" and films "Stand and Deliver" and "American Me," Olmos spoke not about movies or acting but of contemporary civil rights issues he feels are im-

portant.

Olmos spoke most about diversity.

"I was born and raised in one of the most unique places on the planet: East Los Angeles," he said. "From the beginning I learned that there was no such thing as a melting pot. East Los Angeles prepared me for what the planet will be like."

Olmos said creating a so-called melting pot of races cannot be accomplished.

"We are all different," he said. "We're all diverse. We were meant to be diverse. This country, in 50 years, is going to be a very ethnicized country."

Olmos spoke for more than three hours and answered questions from the audience on subjects ranging from President Clinton to the situation in Bosnia.

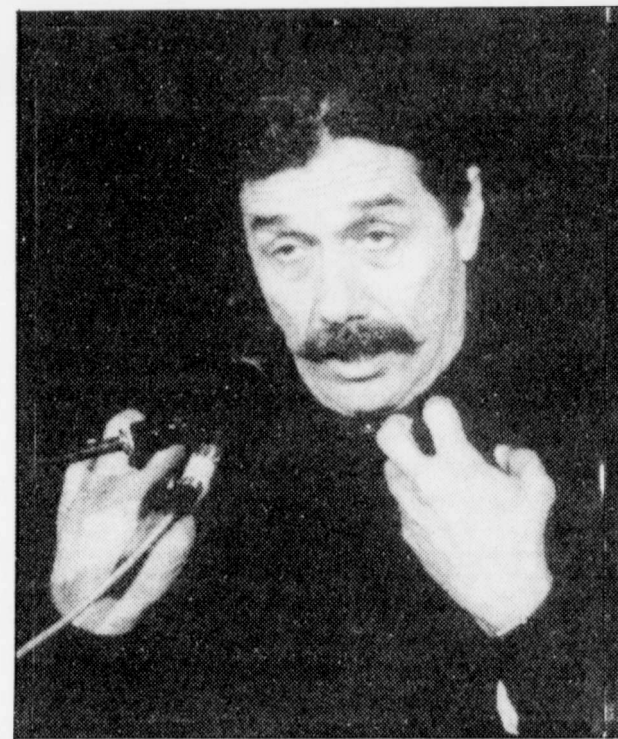
The future of society, he said, depends on education.

"We don't deserve not to be educated — to be the best of our ability," Olmos said.

But, Olmos added, he thinks humanities and the arts are taking a beating in these times of budget cutbacks. "The arts and the humanities are the first things that are cut out," Olmos said. "For too long, the arts have been the kneecap of the body. A very essential part that is needed for movement, but the arts are really the backbone."

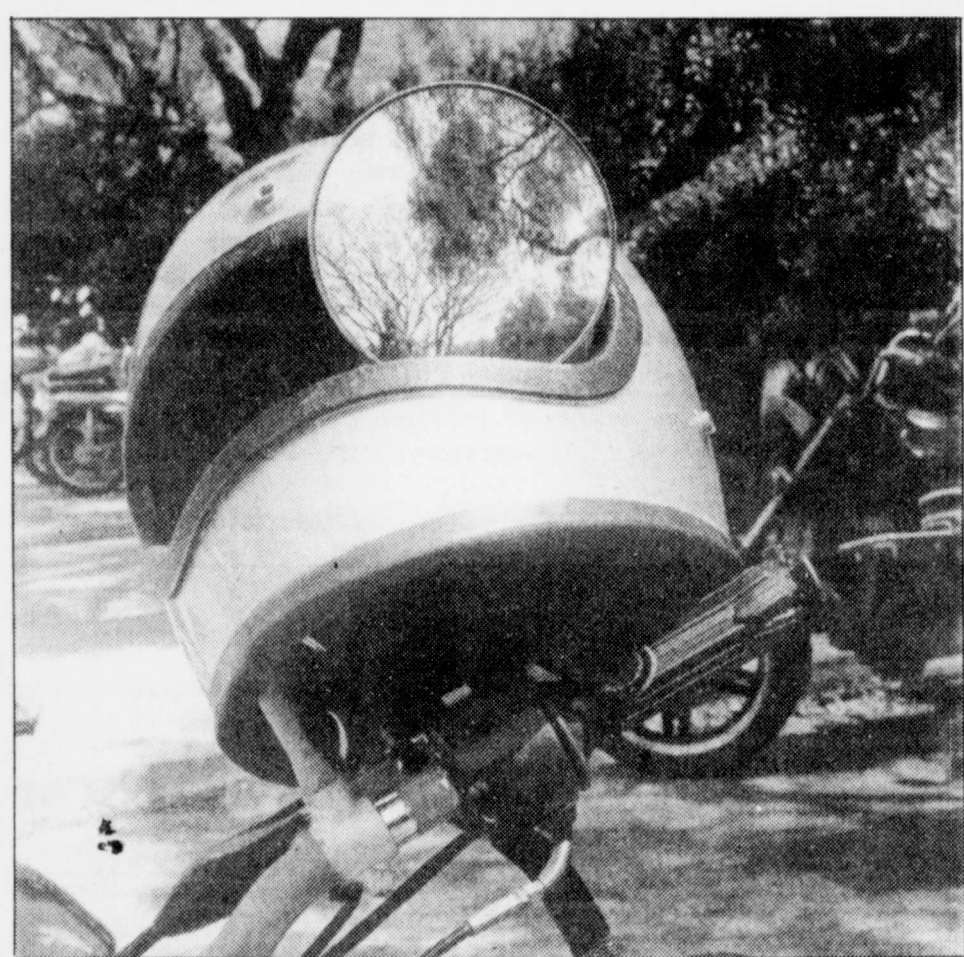
"It is the arts that have been the only thing to communicate culture to the rest of the planet," Olmos added. "Arts are the single most important advancement of civilization. Fill your soul with the arts."

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Edward James Olmos



SUMAYA AGHA/Mustang Daily

Debate over the fairness of the helmet law has taken a new turn.

Judges: Helmet law wrongly enforced

By Chris Brandi
Staff Writer

Another battle has erupted in the continuing motorcycle helmet war in California.

Motorcycle riders who do not wear a helmet and are cited may be paying nearly \$200 too much in fines.

The Judicial Council of California, an administrative group overseeing the state courts, has informed all state judges, law enforcement personnel and court officers that the controversial law has been improperly enforced since it took effect last January.

