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## NIRVANA SINGER'S SUICIDE

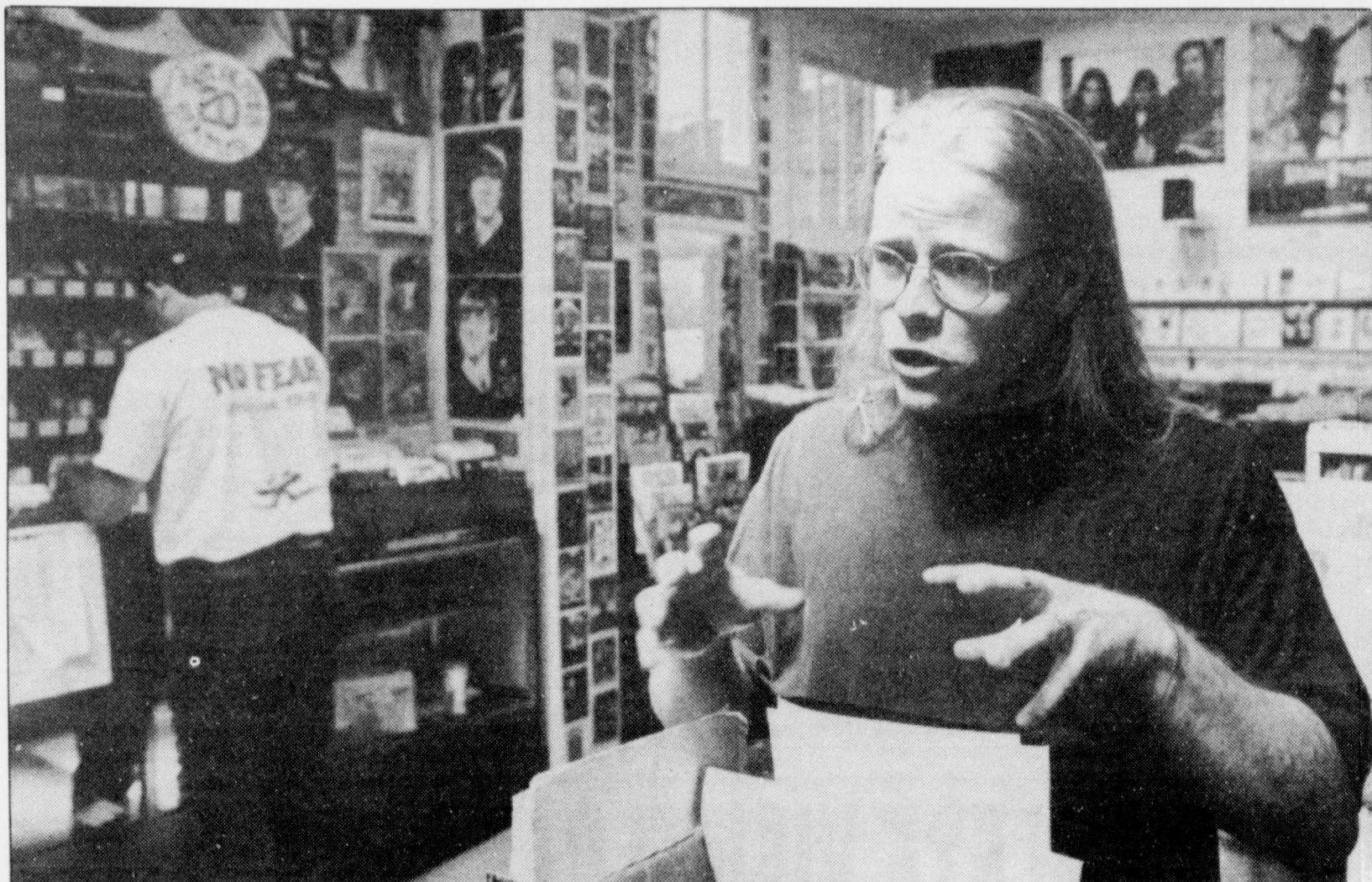
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Former KCPR-FM Music Director Neal Losey says Nirvana's Kurt Cobain 'was a confused guy. Obviously, he had a lot of emotional problems,' he said Saturday. 'But it didn't come from the fame. It was inflamed by it' Daily photo by Scott Robinson

## Cobain: Solecisms of sadness

By John Hubbell  
Daily Editor in Chief

It was never any secret that Nirvana's Kurt Cobain had a troubled soul.

The 27-year-old songwriter, found dead Friday in his Seattle apartment, led his hard-driving Northwest band to unwitting crossover fame with lyrics of anguish and angst. One month ago in Rome, he fell into a drug-induced coma largely speculated to be the product of a botched suicide. And it was Cobain, after all, who wanted to name Nirvana's latest album "I Hate Myself and Want To Die."

Even more ironic and foreboding was the weekend's Los Angeles Times Calendar section, distributed Sunday but printed before Cobain's death was reported. "Just when Courtney Love should be focusing on Hole and her career," read a headline on a cover story about Cobain's wife, "she can't help worrying about her husband, Kurt Cobain."

Yet the existence of foreshadowing clues to Cobain's untimely death aren't easing the pain for San Luis Obispo music fans. Cobain, some said Saturday, was a uniquely talented lyricist — unappreciated by the popular following he gained, and scorned by some who will now light candles in his memory.

"It's really the first time that someone in our generation that was kind of idolized has died," said James Paasche, music director for Cal Poly's alternative-based KCPR-FM. "I think it's going to be like Jim Morrison all over again."

Seattle Police say Cobain was found dead at his home from an ap-

Cal Poly students say his  
suicide took a great  
lyricist, but not a martyr,  
from the music world

parently self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. A suicide note was found nearby, ending "I love you, I love you." Police have yet to release its full contents.