Under the current law, the infraction is supposed to be considered a correctable offense, which would only be a \$10 fix-it ticket, according to The San Francisco Chronicle.

According to the council,

there are three circumstances that would permit officers to write citations that could result in fines costing more than \$10:

- Evidence of fraud or persistent negligence;
- Creating an immediate safety hazard;
- Refusing to correct the violation.

Whatever the fine, critics say the helmet law should not be enforced at all.

Scott Marcotte, a business administration senior, is opposed to the law. "I think it's unconstitutional," he said.

Marcotte is currently performing sound and sight testing on motorcycle helmets. He said he started doing the tests when helmet laws first went into effect.

According to Marcotte's

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Students: Stay with quarters

Poll shows many are at odds with idea of moving Poly to semesters

By Silas Lyons
Staff Writer

For once, the younger generation is resisting change.

As many of Cal Poly's administrators and faculty line up to push for some type of semester system, students remain largely faithful to the status quo.

In a recent, unscientific Mustang Daily poll, 84 percent of 604 students questioned preferred quarters over semesters.

"I really like (the quarter system)," said Lisa Schultz, a nutritional science senior. "It's what I'm used to and work well with."

Business senior Bob Singh was more direct.

"I think that quarters are much better," he said. "If you don't like the class or the teacher you can just put up with it, get your grade, get out of it and forget it forever."

In contrast, an official questionnaire circulated by the Committee to Study the Calendar

System revealed that 55 percent of the faculty favored a standard semester system with summer sessions.

"Calendar changes are a fairly frequent occurrence in universities," said committee chair Euel Kennedy, director of enrollment support services. "In a quarter system) the faculty have to do three complete processes within every academic year. This is a very demanding situation for faculty and staff."

Cal Poly President Warren Baker commissioned the eight-member committee to prepare a recommendation by the end of spring quarter. After compiling evidence for a 24-page report, the committee voted to rank a switch to semesters as the most advisable decision, followed by a modified quarter system, then trimesters.

Modified quarters would probably mean a change in curricula, not in the actual timetable.

A SCHEDULING CONFLICT

Today: An unscientific Daily survey shows overwhelming student support for Poly's current quarter system.

Wednesday: Why several students in one major think semesters would be better for them.

Thursday: A closer look at faculty opinions on the proposed change.

According to the committee's report, hesitancy on the part of students is to be expected when a change like this is made. The report cites other campuses which have recently undergone similar changes and says the students went through a "period of apprehension followed by a period of transition."

So far, the Committee's exposure to student opinion has been limited to two avenues: the input from ASI representative Allisa Neilson, who served on the committee, and an open request for comments published in a student edition of the newsletter "Cal Poly Report."

"It was very difficult to make a massive survey of everyone," Kennedy said. "We put a lot of effort into our faculty survey and tried to determine through our communication with other universities (what type of student reaction to expect)."

The Committee's survey invited faculty and staff to include written comments on the benefits of the calendar system they preferred. Excerpts of those responses were printed in the report, but none were attributed.

Many praised the semester system for its lower stress levels, longer learning periods and encouragement of deeper relationships between professors and students.

Semester advocates blasted
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A SCHEDULING CONFLICT

The Daily surveyed 604 students, asking their calendar preference for Cal Poly: semester or quarter. Polling was conducted during a recent week at various campus locations. No requisite number of students from each college was sought, and students were selected at random. Results are unscientific.

505 OR 84%

PREFERRED QUARTERS

99 OR 16%

PREFERRED SEMESTERS

College	Want qtrs.	Want sem.	% favoring qtrs.
Liberal Arts	90	18	83 %
Sci. & Math	65	14	82%
Agriculture	103	14	88%
Engineering	120	21	85%
Architecture	47	19	71%
Business	80	13	86%

Research by staff writers Laura Bloner, Nancy Coleman and Kristi Rampoldi

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WORLD★NATION★STATE

Commission wants to give state legislators a raise

Sacramento, Calif.

The state pay commission says legislators are underpaid compared to other officeholders and should get a raise.

The California Citizens Compensation Commission members said they might make a raise effective in December 1994, when the next Legislature takes office.

The commission did not take a vote Friday, but will make a decision at its June 11 meeting.

The current salary of \$52,500 per year could be boosted to anywhere from \$60,000 to \$72,000 annually, members of the six-person panel suggested. But most of the panelists seemed to favor a salary in the low \$60,000 range.

Legislative salaries have been frozen since December 1990 because of the state's continuing financial problems, said

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"There is never an ideal time to make an increase, but fairness and equitable arguments should be brought to the foreground," Brinegar said.

Member Steven Hayward said the Legislature is underpaid compared to other state officeholders. The disparity was worsened by Proposition 140, passed by voters in 1990, which took away pension benefits for legislators, but not those of judges and statewide elected officials, he said.

The pay commission, which has the authority to determine salaries of state officeholders, was created by Proposition 112 in 1990. Members must decide by June 30 each year whether there are to be pay raises. If any are granted, the earliest they can become effective is the following Dec. 1.

Members said Friday that they wanted to keep the salaries of Gov. Pete Wilson and other constitutional officers at current levels. But legislators should get increases in one or two steps, they said. If a

two-step increase were approved, it would become effective Dec. 1, 1993, and Dec. 1, 1994.

One of those speaking in favor of higher legislative salaries Friday was ex-Sen. Barry Keene, D-Santa Rosa, who now heads a lawyers' association.

Keene said legislators should be paid about the same as municipal court judges, who make \$90,680 annually. But the salary increase should be tied to performance on the budget, he said.

Keene's decision to leave the Legislature was based in part on the inability of lawmakers to meet the constitutional deadline for passing a budget by June 15 each year, he said.

He proposed boosting salaries, but docking legislators' pay \$500 for each day the budget is beyond deadline.

NEWS BRIEFS

Slain man helped postal worker

San Clemente, Calif.

A mail carrier killed in a shooting at a Dana Point post office knew his alleged killer well and tried desperately to help the man get his life together, the victim's girlfriend said.

Charles Barbagallo, 41, was a peace-loving man who refused to believe that Mark Richard Hilbun had a capacity for violence, said Mary Jane Galletly, Barbagallo's girlfriend.

Hilbun was arrested Saturday at a Huntington Beach sports bar, two days after he allegedly killed his mother and opened fire at the post office, killing Barbagallo and wounding another man.