Even without much explanation

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available, however, the suicide seems sadly in step to some of Cobain's local fans.

"He was a confused guy," said Neal Losey, former music director at KCPR-FM. "Obviously, he had a lot of emotional problems. But it didn't come from the fame. It was inflamed by it."

Nirvana received instantaneous local acclaim when its songs first hit KCPR-FM airwaves in 1991, according to Losey.

"Halfway through the song, the phones were lighting up," he recalled Saturday. "People were saying, 'What is this? What is this?'"

Before Nirvana's commercial success spread, experts agree, grunge

rock existed only as the soundtrack to a disaffected strand of youth who claimed the music as their own. But their two gigantic hits, "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and "Come As You Are" pushed the band into the mainstream. More bands soon followed.

"(Cobain is) single-handedly responsible for a countless number of bands getting signed," Paasche said. "Nirvana changed the whole face of music, as far as I'm concerned."

Losey agreed, noting that after the band became successful, "every album company went out to sign their first Nirvana."

Another testament to just how far Cobain and Nirvana had pushed alternative rock into mainstream was the parody of the group's biggest hit, "Smells Like Nirvana," performed by Cal Poly graduate and former KCPR-FM disc jockey "Weird Al" Yankovic, was released in 1992. For Yankovic, who routinely ridiculed mainstream artists like Michael Jackson, the lampooning of an "alternative" hit was a first.

Paasche and Losey say Nirvana's ascension to the top of the alternative music scene was laced with irony. The band's hits, they note, found their popularity in an audience Cobain had set out to mock.

"(Cobain) was making fun of the type of people who ended up buying it," Losey said. "They were getting into the catchy aggressiveness of it. (But) the people who were making the slam pits were the thicknecks he was making fun of."

"The mainstream fans," Paasche agreed, "(didn't hear) a word he said."

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## NATO bombs Bosnian Serbs in first-ever air strikes

By Srecko Latal  
Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Two U.S. war jets dropped bombs in the area of the Muslim enclave of Gorazde on Sunday after Bosnian Serb forces overran government defenses to reach the outskirts of the town.

Maj. Dacre Holloway, a U.N. military spokesman in Sarajevo, said the planes struck in the Gorazde "pocket" Sunday evening but did not say what was hit.

NATO headquarters in Naples, Italy, released a statement identifying the planes as U.S. F-16Cs based in Aviano, Italy. NATO also did not specify the target.

"We said we would act if we were requested to do so," President Clinton told reporters in Washington. "We have now done so and will do so again if we are requested."

Clinton called on the Bosnian Serbs to return to the negotiating table.

"I very much hope that now the attacks will cease, that the Serbs will go back, that the talks will resume," he said.

Italian RAI state television said at least two tanks were hit.

Bosnian Serbs accused NATO of hitting civilian targets.

"NATO aircraft fired four missiles at civilian targets," Gen. Milan Gvero, deputy commander of the Bosnian Serb army, was quoted as saying by the Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA. He said there were civilian casualties, but did not elaborate.

"With this action NATO has committed open aggression against the Serb people, by attacking civilian targets far from the front," said a statement from the command of the Herzegovina Corps, which has been besieging Gorazde.

The statement, carried by SRNA, said the air strikes

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## Would-be peacemaker loses teeth; Poly student was kicked when down

By Cynthia E. Buizer  
Daily Staff Writer

A Cal Poly recreation administration senior lost four teeth and suffered minor lacerations to his head after a fight Saturday night.

Ira Ayers, 24, was assaulted at about 11:45 p.m. when a fight broke out between two people during a party at 1367 Diablo Drive. When Ayers tried to break up the fight, police said he was jumped by four people. Police said Ayers then fell to the ground and was kicked in the head repeatedly by the assailants.

Ayers was transported in a private vehicle to the emergency room of Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center, where he was treated for his injuries and released.

Police said no suspects have been found, and an investigation is ongoing.

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**TODAY'S WEATHER:** Sunny

**TOMORROW'S WEATHER:** Increasing afternoon clouds

**Today's high/low:** 74 / 42 **Tomorrow's high/low:** 70 / 45

## ASIAN AWARENESS WEEK

Speaker schedule in Multi-Cultural Center

## TODAY

**Film Series** • Films on Asian issues, U.U. 216, 218, 219, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Ethnic Studies** • "Trojan Horses and Boxes: Ethnicity, Capital and Ecology in the Northwest," John Keeble, Eastern Washington University, U.U. 203, 11 a.m.

**ASI** • Finance Committee meeting, U.U. 220, 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY

**County Gov.** • Board of Supervisors meeting, Board Chambers, County Government Center, 8:30 a.m.

**Film Series** • Films on Asian issues, U.U. 216, 218, 219, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Discussion** • "Growing Up Asian in America, U.U. 220, 11 a.m.

**Campus Gov.** • Academic Senate meeting, U.U. 220, 3 p.m.

**ASI** • Outings Committee Leadership workshop, U.U. 204, 5:15 p.m.

**ASI** • Outings Committee meeting, U.U. 220, 7 p.m.

## UPCOMING

### ASI ELECTION, '94-'95

• ASI ELECTION - April 13, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; April 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Health Fair** • Required registration for blood test in conjunction with French Hospital Health Fair, April 11-15, 1911 Johnson Ave., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. / 542-6299

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Agenda Items: c/o Len Arends, Graphic Arts 226, Cal Poly 93407 — Fax: 756-6784

## Purple Barney turns black and blue after pummeling 'I'm going home to get my gun, Barney,' child tells victim, 'and shoot him'

Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. — Egged on by a \$10 bet, a college student jumped from a car, shouted obscenities and assaulted a woman dressed as Barney the dinosaur, police said.