He remained in custody Sunday at the Orange County Jail on two counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder.

"Charlie was his only friend," she said.

Hilbun talked a lot about his obsession with Kim Springer, another postal employee, she said.

Hilbun was apparently looking for Springer when he

Doctors' records to be released

Sacramento, Calif.

The California Medical Board could soon begin telling the public about bad doctors.

The board voted 9-4 Friday to reverse its policy against public disclosure and release information about doctors who have been convicted of felonies, have lost malpractice judgments of more than \$30,000 or have been disciplined by hospitals for poor patient care.

The board also voted to tell the public if a doctor has received a warning letter, has lost his or her license in another state or has been accused of acts serious enough to warrant an investigation by the state attorney general's office.

entered the post office Thursday with a handgun.

"The postal people told me that Mark broke in the back door yelled 'Kim! Kim!' and shot Charlie from 15 to 30 feet away, right through the eye," Galletly said.

It was typical of Barbagallo's life. An avid Grateful

Dead fan, Barbagallo struck all who knew him as a peaceful, happy man.

"We come from the '60s and we try to work for world peace and we're into nonviolence," Galletly said Saturday.

Disabled rally for in-home care

Washington, D.C.

Hundreds of disabled Americans, many in wheelchairs, rallied near the Capitol on Sunday to launch a three-day lobbying drive to shift federal dollars from nursing homes to in-home care.

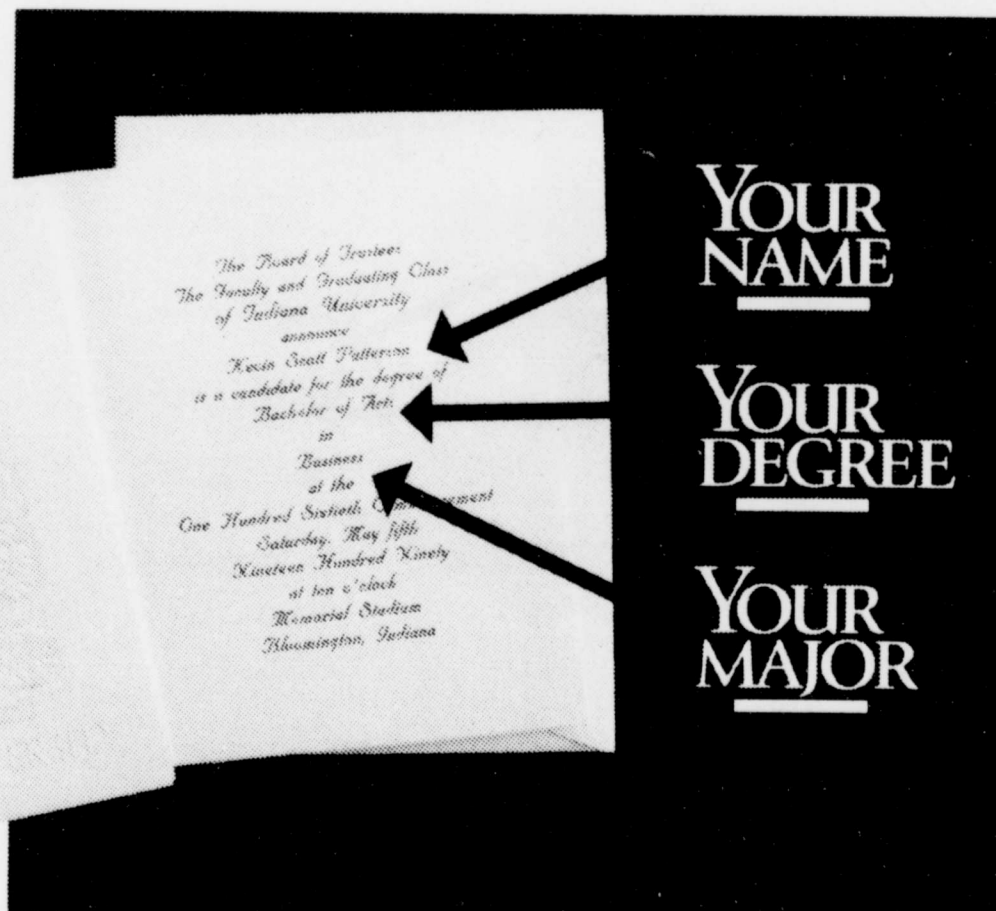
"Our homes, not nursing homes," said a placard attached to Sharon Sutow's wheelchair as speakers denounced requiring many elderly persons to be confined to nursing homes if they are to get affordable health care. A crowd of perhaps 500 was on hand for the rally.

ADAPT, a Denver-based group that organized the lobbying drive, wants \$5.5 billion in Medicaid funds shifted to help pay for in-home care for the elderly and disabled.

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'Same whitewashed SLO'

Poly Asians still feel the effects of racial stereotypes

By Lisa Iruguin
Staff Writer

They're bad drivers. They get good grades. They're all rice eaters, and they are all rich.

Chinese Cal Poly student Geoffrey Wong says he has heard the stereotypes used to describe Asians.

"I hear the stereotypes in fun, so it doesn't really bother me," he said.

The food science senior said that, although he is four generations removed from his culture, he still feels like a minority in San Luis Obispo.

"(San Luis Obispo) is the same whitewashed SLO it was when I first came to Poly four years ago," he said.

Wong said he hasn't noticed a change in the number of Asians on campus over the years — something which makes him feel out of place.

Ryan Laudato, a Filipino industrial engineering sophomore, feels like a minority at Cal Poly

as well. Laudato is from Oxnard, an area where he was part of an Asian majority, he said.

"In San Luis, I'm more of a minority," he said.

Laudato's sister, Cindy, a Filipino biological sciences senior, said she felt like a minority when she first came to Cal Poly three years ago.

Cindy Laudato is one of the founders of Chi Delta Theta, an Asian-American sorority. The 26-member group was chartered February 3, 1992.

"The sorority started because, ethnicity-wise, we felt we needed to be heard," she said. "We are involved in community services, but strive to promote cultural awareness."

The sorority does not restrict its membership to Asians, Laudato said. She said she feels stereotypes need to be broken and everyone should be treated equally.

"A person should be judged for who they are inside," Laudato

said.

The observation of stereotypes is not exclusive to students.

Singchou Wu, a Chinese statistics professor at Cal Poly, said, "Sometimes your gut feeling tells you discrimination is going on, but no one will attest to it," he said.