"I said, 'Why are you doing this to me?'" said Deborah McRoy, who was dressed as Barney to celebrate the opening of a drug store. "And he said, 'Because we ... hate Barney.'"

McRoy told the Telegram & Gazette that her attacker tackled her Friday and hit her in the face after her mask fell off.

"We had a lot of witnesses," she said. "One little boy said, 'I'm going home to get my gun, Barney, and I'm

going to shoot him.'"

McRoy was treated at the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts-Memorial and released, but said she returned Saturday after suffering severe headaches and vomiting.

Doctors told her she had a neck injury that would take up to 6 weeks to heal, she said.

Derrick McMahan, a Worcester State College student, was charged with assault and battery. Police said his roommate, David Murdoch, was in the car and bet McMahan he didn't have the nerve to bash Barney. Murdoch was not charged.

There is no telephone listing for McMahan or Murdoch in the Worcester area.

## COBAIN: Poly students say Nirvana singer's influence was far-reaching

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Paasche, a Nirvana devotee, said he has been hit hard by Cobain's passing.

"I felt sick when I heard it and I wanted to cry," he said. "He meant a lot to me and I know a lot of other musicians he meant a lot to. It's really stunning, and I don't think it's quite hit me."

"He definitely had a personal influence on me," Paasche continued. "It really scares me because he's gone because he was the only superstar who had any musical morals. When he made it, he didn't forget the bands he started out with."

"I guess it's just tough when there is so much pressure on you — when you come out and do your thing and people start comparing you to John Lennon already."

Mark Leece, an environmental engineering senior who plays bass for the San Luis Obispo-based band "Bottle," said Cobain was an influence on many groups' music, including his own.

"Their music was the foundation that spun rock back into stronger music and away from the 'perfect rock' of the '80s," Leece said. "It's a pretty major loss for a lot of people. Their music really changed the whole industry around."

Disturbing for Nirvana followers, Losey and Paasche contend, will be a posthumous embracing of Cobain's work by a mainstream culture that previously disdained it. Los Angeles-based KROQ-FM took to playing Nirvana's four albums back-to-back in the wake of Cobain's death; beforehand, Paasche said, the influential station would hardly touch the group's recordings.

Losey also noticed a mild increase in the sale of Nirvana paraphernalia this weekend at the downtown record

store where he works.

"You don't have to worry about going to the store to buy up all the Nirvana CDs," Losey said. "There's plenty of them."

Also disquieting to Losey and Paasche is any characterization of Cobain as a seeming James Dean of "Generation X" — the idea hinted in weekend news accounts that his death is symbolic, or representative, of anything.

"I don't buy this 'He was speaking to a disaffected generation' stuff," Losey said. "There's danger looking back on him (and) making him a martyr, when it's really just a sad situation."

Paasche agreed.

"I don't think he was a voice of a generation because that has to be someone who everyone understands," he said. "He was definitely someone I look up to and still do. He certainly changed the face of music, and music affects everyone."

"(Nirvana) reminded me of The Beatles in that you could really be popular and still be an artist," Paasche said. "Several bands who are big, I wouldn't call them artists. (Cobain) was an artist."

Losey and Paasche agree Nirvana had piqued in popularity and had recently taken a back seat to other bands. They both expect Nirvana to dissolve due to Cobain's passing — its remaining members assimilating into other bands whose popularity Nirvana indirectly helped nurture.

"There's no way they could replace Kurt," Paasche said. "He was the best songwriter we'll have in our generation."

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# Bloodbath escalating in Rwanda

## Atrocities continue as Europeans, Americans flee African nation

Associated Press

KIGALI, Rwanda — Fires burned on the outskirts of the devastated capital of Rwanda and hundreds looted aid warehouses as fighting abated Sunday after three days of savagery.

At a hospital in Kigali, doctors claimed, soldiers slaughtered at least 100 patients in their beds.

Relief officials estimate as many as 10,000 people have been killed in Kigali alone. The fighting — the result of a decades-old struggle between the Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups — has forced hundreds of Europeans and Americans to flee the country, many for neighboring Burundi.

Foreigners were leaving by air from Kigali airport or by convoy to Bujumbura, Burundi's capital.

President Clinton said Sunday in Washington that "the last of the convoys containing all Americans who wish to leave has either passed into Burundi or is about to pass into Burundi." About 250 Americans, mostly missionaries and aid workers, were in Rwanda.

In Kigali, Eric Bertin, a coordinator for the French Doctors Without Borders, said when he and colleagues arrived at a hospital Sunday, they found patients they had treated the day before had been killed by soldiers overnight.

He estimated that at least 100 people were murdered, many in beds in tents set up around the hospital.

"We have decided it is no use to work here anymore," Bertin said. "It is useless to cure someone who is going to be killed anyway. They were just lying in their tents dead."

Elsewhere in the city, bodies were strewn in the streets.

**In Kigalia, a coordinator for the French Doctors Without Borders said when he and colleagues arrived at a hospital on Sunday, they found patients they had treated the day before had been killed by soldiers overnight.**

Fighting had raged since the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi — Juvenal Habyarimana and Cyprian Ntaryamira — died in a suspicious plane crash on Wednesday on return from a conference in Tanzania aimed at ending ethnic strife in their countries.

The Rwandan government said the plane was shot down by unidentified attackers. U.N. officials were prevented from going to the crash site.

In the rampage that followed, residents were dragged from their homes and shot to death or hacked to pieces. The acting prime minister was slain as she sought refuge. Aid workers, priests and nuns were targeted in the massacres.

Gangs armed with knives, guns and machetes went house to house at night demanding food, money and alcohol, according to foreigners who fled Kigali.

Outside the capital, fighting has pitted the Hutu-dominated army and the mostly Tutsi Rwandan Patriotic Front. The two sides reportedly agreed to a cease-fire on Sunday, but its ef-

fectiveness was in doubt.

"Both parties reached an agreement on a cease-fire and apart from some sporadic gunfire, it seems to be respected," Col. Luc Marchal of the Belgian U.N. contingent in Kigali told Belgian television network RTBF.

But just hours later, France-2 television broadcast comments from RPF leader Theogene Rudasingwa, who said "We have little option" but to continue advancing toward Kigali.

Foreigners continued leaving the capital Sunday, carrying whatever they could gather. One man toted a tennis racket, another held a thermos bottle.

French soldiers were in control of the Kigali airport. By Sunday evening, 525 of the 600 French citizens in Rwanda had left.

Four Belgian planes and 250 paratroopers arrived in the capital to assist in the evacuation, and about 330 U.S. Marines were in Burundi. The Americans took evacuees to Nairobi, Kenya, aboard four C-130s and two C-141 transports.

Belgian Defense Minister Leo Delcroix said the 900 Belgians could be taken out of Kigali within four days, but it may take 10 days or longer to evacuate the 600 Belgians living outside the capital.

Despite the lull in fighting, fear still gripped Kigali.

Fires burned on the outskirts of the capital and the Red Cross said there was looting in the city. Radio France International, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp., said hundreds were involved, and the stocks of the Red Cross and World Food Programme had been plundered.

## AIR STRIKE: U.S. planes strike Bosnian Serbs in first-ever attack — 3 to 5 bombs dropped

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were carried out against targets in a mountainous region seven miles southwest of Gorazde.

A U.N. source in Belgrade, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bosnian Serbs responded to the attack with anti-aircraft fire.

A U.S. Defense Department source in Washington, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said three to five bombs were dropped.

It was the first time NATO has launched an air strike. In late February, NATO war jets downed four Serb planes violating the "no fly zone" over Bosnia. However, that decision did not

require previous U.N. approval.

Gorazde, about 35 miles south of Sarajevo, is one of the six "safe areas" for Bosnian Muslims that the United Nations established last year. But after that designation, Serbs continued to besiege the city — as they have for most of the two-year war — defying the U.N.'s intent with no retaliation.

As the Serbs pushed closer to the city, hundreds of panicked civilians from the outlying regions poured into Gorazde overnight, arriving at up to 150 an hour, said Peter Kessler, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner of Refugees.

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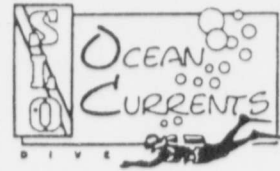
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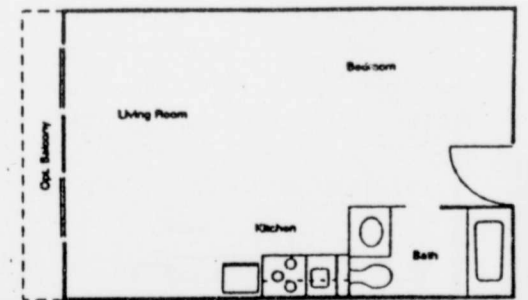
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Supreme PC:  
Choose the best

With the retirement of Justice Harry A. Blackmun, the Clinton Administration has the task of finding the most qualified politically and ethnically correct candidate in the nation.

Each major minority group in the nation has solicited support from the President to choose a candidate from their ranks so that the Court could mirror the ethnic diversity of the nation. How best to serve the nation other than by choosing someone who is different, considering all the mistakes the Caucasian-dominated Court has made in the past?

What about just choosing the most qualified person for the job?

A seat on the Supreme Court carries with it the enormous shared responsibility of defining the constitutionality of the laws that rule our land. With only nine justices on the Court, the opportunity to name a new member to the lifetime post allows President Clinton to change the political makeup of the Court well beyond his presidential tenure.

I don't care if President Clinton's nominee is a blue, vegetarian, transvestite member of the NRA, as long as that person is the most qualified candidate for the post. The President should do the country a favor and decide with a level head and not a balanced agenda.

*"The president should decide with a level head, not a balanced agenda."*

The Supreme Court is a non-political branch of the government and as such has no obligation to mirror the ethnic diversity of the population. Let the politicians determine what is "correct" and the Supreme Court what is constitutional law.

Clinton's last appointment to the Court, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was chosen only after the President exhausted other female candidates. I'm not saying that Ginsburg is not qualified to sit on the Court, but I'd like to think she was the best person for the job. The same goes for Janet Reno's hiring as Attorney General, even though Clinton first supported other women for the post.

While opportunities for minorities should not in any way be limited, the decision to hire a person should be based on ability. This is especially true of a key government post that could potentially influence the daily lives of every American. It would be great to see an Asian-American or Hispanic person on the Court. I would wholeheartedly support the nomination, provided it was made for the right reasons.

I don't understand how Clinton's re-election chances can be hurt by choosing the best person for the job. That would be like Los Angeles Kings coach Barry Melrose having his job potentially on the line for starting Wayne Gretzky because he's white. It's absurd. His job should be on jeopardy for not making his team the best it can be. The same should be true of the President.

Certain measures should be taken to help minority groups achieve an equal standing in society, measures that balance the ramifications of past social injustices. But in the real world, it's ability that will decide whether a person succeeds or fails.

I don't doubt the fact that being Hispanic probably helped me get into Cal Poly, but a balance of experience and ability is what will hopefully land me a job. The same should be true of a Supreme Court justice.

• Tim Vincent is a journalism senior. This is his first quarter reporting for the Daily.

## REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK



*'I didn't know you meant 55, officer'*

By Brooke Richardson

What do chicken feathers and water have to do with each other? My first guess would be: Absolutely nothing. I think most of you would agree. But somewhere in this warped little world, the two are related — and I spent eight hours in that dimension last weekend. Traffic school.