Wu was the first Ph.D. in the statistics department 24 years ago, and he did not think that his employment had anything to do with quotas or affirmative action.

"The atmosphere at a university is better than that in the outside world," he said. "Students are naive to discrimination because they have not experienced the real world."

Wu agrees that there are more Asians on campus than when he first started teaching at Cal Poly. "Things are getting better, but they certainly aren't (perfect)."

One professor said she deals with discrimination by focusing

CIVIL RIGHTS AWARENESS WEEK TUESDAY, MAY 11

- **"The Struggle to Preserve Chumash Sacred Sites in SLO County"** — Lei Lynn Odom is the Cultural Resources Director of the Northern Chumash Council.
UU 219, 11-12 a.m.
- **"Cal Poly and the New Ethnicity-Giving it Shape, Giving it Voice"** — A discussion of ethnic studies at Cal Poly with: Christopher Yip, Brad Grant, Willi Coleman, Don Cheek and Arthur Byrd.
UU 220, 12-2 p.m.
- **"Hidden Minorities"** — A presentation on political minority groups by Richard Kranzdorf, a Cal Poly political science professor.
UU 219, 1-2 p.m.
- **"The San Luis Obispo County Ethnic Minority Advocacy Network"** — A presentation on the group's function by Franchelle Ellison.
U.U. 219, 2-3 p.m.
- **Local artists Sherry Lewis and Jack Artusio will display their paintings.**
UU- near the Information Booth, 6-7 p.m.

Read this graph for listing of daily events throughout the week here on page three.

on the individual.

Moon Ja Minn Suhr, a Korean dance professor at Cal Poly for 23 years, said she doesn't care what people think about her.

"Discrimination is up to the people who decide to participate," she said. "It's their problem."

"It is a waste of time to take discrimination personally."

OLMOS

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Olmos also talked about his cleanup efforts after last year's Los Angeles riots.

Olmos said he and his staff began sweeping the Los Angeles streets the day after the verdict was announced.

"I didn't know what to do," he said. "I just said, 'I'm going to pick up a broom and start cleaning.' By 10, we had 400 (people cleaning), by noon we had a 1,000. A tremendous soul was felt in that community."

"Within three days, 7,100 buildings were destroyed and looted and we had touched every single building. Olmos said Downtown Los Angeles has never been hand-swept before. "Talk about unity," he said. "Tens of thousands of people showed up and it wasn't in the after-math... We started cleaning before the National Guard came."

"...One man with a broom stopped the worst civil disturbance since the Civil War. I just happened to be that man," said Olmos.

Olmos also spoke of the late activist Cesar Chavez, who died recently.

"We need so many people like Cesar Chavez, but they are one in thousands," he said. "Every culture seems to derive one, and he was ours."

"Cesar went to bat for everyone. He just happened to be a Chicano."

Olmos said he believes tolerance is the key to understanding diversity.

"I really believe in tolerance," he said. "Everybody is entitled to their own opinion, but everyone's got to deal with it. Understanding yourself well enough to know that you have to be tolerant of other peoples' understandings."

Olmos left for Washington, D.C. Monday to speak to a Senate committee on the issue of community service.

He will be back in Los Angeles on Wednesday to help Mayor Tom Bradley with his human resources council.

Olmos gave students two pieces of advice.

"I recommend you mentor a child that isn't your brother or sister," Olmos said. "A great deal of self-worth

will come to you and the child.

"And second, be aware of burnout. You come out of school with noble causes... Pace yourself. Be patient. It's a long road."

SEMESTER

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the present calendar as "fragmented," "barbaric" and "a conveyor-belt operation, not the thoughtful, deep-learning experience that a university should be."

Faculty writing in support of the quarter system said it was more intense and allowed students more opportunity to make up for a bad quarter.

"The semester system is good for instructors and administration, but not the students," one pro-quarter advocate said.

Another emerging option is a switch to a trimester system. Although it was largely bypassed by the Committee, Baker has expressed interest in seeing this

option considered more seriously. It would involve three equal sessions, each 12 1/2 weeks long. Only 2 percent of American universities currently use this system.

"For the trimester to work, it's absolutely essential that you have a more balanced operation," Kennedy said. "You have to encourage year-round attendance."

The tentative plan outlined in the report calls for implementation of the new system, if one is adopted, in 1997.

The next step is for the committee's recommendation to be processed through the Academic Senate, the Academic Dean's Council and the Staff Council.

Each will make their own recommendation to Baker.

"The earliest that you would see something definitive coming down would be toward the end of summer," Kennedy said.

The committee's report broke down questionnaire responses by college. It found that faculty and staff in the College of Liberal Arts were most supportive of a semester system, followed by the College of Engineering and the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Unlike their professors, 83 percent of Liberal Arts-based students polled by Mustang Daily said they liked the quarter system.

HELMETS

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tests, helmets cause a 28 percent reduction in eyesight.

"A helmet does not prevent an accident," Marcotte said, adding that "in some situations, it can actually cause one."

California Highway Patrol Officer Steve Darcy said the CHP office in San Luis Obispo has reviewed the Judicial Council comments and is going to continue to enforce the helmet law as it has in the past.

"We feel that not wearing a helmet is an immediate safety hazard," Darcy said. "It's not like going without a taillight."

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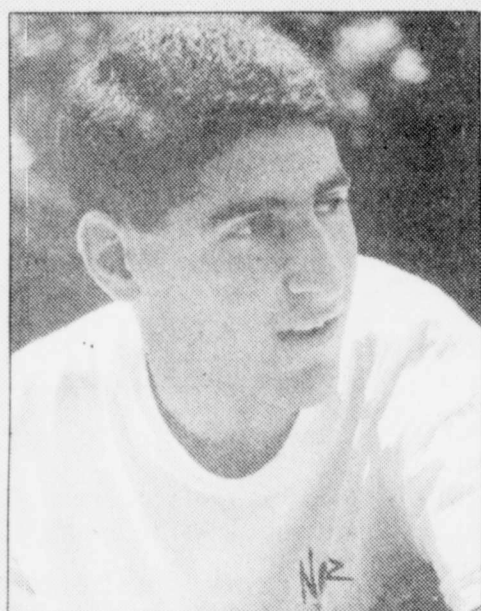
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IN YOUR OPINION...