I still haven't figured out what the point was in my spending eight hours stuck in a dark hotel conference room, sitting on an uncomfortable chair. OK, so the chair was padded and technically one I'd kill to sit on in class — but when you have to sit still on your tush for that long, even a deluxe bucket swivel chair with padded arms would lose its effect. The only comfortable position to spend eight continuous hours is lying down. Unfortunately, I think holding traffic school in bed would be politically incorrect.

Anyway, like I said, I can't figure out why I had to waste a beautiful Saturday like I did (i.e. bored and uncomfortable). OK, so I know, technically, that I did it to keep my insurance company from knowing that I am a horrible human being and that — oh my gosh — I was caught speeding. And I did know that I did it to keep the aforementioned company from jacking up my already-exorbitant insurance rates.

And let me get this little fact out of the way — I know I deserved the ticket. Yes, I was speeding.

But the fact of the matter is I'm still looking for someone to blame.

I've decided my best scapegoat is the people who set the speed limit at 55 miles per hour.

Who drives 55 on the highway all the time? If you say you do, you're probably either wrong or lying because it really is just about impossible. If you drove 55, you'd probably get pulled over for not going with the flow of traffic. But our state's maximum is still just 55.

You may say, "No, you're wrong, Brooke, the speed limit is 65 on rural highways."

*"The law tells us to drive 55, but everyone knows you can go a bit faster. The problem is nobody knows just how much faster."*

I have to neg that statement on the basis of my recent driving re-education. The only other thing I learned besides the feather-and-water thing is that 55 is the max — 65 is just a posted speed limit. If you follow my teacher's reasoning, you could get a speeding ticket for going 63 in a posted 65 zone.

I'd love to see that happen. Irrate drivers would take over the government and we'd get to cruise along at any speed we pleased. California's highways would look like the Autobahn.

But maybe the real problem isn't with the speed limits, but with police officers. The law tells us 55, but everyone knows you can go a bit faster. The problem is that nobody knows just how much faster.

I thought I knew. Obviously, I was wrong. I was told I was definitely safe from tickets if I didn't

go over 60 — and almost definitely safe if I didn't break 65. If I broke 67 and was caught, I was told, I had better have a good excuse and be pretty persuasive. Or have an extra 100 bucks lying around.

I don't know where I heard these rules, but all I can say is that they're not true. Basically, a speeder's fate is left up to the whim of a person who may be having a good day, or a person who may have hit his dog as he backed out of the driveway in the morning. One person in my class had a story of getting ticketed for going 58. Still more were ticketed for going just 62. OK, so many of us were going over 67 but ticketed at a speed less painful on the pocketbook. We got "good" cops and were very thankful for the gift — but there needs to be more clarification.

I can't afford another ticket. I feel like a grandma lately when I get in my car. I set my cruise control and watch everyone speed past me.

But even putting along at 60, I don't feel completely safe. I'm still not guaranteed to not get a ticket. I know going over 55 is usually OK — but I don't know exactly when and when not. I crave some more rules.

What I would like to see are some additional signs along the highways. Below the token 55 mph sign would be one that said: "The officers in this area begin ticketing at 66 mph." Or, "the officers in this area are sticklers and they begin ticketing at 58 mph."

Driving, and life, would be so much easier.

Oh, for those of you who are still wondering what the heck chicken feathers and water have to do with one another, here's the payoff: Both are the only things that can be legally dumped on the highway.

Of course, I won't tell you why this is or who came up with this ever-so-brilliant law. All you need to do is get caught speeding and you too can spend eight hours in traffic school to find out for yourself.

• Brooke Richardson is a journalism junior. Writing this commentary was a way for her to overcome her extreme guilt at having broken the law.

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## Poly's CCAA streak halts to Riverside

Daily Staff Report

Cal Poly softball's relationship with UC-Riverside this year has been like a child playing with a pet scorpion. It was just a matter of time before it got stung.

The Highlanders bit the Mustangs with a 3-2 win in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday. The Mustangs (23-12 overall and 12-2 in California Collegiate Athletic Association) avenged their first CCAA loss in 11 games with a 2-1 win in the second game of the twinbill.

The teams have faced each other five times this season. Four of those games have been decided by one run.

In the Mustangs' previous three wins over the Highlanders, two of the games were come-from-behind victories — the other was a 12-1 rout.

Sunday the Mustangs defeated Cal State San Bernardino 11-1 and 3-2.

## Quick Roundup

### Olazabal claims The Masters

AP—With a final round 69 on Sunday, Spaniard Jose Maria Olazabal staked claim to his first major golf tournament.

It was a 40-foot eagle putt on the par-5 15th hole that allowed Olazabal to hang on for the title despite stumbling on the last two holes.

His 279 total for 72 holes was enough for a two-stroke victory over Tom Lehman.

### Brocco wins Santa Anita

AP—Cubby Broccoli's horse Brocco won an ears-back, hoof-pounding stretch duel with D. Wayne Lukas' Tabasco Cat in the Santa Anita Derby and set himself up as a top contender for the Kentucky Derby on May 7.

## HAMILTON: Monmouth's men's sports better hang on to something

From page 8

for the women's soccer team's acceptance as a varsity sport, but McNeil's push for Cal Poly's gender equity was instrumental.

With the university's promotion of the women's soccer club and her other efforts such as the coordinating of local events for National Girls and Women in Sports Day and constant spouting of arguments for gender equity into ears around campus, McNeil has made a difference at Cal Poly.

I believe largely due to her and others being receptive to the benefits of gender equity Cal

Poly is ahead of many of our nation's universities in one of the most important issues in college athletics today.

She has certainly enhanced my desire to see "the old boy's network" smashed by a righteous woman named gender equity.

I was hip to the idea of fair-

ness in athletics as well as society when I first encountered McNeil. I went into her office and asked her some questions about a story having nothing to do with gender equity in any way. I walked out of her office with four pounds of papers concerning gender equity.

Since that encounter in spring 1992, I have consulted with her several times for advice and interpretations of some of the issues of gender equity. She also made it to the finals of the game I played in my fall and winter sports pages — the Scrimmage Line. She also let me borrow her kids for a photo assignment.

I — and every woman on this campus — owe her many thanks. It is a shame Cal Poly is losing such an asset. I am sure she will do wonders for the lucky Monmouth College.

I just hope she has built a sturdy enough vehicle in which Cal Poly can drive to gender

equity. She told a *Mustang Daily* reporter she felt Cal Poly would not stray from its path to gender equity, but I am less optimistic.

Granted the individuals making the decisions in the Cal Poly athletics arena seem committed to gender equity, but the constant reminder of what decisions best fit gender equity will be missed. The absence of McNeil's consistent demand that women be considered to fill positions or that the women's teams deserve equal opportunities to play at the prime times will have an unfavorable effect at Cal Poly.

The Athletics Department owes it to McNeil and every student on this campus to fill McNeil's vacancy with a person whose resume shows unquestionable devotion to gender equity and not just a mouthful of fairness rhetoric.

• Brad Hamilton is Sports Editor of the Daily.

## TRACK & FIELD: Mustangs do 'Fosbury Flop'

From page 8

Senior Jennifer Peters also had a personal best in the discus with a throw of 168-11 to place third. Junior Erica Ahmann added a 151-foot, 9-inch throw for fourth place in the discus.

In other top womens' performances, junior Alison Eilerts threw the javelin 140-1 to finish fourth. "In selected events, we really have Division I talent,"

Co-Director Brooks Johnson

said. "We just need to attract more Division I talent across the board."

Johnson said Cal Poly could use some help in the sprinting and jumping events. He added that the middle to long distance events were the Mustangs' strength.

According to Johnson, Cal Poly already has 17 qualifiers for the Division II nationals and several more could be added.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

From page 8

Alissa Bailey, who fell short in a third-set tie breaker (6-2, 6-7, 7-6) to Pomona's Bee Ambestur.

The final two doubles matches were canceled due to darkness.

"Pomona just had too much for us today," Eppright said.

On Friday, the team beat Cal State Bakersfield 8-1 in a first-round matchup.

The two teams also agreed to have the match count as a California Collegiate Athletic Association contest to save the Mustangs a road trip to Bakersfield later this month.

The first-round win left Eppright with bittersweet feelings. "We did not play with a lot of intensity, and we were a little flat," he said. "We played well enough to win."

The only Cal Poly loss came at the No. 1 position as senior Tracy Arnold fell in a tough three-set match (6-4, 1-6, 7-5).

On Thursday, the Mustangs easily handled Cal State Los Angeles in an 8-1 victory. Again it was a three-set loss by Arnold that was the only setback.

## MEN'S TENNIS: Cal Poly bound for Nationals

From page 8

agreed that the Mustangs are capable of winning the national title.

"I think we're definitely within reach," DeVera said. "On any given day we can beat any team in the country." Senior Marc Ollivier started things off Friday with a 6-1, 6-4 victory at the No. 1-seed over Cal State Los Angeles' Greg Espiritu.

Huerta easily handled Cal

State Los Angeles 6-3, 6-2 in the No. 2-singles match.

At No. 3, junior Josh Johnston beat Diego Weinsattel 6-3, 6-2.

At No. 4 and No. 5 junior Scott King defeated the Golden Eagles Javier Oliva 6-1, 6-3, and freshman Casey Wood beat Rajeev Datt 6-2, 6-1. DeVera handled Oliver Lee 6-1, 6-3 at the lower court.

Three easy doubles matches for the Mustangs rounded out the 9-0 victory.

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# BASEBALL: Key home runs help the Mustangs win two games in a three-game weekend series at Cal State Los Angeles

From page 8

Sophomore third baseman Jon Macalutas was two for four and scored three times while junior designated hitter Rob Neal added a triple as part of the Mustang 10-hit attack.

The Mustangs split Saturday's twinbill, winning the first game decisively while dropping a one-run battle in the nightcap.

Routing the Golden Eagles 14-7 in the opener, junior pitcher R.J. Simone picked up a team-leading seventh win on the mound for Cal Poly, going eight innings before being relieved by senior Kevin Hannigan in the ninth. Simone (7-2) gave up seven runs on 10 hits, but was

kept in the game by the Mustangs' 15-hit offensive barrage.

"R.J. had a few problems out there on the mound," Agler said. "It's tough on a pitcher to concentrate like he should be when your team is scoring a lot of runs. It's certainly a lot easier to remain focused when it's a close game."

Mueller again led Cal Poly at the plate, delivering a grand slam in the fourth inning and adding another hit in a five RBI performance. Senior right fielder Kevin Tucker and Macalutas were three for six and senior center fielder Jeff Higbee added a solo homer to add to the offensive display.

"We jumped out early with

four runs in the first inning and really set the tone for the rest of the game," Agler said. "Higbee's solo shot and Mueller's grand slam really took them out of the game."

Cal State Los Angeles avoided the sweep with a 3-2 seven-inning win in the final contest, behind a six-inning pitching performance by senior Ted Stevens. Stevens gave up one earned run on nine hits while striking out seven Mustangs. Cal Poly senior pitcher Robbie Weeks was tough on Golden Eagle batters in the loss, yielding only six hits and one earned run.

"Robbie had a rough first inning but did a good job of settling down later in the game," Agler

said. "With the way the pitchers were throwing in the latter innings, I knew it was going to come down to a key play offensively or defensively to win the game. They just happened to get it first."