TOPIC:

This week, students were asked their opinion of Cal Poly President Warren Baker and the job he has done thus far.



He's too distant from the students. He doesn't have a direct connection to the school, to the main student body, not just to the students in ASI.

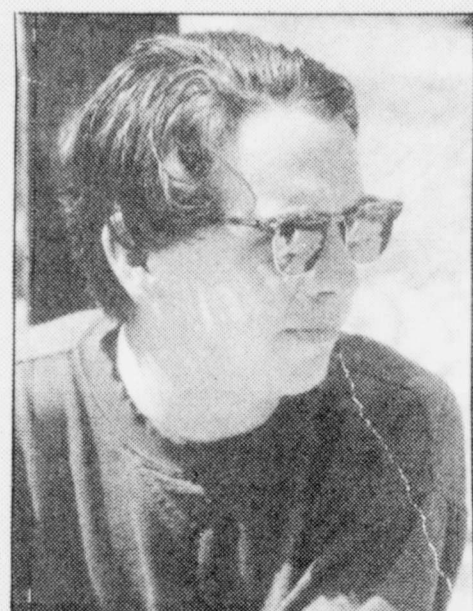
Just the basic student; he doesn't know how they feel.

-- Ali Nahvi
Biochem



I think he should have kept his appointment with the "Dave and Mary J" show on KCPR.

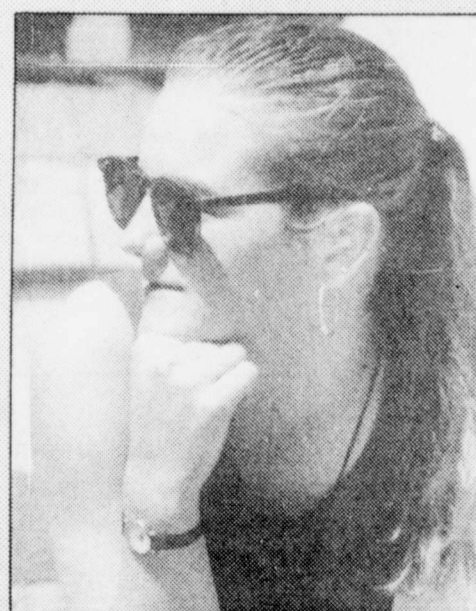
-- Sumaya Agha
Art and Design



I've been kind of out of touch, actually. I've haven't really been paying attention to the politics of the school lately.

My general impression comes mostly from what most of the other students are saying. It's a somewhat negative impression, but I can't put my finger on why.

-- Tom Bridgwater
Computer Science



The only way to get an impression of Baker is through the paper, for me. I haven't actually gone up to him and talked to him.

I don't think he's as bad as everyone thinks he is.

-- Wendy Roper
Graphic Communications

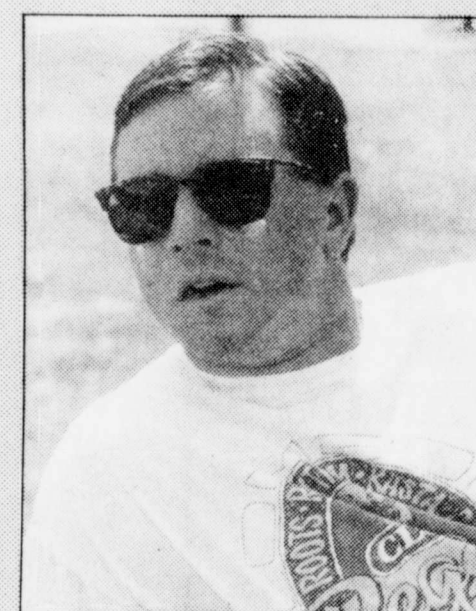


Basically, the only time I've seen President Baker was during W.O.W., when I first got here, and that's about all.

I'm in the School of Business, and I put on a luncheon which was a large, professional event. We invited him to come, and he declined that.

I'm sure that he had plenty of things to do, but he should try to make some sort of appearance or just support some of the larger events that the students put on, that might be helpful.

-- Deborah Siu
Business Administration



I don't really see too much involvement on his part. I think he's done an okay job

I guess just a little bit more involvement on his part. I remember, when I first started coming here, I knew he was president, but I think the whole time I've been here I've only seen him maybe once or twice.

-- Kevin McClaskey
Ornamental Horticulture

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REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

The sweet science



By Nicole Medgin

A couple nights ago I sat in Woodstock's celebrating a friend's birthday. As we enjoyed some beverages and talked among ourselves, I became aware of some commotion outside.

Curious, I looked out the window and saw a large crowd surrounding two young men, who were, essentially, beating the crap out of each other.

"How intelligent," I thought, choosing to ignore the clamor and return to the conversation with my friends.

The situation became harder to ignore as the crowd grew larger and louder and more people became involved.

"Fuck you," said one guy.

"No, fuck you, man! You're an asshole," said another equally belligerent onlooker.

These people not only knew how to fight, but they had a great vocabulary as well. It's incredible how creative drunken irate people can be. These are definitely the type of people who should be commended for their ability to express themselves clearly and settle a disagreement in a mature manner.

Finally the cops showed up, the fighting and yelling stopped and the show was over. Another truly inspiring act of wisdom for the youth of San Luis Obispo to tuck under their belts.

I bet this really impressed all the parents and other residents of San Luis Obispo who helped pack the streets and restaurants during Farmer's Market; it impressed the hell out of me. Great example, guys! This is a great way to acquire the respect from SLO residents that Cal Poly has been striving for so long to get.

I'm really starting to get annoyed, not to mention fed-up, with such raucous public displays of love and affection between others.

In the past couple weeks I have seen many other fights that were so out of hand that the police were called. Just the week before, a fight broke out at Brubeck's. Someone was being a drunken idiot and someone else took it upon himself to show him how much he disapproved by

punching him numerous times in the head. Again, the cops were called and peace was restored.

The the next night I was having a great time at a friend's party. Just when I was beginning to think everyone at the party was a sissy, a scuffle broke out in front of the house. Great, a fight! At least there are still some cool people in this town.

The scuffle turned serious; four police cars, a fire engine and an ambulance came and one guy ended up in the hospital. Obviously, you say, there must be a good reason behind the fight. It started because an insult was thrown at someone's girlfriend. Personally, I think she would

You're all acting like a bunch of animals. If this is where your mentality fits, then move to the zoo.

have recovered from the insult without her boyfriend having to end up in the hospital. I've had my share of insults tossed at me and my boyfriend has managed to stay unscarred. I'm still recovering, slowly but surely.