Senior center fielder Mark Kuykendall, junior shortstop Marc Townes and Mueller led Cal Poly's nine-hit performance with two hits apiece.

Cal Poly takes on Division I powerhouse Fresno State tomorrow and return home for CCAA action this weekend against Cal State Dominguez Hills.

No. 3-ranked Cal State Dominguez Hills slugged it out with Cal Poly Pomona, taking two of three games from the

**"Munger's hit came at a perfect time and got us back on track."**

**Kent Agler**  
Baseball Interim Head Coach

Broncos Friday and Saturday by scores of 2-0, 5-17, 17-0.

According to Agler, junior Brad McKeon or sophomore Rob Croxall will start on the mound Tuesday for Cal Poly, who will likely use a host of pitchers in the non-conference matchup. The standard rotation of Stephens, Simone and Weeks will return to action in the Cal State Dominguez Hills series.

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Friday afternoon another reality of life socked me in the mouth like a crisp Evander Holyfield jab when I casually strolled to Associate Athletic Director Marilyn McNeil's office. To my horror, I was informed McNeil had already closed the chapter of her life at Cal Poly and vacated her office in preparation to start her new job.

McNeil's years of hard work involved with sports as a player, coach and associate athletic director gleamed bright enough to catch the attention of Monmouth College on the other side of the United States in New Jersey.

But much like the Bible's Samson drawing most of his strength from a particular source — his hair — McNeil's main source of strength evolves from her prowess as a leader in the movement toward gender equity.

McNeil is the president of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA). The organization focused on directing the NCAA to gender equity is a consistent electric prod in the side of the beefy NCAA.

I was nearly kicked out of our library's reserve room when I screamed, "Holy bejeebers" when I saw NACWAA had filed an extensive report with the NCAA concerning the gender equity of all the NCAA's universities.

Contacting the hundreds NCAA universities is almost like completing a senior project itself. But having the NCAA accept the report is like you, your brother Mick and neighbor Susan borrowing some music instruments one day and then signing a contract with Geffen Records.

Not to slight her administrative abilities, but if Monmouth did not hire her to utilize her skills in the field of gender equity, they are in for quite a treat.

Knowing McNeil's devotion to gender equity, I figure Monmouth will be gender equitable by April 22 — a week after she starts her new job. So I suggest Monmouth's men's teams hold onto their jock straps and get ready for one hell of a ride. They best be prepared to say goodbye to their third and fourth stringers — whom McNeil likes to refer to as "practice dummies."

And to the Monmouth women running and kicking balls on a club team, prepare to campaign for your club's acceptance as a varsity sport.

Here at Cal Poly, there were other factors accountable  
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Sophomore Michelle Berkowitz hits a high lob during recent tennis action / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

## Xenia host keeps Poly out of championship

Daily Staff Report

With a 6-1 loss to Cal Poly Pomona Saturday, the Mustang women's tennis team was left with a consolation third-place contest Sunday in the Xenia Memorial Tournament at Pomona.

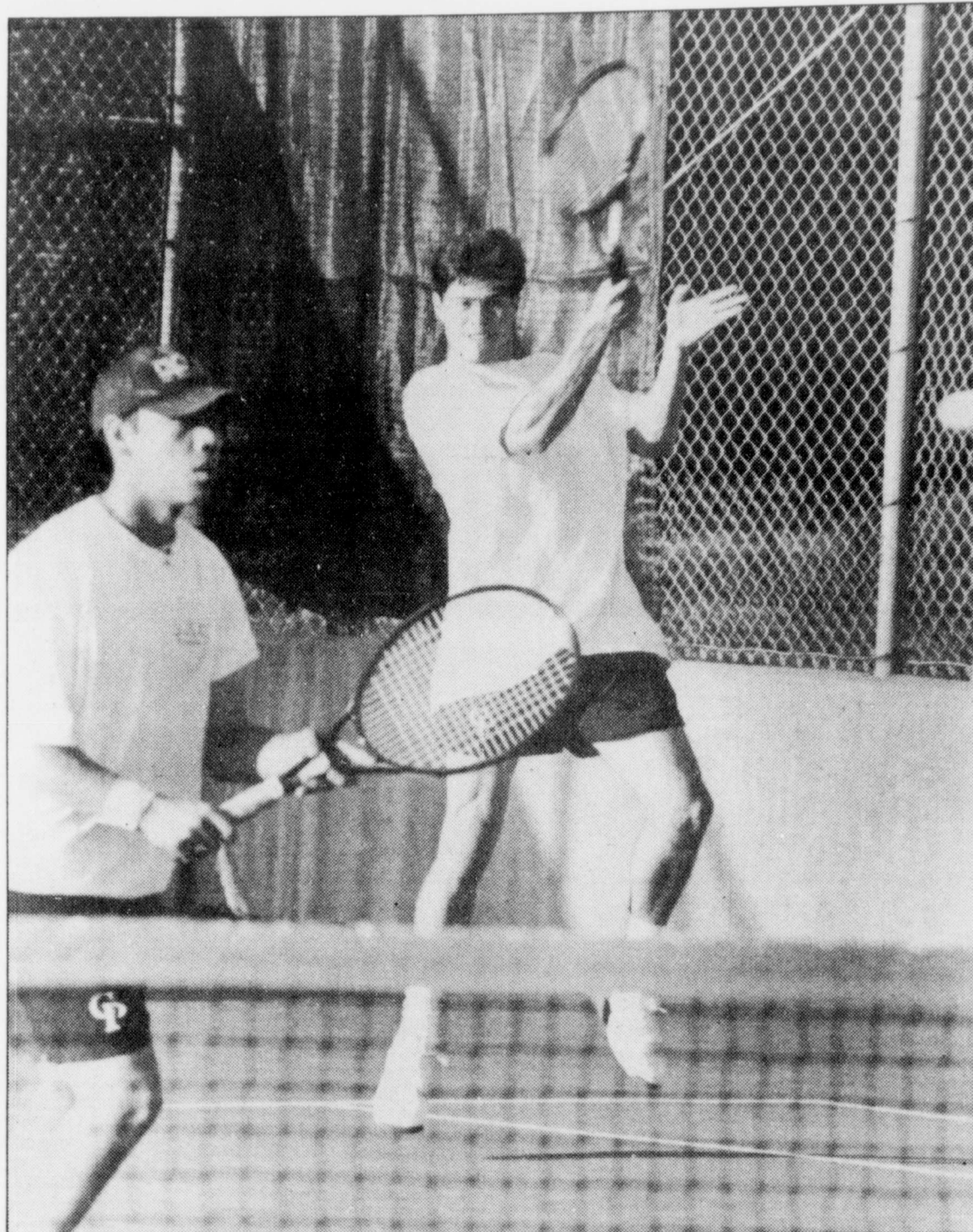
The No. 4-ranked Mustangs stood at 14-4 heading into Sunday's match. Results were not available at press time.

"Pomona came out hot and really took it to us and jumped on us from the beginning," said Mustang Coach Chris Eppright.

Sophomore Allison Light was the lone victor for the Mustangs, pulling out a thrilling three-set (3-6, 6-2, 6-3) match to remain undefeated (17-0) for the season at the No. 4 slot.

Eppright also noted the strong play of No. 6 junior  
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# Tennis loves league, 6-0



Freshman Jason DeVera hopes doubles partner junior Dave Mullarkey groundstrokes past opponents so he's not slammed with a hard return volley. The two play at No. 3 doubles for Cal Poly / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

## Mustangs ace sixth straight CCAA crown

Daily Staff Report

There is no sense in breaking a tradition — especially a good one. With a 9-0 win on Thursday over Cal State Los Angeles, the Cal Poly men's tennis team won its sixth consecutive California Collegiate Athletic Association title and its ninth title in 11 years.

For Coach Chris Eppright, it was his third title in his third season as the men's tennis coach.

The sweep of Cal State Los Angeles — without a lost set — improved the Mustangs' record to 16-3 on the year and a perfect 6-0 in the CCAA.

Freshman Rafael Huerta wasn't content with the league title, though.

"I feel really good about it, but we were expected to win," Huerta said.

With the CCAA title, the Mustangs automatically qualify for the NCAA championships which will take place May 13-19 in Kansas City, Mo.

"I expect to win nationals," Huerta said. To do that, "it's going to take everybody being mentally strong. We're all pretty motivated. We know we can do it."

Freshman Jason DeVera

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## Track trips over hurdles

### Poly finishes near bottom of Fresno State meet

Daily Staff Report

The Cal Poly track team got a dose of Division I competition Friday and Saturday at the Bob Mathias Relays in Fresno. But even some of the Division II teams proved to be tough competition for the Mustangs.

The men's team finished the meet with 44 points, placing them 10th out of 14 teams at the meet and well behind meet winner Fresno State (139 points). UC-Berkeley was second with 130 points while Cal State Stanislaus was the top Division II school with 103 points. Cal Poly placed fourth out of five Division II schools.

The men's field also included Stanford, USC, UC-Santa Barbara and

Long Beach State.

The women's team finished the meet with 60 points, tied with Long Beach State for seventh out of a field of 13 teams. Fresno State again won with 135 points and Cal State Stanislaus finished second with 103 points, first among Division II schools. Cal Poly was again fourth out of five Division II schools.

The top performer for Cal Poly was senior Dan Held who ran a 1:52.66 in the 800 meters to finish second.

Junior pole vaulter Bret Whitford set a new personal best in the event with a 17-09 vault to place fifth. Senior Chris Thorson had a 16-05 vault for a sixth place finish.

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## TRACK & FIELD

### Bob Mathias Fresno Relays

#### Saturday Division II team results

Men	
Cal State Stanislaus	103
Cal State Los Angeles	66
Humboldt State	56
Cal Poly	44
Women	
Cal State Stanislaus	103
Humboldt State	83
Cal State Bakersfield	66
Cal Poly	60
Cal State Los Angeles	40

#### Mustang individual highlights

800-meter: 2nd-Dan Held (1:52.66)  
Pole vault: 5th-Bret Whitford (17-09)\*  
Discus: 3rd-Jennifer Peters (168-11)\*  
Javelin: 4th-Alison Eilerts (140-1)

\*personal record

## Long-ball helps Mustangs win series

By Tim Vincent  
Daily Staff Writer

Remaining in the hunt for the California Collegiate Athletic Association title, the No. 6-ranked Cal Poly baseball team took two of three games from Cal State Los Angeles Friday and Saturday.

Senior first baseman Grant Munger connected for a three-run home run in the top of the fifth inning to lift the Mustangs (22-12, 9-5 in the CCAA) to a 6-4 win over the Golden Eagles Friday night.

"Munger's hit came at a perfect time and got us back on track," Interim Coach Kent Agler said. "We were trailing 3-2 and the home run gave us a lead

that we wouldn't relinquish."

Junior pitcher Shannon Stephens (6-1) went the distance on the mound for Cal Poly, allowing only two earned runs while scattering seven hits and walking three.

"Shannon didn't pitch one of his better games but you can't go out and pitch outstanding every week," Agler said. "But our defense played well and our bats continued to do the things that win games for our pitchers."

Leading the Mustangs offensively, junior left fielder Bret Mueller was four for five with a double and a pair of RBIs.

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Junior left fielder Bret Mueller had four hits Friday and a grand slam Saturday in weekend wins / Daily photo by Scott Robinson