Maybe it is just my opinion, but I think the police (not to mention everyone else) in SLO have more important things to do then stop a couple of blubbering, drunken idiots from making fools of themselves by smashing each other's faces in.

Do these people think really they're being cool when he or she breaks someone's nose, gives them a black eye or sends them to the hospital in need of stitches and/or surgery?

I have a news-flash for those people who thrive on this behavior and think they are gaining respect from their peers: Fighting is inhuman. You're all acting like a bunch of animals. If

this is where your mentality fits, then move to the zoo. We don't need you ruining our good times and hurting our friends. The world has enough hatred and hostility in it. People like you don't need to add to it so you can show off your ability to kick the shit out of someone because he pissed you off for whatever reason.

How can anyone with a conscience get pleasure from seeing another human being gushing blood and suffering in pain? It is an ugly picture, and those responsible are even uglier, not to mention mindless, arrogant and totally senseless. Wouldn't it be easier, (not to mention less messy) to ignore the drunken fool and walk away? Or would that be too damaging to your sensitive egos?

It takes a lot more strength to blow off someone who has threatened you or your beliefs. But if you really need to get revenge, the best way to aggravate someone is to ignore them. Smashing someone's face in really doesn't solve anything. If at all, it will just cause more problems. Maybe you'll have a great story to tell your buddies the next day, but how long does the fame last? Not as long as a broken nose.

Granted, I don't know the reasons behind the arguments or "beatings," but there is an easier and much more humane way to settle any disagreement.

Before you throw that punch, stop and think about what you're doing. Instead, let go of your egos, people, and offer a handshake instead. If the shake is ignored then walk away with the knowledge that you are the stronger and more mature one. You'll gain a lot more respect that way and you won't have any ugly scars marking up your body.

Then you can tell your buddies how well you controlled yourself. That, my friends, is something to brag about.

Nicole Medgin is a journalism senior. This is her first quarter reporting for Mustang Daily.

EDITORIAL

Keeping a civil attitude

Some unfortunate truths came out at Sunday night's presentation by Edward James Olmos in Chumash Auditorium. The well-known actor and civil-rights activist marked the pinnacle of his three-hour speech — which commenced Cal Poly's Civil Rights Awareness Week — with a startling confession.

"I am racist. We are all racist. I have just learned to deal with my hatred."

Olmos' speech points out the vital fact that this Civil Rights Awareness Week at Cal Poly is not merely an opportunity to celebrate differences. Just last year, a lack of understanding caused one of the largest metropolitan areas in the world to "explode into anarchy."

We now live in a society where tolerance is so low that children are killing other children in higher numbers than at any other time in history.

Recent history only emphasizes the fact that we have a lot to learn about tolerance and understanding.

Civil rights is not just tolerance and understanding of the color of other's skins. It is tolerance and understanding of their physical handicaps. It is tolerance and understanding of their sexual preference. It is tolerance and understanding of the age, culture and environment in which people grow up.

Special recognition should be given to the organizers of Civil Rights Awareness Week, who deserve credit for the thoroughness with which they are promoting their cause. Through their well-organized, well-promoted and well-advertised efforts in producing the weeklong event, the committee has performed a clinic on how to execute superior public relations and communications.

Take advantage of the variety of forums and lectures taking place throughout the week on the Cal Poly campus.

Olmos' speech was an example that this is a week to mourn the civil rights we lack, while celebrating the rights we have already achieved.

We all have a lot to learn about tolerance and understanding.

And this is the perfect week to start.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to all

I would like to take time out to thank each individual who contributed money and checks Thursday, April 22, to help the Green family from Santa Maria. The grandmother of the kids that were involved in the car accident that left a little boy dead, and his sister, who is in the hospital in critical condition, would also like to thank each one of you for your donations and contributions.

May God bless you.

Clarence Gray
Housing and Conference Services
Trinity Hall

More thanks

A great big thank you goes out to all Cal Poly students who helped make "Good Neighbor Day" a day to be remembered.

Thank you for continued support of downtown San Luis Obispo and "SLO Sweep." The event was a great success again this year due to the involvement of community members such as Cal Poly students. The 1993 "SLO Sweep" was effective due to the enthusiasm and efforts of Cal Poly organizations to clean up the downtown community.

The BIA appreciates all of your hard work for this annual community event. We look forward to another successful year in working with Cal Poly students.

SLO Business Improvement Association
Lynn Block, administrator

Half and half

I don't see why we should choose to constrain ourselves by choosing a quarter or semester system when most courses really don't fit into either system. My point is that the only part of the quarter system that should be retained is the way units are counted (three units for course X, one unit for course Y). Other than that, let's permit the course length to vary. If a lab course can be done in six weeks, so be it. If a harder course needs 12 weeks of instruction (instead of the usual 10 weeks), that should not be a problem.

By having a different start/stop time for classes, the traditional logjam that happens with CAPTURE and the bookstore can be cured overnight. Since the staff in administration are under-worked and overpaid, yet blessed with the computational power any third world government bureaucracy would be envious of, this additional effort should be within their easy reach.

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"The Struggle to Preserve Chumash Sacred Sites in SLO County" Lei Lynn Odom is the Cultural Resources Director of the Northern Chumash Council. Sponsored by Students for Social Responsibility. UU 219, 11-12

"Cal Poly and the New Ethnicity- Giving it Shape, Giving it Voice" A discussion of ethnic studies at Cal Poly with: Christopher Yip (Arch), Brad Grant (Arch), Willi Coleman (Ethnic Studies), Don Cheek (Education), Arthur Byrd (Hancock College). UU 220, 12-2

"Hidden Minorities" A political minority is any group not extended the same rights and privileges as the majority. The civil rights movement, by this definition, still has a long way to go. Richard Kranzdorf. UU 219, 1-12

"The San Luis Obispo County Ethnic Minority Advocacy Network" The network was organized in 1987 to address the health service needs of the growing ethnic minority populations in San Luis Obispo County. Franchelle Ellison. UU 219, 2-3

Local artists Sherry Lewis and Jack Artusio will display their work from May 7- May 16 in UU near the Information Booth. They will comment on their paintings from 6-7pm today.

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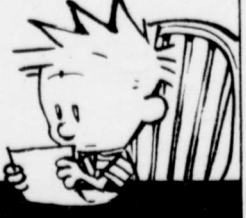
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The Minor Leagues: Where dreams live and die

By Kevin Bolinger
Staff Writer

Yakima, Wash. Kalamazoo, Mich. Modesto, Calif.

What do these cities have in common?

They are not the latest places where Elvis has been spotted. They are places where fantasies are fulfilled and where dreams go to die.

For many young men, these cities are an opportunity to showcase the culmination of a lifetime of blood, sweat and tears.

These cities are the locations of minor league baseball teams.

It is the childhood dream of many American youngsters to play professional baseball. For most, it remains just a dream. But for a select few, the chance to work your way to the top of professional baseball is a reality.

The structure of professional baseball is like no other major sport in our country.

Currently, the dream is alive for almost 4,500 young men in the minor league system.

There are presently 28 major league teams in the United States and Canada. Each team has a farm system where they cultivate young talent; this farm system is considered the minor leagues.

The system is separated into four different skill levels — the rookie league, class A, class AA and class AAA, with some levels subdivided into other tiers.

It is a common misconception that life in professional baseball is easy and unchallenging. In actuality, the exact opposite is true.

Life as a minor league baseball player is extremely difficult and very lonely. Three major reasons for that are the adjustment away from home, the realization that baseball is now a job, and the immense amount of competition.

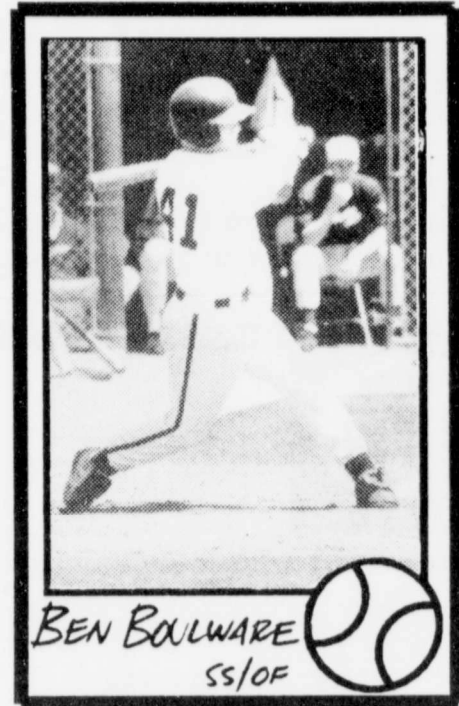
One of the toughest things for any young person is to adjust to life away from home. It is no different for a minor league baseball player, and often times it is worse. Many of these players are assigned to teams on the other side of the country without any friends or relatives for hundreds of miles. They have to begin a new life in unfamiliar territory.

"In the beginning, I was real lonely," said Mike Jewell, a pitcher in the Cleveland Indians organization who spent his first year of baseball over 3,000 miles

Pro ball possible for four Mustangs

By Chris Rogers
Staff Writer

It may be a long time before we see a Cal Poly graduate like Ozzie Smith in the big leagues, but according to coach Steve McFarland, there are several



BEN BOULWARE
SS/OF

potential professional players on this year's Mustang ballclub.

"I get three to four calls a day from the pros regarding several of our players," McFarland said.

The 10-year coach says that every starting player on the team, and even some backup players, have the potential to be drafted or to play at some level after college. Some, however, may have a better chance than others of being noticed by professional scouts.

McFarland pointed to infielder Ben Boulware, pitcher Dan Cherrey and outfielders Phil James and Rob Neal as top contenders.

McFarland has dubbed Boulware "a professional scout's dream come true," because of his variety of skills.

"He's got a plus arm, plus speed, good hands and bat speed," said the coach. "He's got all the tools."

Boulware's also got a .357

batting average in this his junior year.

Cherrey recorded more strikeouts, completed more games and pitched more innings than any previous Mustang hurler.

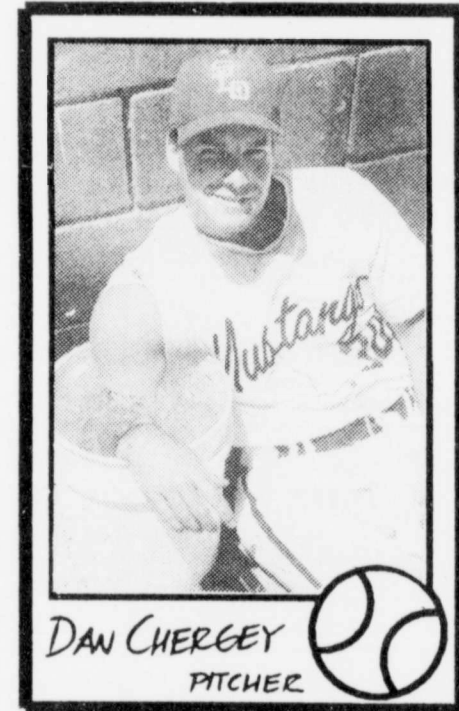
The senior (9-2, 3.70 ERA) has the type of consistency on the mound which pro scouts like, McFarland said.

"He might be one of the best pitchers out there," the coach said. "He pitches even stronger toward the end of the season and finds ways to win."

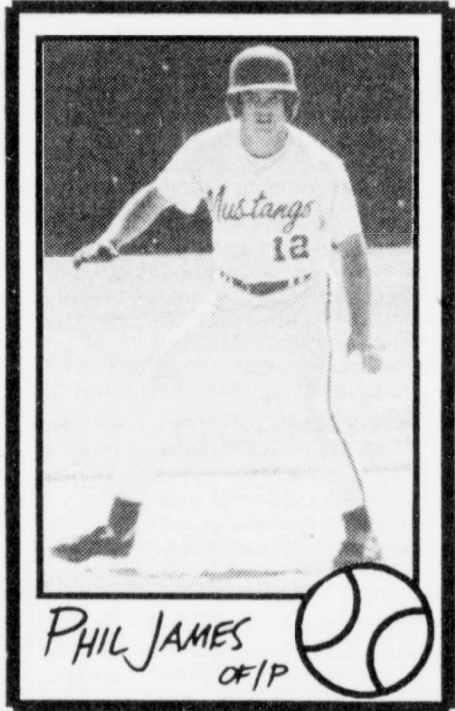
Neal, who was drafted out of high school, has driven in a team-leading 56 runs and holds a .348 clip in this his sophomore season.

"He has a good arm and a high batting average," McFarland said. "Also, he will be getting better."

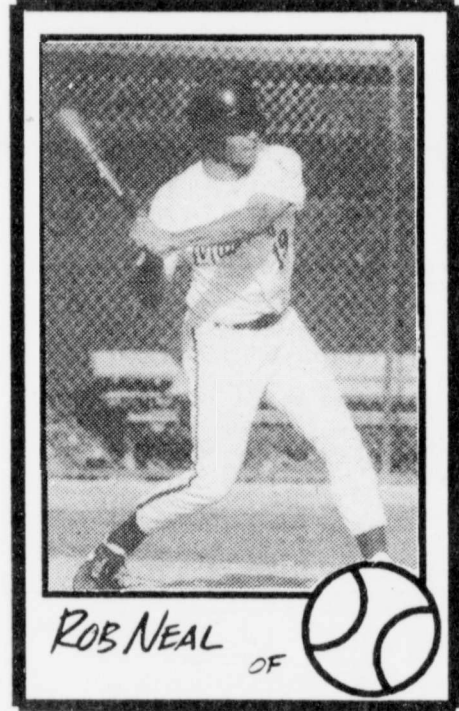
James carries a solid .382 batting average this season, which ranks him among the best Mustang hitters ever.



DAN CHERREY
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away in Watertown, New York.

"I didn't know anyone. My closest relative was in Indianapolis and that was part way across the country."

Jewell called the first weeks of his pro career the toughest ordeal he's been through, but added, "After the season got going and I made some friends, it was a little easier."

The best thing he had going, Jewell said, was that almost

everyone was in the same situation.

Randy Swank agreed with Jewell's assessment.

Swank is an energetic shortstop in the San Francisco Giant's organization, whose physical resemblance to Baltimore Oriole All-Star shortstop Cal Ripken, Jr. is supposedly matched by his athletic skills at the same age. After spending his first season in Everett,

Washington, Swank said, not having a familiar face around once in a while can be depressing.

"I was used to a lot of family support," Swank said. "My parents never missed a game since I was in Little League so not having them around was a new experience."

Lonely or not, all minor league players must come to the realization that baseball can no

longer be looked at the same way. It is no longer fun and games.

Another realization that many minor league players face is the extreme amount of competition that they're up against.

Derek Berg is a bright prospect in the Detroit Tigers organization. After three years at LSU, he was drafted by the Tigers in June 1990; now, after three minor league seasons, Berg concedes that the competition is much greater in the minor leagues than in college baseball.

"In college, you are representing your school and holding down a full class schedule as well," he said. "In professional baseball, you are competing against everyone around you. This is my career and if I don't work hard to be better than the other guys, then I'll be looking for another job."

Nearly every player states that a major drawback of the minor leagues are the long bus rides.

Traveling to other small cities for games includes rides of up to 20 hours. Sometimes these rides take place in unbearable heat, and, with the constant aches and pains that come with playing, the trips leave something to be desired.

Jewell said that he would climb up into the luggage rack in the back of the bus to sleep.

"I could go up there and stretch out," he said. "I bumped my head a few times, but slept pretty good. It's part of the game."

Baseball. Just the mention of the word strikes a chord of nostalgia in nearly every American. With today's multi-million dollar contracts and players with detrimental attitudes, it is common for people to stereotype every professional ballplayer.

Not only is this unfair, it is unfounded.

Life for these people is not as glamorous as everyone thinks.

Long bus trips, sitting in hotel rooms in unfamiliar cities, and making less money than a supermarket bagger are just some of the aspects of life as a minor league baseball player.

The obstacles may be numerous and the challenges great, but if you ask any ballplayer, they will tell you that there is nothing better in the world.

Punches named CCAA's best

By Christopher Black
Staff Writer

Six Cal Poly Mustangs received honors for their outstanding softball play this season from the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

None were greater than junior Christine Punches, however, as the second baseman was named the 1993 CCAA Player of the Year.

Punches, who took second-team honors last year, compiled a .480 batting average (.529 in CCAA) to place her among the top 20 hitters in the nation. She also registered an on-base percentage of .600.

First-team honors were given to junior Tricia Waayers — who

NCAA doesn't give Poly bid

Cal Poly's softball team played well over the weekend, but it was the last time the Mustangs will suit up this season.

The NCAA announced pairings for the Division II playoffs and Cal Poly did not receive a bid.

The Mustangs, who went 4-1

pitched her way to a 10-2 record and a 1.05 earned run average — and senior outfielder Marlo Kilgore — who hit .387 for the year.

Three Mustang seniors were given second-team recognition including all-time Cal Poly wins leader Julie Rome (13-9, 1.58), who had been a first-team pick

in last weekend's conference tournament, end their season 30-16 overall.

Cal Poly's 18-7 conference record placed the Mustangs second in the California Collegiate Athletic Association for the second straight year behind Cal State Bakersfield.

in 1991 and '92. Shortstop Rhonda Gavert (.333, 26 RBI) and outfielder Julie Zaccheo (.277) also were named to the second team.

Cal State Bakersfield's Kristine Karr earned pitcher of the year honors while Roadrunner coach Kath Welter was selected coach of the year.

Arnold to play in quarterfinals today

Cal Poly's Tracy Arnold won her first two matches Monday and advanced into today's quarterfinal-round of the NCAA Division II women's tennis championships.

Arnold, a freshman from Arizona, was to face Cal Poly Pomona's Rebecca Huereque today at 9 a.m. The two are 1-1 in their meetings this season.

Arnold advanced by defeating Angela Mycock of Denver 6-2, 6-1 in the first round, then beat Abilene Christian's Denise Hauer 6-1, 6-3 in the second round.

"She (Arnold) played really smart in both matches," Mustang coach Chris Eppright said.

Cal Poly's other two singles entrants, Julie Ciano and Sheri Holmes, lost their respective first-round matches.

Ciano fell to Georgia College's Ulrike Betz 6-4, 4-6, 4-6. Holmes dropped a 2-6, 2-6 defeat to Masa Oreskovic of Valdosta State.

"They (Ciano and Reed) both played hard, but in all honesty, four days of team competition takes its toll going into (the) singles (championships)," Eppright said.

The doubles championships were to begin today. Ciano and Holmes team up while Beth Reed and Michelle Berkowitz are the other Mustang duo.